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Ilala district commissioner Edward Mpogolo pictured yesterday distributing various items to students with disabilities from Dar es Salaam's Mzambarauni and Uhuru Mchanganyiko primary schools as well as from Pugu, Benjamin Mkapa and Jangwani secondary schools. Second left is NMB Bank's Dar es Salaam zonal manager, Dismas Prosper. Story on Page 4. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Minister lauds AfDB role in multisector financing

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA yesterday lauded the African Development Bank (AfDB) for supporting 29 major projects in road infrastructure, energy, water and agriculture amounting to \$3.84bn.

Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made these remarks in talks with Dr Kevin Kariuki, the visiting power, energy, climate and green growth vice president for the African Development Bank.

Saying that the regional lender was a key partner in development efforts, the minister noted that about 13.6 percent of the funds were directed into energy with five projects at the national level and two are East African regional electricity interconnection projects.


The local projects are Malagarasi River hydropower station (49.5MW), Kakno (87.8MW), the northwest grid transmission line (400 KV), the Rusumo Waterfalls hydropower station (80MW), a regional project to link with Burundi and Rwanda, alongside the Kenya -Tanzania power link project, he said.

The bank has agreed to participate in regional extension of the standard gauge railway (SGR) connecting with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi,

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# Govt earns 32bn/- in carbon trading

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government earned 32bn/- in revenues from 2018 to 2022 out of carbon trading projects that are operational in various districts.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister in the Vice President's Office (VPO) told the National Assembly yesterday that the government has tirelessly worked to seek foreign investments in carbon trade to realise its earning potential.

He was responding to Kavejuru Felix (Buhigwe), who wanted to know economic benefits registered since carbon trade projects started being implemented early 2018.

Early December 2023 the ministry had received 35 carbon trade project proposals, the minister noted, affirming that once projects are registered and start being implemented the government expects to earn \$1b, or 2.4trn/- on an annual basis.

The carbon trading business is conducted by investors engaged in natural and planted forests, with the MP seeking to know government plans on sensitising the general public, especially communities that surround reserved natural forests, on how to take up carbon trading opportunities.

The minister said Environment division officials met with regional and

district commissioners, to map out how to sensitize the public on carbon trading opportunities, as carbon capture projects are a booster to the country's green economy prospects.

Carbon trading is commerce meant to lower carbon emissions and capture atmospheric carbon dioxide by protecting forests as leading captors, thus paying for preservation is a resource efficient and socially inclusive pathway.

For Tanzania to engage in carbon trading it needs capacity building, hence the need for effective engagement of the private sector and non-governmental organisations in these efforts.

They need to help create public awareness so

that communities can participate in carbon trading processes in protecting the environment, helping to capture carbon emissions harmful for climatic patterns.

Tanzania's target in reducing greenhouse gas emissions stands at 30 per cent to 35pc relative to a doing nothing scenario by 2030, capturing (hence reducing from the atmosphere) about 138m to 153m tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent of gross emissions.

That will depend on baseline efficiency improvements consistent with its sustainable development agenda, including efforts not to add to emissions by the country, along

with protection of carbon dioxide catchment assets.

There are 589 reserved natural forests and planted forests across the country, useful in carbon trading, a new concept intended to foster inclusion and enhance carbon absorption assets around the world via resource delivery for equivalent emission reduction effect.

While it is meant to address climate change effects, carbon trading has turned into a source of income for individuals, companies and governments especially in developing countries where carbon emission is much lower compared to highly industrialised developed countries, he added.

# UK, Tanzania ponder financial crime threats

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Judiciary is a key partner in enhancing efficiency in the fight against money laundering, and the financing of violent extremism, top authorities have declared.

Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma made this observation when officiating at a one-day symposium on financial crimes here yesterday, noting that Tanzania's counter terrorism and financial crime strategies cannot be realised unless the judiciary is fully committed to these efforts.

The symposium organized by the Institute of Judicial Administration (IJA) in Lushoto, with support

from a civic organisation, 'Building Sustainable Anti-Corruption Action in Tanzania (BSAAT), was intended to offer judiciary officials adequate space to compare expertise and exchange knowledge on the issue.

They would also examine international experience where technology is changing on the matter, he said, affirming that there is tension over rising incidence of transnational organized crime.

Financial crimes shake national economies and affect individuals, he said, pointing out that during the meeting, participants would examine issues related to sources of such crimes.

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Shinyanga regional commissioner Christina Mndeme (C) joins 'warriors' of the Sukuma tribe in a traditional dance at a Police Family Day event held in Shinyanga municipality at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu



## Africa's battery manufacturing activity seen charging ahead

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA is leading a home-grown revolution in battery manufacturing, leveraging its abundant green mineral resources and clean energy to feed surging global demand for clean, green, renewable energy storage.

Strategic partnerships between countries and investment partners are gaining momentum, aiming to transform the continent, currently a net importer of batteries, into a self-sufficient region capable of meeting the growing battery storage demand and supplying European markets - similar to what has been witnessed in the vehicle industries of South Africa and Morocco.

Afrivolt, a South African energy company, is the latest entity to unveil plans for a massive lithium-ion cell factory in Africa, choosing the Atlantis Special Economic Zone in Cape Town for its first plant.

Reports have it that Afrivolt's gigafactory will "produce anodes, cathodes, and lithium-ion batteries for stationary storage applications and, in the medium term, for electric vehicles."

"We are in talks with various technical partners for the plant's establishment," said Deshan Naidoo, the Managing Director of Afrivolt.

Atlantis Special Economic Zone for Green Technologies, in South Africa's Western Cape, has been building out a platform for green tech, providing land and clean energy for new entrants to the sector.

"Afrivolt is well on its way to establishing a lithium-ion gigavolt factory in Atlantis," wrote Matthew Cullinan, CEO of Atlantis Special Economic Zone for Green Technologies, on LinkedIn.

Battery energy storage lies at the heart of the energy transition. As global energy dynamics shift towards intermittent renewables, especially solar and wind, batteries play a crucial role in bridging the gap between demand and supply, according to UNECA. This

has resulted in a significant increase in global demand for batteries. A 2023 report by Li-Bridge indicates that the trend will continue, with the global demand for lithium batteries expected to surge more than five times by 2030.

The rising demand curve is evident on the continent. In the first six months of 2023, South Africa alone imported US\$1 billion worth of lithium-ion cells and batteries, a substantial rise from the US \$0.7 billion imported in the entire year of 2022.

"It is a fivefold increase compared to the \$0.2 billion imported in 2021," noted Gaylor Montmasson-Clair, Senior Economist at Trade, Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS), in an analysis published by Clean-Technica.

The growing demand for batteries in the Rainbow Nation reflects the broader trend across the continent, where energy transition, electrification of the transport sector, and other dynamics are driving the uptake of clean energy.

The current efforts to manufacture batteries on a large scale within the continent are motivated by the abundant mineral reserves required for battery production. Whether cobalt or lithium, manganese or nickel, graphite, and more, all the minerals necessary for battery manufacturing are available in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zambia, South Africa, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, or Gabon, among others. The DRC alone is estimated to have several million tonnes of lithium reserves.

More and more African governments are calling for an increase in mineral processing prior to export, with batteries one option.

According to ESI Africa, Afrivolt recently announced ReElement, a product of American Resources Corporation, as an off take partner for the comprehensive lithium battery and electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing ecosystem it envisions across Africa.



National Environment Management Council director general Dr Immaculate Semesi pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday addressing a capacity building meeting for local government officials from various parts of Tanzania. The thrust was on sustainable solid waste management. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## 'Road projects compensation, 5.59trn/- in total, remains unpaid'

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By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

MORE than 5.59trn/- is needed for compensation of communities that had their living premises forfeited to pave the way for road projects, a parliamentary committee has stated.

Selemani Kakoso (Mpanda Rural), the chairman of the infrastructure development standing committee of the National Assembly made this observation when presenting the committee's report on projects implemented in the first part of fiscal 2023/24.

Anne Kilongo Malecela (Same East), the committee vice chairperson, told MPs that Tanroads needs 5trn/- for compensating communities surrendering their premises to pave the way for projects but had so far received 1trn/-.

People were meanwhile being barred from developing their lands waiting for compensation, she stated in debate on what is covered in the report.

In other remarks she said that so far 71 old tarmac roads covering 2,000 kilometers have seen their deadline for being used and need to be rebuilt. Dilapidated roads need 3.26trn/- for extensive revamping, she affirmed, while Santiel Kirumba, (Special Seats-Shinyanga) said that for the Road Fund Board to operate efficiently it needs 2trn/-.

So far only 300bn/- has been approved for fiscal 2023/24 projects thus leading to delays in disbursing funds from the Treasury, she stated.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Works minister, said in response to the MPs' concerns, that obtaining substantial rise in funds for road projects is best done through public pri-

vate partnerships (PPP).

"The ministry has found partners that it is negotiating with to see the possibility of building an expressway from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma," he said, pointing at infrastructure vandalism as contributing to impaired roads easily washed away during heavy rains. The ministry has allocated funds even for repairing of rural roads through the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (Tarura), he specified.

Meanwhile the government has been asked to take over the growing debts incurred by the Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC). This appeal was issued by the committee chairman, affirming that debt absorption would enable TPC to smoothly operate and generate profits.

The corporation faces a 26.8bn/-debt and thus fails to pay tax timely, has interest payments piling up on loans, pay

as you earn (PAYE), the Skills Development Levy (SDL) and value added tax (VAT) on commitments registered in 2007 to 2016, he declared.

"TPC is operating under a negative working capital pegged at 35.2bn/- as seen in 2021/22 audited financial statements," he said, noting that this situation needs government intervention for sustainability and profit generation.

"The committee urges the government to take over the debt to harmonise the corporation's liquidity so that it can secure loans from financial institutions," he emphasised.

He advised that TPC develop a strategic plan for diverse revenue generation while the central government pushes public institutions to settle their service payment arrears for TPC to improve its financial standing.

He urged the government to

invest in the corporate entity by boosting its working capital, pointing out that TPC had so far registered 33.73bn/- overall revenue, with 2.08bn/- generated last year.

The committee chairman similarly observed that the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) owes local contractors 778bn/-, thus holding back take up of roads projects, especially in the case of rainy season emergencies.

The debt dues include payments for 94 accomplished projects valued at 386.36bn/- while a 392.61bn/- debt portion relates to 69 ongoing projects, the committee report affirmed.

"Apart from clearing payments on time so that costs are not accrued, the government should facilitate Tanroads to enter into contracts that allows fixed cost agreements to maintain the cost of projects during implementation," he added.



Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (R) with the African Development Bank's Resident Representative in Tanzania, Dr Patricia Laverley, in Dodoma city yesterday. It was shortly after a meeting with Dr Kevin Kariuki, the bank's vice president for Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

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Prof Juma said that these incidents affect countries globally and thus seek ways to combat them, with the conference being part of a five-year judiciary plan for courts to get engaged with other stakeholders in solving the challenges facing the judiciary in handling such issues.

UK High Commissioner David Concar said that Britain and Tanzania have for many years cooperated on issues of combating financial crimes, applauding the judiciary's intention to involve foreign experts, as part of open discussion on the challenges and available opportunities.

Noting that the financing of extremism is a shared concern, he said that the UK began to take the challenge seriously about 20 years ago, introducing legislation to give judicial and other institutions the power to deal with the proceeds of crime.

"However, as we know, passing the law is only the first step; it is more challenging to follow through the most specialized international systems, and build the links in criminal cases and prosecutions," he said.

Donor agencies and various international partners are eager to work together with Tanzania in this area, the envoy noted, affirming that teamwork is required to destroy criminal

networks and how they seek to profit from crime.

"Corruption has the same financial motivation as other serious crimes such as drug trafficking, fraud or human trafficking," he stated, insisting that in these serious crimes the criminals are motivated by one thing, money. "They want to earn money illegally and keep the profit," he remarked.

Judge Dr Paul Kihwelo, administrator of the Lushoto based college, said the conference has come at the right time as Tanzania is putting to effect proposals by the financial task force formed to assist the government to strengthen the fight against money laundering and terrorism funding.

## Minister lauds AfDB on multisector funding

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where a financing contract for the project will be signed soon, he said.

He similarly asked the bank to help in implementing the clean cooking energy project, a strategy by the government as part of climate change mitigation.

The AfDB vice president said the bank was ready to support efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan by investing in clean energy projects, sup-

porting rural electrification, water and agriculture.

He praised the country as exemplary in advocating for clean cooking energy, noting that the bank will support those initiatives, giving these assurances in the presence of the AfDB country director, Dr Patricia Raverley.

Among other projects, AfDB commitments include a \$272.12m loan for building the Msalato international

airport in Dodoma, involving the construction of high-capacity airport infrastructure.

It is designed to meet expected growth in air transport due to Dodoma's elevation to be the country's administrative capital, while in August 2018 the bank signed a \$180m (414.07bn/-) loan agreement for financing the construction of the 110.2kilometres Dodoma city outer ring road to bitumen standard.

## Lifting healthcare to the sky: Drones for improving medical infrastructure

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government has started registration of all health centers, dispensaries and hospitals on an online system that will facilitate distribution of medicines to rural areas.

Dubbed Geo Coordinates system it will facilitate the distribution of medicine to all health facilities by using drones.

Dr Godwin Mollle, the Deputy Minister of Health, told parliamentarians yesterday while responding to a question by Kilindi Member of Parliament-CCM, Omary Kigua who wanted to know the government's plans of using drones in medicine distribution.

He said the system is going to play a major role in collection of geographical information of all the health facili-

ties in the country.

"We are now at the stage of registering all health facilities in the system to test it and also to look at the costs of transporting medicine through drones to easy logistics as compared to transportation by vehicles," he said.

The deputy minister defended that with the ongoing downpour that has seen different parts of the country experiencing rains that have destroyed infrastructure and affecting transportation services, it is obvious that the system will bring about a permanent solution.

He said the government is ready to invest in the system of delivering medicines that will ensure distribution to villages is speeded up.

"We will continue to speed up and see where we will get to, but I can't

promise you for how long, but we are continuing because Geo Coordinate is important for the distribution network," he said.



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Hanifa Selengu (2nd-L), acting director in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), holds talks in Dodoma city yesterday with members of the Service Commission of special departments of the Zanzibar government special departments who were on a tour in the national capital. Photo: Correspondent Ismail Ngayonga

## Come, invest in renewable energy, govt urges investors

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government has welcomed investors to invest in renewable energy—natural gas, wind, solar and geothermal energy to expand the sources of electricity and address power shortage.

John Mageni, Planning Director at the Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO), said yesterday in Arusha during the Fifth Tanzania Energy Cooperation Summit prepared by EnergyNet, which brought together stakeholders and heads of the energy sector from various countries in East and Southern Africa.

"We are here to meet with energy sector stakeholders from East and Southern Africa and engage with investors who are interested in investing in the country in these areas. We have also met a team of individuals responsible for funding energy related projects so that we can improve the state of electricity supply in the country," he said.

Mageni said that through the summit they have called for investment in renewable energy especially in solar and wind noting the country is behind as such projects exist but are focused in rural areas.

He said their key responsibility is to persuade the private sector to invest in mega projects that have been initiated to produce between 100 to 200 megawatts onwards to have an alternative energy system.

"Energy and Water are central areas to our energy production and whenever a challenge arises in these sources, the effects are direct. As a nation we have decided to engage other sources of renewable energy," he said.

He said the government has made significant efforts citing the presence of five major companies that are finalizing construction procedures of mega renewable energy projects which will produce 700 megawatts of electricity in the national grid. Mageni added that through the summit stakeholders have resolved to use alternative sources of electricity instead of depending on hydroelectric power and natural gas which in some occasions become less efficient during drought seasons hence causing shortage in power supply.

# TPA revenue up by 17pct first quarter of FY 2023/24

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) registered a 17-percent increase in revenue collection in the first quarter of 2023/2024.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Infrastructure Development Selemeni Kakoso, made the observation yesterday here when presenting the committee's report on activities implemented in the fiscal year 2023/24 to the National Assembly.

He said that the revenue which increased from 310.78bn/- to 365.12bn/- has been collected through TPA ports.

He said an inspection conducted by the committee at Dar es Salaam, Lindi and Mtwara ports last year identified numerous achievements registered by the authority.

Kakoso said among the successes include the docking of large vessels at the ports of Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Mtwara due to upgrades of infrastructure.

infrastructure.

"The cargo volume handled by TPA ports increased by 17.5 per cent from 5.81 million tonnes to 6.83 million tonnes while the project implementation pace has increased including the first phase execution of the Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Program (DMGP) and improvement of Tanga Port," Kakoso said.

He said Mtwara Port has continued to receive huge ships throughout the year after starting to receive direct ships and coal consignment. The

DRC market has continued to grow leading to an increase in transit cargo by 42 per cent.

Kakoso, however, said that the authority is facing several challenges including slow pace in off-loading cargo which has resulted into congestion at port of Dar es Salaam including oil tankers at the Single Point Mooring (SPM) which has been taking an average of more than 10 days.

He said other challenges included insufficient ICT systems, shortage of funds, workers and equipment, lack of passenger ships in the Indian

Ocean to provide services between Dar es Salaam-Zanzibar and Mtwara.

Kakoso said that the National Assembly has resolved that the government should provide TPA with 35bn/- per month from the wharfage charges

The reports presented to the committee indicated that the revenue collected by TPA from wharfage charges was taken by the government without leaving any amount to the authority.



Legal Services Facility CEO Lulu Ng'wanakilala

## Samia wins accolades for supporting legal aid sector

By Guardian Reporter

THE Legal Services Facility (LSF) has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for uplifting the underprivileged segments of society through provision of legal support to the vulnerable.

In a statement, on the momentous occasion of the Law Day held at Dodoma on 1st February 2024, LSF said the support from the President has served as a platform to commend the invaluable contribution of legal aid to the welfare of the nation.

During the gathering, President Samia extensively praised the distinctive role played by legal aid in uplifting the underprivileged segments of society.

She reaffirmed the government's unwavering support for the Legal Aid sector,

providing a resolute assurance to the justice community. The President emphasized that legal aid work, particularly for the poor and vulnerable, saying it was a divine calling.

The LSF said together with its community of more than 4000 paralegals, has faithfully adhered to this divine calling for over a decade.

"Through their dedicated efforts, the LSF has served the underserved, reaching the hardest-to-reach and highly vulnerable women and girls in Tanzania, positively impacting over 8 million people annually," the statement said.

As the Co-Chair of the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign, alongside the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, the LSF is deeply moved by the President's recognition of the campaign's

achievements, surpassing expectations within its first year.

"The continued and resolute support from the President triples the LSF's and its partners' determination to extend the campaigns reached to more women, girls, and marginalized communities in the second and third year of its execution," the statement said.

The LSF commended the president's directive to the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs regarding the development of an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Policy.

The LSF has consistently invested in enhancing the country's ADR capacity, and paralegals have effectively utilized ADR skills to resolve community justice problems.



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##### 1.1. Job Summary:

The incumbent will oversee the quality and efficiency of patient care. This is an administrative and strategic planning role that involves maintaining standards of care, monitoring nursing staff, and ensuring compliance with all regulations. The incumbent will review department management reports, communicate issues with hospital leadership, and help with budgeting. S/he will be responsible for planning, coordination and implementation of long- and short-term plans for nursing activities in clinical departments. S/he will supervise all line divisions heads and ensure performance targets are met.

##### 1.2. Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Master's Degree in Nursing or equivalent Postgraduate diploma from a recognized institution.
- Must be registered by the Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Must have worked for at least two (2) years as an Assistant Nursing officer of Nursing officer.
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years working experience as a matron in a busy reputable hospital.
- Must have a valid practicing license.

##### 1.3. Personal Attributes

- Able to develop in-depth knowledge of principles of new public management and familiar with health reforms.
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#### 2. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon) - 1 Position

##### 2.1. Job Summary:

The incumbent will diagnose patients and treat various conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. The incumbent will perform emergency and scheduled treatments, maintaining patient records, as well as providing suitable after-care instructions and recommendations.

The incumbent will perform corrective and therapeutic procedures on the mouths and jaws of their patients and often work in conjunction with other dentists, surgeons, and orthodontists.

##### 2.2. Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Masters of Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree Specialized in oral and maxillofacial from a recognized University
- Must be registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a dental surgeon
- Must be a holder of Degree in Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
- Must have a valid practicing license.
- At least two (2) years working experience as a Dental Surgeon
- Two (2) years of working experience as oral and maxillofacial surgeon in a related field in busy and reputable institution.

#### 3. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Orthodontist) - 1 Position

##### 3.1. Job Summary:

The incumbent will evaluate and treat dental conditions, with a particular focus on issues related to the alignment of teeth, jaws, and surrounding areas. S/he will design, fabricate, or use orthodontic appliances to realign teeth and jaws in order to allow for normal functioning and to improve appearance. The incumbent will make models and measurements for braces and appliances, as well as provide repairs and routine maintenance of the appliances. The incumbent will educate patients on the proper use of the appliances and how to care for their teeth while braces are in place.

##### 3.2. Qualifications and Experience

- Holder of Masters of Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree Specialized in Orthodontics from a recognized University
- Must be registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a dental surgeon
- Must be a holder of Degree in Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
- Must have a valid practicing license.
- At least two (2) years working experience as a dental surgeon
- Two (2) years of working experience as an orthodontist in a related field in busy and reputable institution.

#### 4. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (General Surgeon)

##### 4.1. Job Summary

The incumbent will perform operations involving the endocrine system, gastrointestinal tract, liver, colon, and other major parts of the human body. S/he will be responsible for examining patients, diagnosing, and recommending the best course of action. S/he will perform procedures including appendix or gallbladder removals, colonoscopies, thyroidectomies, and bariatric surgeries.

##### 4.2. Qualification and experience

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (M.Med) in General Surgery
- Must be registered with the Medical Council of Tanganyika.
- Must be a holder of a Doctor of Medicine Degree
- Must have a valid practicing license
- At least two (2) years working experience as a medical doctor
- Two (2) years of working experience as a General Surgeon in a related field in busy and reputable institution.

#### 5. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Pediatrician) - 1 Position

##### 5.1. Job Summary

The incumbent will conduct thorough examinations, diagnose illness, prescribe medications, administer vaccines and provide guidance to parents regarding their child's health, development, and well-being. The incumbent will be responsible to monitor and promote the overall health and normal physical development of newborns, young children, and adolescents.

##### 5.2. Qualification and experience

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (M.Med) in Pediatrics
- Must be registered with the Medical Council of Tanganyika.
- Must be a holder of a Doctor of Medicine Degree.
- Must have a valid practicing license
- At least two (2) years working experience as a medical doctor
- Two (2) years of working experience as a pediatrician in a related field in busy and reputable institution.

#### 6. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Internal Medicine) - 1 position

##### 6.1. Job Summary

The incumbent will be responsible for conducting physical examinations to make diagnoses, prescribing treatments and counselling patients about

lifestyle changes that can lead to health improvements.

##### 6.2. Qualification and experience

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (M.Med) in internal medicine
- Must be registered with the Medical Council of Tanganyika.
- Must be a holder of a Doctor of Medicine Degree.
- Must have a valid practicing license
- At least two (2) years working experience as a medical doctor
- Two (2) years of working experience as a Medical Specialist in Internal Medicine in a related field in busy and reputable institution.

#### 7. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Anesthesiologist) - 1 Position

##### 7.1. Job Summary

The incumbent is responsible for monitoring patient comfort before, during, and after surgical or medical procedures through the administration of anaesthesia and other medications.

##### 7.2. Qualification and experience

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (M.Med) in Anaesthesiology
- Must be registered with the Medical Council of Tanganyika.
- Must be a holder of a Doctor of Medicine Degree.
- Must have a valid practicing license
- At least two (2) years working experience as a medical doctor
- Two (2) years of working experience as a Medical Specialist in Anaesthesiology in a related field in busy and reputable institution

#### 8. MEDICAL SPECIALIST II (Trauma Surgeon) - 1 position

##### 8.1. Job Summary

The incumbent is responsible for to perform emergency surgeries on patients suffering from acute injuries and illnesses. To diagnose and surgically treat patients who have sustained critical, life-threatening, penetrating, and blunt force injuries. S/he will perform emergency surgeries and diagnostic tests, take patients' histories, and prescribe medications.

##### 8.2. Qualification and experience

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (M.Med) in Orthopedics and Trauma
- Must be registered with the Medical Council of Tanganyika.
- Must be a holder of a Doctor of Medicine Degree.
- Must have a valid practicing license
- At least two (2) years working experience as a medical doctor
- Two (2) years of working experience as a Medical Specialist in Orthopedics and Trauma in a related field in busy and reputable institution

#### 9. MEDICAL DOCTOR - 2 POSITIONS

##### 9.1. Job summary:

The incumbent will be responsible for the provision of quality and compassionate health care diagnosing illnesses or treating injuries in order to restore patients' optimum health. The incumbent will perform health assessments, run diagnostic tests, prescribe medication, create treatment plans and provide health and wellness advice to patients. S/he will be responsible for ordering diagnostic tests and interpreting the results of these tests to determine what illness a patient has or the extent of a specific injury.

##### 9.2. Qualifications, experience and competences:

- Holder of Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree or MBChB or its equivalent from a recognized institution.
- Must have completed a one-year Internship at the recognized Health Facility
- Must be registered by the Medical Council of Tanganyika (MCT) as a Medical Doctor
- Must have a Valid practicing license
- At least Four (4) years working experience
- Must have Computer skills

#### 10. ASSISTANT NURSING OFFICER II - 10 positions

##### 10.1. Job summary:

The incumbent will be responsible for the provision of quality and compassionate health care in order to restore patients' optimum health. The incumbent will perform general nursing care of patients, administering drugs and other treatments as prescribed by medical doctors'

##### 10.2. Qualifications, experience and competences:

- Holder of Diploma in Nursing from a recognised Institution
- Full Registration by the Nursing and Midwives Council.
- Must have a Valid practicing license
- Must have Computer skills
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required.

#### 11. LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST II - 2 POSITIONS

##### 11.1. Job summary

Carrying out laboratory examination of samples and recording the results under the supervision of a senior laboratory Technologist and inspecting, storing laboratory reagents, equipment and chemicals used in laboratory tests and examinations

##### 11.2. Qualification and Experience

- Holder of a Diploma in in Health Laboratory from any recognized Institution
- Must be registered with by the Health Laboratory Practitioners Council as Laboratory Technologist
- Valid practicing license is required
- Basic knowledge in computer studies
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL POSTS

1. Job descriptions for each position would be accessed through the Hospital website: [www.dcmct.or.tz/](http://www.dcmct.or.tz/)
2. Applicants must attach an up-to-date current **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** having reliable contact postal address, email address, and reachable telephone numbers.
3. Applicants should apply on the strengths of the information given in this advertisement.
4. The title of the position applied for should be written in the subject of the application letter/e- mail and marked on the envelope
5. Applicants **must** attach their detailed relevant certified copies of Academic certificates/ transcripts as follows:
  - Postgraduate Degree, First Degree/Advanced Diploma, Diploma/Certificates.
  - Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates.
  - Computer Certificates where applicable.
  - Professional Certificates/Licenses from respective boards where applicable.
  - One recent passport size picture and copy of birth certificate.
  - 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.
  - Applicants should indicate three **reputable work-related referees** with their reliable contacts.

**Only shortlisted candidates** will be informed the date of the interview

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application letters should be POSTED or HAND DELIVERED to the Following address on or before

04.00 p.m. on **15 February 2024** (i.e., Deadline for receiving applications)

Director DCMC Hospital  
Imagi Hill, Ntyuka P O Box 658  
Dodoma

Those using e-mail should submit their applications to [jobs@dcmct.or.tz](mailto:jobs@dcmct.or.tz)

# NMB supplies special equipment for teachers and disabled students in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

NMB bank has provided assistance with auxiliary equipment for teachers and students with disabilities in Mzambarauni and Uhuru Mchanganyiko primary schools as well as Pugu, Benjamin Mkapa, and Jangwani secondary schools in Dar es Salaam.

The handover event took place on Thursday, at the Teachers' Resource Centre (TRC) in the Ilala District, near Uhuru Wasichana Primary School. NMB's Dar es Salaam Zone Manager, Dismas Prosper, handed over the donation to the District Commissioner of Ilala, Edward Mpongolo.

The auxiliary equipment provided by NMB to DC Mpongolo, who then distributed it to teachers and students with disabilities, included 60 white canes for the visually impaired, 60 reading lenses for those with low vision, 60 hats, and 60 sunscreen bottles for those with albinism.

Upon receiving the donation, DC Mpongolo thanked NMB for its significant support to the government in the sectors of education, health, and disaster relief, noting the bank's demonstrated commitment to caring for the community, including special-needs groups.

He emphasised that through the Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme, NMB has distinguished itself by supporting the efforts of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's government to achieve quality education in both urban and rural areas.

He urged other institutions, organizations, companies, and entrepreneurs to follow this example in giving back to society.

DC Mpongolo commended NMB for its impactful CSI initiatives throughout the country, particularly in assisting education and health sectors and aiding vulnerable communities during disasters.

He expressed gratitude on behalf of the beneficiaries and commended NMB for its proper utilization of the CSI programme.

He urged other organizations, companies, institutions, and businesses to emulate NMB's approach to allocate and utilize CSI funds effectively and called upon the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to oversee institutions that fall short in their societal contributions, ensuring that their funds are used for societal benefits.

Dismas Prosper, bank's Dar es Salaam zonal manager, thanked the government and the Tanzania Teachers' Union (TTU) for involving NMB in facilitating the provision of auxiliary equipment for persons with disabilities.

He emphasised that addressing the challenges hindering the progress of education and health are key priorities for the bank, as education and health are the foundation of national development.

He acknowledged the government's efforts in ensuring the availability of quality education and their commitment to improving service delivery in urban and rural areas under President Samia Suluhu Hassan's administration.

He reiterated the bank's role as a crucial stakeholder in not only recognizing but also supporting the government's efforts in these areas.

Prosper also highlighted the specific items being donated, such as magnifier lenses for the visually impaired, hats, sunscreen, and white canes, expressing confidence that these supplies will facilitate both teaching and learning for teachers and students with disabilities.

The NMB bank's contribution is a testament to their ongoing commitment to the upliftment of underprivileged and vulnerable groups within Tanzanian society, especially within the education sector.



Seventeen girls recently through hair dressing business training in Kahama, Shinyanga Region, stand next to the equipment issued to them by Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF) and UNFPA - courtesy of funding by the government of Finland. The support is meant to empower them economically as a way of help them get rid of themselves. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

# Foundation offers 140 scholarships to doctors from 28 African nations

By Beatrice Philemon

MECK Foundation has expressed commitment to continue working with various countries in transforming and advancing cancer care in Africa by enhancing professional capacity and improving access to high-quality and equitable care.

In a statement on the occasion to mark 'World Cancer Day' Merck Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Rasha Kelej, said through its Cancer Access Programme, it has provided 141 scholarships of Oncology to doctors from various African countries including Tanzania.

Other countries are Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Ethiopia, Gambia and Ghana.

The countries also include Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

"With African First Ladies by providing 141 scholarships of oncology training to African doctors from 28 countries including Tanzania since 2012 to date to allow doctors to provide high quality health services and improve the lives of people," the statement said.

He said the support was not just on a specific day, but every day and every year through transforming and advancing cancer care in Africa by enhancing professional capacity and improving access to high-quality and equitable cancer care throughout the continent.

"I am proud to share that Merck Foundation together with African First Ladies is successfully increasing the limited number of Oncologists in Africa by providing 140 scholarships to young African doctors from 28 countries," the statement said.

He said Merck Foundation is committed to leading Africa to a better future through transforming the landscape of cancer care in the continent.

As per the World Health Organization (WHO) data, every year, Africa records around 1.1 million new cases of cancer, resulting in up to 700,000 deaths.

"The mortality rate for cancer patients is very high in Africa, as compared to the rest of the world. One of the key reasons is also the late diagnosis of the disease. Moreover, Africa has only 3-percent of the world's cancer treatment facilities," the statement said.

So far, the Merck Foundation Cancer Access Program that was officially launched in 2016 provides One, two- and three-years fellowship, Post Graduate Diploma and Master Degree of oncology for doctors from Africa.

Merck Foundation is also establishing Multidisciplinary Oncology Care teams in many African countries by providing scholarships of clinical training in Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Paediatrics Oncology, Gynecology Oncology, Breast Oncology, Haemato-Oncology and Orthopaedic Oncology.



# RC provides assorted food items to orphans in Arusha

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ARUSHA regional commissioner, John Mongella has provided assorted food items to orphans living at The Joy of God Orphanage Centre with the aim of providing the children with essential needs.

The aid has been given through monies awarded to staff by the Arusha Regional Secretariat during the celebrations to welcome the New Year.

RC Mongella fulfilled the promise he made during the New Year celebration that the collected money would be given to orphans.

"We acknowledge and value the gift you provided to us, and we thank all of the staff for it. As the orphans living at The Joy of God Centre have informed me they are in need of food, we will purchase food and deliver it to them," RC Mongella said.

Speaking over the weekend shortly after receiving assorted food items, the manager of the centre, Mtawa Janeth Ngopa, applauded RC Mongella for his love and compassion for remembering and caring for orphans, said the food for those children is of great value.

She said having adequate food at the centre will guarantee the children's health and make them happy and opti-

mistic all the time.

"Mongella, we appreciate your compassion and generosity toward us. We ask God to keep you blessed. The children and the caregivers find solace in these gifts. We also express our gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for appointing you to lead this region, as you truly care about your people, no matter what their circumstances. Let God bless you very much," Ngopa said.

She also said that children have expressed their gratitude to the RC for his unwavering support and care, saying that he has been visiting them frequently and meeting their needs and promised to keep praying for God's blessings.

Food items totalling 822,000 shillings were handed over, including 150 kg of rice, 65 kg of maize flour, and 50 kg of beans.



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Shinyanga region's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency manager, Juliety Payovela (2nd-L), and the agency's manager for Kishapu District, Dickson Kamazina, pictured in Shinyanga municipality yesterday signing seven contracts with Geo Spatia Classic Work Ltd for the implementation of water projects in the region. The seven projects, involving a total of 6.4bn/-, are for execution in Kahama, Shinyanga and Kishapu districts. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

# 'African elephants to become extinct if no immediate international help

By Eric Rolls

DISTURBING new research has uncovered how climate change impacts African elephants.

The study, conducted by a team from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), reveals alarming findings, urging an immediate call to action by the international community.

Older African elephants face significantly reduced survival chances under climate change. This not only threatens the species' resilience but also disrupts the ecosystems they inhabit.

The research centers on Africa's Greater Virunga Landscape (GVL), a vast 15,700-square-kilometer region

stretching across Uganda, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This biodiverse area, hosting seven national parks and various reserves, is also the habitat of critically endangered African elephants, vital for their ecosystem roles and cultural significance.

Historically, studies have not fully explored the interplay between environmental dynamics, climate change, elephant demographics, and habitat influences.

To bridge this gap, Simon Nampindo, WCS Uganda Country Director and UMass Amherst Ph.D. graduate and Timothy Randhir, a UMass Amherst professor, developed a systems dynamic model.

"This model," says Nampindo, "can

look at all the different environmental and population dynamics within a system. For the first time, we're able to get a comprehensive vision of what the future might look like for African elephants in the face of climate change."

Nampindo and Randhir constructed their model using elephant population data, historical landscape changes, and various future climate-change scenarios, projecting warming of 1.6 °C, 2.8°C, and 4.3°C over the next 80 years.

They then analyzed how each climate scenario would impact five different elephant age groups: under 10 years, 11 - 30 years, 31 - 40 years, 41 - 50 years, and over 50 years.

"Any impact on one age class echoes through the entire population," Ran-

dhir notes.

The findings are stark, to say the least. Older elephants, crucial as matriarchal leaders, will be severely affected across all climate warming scenarios. Their loss would disrupt herd dynamics, genetic profiles, and landscape interactions.

"We found that the older elephants will be massively affected by warming under every scenario," says Nampindo.

"Elephants are matriarchal – their leaders are the older cows, and the herds depend on their wisdom, long memories and ability to outsmart prey, and if they are lost to changing climate, it will wreak havoc on the surviving, younger herds, as well as change the genetic profiles and structures of

the herd. There will also be ripple effects through the GVLs landscape," Nampindo explained.

But the study offers more than grim forecasts. Randhir highlights its utility for policy guidance, emphasizing the need for coordinated management across the GVL.

Strategies must encompass anti-poaching efforts, community-led programs, and habitat management to counter fragmentation, fire, and invasive species.

"These results are very important to WCS," says Nampindo, underscoring the broader implications. "If we can do a good job at protecting elephants, our efforts will reverberate to other species, such as lions and mountain

gorillas."

"More broadly," says Randhir, "the most exciting thing about this systems dynamic modeling is that it can be adapted to any migratory species that move across political boundaries, from fish to birds to lions."

In summary, the jolting research by Nampindo and Randhir offers a critical lens through which we can view the future of African elephants amidst the growing challenges of climate change.

By employing a dynamic systems model, their study highlights the vulnerability of different elephant age groups to rising temperatures while underscoring the necessity for collaborative, multi-faceted conservation strategies.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY ACCESS TO WATER FOR LIVESTOCK, DOMESTIC USES AND DRINKING - REQ-0000450

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking Feasibility Study on access to Water Services for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

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

The EACOP Project (the 'Project') requires a Land Corridor and associated Above Ground Installations ("AGI'S) for the construction and operation of the crude oil pipeline. Some communities along the pipeline corridor face challenges (unrelated to EACOP) with access to potable water, water for domestic uses and water for cattle.

EACOP plans to undertake a feasibility study to identify possible discretionary support interventions for some of these communities. The interventions might include repair of community boreholes or other water sources, drilling of new boreholes in areas where no functioning boreholes exist, review of current charco dams and their functioning status, and repair or construction of new dams. The feasibility study will include desktop review and a limited amount of field work.

To undertake the study, EACOP requires an organization (private or non-governmental organization) with a demonstrable track record of experience providing access to water services to rural communities in Tanzania, ideally in the regions through which EACOP will pass, (EACOP crosses eight (8) regions, including Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga and cover 27 administrative district council, and 231 villages), including demonstrating:

- Experience in undertaking such access to water feasibility studies, specifically on:
  - Mapping of ground, surface, and rainwater availability
  - Assessment of functionality and maintenance/repair needs of existing water points.
  - Hydrogeology
  - Assessing capacity of water management committees and local water governance structures
  - Institutional landscape and permitting requirements.
- Additional experience in implementation of solutions to improve community access to water. The organization should demonstrate that it has established relationships with key water sector stakeholders in Tanzania.
- Evidence of their capacity to carry out such work with an appropriately qualified and experienced team.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **20th February 2024** Email subject shall be: REQ-0000450 Provision of Water 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.

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



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SAFETY AND VISIBILITY AT SEA TRAINING FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EACOP NO: REQ-0000466

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organisations to express their interest in undertaking the Design and Delivery of a Program for Fishers on the Chongoleani Peninsula, in Tanga in Tanzania for training and support to enhance safety and visibility at sea for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

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

The EACOP Project (the 'Project') has started constructing a Marine Storage Terminal, a 2km offshore jetty and a load-out facility (LOF) where tankers can safely be moored. The Marine activities of local communities, notably fishing and gleaning, will be impacted during the construction and operation of the Jetty, where marine exclusion zones will be enforced. EACOP seeks to contract an organisation specialising in maritime safety and training to develop and deliver training to relevant community members in line with the safety and visibility at sea component of the Livelihoods Restoration Program. The organisation should have:

- Experience in developing and delivering training on safety at sea to community marine users who may not be literate. This will require training materials that rely on visual aids, symbols, or hands-on demonstrations instead of written or verbal instructions.
- Understanding of small-scale fishers' boat handling, navigation, and anchoring. Familiarity with specific challenges and risks in the sea, including weather patterns, currents, potential hazards, and emergency procedures.
- Experience in the provision of basic safety kits for small-scale fishers.
- Experience in establishing simple maritime communications systems suitable for small-scale fishers and working with community marine users and relevant authorities on systems for simple registration and identification of vessels.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Details of similar projects or activities undertaken, which provide evidence of qualified and available team, the experience of working with community members and track record of the above-listed experience.
- Proof of registration with relevant Tanzanian Registration Bodies (Current BRELA Search, NGO Registration, OSHA).
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available if relevant.
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- Financial capacity to deliver the services required, including submission of financial accounts for the year.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organisation, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies

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Geita constituency legislator Joseph Musukuma pictured yesterday asking a question in the National Assembly, which is in ordinary session in Dodoma city. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Farmers urged to leverage technology and innovation to curb climate change

By Special Correspondent

AS Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia suffer from the ravaging effects of climate change in the Horn of Africa, farmers have been urged to adopt modern technologies and leverage innovations to mitigate the effects.

The move involves embracing smart agriculture solutions as well as adopting drought-tolerant crops.

Addressing this year's annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, which took place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, AGRA President, Dr Agnes Kalibata, emphasized the urgency of working with public and private sector actors to scale up innovative business models and partnerships that can solve the climate and food insecurity problems currently facing the Horn of African countries.

AGRA, formerly known as the Alliance for Green Revolution, is an African-led, African-based organisation that seeks to catalyse agriculture transformation in Africa.

"Our strategic plan sets out to catalyse the growth of sustainable food systems in Africa by influencing and leveraging partners to build a robust enabling environment where the private sector thrives,

and smallholder farmers are empowered to produce sufficient and healthy food while building resilience and managing the effects of climate change," Dr Kalibata said.

Through the forum, which was also streamed virtually, Dr Kalibata stated that AGRA is keen on tackling the systemic constraints in access to finance and market and trade institutions to build strong agri-food markets and trade at the domestic, regional, and continental levels.

AGRA is focused on putting smallholder farmers at the center of the continent's growing economy by transforming agriculture, from a solitary struggle to survive into farming as a business that thrives.

"The sector employs the majority of Africans, most of whom are small-scale farmers, and we recognize that developing smallholder agriculture into a productive, efficient, and sustainable system is essential to ensuring food security, lifting millions out of poverty, and driving equitable growth across the continent," observed the organisation's boss.

The 54th World Economic Conference, whose theme was 'Rebuilding Trust', deliberated on sustainable business models, partnerships to boost agriculture, and investments driving transformation in Africa.

## Indian hospital to invest \$5m in Mwanza healthcare facility

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

INDIAN-based ES Healthcare Ltd has signed a \$5 million partnership agreement with Tanzanite Hospital of Mwanza Region to invest in the hospital in April, this year.

Pina Vyasi, hospital director general revealed this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at a press conference held at the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) offices.

She said the goal of investing in the hospital was to promote medical tourism and promote healthcare where it will bring 10 specialists from India who will be based in the country to offer services.

"Am happy to have this opportunity to represent our country through our health care group. ES is one of the largest health care service groups, we met delegation of Tanzania and TIC officials in Gujarat Summit and signed

contract to make some advancement in healthcare system in Tanzania with long-term commitment of operational advancement and financial investment," she said

"We are committed to invest \$5 million in Tanzania for better health services and we are here for the first time to analyse the current situation in healthcare and implementation of our contract within one month of time," she said

She said ES will invest in the production of human medicines, establish a health training institution and that the investment will help increase employment, strengthen the health of Tanzanians and increase foreign currency availability in the country.

Jared Awando, vice chairman of Tanzanite Hospital said the leadership of Tanzanite Hospital is grateful to the President's Office of Public Service Management for efforts to pro-

mote investment, especially by connecting local companies with foreign companies.

He said that the investment will enable Tanzanite Hospital to get modern equipment available in India where Tanzanians will now have no reason to travel abroad to seek specialist treatment.

"You often hear that people travel to India for specialist treatment, but through the investment of the ES Company, 10 specialist doctors will come

into the country so the treatment will be available here in the country," he said.

Awando said efforts made by TIC and the Tanzanian embassy in India, has made the hospital enter into a partnership agreement with ES Company from India.

John Mnali, TIC director of investment and promotion said that the investors have come to the country for the first time to analyse the investment environment.

## Senegal police fire tear gas at protest against election postponement

DAKAR

SENEGAL's National Assembly faced turmoil on Monday as riot police deployed tear gas to disperse protesters angered by the postponement of the Feb. 25 presidential election.

The unprecedented move to reschedule the election to Aug. 25 and extend President Macky Sall's mandate prompted unrest and criticism.

Lawmakers are set to debate the bill proposing the election delay, marking a departure from Senegal's history of election stability.

The African Union, along with regional bodies and Western governments, called for a swift announcement of a new election date. Riot police outside the parliament used tear gas and made arrests to quell around 100 protesters.

A widespread public outcry over the postponement has raised concerns the country will face violent protests like those that have intermittently broken out over concerns Sall would run for a third term and the alleged political sidelining of opposition leader Ousmane Sonko.

Sall said he delayed the election due to a dispute over the candidate list and alleged corruption within the constitutional body that handled the list.

Several prominent opposition figures, including Sonko, were barred from running for president, stoking discontent about the election process.

However, there has been strong pushback against the delay, which some opposition and civil society groups have called an "institutional coup". Some contenders have said they would still push ahead with campaigns meant to kick off over the weekend. Others have vowed to challenge the postponement in court.

At least two female presidential candidates were detained when police in riot gear broke up protests in the capital Dakar on Sunday, firing tear gas and rounding up participants.

The authorities also took local television channel Walf off air on Sunday and revoked its licence, Walf said in a statement.



Dallas Mhoja (2nd-L), chairman of the St Mary's Schools board, presents a certificate and cash to Shadrack Mgaya, the St Mary's Mbezi Beach High School head of academics. It was in appreciation of the school's outstanding performance in last year's national Form Four exams. The event was held at the school's premises in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Left is board vice chairman John Kibona. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Moro RC calls on traders to sell sugar at indicative prices

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO regional commissioner Adam Malima yesterday warned traders who will be found selling sugar at higher price than the recommended one, which is between 2700/- and 3200/-.

Malima sounded the warning when speaking at the celebration to mark the 47th anniversary of the ruling CCM.

The event was graced by the CCM Youth Wing (UVCCM) national chairman, Mohammed Ally Kawaida.

RC Malima said despite the region having

four sugar producing factories of Kilombero I & II, Mtibwa and Mkulazi, sugar shortage in the country has surged thus forcing the government to import the 100,000 tonnes of the product from other countries.

He added that the first shipment has arrived and the government has directed the indicative price to be between 2700/- and 3200/- depending on the area and that all businessmen are required to sell sugar at the directed price.

"The government already instructed that the highest price for 1 kilo of sugar should be 3200/-. If an individual buys sugar at

3500/- they should call me personally through my phone number 0784 612020 and I will deal with them personally," he said.

Malima explained that the shortage has been caused by the factories' failure to harvest sugarcane from the plantations which have been heavily flooded by rain water.

He said that 70 per cent of sugar in the country is produced in Morogoro region and in three months no production was on-going in both farms owned by locals and those owned by the factories.

"As the chairman of the region's security council, I visit the areas daily and I have wit-

nessed how the floods have engulfed the farms owned by Kilombero I & II, Mkulazi and Mtibwa. Neither machine nor tractor has entered the farms to operate in such conditions," he said.

Malima said that over 70,000 tonnes of sugar was expected to be produced from November, December, January and February but production halted because of the on-going heavy rains in the region.

For his part, Kawaida said the UVCCM's central council made a resolution concerning the price of sugar being sold in the country and the retailers including those in Morogoro and how

the government should address the matter.

He requested the RC to collaborate with the district commissioners from all districts to hunt down all retailers who have been selling sugar above the recommended price.

"Do not wait for phone calls. Go out, inspect and apprehend businesses that are selling sugar contrary to the price indicated by the government so as to address this problem," he said.

Hamis Juma, a resident of Morogoro said despite the government's effort to bring relief in the commodity's prices, sugar has continued to remain scarce.



# LGAs urged to promote data-driven planning to address municipal waste

By Correspondent Joseph Wwendapole

THE National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) has called for integration of digital technologies in solid waste management to create a tool for information which could be used for measuring performance to facilitate proper planning.

Dr Immaculate Semesi, NEMC director general made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening a capacity building of local government officials regarding solid water management.

The meeting which was organized by NEMC in collaboration with Center for Science and Environment of India (CSE) and Global Forum for Circular Economy (GFCCE) was attended by municipal officials from various local government authorities in the country.

Dr Semesi said in order to effectively address the issue of municipal waste challenge in the country there is a need to promote data-driven planning

and investment in waste management systems.

She said it is important to embrace use of modern technologies, enhance public awareness and strengthen institutions in terms of technical, human resource and financial capacities to effectively manage municipal waste and enforce relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines.

She said it is important to learn about the developed solid waste toolkit, in the process of building capacities to deliver and strengthen our own systems to introduce circularity in solid waste management.

Dr Semesi said in Tanzania, a number of initiatives have been taken by the government to address the challenge of municipal waste including formulation of National Environment Policy (2021), Public Health Policy (2007) and enactment of Environmental Management Act (2004), Urban Planning Act (2007) and Public Health Act (2009).

"Despite these achievements, environmental mu-

nicipal waste continues to be a challenge and this has been attributed by among others inadequate data to provide for proper planning, it is therefore critical to integrate digital technologies in solid waste management," she stressed.

She said that will help to create baseline information which could be used for measuring performance and providing for proper planning as well as having informed decisions that are guided by data.

"We all know that solid waste management in our country is a serious environmental problem, particularly in urban settings, concurrent with recent socioeconomic development, coupled with liberalization of the economy and rapid population growth, the amount of solid waste generated is increasing at a rapid rate," she said.

Dr Semesi said urban solid waste that is managed in urban centers directly affects the metropolitan environment, the appearance of the cities and municipalities and the citizens



Residents of Kerege village in Bagamoyo District move to clear broken bottles from a section of the Dar es Salaam-Bagamoyo where a truck stocked with crates of beer overturned yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

day-to-day life.

She added that apart from having severe health problems due to waste, improper waste management lead to proliferation of diseases, environmental degradation and ultimate impact on livelihoods.

The chargé d'affaires of the High Commission of India, Manoj Verma commended the Centre for Science Environment (CSE) of India and NEC for their meaning full collaboration

on environment governance issues.

He said the vision and commitment of CSE and NEMC has been instrumental in improving solid waste management systems in Tanzania.

He said solid waste crisis has been increasing in many cities leading to serious environment damage adding that CSE has taken several initiatives to address the challenges.

# More research needed into heart condition of African-Australians

CANBERRA

A cardiologist in Australia has called for more research into the high rate of heart disease in the African-Australian community.

His call coincides with a new national health initiative that aims to include the number of African-Australians included in clinical research.

Jane Chimungeni-Brassington, a senior environmental assessment officer of African descent, said she was always feeling tired until a sharp pain in her chest last April saw her seek medical advice.

"I realised that I could not really continue my physical activities the way I had always done, and I was getting tired very easily, so I had to take a lot of breaks, even at work," she said.

At the hospital, doctors told her she

had had several small heart attacks and she was kept in for further tests to determine her heart was ok.

Chimungeni-Brassington is not the only person of African heritage who has experienced such health problems. Adelaide-based cardiologist, Dr Chukwudiebube Ajaero, said it is a common trend in this community.

"What I have noted in the African patients that I have interacted with, seems to be that of greater severity of these conditions and greater suffering."

"I felt that if we start off with simple health education - talks, community events and other things - it will help to sensitise the African community in Australia," he said.

Ajaero believes not enough research is being done on the heart health of African-Australians, and

has launched the country's first heart health initiative focusing on this community.

Experts in the field said this could lead to greater awareness and better treatment for African-Australians.

"We know for example that among the populations in the US of Black Americans who came from West Africa, they're more sensitive to salt, more likely to get hypertension and stroke for example. Now that might apply to our populations but we don't really know until we look," said Dr Garry Jennings of the Heart Foundation.

The Australian federal government has allocated over US\$4 million to finance a national action plan. Chimungeni-Brassington said this was good news, as more research will help people like her lead healthier lives.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Geophrey Pinda, who is legislator for Kavuu constituency in Katavi Region, pictured on Saturday launching one of two ambulances presented to Mpimbe council in Mlele District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Nigeria marks Chinese Lunar New Year in early celebrations

LAGOS

CROWDS gathered in the Nigerian city of Lagos on Sunday for an early celebration of the Lunar New Year.

The day, often referred to as the Chinese New Year, marks the first day of the lunar calendar and there are many cultural traditions associated with this celebration of spring.

It is one of the most important holidays in Chinese culture and a period in which many people travel home to

visit their families.

The event in Lagos was hosted by the Chinese Consulate General in Lagos. China's Consulate General in Lagos, Yan Yuqing, said believes the Spring Festival belongs to the whole world.

"Last year, the United Nations announced that it will be an international festival. So, I am so glad that people from all over the world, including Nigeria, can together celebrate new year with Chinese people," she said.

An architect attending the festival in Lagos, Mike Anjorin, said he believed that Nigerians could learn from the Chinese. "They celebrate their culture, and because of that it keeps them together and it makes them develop. We have abandoned our culture. A man that loses his culture is dead."

In China, the festivities get underway next Saturday, ushering in the Year of the Dragon in the Chinese zodiac, and will culminate with the Lantern Festival on 24 February.



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## Joint ventures needed for African high seas fishing

REPORTS have it that unreported and unregulated fishing costs Africa up to US\$11.49 billion each year as over 75 per cent of industrial fishing vessels operate there without governments knowing it.

This activity is widely described as illegal, with the ships having no permits from the countries in whose special economic zones they operate.

That formulation is another way of saying that these states have sovereignty over resources they can't administer and thus it is essentially no-man's land and the losses are thus by and large hypothetical.

What is now known as blue economy policy is partly designed to tackle anomalies of this sort and lay the framework for Tanzania or other littoral states actually being able to govern those resources.

This was tried in the dim past where a ship loaded with fresh fish cargo was intercepted as an exhibit in a subsequent court case.

However, that experience was at the end of it all embarrassingly painful to ministerial or regulatory authorities. So it isn't merely a matter of policing the high seas but more of tapping them.

Looking at the matter a bit more closely, it is clear that tapping the high seas can scarcely be done for local markets - in an environment where releasing fishing boats to small-scale fishers not assured of foreign markets is until now a hardy experiment.

With foreign countries out to continue using African high seas to quench the thirst of their markets, joint ventures can be formed, backed by policing if we have the capacity already. We could also apply cold storage for wider local, regional markets, etc.

A global fishing observatory in the US says that most vessels don't broadcast

their locations. Even more interesting is that the fishing vessels are not detected by monitoring systems. All this ought to be clarified as to aerial or satellite monitoring, as naval units would surely notice them.

There is widespread concern that the world has no clear picture of who fishes what, except for piecing together data from machine learning and satellite imagery to create a global map of large vessel traffic and offshore infrastructure.

The point is that we in Africa tend to be asleep, and when we find it hard to guard informal ports of entry on land, monitoring the high seas for our fair share of the cake is far from feasible.

That is why usable joint ventures with a commitment to keep us informed and getting a tax portion can be a good start.

What is also apparent is that fish markets are being brought into fusion but on the basis of a form of anarchy. Data suggest that 75 per cent of the world's industrial fishing vessels are not publicly tracked, particularly in Africa and South Asia.

The bottom line is that fishing companies are operating profitably and no price pressures are felt, so ensuring high seas fair play might be mistaken as being beside the point.

Fleets present operating illegally present obstacles to the conservation and management of natural resources, most especially when they operate within various marine protected areas.

It isn't really this side of the equation that needs to be balanced with more monitoring resources or research into protected areas but at the commercial level. Therefore, we need to start using the resources to keep others out or take out tax revenues, chiefly by joint ventures.

## Hopes for malaria rollback highly significant, yet it could take years

FOR some years now, there have been reports of a malaria vaccine being developed, with the latest affirmation of an effective vaccine being heard from Oxford University scientists.

They say its effectiveness is put at 78 per cent among the youngest children. Named R21/Matrix-M, the vaccine is one of those lately developed vaccines - and last year saw the World Health Organisation recommend it for use.

The malaria rollback journey has thus begun in earnest, as vaccine is different from spraying modalities or insecticide-treated bed-nets.

As is typical in medical experimentation, reports say that the vaccine is in its third phase trials among African children, where data have confirmed that the job is effective and safe.

Researchers are said to have immunised more than 4,800 young children in a trial in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mali and Tanzania and found on average 78 per cent efficacy.

This was among infants of aged anything between five and 17 months and considered to have remained safe from infections over the first year of using the trial vaccine - a significant advancement in the battle against malaria.

A participating institution, the Serum Institute of India, is quoted as having reported that the global malaria threat is on the way to being checked, as so far no other vaccine has reported more than 55 per cent effectiveness in the same age group.

It requires a little familiarity with immunology to read the distinction of effectiveness below two years and above that age level.

One plausible view is that anti-bodies are generated at the fastest pace among infants than older children, but the conclusion that a booster dose within one year maintained good efficacy over the following six to 12 months was a little sobering. What it implies is that the

drug is preventive medicine, not quite vaccine.

Further affirmations that overall efficacy stood at between 68 per cent and 75 per cent for children aged five months to three years were not reassuring either, as it implies that the older the child grows, the less effective the dose becomes.

The gap opened for vulnerability rises to upwards of 30 per cent in many cases, so the fact that 25 million doses had so far been manufactured for roll-out by the Indian institute wasn't totally reassuring.

Even with 100 per cent uptake of the vaccines by children, a 30 per cent chance of being infected with malaria still remained intact.

That means there is still a lot to be done in combating the disease as, by current biotechnology methods, science can't quite knock off malarial gene stability in a non-harmful manner.

Expert remarks on the development focused on the vaccine being rolled out as part of malaria prevention programmes, which is a bit high-flung.

What can more readily be said is that this will serve as a starting point in malaria rollback programmes despite its current gaps in checking infections, though not ending spraying programmes and their environmental risks.

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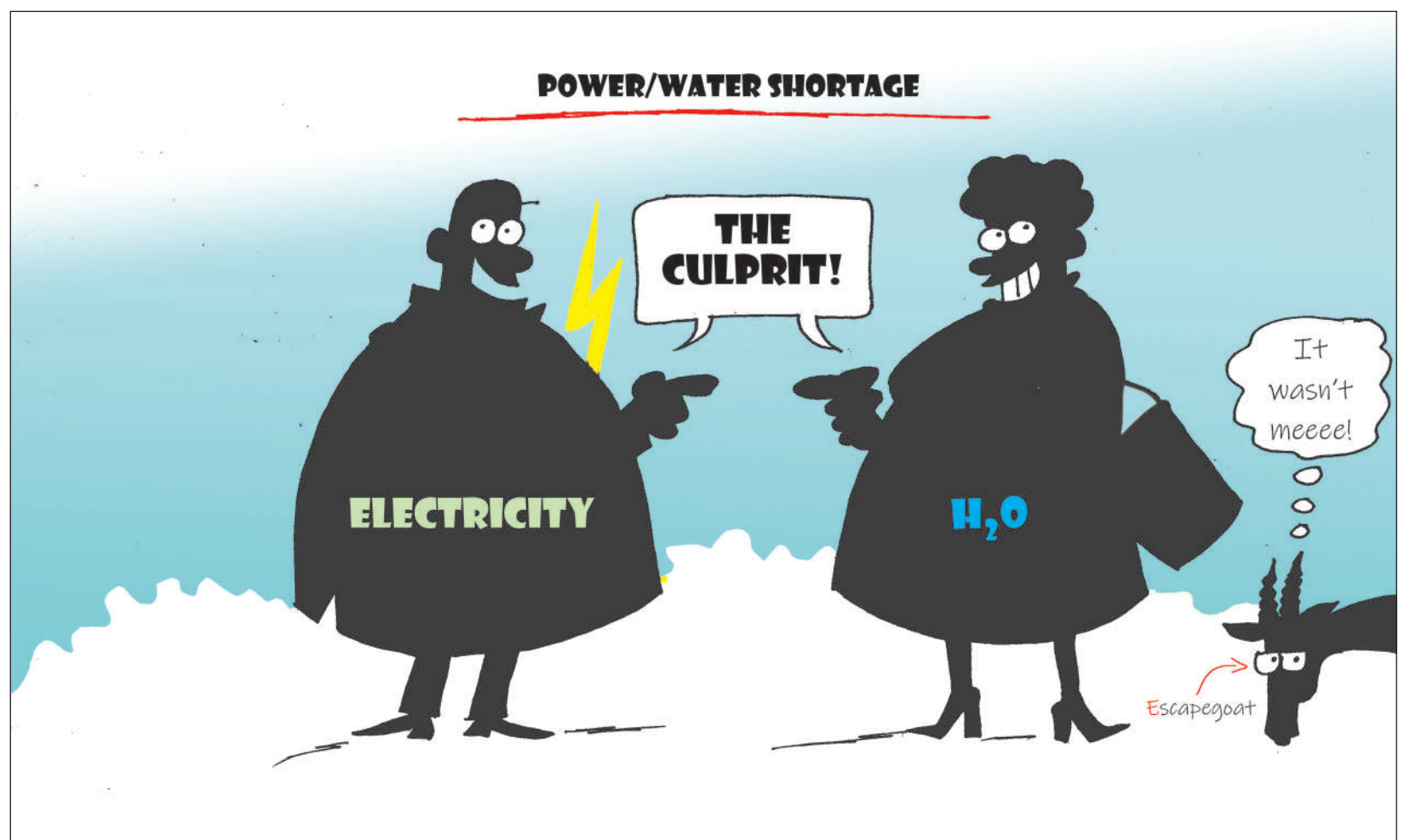
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## These women-led newsrooms are helping change journalism in the Global South...

By Laura Oliver

EDITORS from Brazil, Uganda, Nigeria and Nepal share what they have learnt while launching independent projects with a focus on women's issues:

From the Covid-19 pandemic to violence in Ethiopia, Ukraine and Afghanistan, women and girls have been disproportionately affected by recent crises.

In a recent report on gender equality in news media, the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) found that only 25 per cent of the subjects and sources in 30,172 news stories studied were women.

While this marks a one-point improvement since 2010, the report also exposes persistent challenges. Women are still more likely to report on stories centred around women's issues, and gender stereotypes are less likely to be challenged in reporting than 15 years ago.

At a time of shifting reproductive rights and ahead of a busy election year worldwide, feminist media can play an existential role.

"It is in feminist media where you will find the voices best able to call out and counter the rise in anti-democratic impulses and action that is growing all around us," writes Jennifer Weiss-Wolf in a piece for Ms. Magazine.

Despite many challenges, a cadre of journalists, largely women, advocate coverage of women's issues and broader beats like climate, politics and business through a gender or intersectional lens.

Several independent female-led or feminist media outlets are at the forefront of this trend. In different languages, across different continents and with teams of different sizes, Brazil's AzMina, Uganda's HerStory, Nigeria's BONews Service and Nepal's Boju Bajai are all part of this movement.

I spoke with journalists in these publications to learn more about their work and the challenges they face.

Carolina Oms and her founders had high-profile journalism jobs in Brazil before launching digital-first, feminist newsroom AzMina in 2015. A reporter with Valor Econômico, one of Brazil's biggest business newspapers, Oms worked for 12 hours a day and had no time to produce in-depth investigations.

"We were all frustrated with the precarity of journalism, so we decided to do something about it," says Oms, who's now AzMina's institutional and fundraising director.

She defines AzMina as the first feminist media in Brazil and explains that it was launched as a response to the failure by mainstream Brazilian media to reflect these changes.

"Newspapers would still call femi-

cide a crime of passion," she says, adding: "The women on the covers of magazines all looked alike and the discussion about sexuality was centred around men. We want to do investigative work and solutions journalism for women in which they can see themselves."

For Culton Scovia, who formally launched HerStory in Uganda in January 2022, the platform is a chance to focus her broadcast journalism talents on feminist themes. But it's also an opportunity to address the underreporting of women and the gender stereotypes often featured in mainstream media in her home country.

"The newsrooms I have worked in cover women's issues as though there are no female journalists. Stories about women struggle to get media attention," says Scovia.

Commenting on female-led news outlets in Africa, Sarah Macharia, who directs the GMMP, says shrinking employment opportunities in mainstream media and a sustainability crisis have led to a sprouting of women-led, women-owned micro news outlets.

"These are easily accessible to women for whom the space to continue participating as professionals in mainstream organisations has closed," she says.

She adds: "Similar to other women-owned micro enterprises in other industries, the motivation to set up micro media outlets is economic and perhaps to some extent also driven by a desire to provide a service to the community."

The idea behind Boju Bajai was to provide an alternative space for an audience of Nepali women "slowly being made visible" online.

AzMina wants the audience to use the stories they produce and whose focus is often on solutions. For example, recent reporting on abortion includes information on what to do if you are seeking an abortion, what rights you have when in hospital and what not to do after the procedure.

Boju Bajai's episodes now include more narrative, reported stories across all beats, through a feminist lens. This has led to stories on frontline health workers' mental health, an award-winning two-part podcast on abortion.

Alongside the podcast, Boju Bajai has developed different products to allow it to reach different audiences on different channels. These include Cold Takes, a newsletter rounding up feminist stories from Nepal. Rai says its informal tone creates the space to critique the media's reporting of women's issues and gender-based violence.

Blessing Oladunjoye, who founded BONews Service in Nigeria in 2018, says there is a gender angle to every topic. BONews focuses on issues affecting children and disabled people. Collaborating with advocacy groups on these topics has helped amplify its work.

AzMina's team is all women - again a contrast to mainstream newsrooms in Brazil, where women filled just 41.8 per cent of available reporting positions in 2018. In radio stations women were outnumbered by men three to one.

With a range of products and the difficulty of accessing podcast metrics, Boju Bajai views itself first as an online community for young Nepalese women and girls and measures its impact in these terms.

Response to AzMina's work has not always been positive. In 2019, Brazil's then minister for women, family and human rights filed a complaint with the public prosecutor's office following an article on safe methods for obtaining abortions.

Team members' photos and home addresses were doxxed and the website was taken offline. The newsroom has strong digital security protocols after suffering numerous cyber-attacks. [Doxxing is a form of cyberbullying.]

Opponents have previously branded AzMina's work as activism journalism to undermine its credibility. The platform has been criticised for receiving grants and foreign funding to fund special podcast series and its founders have been labelled as "dollarwadi" feminists.

The term is frequently used in parts of Asia, including Nepal, to suggest greediness and used to dismiss the work of feminist organisations, including Boju Bajai.

Ensuring the safety of reporters and sources is critically important, says Rai, who explains that any abuse aimed at Boju Bajai has so far been online rather than physical.

Rai uses her personal social media accounts less and less to avoid trolling and other online abuse. But she acknowledges that social media has ultimately been crucial for the platform's growth.

Scovia and Oladunjoye say they have not personally experienced

threats or abuse either for being female journalists or for reporting on stories through a gender lens. Oladunjoye has faced resistance from Nigerian government agencies, including accusations of malice and "not portraying the state in the right perspective".

While there are safety concerns for female journalists reporting from certain places, she thinks that BONews' team can build trust more easily with communities of women with disabilities, for example, than mainstream media.

A central issue in Uganda, says Scovia, is the lack of space given to coverage of women's issues. "It is not that women do not want to comment on these issues or that we do not have female experts in this kind of field," she says, adding: "You (newsroom editors) do not approach them; you do not reach out to them."

Boju Bajai trains other organisations looking to produce podcasts. The team has tried to source in-podcast advertising, but the return on investment wasn't there. Partnerships with like-minded organisations work better. For example, it has run social media campaigns with UN Nepal and produced episodes with Urgent Action Fund, a feminist activism fund.

The long-term sustainability risks for these newsrooms are high, says the GMMP's Macharia, adding that few women-owned media organisations in Africa command wide audiences: "The outlets will remain very niche, serving tiny audiences if they are eventually unable to grow, a consequence of shoestring budgets and capacity limitations."

Scovia meanwhile wants HerStory to become more consistent, producing stories more regularly and launching more investigations.

Funding is a challenge too for BONews. Oladunjoye initially used her income from other journalism work to fund the newsroom.

While these newsrooms work towards security and sustainability, the impact of their feminist focus and values is already being felt.

"A lot of magazines and newspapers (in Brazil), not only those that are women-led or for women, have begun to do stories that could be considered feminist," notes Oms.

Fortunately for women in Brazil and around the world, that's where newsrooms like AzMina (as well as India's Khabar Lahariya, Somalia's Bilan Media and exiled Afghanistani newsroom Zan Times) step in.

"We say where we stem from and we are not going to say 'Amen' to injustice," Oms declares.

**\*A dispatch by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.**



# UK warns of food crisis triggered by war and drought in Ethiopia



MAKELLE, Ethiopia

**I**N Ayder hospital in Mekelle, the capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region, the corridors are filled with the hubbub of any busy medical facility. But in the paediatric wing, there is stillness to the wards.

For here lie children numbly bearing witness to the latest food crisis to ravage northern Ethiopia. Mostly babies, they are suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

Their mothers sit silently at their beds, staring into the middle distance, clutching their infants to their breast, hoping what milk they have can deliver the salvation for which they yearn.

For they and Ethiopia are suffering once again from a devastating legacy of conflict and drought, twin evils that in recent years have destroyed farms and crops and forced millions from their homes.

The government says 16 million people across the country are facing food shortages, with almost half of those suffering emergency or severe levels of food insecurity. That means many are not just hungry, they are starving.

This is why Tsega Tsigabu, 23, and her four-month-old son, Kidisty, are languishing in Ayder hospital.

Her family were farmers. But their crops failed and they moved to Mekelle to try to survive. Like so many others, they ended up in a camp for people forced from their homes.

Tsega's husband was in the army but he injured his hand and cannot work. She took her baby for a vaccination and the nurses saw instantly it was malnourished.

"Even when I was pregnant, I was not eating a balanced diet," Mrs Tsega tells us. "I was not producing enough breast milk, that's why the baby has developed malnutrition. I just didn't have enough to eat at home."

Doctors at the hospital tell us the numbers of severely malnourished children being admitted have doubled since 2020 when the war between Tigrayan forces and Ethiopian and Eritrean armies began.

A ceasefire was agreed in 2022 but the impact of the conflict still lingers with at least one million people still unable to return home remaining in the region.

We travelled with the

British Africa minister, Andrew Mitchell, to Agulae, an hours' drive north into the hills, where a clinic was assessing children from outlying villages.

He watched as anxious mothers lined up to have the circumference of their children's arms measured; the less flesh on the bone, the more likely the malnutrition. The nurses showed him their charts and they all told a similar story of the numbers getting worse.

"There is clearly a risk of famine if we don't now take action," said Mitchell. "There are serious indicators of the danger of famine. If you ask me, 'Is there a famine taking place now in Ethiopia?' I say no, and we have the power to stop it. But if we don't take the necessary action now, then there is every danger that a famine will engulf this war-torn country which has suffered so much already."

He promised Britain would commit a further £100m (\$125m) to help up to three million mothers and babies in Ethiopia get access to health care; a new fund to provide medicines and vaccines designed to end preventable deaths.

But is famine in Ethiopia really likely?

International aid agencies are cautious about using what some call "the F-word".

It has a precise technical definition - 20% of households facing extreme food shortages, 30% of children under five with acute malnutrition, and two people out of every 10,000 dying every day. Few suggest those criteria have been formally met in Ethiopia.

But for Getachew Reda, president of the Tigray interim regional administration, those definitions are otiose.

He told the BBC there was an "unfolding famine" in Tigray. The numbers of those "staring death in the eye" were rising all the time, he told us, criticising the international community for its "lacklustre" response.

"One thing I know is that thousands of people who would otherwise have been able to feed themselves are not in a position to feed themselves and are succumbing to death because of starvation," Getachew said.

"Whether you call it famine or a risk of famine or a potential famine, for me it's purely academic... What transpired in 1985,

for example, would pale into comparison, if we fail to address the kind of unfolding famine that's staring us in the eye."

What he was referring to were the devastating crises of the mid-1980s when many hundreds of thousands died in a famine in Tigray and elsewhere.

These comparisons infuriate the federal government in Addis Ababa which denies there is famine.

Shiferaw Teklemariam, commissioner of the Ethiopian disaster risk management commission, said Ethiopia was a victim of climate change. He warned regional governments against politicising the issue and urged them and the international community to do more. "There is a drought, no famine," said Shiferaw. "The government is responding very seriously, but at the same time we call on all stakeholders to do their share."

There are politics here. Past famines in Ethiopia have sometimes been linked to the downfall of governments. Analysts say the word makes the current administration - led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed - nervous.

The government is working with the UN to tackle the food crisis but the economy here is weak and budgets are being cut.

The truth is that no-one really knows how bad this crisis is because hard data is difficult to obtain.

Media access is limited. Many areas in the north are impossible for humanitarian agencies to visit because of continuing fighting, especially in Amhara.

There, and in neighbouring Afar region, there are fears the food crisis could be even worse than in Tigray. Successive anecdotal evidence - reports from villages and towns across northern Ethiopia - suggest the situation is deteriorating.

What most sides agree is the international community should be doing more.

Last year USAID, America's development agency, and the United Nations World Food Programme suspended humanitarian support for five months after it emerged that huge amounts were being stolen, much of it to feed various armed forces.

This has aggravated the situation. The world is also distracted by conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine and less attention and funding is being

targeted at Ethiopia.

The head of the UN here, Ramiz Alakbarov, said this was a forgotten crisis. "The world is not paying attention," he said.

"We grieve for all the troubles and difficulties elsewhere, yet people in this part of the world cannot be forgotten. We need to get organised and donors need to step up contributions."

At a food distribution centre in Mekelle, we saw the World Food Programme doing what it could, handing out scoops of wheat and lentils along with cups of oil.

The hungry queue up bearing QR codes which identify them, their households and their needs. But the food they get is a bare minimum and budgets are running thin.

Claire Nevill, who speaks for the WFP in Ethiopia, said what was needed was not just food assistance but help to get people back to their farms so they can feed themselves.

The problem is that parts of the country are still occupied by militias and Eritrean forces.

"In Ethiopia you have several overlapping crises at a time," she said.

"We have drought, people recovering from a two-year conflict, rising inflation, an upsurge in cases of disease and all of this together just pushes people further into hunger and malnutrition. So if we don't get food assistance to people right now, the situation will worsen."

Back in Ayder hospital we met Tsige Degef, 28, whose 15-month old daughter, Bereket, was malnourished.

And her story was typical. Ms Tsige's extended family were forced to sell their oxen during the war to pay for expensive cereals. When peace came, the crops failed and there was nothing to fall back on.

Ms Tsige was already struggling when Bereket fell ill. "Her feet and legs were swollen," she said. "I was so worried. She was vomiting every day. The fear of a mother with a sick child is the fear of death."

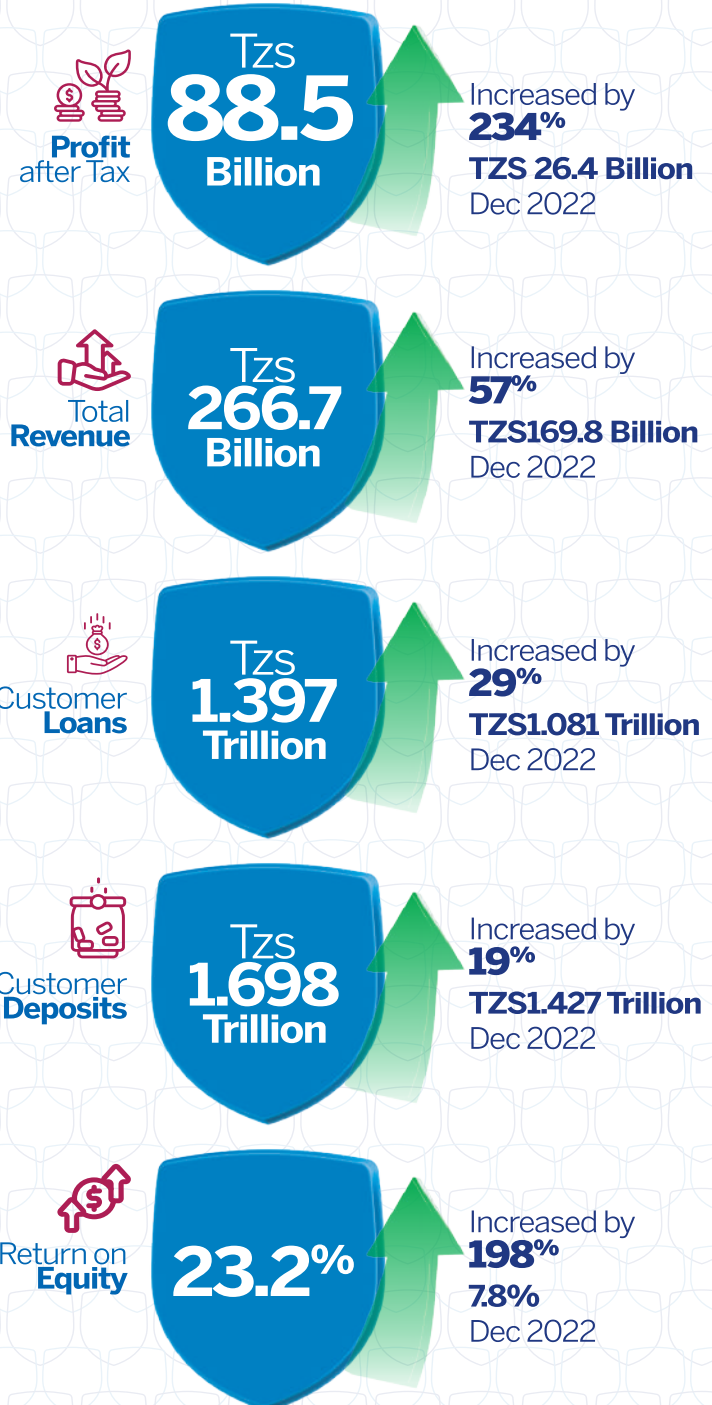
But Bereket is getting better and Ms Tsige is hopeful of leaving hospital. "I wish she will heal soon," she said.

"I want to open a tea shop and sell things so I can better protect my child. I promise to do the best I can so that she doesn't suffer in the future."



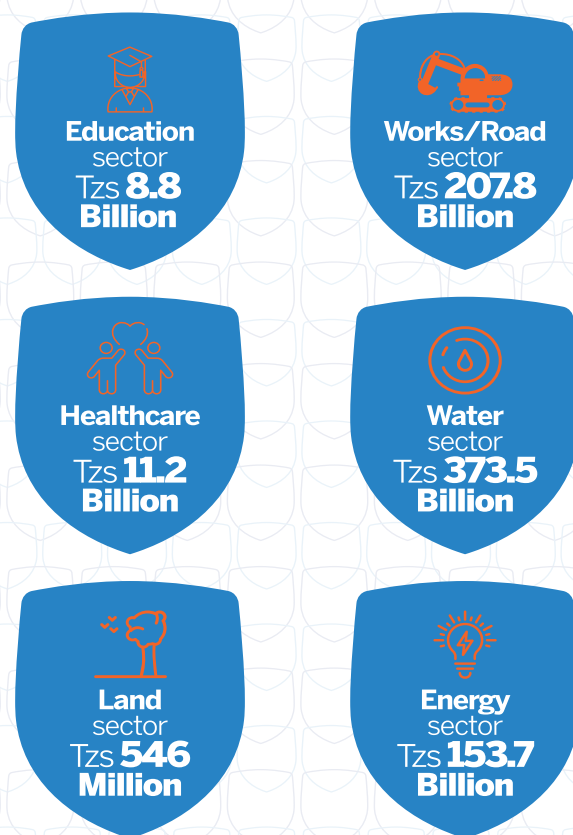
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# Report sounds alarm on corruption in Nicaragua

By Special Correspondent

NICARAGUA ranks among the nine most corrupt countries in the world, according to the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) released on January 30th by Transparency International.

It ranked as the most corrupt country in Central America and second only to Haiti on the American continent.

According to the CPI, Nicaragua's public sector scored 17 points, on a scale of 1 - 100 (where 100 is "very clean" and 0 is "highly corrupt"). This puts it on a par with North Korea, Equatorial Guinea and Haiti. Countries perceived as even more corrupt included Yemen (16 points); Venezuela, Syria and South Sudan, (13 points each); and Somalia (11 points).

"Venezuela, Haiti and Nicaragua presented the lowest scores, with a context of widespread impunity and a total absence of independence in the judicial branch," noted the NGO based in Berlin, Germany.

In Venezuela and Nicaragua, two countries that have been ranked near the bottom in past years as well, scores dropped still further this year. "We're speaking about dictatorships" where there's no division of power of any kind, and opaqueness reigns, while the borders between the legal and the illegal are extremely diffuse," Luciana Torchiano, Transparency International's regional advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, told the EFE news



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agency.

Other Latin American countries that are perceived as sunk in corruption but fall in a more moderate range are: Cuba (42 points); Colombia (40); Argentina (37); Brazil (36); Dominican Republic (35); Panama (35); Ecuador (34); Peru (33); El Salvador (31) and Mexico (31).

Among the countries with the least perceived corruption are Denmark, once again receiving 90 points, followed by Finland with 87, and New Zealand with 85. The only three Latin American countries scoring

Public confidence damaged by the perceived impunity

"The sense of impunity and the inability of prosecutors and judges to proceed impartially and guarantee fair trials and equality before the law significantly impacts public trust in the judiciary," the Transparency International report alerted.

"This, in turn, discourages reporting, as the institution is perceived as corrupt, unreliable, and unsafe. The most severely affected are the poorest and most vulnerable groups, such as women, indigenous people, Afro-descendants, sexual minorities, and migrants. These groups often experience discrimination when seeking justice," the organization noted.

Transparency International says the lack of judicial independence puts the brakes on combatting corruption, and with two-thirds of the countries in the region scoring under 50 of the 100 possible points, the Americas continue facing serious challenges in the fight against corruption.

"The lack of independence of the judiciary in the region is one of the main problems. It undermines the rule of law and promotes impunity for the powerful and criminals, to the detriment of the people and the common good," the report warned.

According to the organization, a robust and independent judiciary in the Americas would lead to more just societies, oriented to the common good and free of corruption and impunity.

Influence of corrupt elites  
The organization also explained that another factor facilitating corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean is the undue influence of political and economic elites.

In cases of extreme cooptation of judges and prosecutors by the political elites, as has been seen in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador, the Judicial Branch has become a tool for attacking the honest judges and prosecutors, the report denounced.

"Recently, in the two latter countries (Guatemala and El Salvador), the Judicial Power has been utilized to manipulate electoral processes, putting democracy at risk; and in the case of Nicaragua, it has been used to consolidate the dictatorship," stated Transparency International.

Meanwhile, Luciana Torchiano expressed concern about the case of Guatemala, one of the countries whose score has declined most since 2012 - 10 points. This is principally due to the construction of an economic and political elite in the country, following three consecutive governments tied to corrupt practices.

In Guatemala the so-called "Pact of the Corrupt" utilized different strategies to coopt the State institutions, principally the judicial power, in order to remain in power and be able to guarantee their impunity, she noted.

New hopes in Guatemala and some regression in Brazil

At the same time, Torchiano has invested hope in newly inaugurated Guatemalan President Bernardo Arevalo, who has assumed power under "a very important anti-corruption banner."

In Brazil, there's been a "regressive tendency" in the struggle against corruption in the

past few years, in which both the former president, Jair Bolsonaro, and the current president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, have appointed people close to them to key posts such as Attorney General.

Chile, despite maintaining an outstanding position for the strength of its democratic institutions and high levels of transparency, is also considered one of the countries "to observe" by the organization, since its score has dropped significantly since 2014.

This is due to diverse cases of corruption that have tainted figures from nearly all the principal political parties and many of the major government institutions.

Nonetheless, Torchiano displayed confidence that the country is poised to recover its leadership in the region, since its institutions remain much stronger than those in the rest of the countries. Also, Chile maintains a system of checks and balances that functions well, in addition to a national anticorruption strategy.

The Dominican Republic is the only Latin American country that improved its ranking on the 2023 Perceived Corruption Index, due to a number of factors, but mainly for the strengthening of its judicial system through independent appointments, the advisor stressed.

Transparency International underlined that the Americas: "urgently needs more robust and independent judiciaries to enhance justice, tackle impunity and face the growth of transnational corruption networks."

Luciana Torchiano also highlighted the responsibilities of citizens, who must demand accountability. She emphasized the opportunity citizens have in this "super electoral cycle" - including the elections that were held in 2023 and those scheduled for this year in the region - to exercise their votes "consciously" and not cede more ground to the corrupt.

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KEZI, Zimbabwe

FIVE years ago, farmer Selhisiwe Sibanda would walk into a nearby forested area to fill a scotch cart with huge wood logs for cooking and heating; a pile of firewood would last her a week during the summer. But now she does not need a cartful of huge logs. Small branches and twigs are enough to last for more than a month.

Since building a wood-efficient stove, twigs and kindle have provided enough energy to cook meals, warm bath water, and bake scones for her family of five.

The tsotso stove is made of bricks in the shape of a box with two holes on top covered with repurposed plough iron wheels, an oven and a smoke chimney fixed to the wall. Tsotso is a local language word for kindle.

The stoves use less wood fuel and emit less pollution than cooking over an open fire. Now Sibanda can cook in her kitchen.

"The stove has been a life saver for me; my family now eats hot meals and has hot bath water every day," she chuckles, showing the stove in the middle of her rondavel's kitchen.

"Cooking in the kitchen has become an easy and enjoyable task; the stove is clean and does not produce irritating smoke, and now my family gathers around in the kitchen whenever I am cooking or baking. It has brought us together."

Sibanda bakes buns that she sells at local schools and to neighbours. She uses part of the income from her baking to buy feed for her chickens, which she sells for between USD 5 and USD 6. Selling six chickens earns her enough money to pay a tractor driver to plough her fields.

The stove has helped Sibanda and several women access energy efficiently and reduce deforestation in their village in Kezi, southern Zimbabwe. With many communities not connected to the electricity grid, wood is the key source of energy for cooking and heating. Firewood harvesting is a high price to pay for environmental protection in an arid region that experiences massive deforestation and desertification.



Sinikiwe Ngwenya shows off her energy-saving stove, which uses twigs.

## Energy-saving stoves change women's lives in Zimbabwe

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Biomass is a key source of energy for cooking across Zimbabwe. Most women carry the burden of collecting firewood and cooking on open fires, which exposes them to smoke pollution and puts their health at risk. The improved stoves are making a difference because they emit less smoke and use wood more efficiently, saving women the drudgery of collecting huge logs many kilometres from their homes.

Zimbabwe has been losing over 260,000 hectares of forests annually as a result of demand for wood fuel and land clearance for agriculture. This is worrisome given that the country is only planting an average of 34 hectares per year, according to the Zimbabwe Forestry Commission.

Sibanda was trained to build the stoves, and she is a community mobiliser and also trains other women to make them. Another farmer, Sinikiwe Ngwenya, who had a stove built in her home, says the stove has also changed her life.

"Having this stove has made life easy for me; I do not worry about getting a lot of firewood to cook outside, and I have more time to do other tasks because cooking is less of a hassle," says Ngwenya. "I no longer have to bend when cooking, which is good for my health; besides, my family now enjoys warm meals anytime, and I get to bake buns that I sell."

Selhisiwe Sibanda inside her kitchen. She says her kitchen is pleasant to work in because of an energy-efficient stove that does not emit a lot of smoke.

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### Saving Health, Maybe Trees Too

By getting women to use stoves, a local NGO is not only helping save trees from deforestation but also giving women a hand in easing unpaid care work and also a chance for them to generate income. The women construct the stoves themselves.

Adapting wood-efficient technology,

such as the Tsotso stove, is helping women save trees and reduce the burden of unpaid care work.

Women bear the drudgery of collecting firewood, says Lakiness Zimanyiwa, a Programme Officer with the Hope for a Child in Christ (HOCIC), a local NGO that has trained women in rural areas on constructing Tsotso stoves under its Securing Rights Programme (SRP PGII) to uplift women economically.

"Tsotso stoves were developed with the aim of reducing the burden of unpaid care work by women as they reduced time taken by women to fetch firewood, and they helped improve income through baking using the stove and selling scones to the community. The stoves are faster, so families have more time to participate in other essential tasks," Zimanyiwa told IPS.

The stoves have also helped reduce deforestation in Maphisa, as women now take less time gathering firewood and only need to collect twigs, which are enough for cooking a family meal, says Pesticence Mukwena, a project officer with HOCIC.

The world is halfway to the deadline for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and Africa is off the mark on several of them, including SDG 7 on access to clean energy, according to the United Nations. A UN Policy Brief on Advancing SDG7 in Africa recommends that policies and financing for clean cooking should be integrated into poverty alleviation and health strategies at the national level.

Selhisiwe Sibanda holds a dish of freshly baked buns from an energy-saving stove in her kitchen in Maphisa village, Zimbabwe.

Gender Considerations Crucial to Energy Alternatives

"The gender element is also crucial, as engaging women in clean cooking businesses will boost results and make such endeavours more lasting. Addressing this should range from awareness-raising campaigns to directly engaging women as champions and entrepreneurs," the UN notes.

## Solar energy gives important boost to small-scale farmers in Chile

By Orlando Milesi  
MOSTAZAL, Chile

THE installation of photovoltaic panels to use solar energy to irrigate small farms is expanding quickly in Chile because it lowers costs and optimizes the use of scarce water resources.

This long, narrow South American country that stretches from the northern Atacama Desert to the southern Patagonia region and from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific Ocean is extremely rich in renewable energies, especially solar and wind power.

Last year, 36.6 percent of Chile's electricity mix was made up of Non-Conventional Renewable Energies (NCREs), whose generation in May 2023 totalled 2392 gigawatt hours (GWh), including 1190 GWh of solar power.

This boom in the development of alternative energies has been mainly led by large companies that have installed solar panels throughout the country, including the desert. The phenomenon has also reached small farmers throughout this South American country who use solar energy.

In family farming, solar energy converted into electricity is installed with the help of resources from the government's Agricultural Development Institute (Indap), which promotes sustainable production of healthy food among small farmers, incorporating new irrigation techniques.

In 2020 alone, the last year for which the institute provides data, Indap promoted 206 new irrigation projects that incorporated NCREs with an investment of more than 2.1 million dollars.

That year, of the projects financed and implemented, 182 formed part of the Intrapedia Irrigation Programme, 17 of the Minor Works Irrigation Programme and seven of the Associative Irrigation

Programme. The investment includes solar panels for irrigation systems.

Within this framework, 2025 photovoltaic panels with an installed capacity of 668 kilowatts were installed, producing 1002 megawatt hours and preventing the emission of 234 tons of carbon dioxide.

An experience in Mostazal "Solar panels have made an immensely important contribution to our energy expenditure. Without them we would consume a lot of electricity," 50-year-old farmer Myriam Miller said at her farm in the municipality of Mostazal, 66 km south of Santiago, where some 54,000 people live in different communities.

Miller has half a hectare of land, with a small portion set aside for three greenhouses with nearly 1,500 tomato plants. Other tomato plants grow in rows outdoors, including heirloom varieties whose seeds she works to preserve, such as oxheart and pink tomatoes.

Indap provided 7780 dollars in financing to install the solar panels on her land. Meanwhile, she and her husband, Freddy Vargas, 51, who run their farm together, contributed 10 percent of the total cost.

In 2023, Miller and Vargas built a third greenhouse to increase their production, which they sell on their own land.

"We're producing around 8,000 kilos of tomatoes per season. This year we will exceed that goal. We're happy because we're moving ahead little by little and improving our production year," Miller said as she picked tomatoes.

On the land next to the tomato plants, the couple grows vegetables, mainly lettuce, some 7,000 heads a year. They also have fruit trees.

Vargas said that they need electricity to irrigate the greenhouses because "it's not easy to do it by hand."

The farm has two wells that

hold about 30,000 liters of water that arrives once a week from a dam located two kilometers away. This is the water they use to power the pumps to irrigate the greenhouses.

"We have water rights and Indap provided us with solar panels and tools to automate irrigation. They gave us four panels and we made an additional investment, with our own funds, and installed six," Vargas explained.

The couple consumes between 250 and 300 kilowatts per month and the surplus energy they generate is injected into the household grid.

"We don't have storage batteries, which are more expensive. Every month the electric company sends us a bill detailing the total we have injected into the grid and what we have consumed. They calculate it and we pay the difference," Vargas said.

The average savings in the cost of consumption is 80 percent.

"I haven't paid anything in the (southern hemisphere) summer for years. In the winter I spend 30,000 to 40,000 pesos (between 33 and 44 dollars) but I only pay between 5,000 and 10,000 pesos a month (5.5 to 11 dollars) thanks to the energy I generate," the farmer said.

Above and beyond the savings, Miller stressed the "personal growth and social contribution we make with our products that go to households that need healthier food. We feel good about contributing to the environment."

"We have a network, still small, of agroecological producers. There is a lack of information among the public about what people eat," she added.

Their tomatoes are highly prized. "People come to buy them because of their flavour and because they are very juicy. Once people taste them, they come back and recommend them by word of



Myriam Miller and Freddy Vargas stand next to one of the three greenhouses on their farm, where tomatoes are growing, anticipating an optimal harvest this year. The couple uses no chemical fertilizers to ensure the healthy development of thousands of plants on their farm in Mostazal, a municipality in central Chile.

mouth," Miller said.

She is optimistic and believes that in the municipalities of Mostazal and nearby Codegua, young people are more and more interested in contributing to the planet, producing their own food and selling the surplus.

"We just need a little support and more interest in youth projects in agriculture to raise awareness that just as we take care of the land, it also gives to us," she said.

A pesticide-free new generation

Valentina Martínez, 32, is an environmental engineer. Together with her father, Simón, 75, they work as small farmers in the municipality of María Pinto, 60 kilometers north of Santiago. She has a 0.45 hectare plot and her father has a 0.35 hectare plot.

Both have just obtained funding from the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture (TAS) project, which operates within Indap, and they are excited about production with-

out chemical fertilizers and are trying to meet the goal of securing another larger loan that would enable them to build a greenhouse and expand fruit and vegetable production on the two farms.

"It's a two-year programme. In the first year you apply and they give you an incentive of 450,000 pesos (500 dollars) focused on buying technology. I've invested in plants, fruit trees, worms, and containers for making preserves," said Valentina.

In the second year, depending on the results of the first year, they will apply for a fund of 3900 dollars for each plot, to invest in their production.

"This year my father and I will apply for solar panels to improve irrigation," said Valentina, who is currently dedicated to producing seedlings.

"My father liked the idea of producing without agrochemicals to combat pests," she said about Simón, who has a fruit tree orchard and also grows vegetables.

In María Pinto there are 380 small farmers on the census, but the real number is estimated at about 500. Another 300 are medium-sized farmers.

The rest of the area is monopolized by large agricultural companies dedicated to monocultures for export. Most of them have citrus, avocado, cherry and peach trees, as well as some walnut trees, and they all make intensive use of chemical fertilizers.

Chile exports mainly copper, followed by iron. But it also stands out for its sales of fish, cellulose pulp and fruit. In 2023, it exported 2.3 million tons of fruit, produced by large farms and bringing in 5.04 billion dollars. Agriculture represents 4.3 percent of the country's GDP.

Family farming consists of some 260,000 small farms, which account for 98 percent of the country's farms, according to the government's Office of Agrarian Studies and Policies (Odepa).

Family farms produce 40

percent of annual crops and 22 percent of total agricultural production, which is key to feeding the country's 19.7 million people.

Valentina is excited about TAS and the meetings she has had with other young farmers.

"It's fun. We're all on the same page and interested in what each other is doing. We start in December and January and it lasts all year. The young people are learning about sustainable agriculture and that there are more projects to apply for," she explained.

She said that 15 young people in María Pinto have projects with pistachio trees, fruit trees, greenhouse gardens, outdoor gardens, animal husbandry and orchards. They are all different and receive group and individual training.

The training is provided by Indap and the Local Development Programme (Prodesal), its regional representatives and the Foundation for the Promotion and Development of Women (Prodemu).



# New education policy a crucial move meant to transform the country's education sector

By Correspondent  
Daniel Sembeya

THE year 2023 marked a new dawn for the country's education sector, as the government approved the new Education and Training Policy 2023 edition and curriculum which embrace competence and skills in learning.

It took more than three years to get the new Education and Training Policy 2023 which is implemented starting this 2024 academic year.

Atupele Mwambene is the Director for Planning and Policy in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; he attributes the current improvements in the education sector with efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He said that public opinions on the review of the education policy and curriculum were received and supported by the President who had through different platforms promised to work on people's opinions, insisting the need to review the education policy and curriculum to prepare competent graduates who meet local and international labour market demands.

The document is also meant to ensure students are equipped with necessary skills in various fields.

Addressing the National Assembly in 2021, the President promised that the government would review the education and training policy as well as the curricula.

"The 2023 education policy has come into existence after undergoing several reviews. The call for the reviews and the ideas for having a new policy and curriculum were raised by the general public who pushed for it to be improved to cater for the current needs," said Mwambene who was speaking in Dar es Salaam recently at a Policy Forum's dialogue titled 'Elevating Tanzania's Education Sector: A glimpse into the 2023 education and training policy.'

Some of the challenges that pushed Tanzanians to demand for review of the document include unemployment to the graduates, discipline issues, lack of competence among graduates and poor understanding on a number of issues.

The Education and Training Policy 2023 states that compulsory education will include primary and lower secondary education and will be provided for 10 years.

The education system will be divided into elementary education, primary education, secondary education and higher education.

The new move is expected to give graduates a power of critical thinking, innovation, leadership and communication and information, technology know-how, so that they can cope with challenges in the community.

Secondary education at lower level will be divided into two streams, which are general education and practical education.

One of the central amendments in the revised policy is the extension of compulsory education from seven to 12 years.



This compulsory education alteration mandates Tanzanian children to attend school from the age of six until they complete secondary education. This aims to widen access to education and ensure quality education is received by a greater number of children.

Another significant alteration is the introduction of practical training in schools.

The policy underscores the need to equip students with practical skills relevant to their future careers, encompassing training in fields such as agriculture, entrepreneurship, and technical skills, while still in secondary schools and not after secondary schools education.

This change is designed to prepare students for the workforce and enhance their employability post-graduation.

Acting National Coordinator of the Tanzania Education Network (TEN-EMT), Martha Malata commended the government for improvement of the policy, saying it is a good move geared to transform the country's education sector.

Mlata called upon the government and other key players in the education sector to continue providing education to the public so that every Tanzanian understands it.

"We need to continue with awareness campaigns for both parents and students to be aware of the new policy and how they are going to benefit from it," said Mlata.

Charles Mwambene, Data Manager from Shule Direct—an organization that deals with digital education, said they are prepared to continue providing education services under the new policy, adding that through artificial intelligence they will be able to reach a large number of people, as they do not need physical infrastructures to do so.

At a different forum, Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda assured that the new documents match with economic trends, including the 21st century's technological needs in the world as it intends to have in place a vibrant, diversity and result-oriented policy and curricular.

Mkenda said the policy states the age of starting first grade, which has been reduced from seven to six years, as is the case

in many countries around the world.

However, practical education will be an impor-

tant part of the education system and will be provided according to the curricula of the relevant level

while upper secondary education or standardized practical education will be a basic require-

ment for joining higher education. Higher education will be divided into general education and

practical education.

In these improvements, education outside the formal system will be recognized and those who will go through the system will have the opportunity to join the formal education system according to the set criteria.

The system also provides room for those out of the education system to be enrolled in formal education according to the set criteria, so that they can benefit from the opportunities in the formal sector.

The government states that it will put in place a system which will guarantee that graduates at all levels get the needed skills and competence according to the national standards.

Also, those in compulsory education will keep on enjoying the free fees education.

The provision of a single textbook for primary and secondary education is another notable change.

This shift from multiple textbooks from diverse publishers to a single textbook aims to standardize the curriculum and ensure consistency in teaching and learning. Additionally, the revised policy underscores the development of special talents among students, recognizing that every student possesses unique talents and abilities that should be nurtured and developed.

The revised policy also aims to lessen the cost of education for parents.

Implementing this revised education policy will necessitate collaboration from all stakeholders, including the government, schools, teachers, parents, and the community.



## TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

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2	Wines produced loacally grown fruits such as banana, tomatoes etc	Domestic cont 75%	17,435.37	11,482.00
	Cigars, Cheroots and Cigarettes of tobacco or tobacco substitutes	All	42,214.37	29,854.00
3	other manufasctured tobacco and manufactured substitute	All	42,214.37	29,854.00
	Beer made from malt, unmalted etc	locally produced	18,312.91	14,857.00
4	Beer made from malt, unmalted etc	Imported	23,093.20	17,795.00
	Fruit juice includiung grapes must and vegetable juices2, unfermented not containing spirit	locally produced	8,082.62	6,889.00
5	Fruit juice includiung grapes must and vegetable juices2, unfermented not containing spirit	Imported	15,264.51	10,068.00
6	Waters includimg natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated water not containing added sugar	All	8,082.62	6,889.00
	Sweetened or flavoured waters and other non alcoholic beverages not including fruit juice	Sweetened/Flavoured water under tarrif no. 2202.10.00	8,082.62	6,889.00
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## Dollar appreciates two-month high as Fed rate cut recede

SINGAPORE/LONDON

The dollar rose to a two-month high against its major peers on Monday as traders clawed back bets for aggressive rate cuts by the Federal Reserve this year.

The Fed re-pricing has followed Friday's blockbuster US jobs report that far exceeded market expectations and sent US bond yields soaring, boosting the country's currency.

Treasury yields rose further on Monday after Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank could "give it some time" before cutting interest rates. Japan's yen fell to its lowest since early December in early Asia trade at 148.82 per dollar, before steadying to stand at 148.43.

Meanwhile, the euro was last down 0.26 percent at \$1.0762, around its lowest since mid-December.

The moves helped push the dollar index up 0.12 percent to 104.17, its highest since Dec. 11.

"Markets continue to be bounced around by data and central bank speak," said Chris Turner, global head of markets at ING.

"Friday's surprisingly strong US jobs data questions the Fed's view that the labour market is coming into better balance."

In an interview with the CBS news show "60 Minutes" that aired on Sunday night and was conducted on Thursday, Powell said the Fed could be "prudent" in deciding

when to cut its benchmark interest rate.

He said a strong economy allowed central bankers time to build confidence that inflation would continue to slow.

"Reasons for a bullish USD trend continue to multiply... and now markets having to seriously reassess Powell's pushback to March rate cut pricing," said Charu Chanana, head of FX strategy at Saxo Bank.

### Rate cut expectations

Fed funds futures now show roughly 120 basis points (bps) worth of easing priced in for the Fed this year, down from about 150 bps at the end of last year.

A March cut is now seen as a roughly 16 percent possibility, down sharply from around 50 percent a week ago. Sterling edged down 0.17 percent to \$1.2612, around a two-week low.

The pound showed little reaction to revised data that indicated Britain's unemployment rate stood at around 3.9 percent in the three months to November, compared with a previous experimental estimate of 4.2 percent.

The Aussie was last down 0.16 percent to \$0.6501, after sinking as low as \$0.6487 in Asian trading.

Treasury yields rose again on expectations of higher-for-longer U.S. rates, with the two-year yield, which typically reflects near-term interest rate expectations, last up 8 basis points at 4.445 percent, after jumping 18 bps on Friday.



## MARKETS:

# Weekly winners and losers in Tanzania's equity market



DSE stock brokers participate in online trading. File photo

By Guardian Reporter

LAST week was good for the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) activities.

The market report shows that all indicators including total and domestic turnovers, market capitalization and indices closed the week on positive notes, when compared to the previous week.

Total turnover surged by 473.81 percent to 7.39bn/- last week compared to 1.39bn/- during the previous week drive by block trades.

The largest market transactions were held during the last two days of the week, with a combined amount of 5.7bn/-, which involved block trades of 7 million shares on CRDB Bank counter and 100,000 shares on NMB Bank counter.

The total volume of shares traded during the week amounted to 14,165,794, showing a massive increase of 616.9 percent compared to the previous week's trading volume of 1,975,833. CRDB took the lead in trading, by 79.20 percent of all activities, primarily attributed to block trades executed on Thursday and Friday.

TCC followed with an 11.26 percent, mainly contributed by the block trade on Wednesday, and with a 6.94 percent, influenced by the block trade

on Friday.

The report shows foreign investors entered into the market activities by buying and selling shares through block trades, involving Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC), CRDB Bank Plc, NMB Bank Plc and Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) counters.

On the buying side, foreign investors exchanged 140,500 TCC shares valued 899mn/- through block trade in one deal, pushing their total value of shares they bought during the current quarter to 1.05bn/- from 157mn/- during the closing session of last month.

The move has also raised their percentage of shares bought during the current quarter to 6.16 percent at the end of last week, from 1.33 percent recorded during the end of last month. Foreigner investors have so far recorded a net outflow amounting to 8.1bn/- during the current quarter, which is equivalent to 250 percent of net outflows recorded during the first quarter of last year.

Market analyst expect continued foreign investors exit from Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), as many were migrating to fixed incomes in developed economies markets, due to rising interest rates and weaker currencies

in the local market.

The market report shows, since the start of this quarter, total turnover of 18.9bn/- has already been recorded, of which local investors dominated the market through both buying and selling activity, with 93.84 percent and 51.10 percent respectively.

### Share Prices

The weekly equity market by Exodus Advisory Limited, brokers and members of the DSE shows that eight out of 28 both locally and cross listed companies saw their share prices gaining last week, compared to the previous week.

However, only DSE, the self-listed company saw its share price declining by 1.10 percent to 1,800 at the end of last week, compared to 1,820/- recorded during the previous week.

The firm's weekly report shows CRDB Bank, top market mover, counter experienced the share gains by 1.09 percent, after closing at 465/- at the end of last week, compared to 460/- recorded at the end of the previous week.

Top gainer during the reviewed period was East African Breweries Limited (EABL), the cross listed company, after its share price gained by 14.29 percent to 1,760/- at the end of last week, compared to 1,540/-

recorded during the previous week, after recording gains at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), where it is originally listed.

The NSE market report shows, the company share price, closed at Ksh113.50 at the end of last week, compared to Ksh104 recorded at the end of the previous week, following the release of its interim financial report.

According to the report, the largest brewer in EA recorded a growth in net sales by 16 percent to Ksh66.5 billion while volume grew 2 percent relative to the same period last year. This resulted from effective strategic pricing, product portfolio, and commercial activities.

Its profit after tax of Ksh6.8 billion was recorded, which was 22 percent less compared to the same period last year.

The DSE market report shows second top gainer was Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), which its share price went up by 7.83 percent to 2,480/- from 2,300/-, followed by KBC Bank, which its share closed 6.45 percent up at 330/- at the end of last week, compared to 310/- respectively, after its share price increase at the NSE.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) counter saw its share price gaining by

5.39 percent to 4,300/- at the end of last week, compared to 4,080/- recorded during the previous week, while Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) share price went up by 2.90 percent to 2,840/- compared to 2,760/- respectively.

Other weekly gainer included NICO and NMG, which their shares increased by 1.96 percent and 1.61 percent to 520/- and 315/- respectively at the end of last week, compared to 510/- and 310/- respectively.

### Share Indices

According to Exodus Advisory report, The All-Share Index (DSEI) underwent a favorable change, rising by 2.14 percent to achieve a level of 1,739.63 points. Simultaneously, the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) exhibited positive momentum, expanding by 0.57 percent and reaching 4,313.76 points.

The Banking, Finance & Investment sector index (BF) increased by 0.87 percent closing at 4,555.85 points. Also, Industrial & Allied (IA) sector index increased by 0.87 percent, closing at 5,193.17 points. Commercial Services sector index remained constant 2,144.37 points.

### Market capitalization

The overall market capitalization experienced a 2.14 percent growth, culminating at 14,519.69bn/-.

# Mortgage refinance firm welcomes new shareholder

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited (TMRC) has officially welcomed Absa Bank Tanzania Limited as its 19th shareholder following its investment of 1.62bn/- capital injection.

TMRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Oscar Mgaya, made the announcement in Dar es Salaam yesterday as he welcomed the bank as its new nineteenth shareholder.

The CEO said Absa went through a long process to joining in the team, and with that as TMRC, they were happy to celebrate Absa Bank Tanzania, as they ensure their cooperation in supporting financial institutions to enhance mortgage financing.

"Absa has joined TMRC shareholding as the 19th shareholder following the investment of 1.62bn/- capital in TMRC. The investment was concluded in January 2024,"

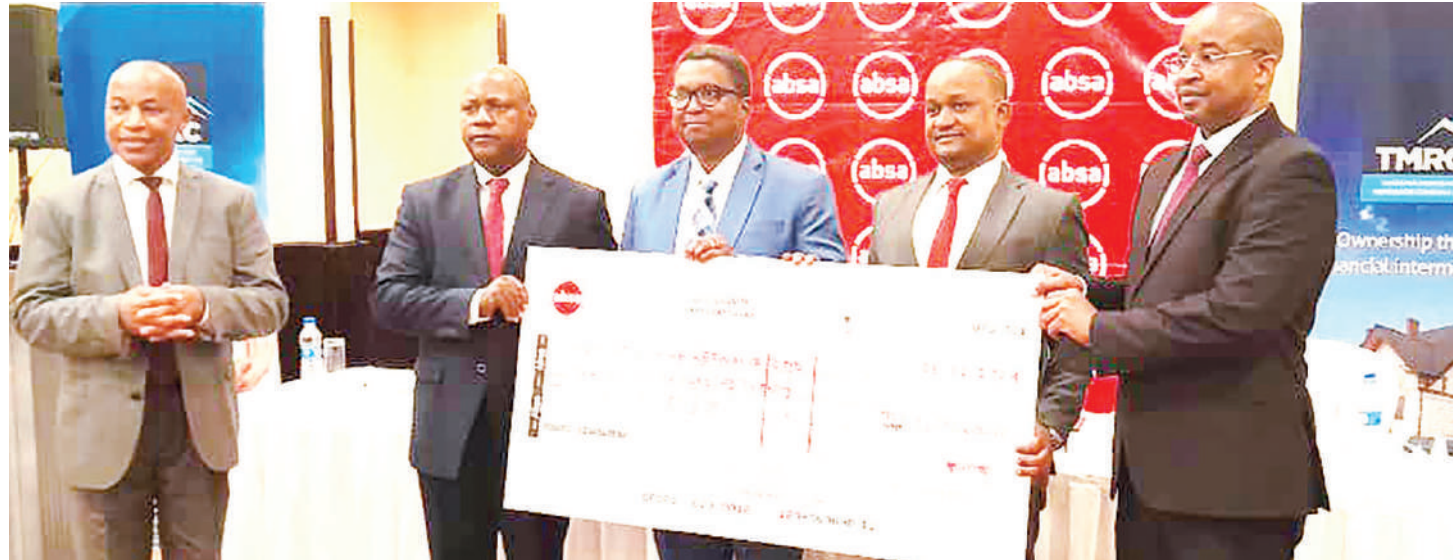
said Mgaya.

According to him, Absa Bank's joining TMRC will enable the bank to accessing funds for mortgage purposes from the refinancing company, as part of its strategy to grow its businesses through the issuance of mortgage credits.

He further said that 27.5bn/- has been invested so far by TMRC shareholders.

Obedi Laizer, Absa Bank Tanzania's managing director said in the pursuit of fulfilling the organisation's purpose; customers are put at the centre of everything they do as they consider them the ultimate beneficiaries.

"This arrangement gives us access to an enhanced limit on long-term funding from 5bn/- to 32bn/- which will all be directed towards mortgage lending to our customers to satisfy the current market appetite on housing loans and address the housing challenge faced by many Tanzanians today," Laizer said.



Oscar Mgaya, Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited CEO (C), Obedi Laizer (2nd R), Absa Bank Tanzania's managing director, and TMRC board chairman Theobald Sabi, (2nd L) display a 1.62bn/- Absa bank's dummy check as it officially joins as TMRC 19th shareholder. The event was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

He added, "This will ultimately make housing loans more accessible to our customers in the long run given that the long-term funding offered by TMRC will help reduce liquidity or funding risk incurred in the provision of

long-term loans for housing and as a result, we are going to reach even more mortgage customers than before." Laizer who has led the bank to attain the record-breaking profitability last year, stressed that as corporate citizens,

their other initiative is to ensure the support to the government initiatives by expanding credit considering their purpose of 'Empowering Africa's tomorrow, together...one story at a time.'

Theobald Sabi, who also serves as NBC Bank managing director and Tanzania Bankers Association chairman, said the coming of Absa Bank is proof that they are now at a better place to improve more in supporting the government's ini-

tiative in creating better and quality shelter among Tanzanians.

Absa is joining other stakeholders including CRDB Bank Plc, NMB Bank Plc National Bank of Commerce Ltd (NBC), TIB Development Bank Ltd, Azania Bank Plc, Exim Bank (T) Ltd and DCB Commercial Bank Plc.

Other financial institutions include, BancAbc Ltd, Bank of Africa (BOA) Tanzania, First Housing Finance Ltd, Peoples Bank of Zanzibar Ltd (PBZ) I&M Bank (T) Ltd, NCBA Bank Ltd, Mkombozi Commercial Bank Plc and Mwanga Hakika Bank (MHB), National Housing Corporation (NHC) and International Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Absa Bank is a subsidiary of Absa Group Limited, an African financial services group with presence in 12 countries across the continent and around 42,000 employees.



# Crafting successful marketing campaigns

By Alley Mtatya

WE are surrounded by ads. Whether it be the billboards or our mobile phones, we have commercials floating around us 24 hours 7 days of the week. All these promotions, outreaches and commercials are a part of marketing campaigns. A marketing campaign has some strategic activities that promote a brand or business. It has become a trend these days to promote a service or product with the help of marketing campaigns. Every day millions of active businesses across the world are grabbing the attention of people. That's the challenge, but with an effective marketing campaign, any business can run smoother than intended.

Good digital marketing can add that extra fuel to your business and marketing. It can add a concentrated burst of energy that pays off as a significant boost to your brand

reputation, awareness, and most important, sales. An ideal digital marketing campaign connects with the customer, increases the brand's awareness which ultimately increases business.

Many aspects go into creating a successful marketing campaign, but a few relevant things to keep in mind are: Create memorable content, Simplicity is better, Be authentic and Craft a powerful message. People want to consume content that enriches their lives and gives them an enjoyable experience. It's vital to find a balance between their interests and the values behind your business to ensure an authentic and meaningful campaign.

A winning campaign can elevate your brand's image and surpass your sales. A successful marketing campaign is not about flashy ads or funny commercials. It's about achieving tangible results. Keeping track of measurable indicators of



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your campaign can set up the right path for your brand's success. Here are the few steps that will help you create one of the best marketing campaigns.

The first and foremost step is to identify your audience. For instance, if you are planning to run a B2B facility, check the demographic and psychographic characteristics of the buying decision-makers. In that, geographical factors play an important role. The more the information you collect about your customers, the easier it will be to

run the campaign.

Second, set up the budget. Having sufficient funds can fulfill your desired goals. If you need any, check the availability of financial support, and set up the monthly/annual budget depending on your willingness to advertise it, your business size, industry, and what stage your business is in.

Third, develop your message. Creating a clear and loud message that has the potential to get a higher response rate. Your message must address three things - appeal

to the audience to evoke an emotional response, emphasize how your product/service will benefit them, and the third that can help you create a credible message is the testimonials. Adopting these three elements will help you develop a message that can strongly influence the target audience.

Fourth, build up your media strategy. Social media has a vital role to play in interacting with the audience. With interaction, sales will come, and with sales, revenue. What's more important is choosing the right advertising platform. It's equally important to promote true advertising. Therefore, you have to promote the right idea on the right platform with the right mindset.

Fifth, implementing the strategy is the easiest part of developing the best marketing campaigns. You need to have the right team to schedule the time and coordinate all the activities required to launch the campaign.

Sixth, analyze your results. The best marketing campaigns are developed that analyze their results and work on them. The path doesn't end after implementation. You have to track the results, responses and feedback you get post-launch. You have to work on them to learn better and minimize the faults. If the campaign is successful, work on making it better and extending its reach.

Every advertising campaign affects the brand. It's not a compulsion to get positive results all the time. However, advertising is a need to let your brand reach new heights in the corporate world.

The two biggest challenges in advertising are to measure the value of advertisement and ensure it resonates with the right audience.

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## Why China's team won't save spiralling markets



By Tom Westbrook & Summer Zhen

FOR a second day running, the state-backed buying likely scraped Chinese stocks from multi-year lows.

Investors doubt the support will last and warn it leaves markets unbalanced and unstable.

Formed in response to a market crash in 2015, the so-called "national team" of Chinese state-backed investors poured \$17 billion into index-tracking funds last month and were piling in on Friday and Monday as markets fell, analysts say.

On both days, the Shanghai Composite index slid suddenly to five-year lows before recovering simultaneously with surges in turnover at blue-chip stock tracking index funds.

But analysts and investors say propping up the market with cash can't be sustained and won't provide a lasting turnaround as long as the property sector remains weak and a weight on consumer and investor confidence. The task is also giant: mainland stocks are worth nearly \$9 trillion.

"This effect may resemble the outcome observed during the 2015 boom-and-bust cycle," said Dennis

Yang, Professor of Business Administration at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

"The short-term solution is unlikely to be sufficient for restoring long-term confidence among global investors without addressing the underlying issues in the Chinese economy."

In 2015 with a vastly more favourable economic backdrop the effect of "national team" buying was debatable and in any case, it took months for markets to find a bottom and more than five years for the blue-chip CSI300 to regain its peak.

This time analysts say similar buying has been evident for months - with S&P Global Market Intelligence tracking more than \$17 billion into blue-chip tracking funds last month - but there is no resolution in sight to the core growth problem.

"China's economy is shifting away from infrastructure and property investment and towards higher value-added industries," said Ben Bennett, Asia-Pacific investment strategist at Legal & General Investment Management.

"Recent stimulus is trying to ease the transition by focusing on the symptoms such as decelerating credit growth and volatile equity

markets. But the transition is still taking place, so such policies can only have a limited impact."

### Questionable

The underperformance of China's markets is stark, as are signals that investor trust and patience are spent.

Numerous market-focused support measures such as restrictions on short-selling or reductions in trading duties have also failed to staunch the sell-off, as have a number of government statements promising support but lacking details.

Most big investors say they are waiting for a spending package to help households. There has been no official confirmation of a Bloomberg News report of a mooted 2 trillion yuan stockmarket bailout fund.

"Consumers face multiple crises of confidence in debt, property, and employment, emphasising the multifaceted challenges confronting China's economy," said Michael Ashley Schulman, partner & CIO of Running Point Capital Advisors.

"The effectiveness of the market rescue ... is questionable if it does not address weak aggregate demand or the deeper issues

in the property market," he said. "Beijing's historical market interventions have shown short-lived impacts."

Foreign investors sold a net 18.2 billion yuan (\$2.5 billion) in Chinese equities last month to notch a sixth straight month of outflows.

The market has fallen six months in a row, losing 20 percent, while world shares added 5 percent. Small domestic investors are scrambling to buy funds tracking foreign shares.

To be sure, there are speculators circling who think that Chinese stocks are so cheap as to be bargain value. And the entry of state-backed investors could bend markets and open opportunities to follow the "national team" into index funds.

"The rescue is unbalanced, they mainly save the central (state-owned enterprises) and the blue-chip CSI 300 stocks," said Pang Xichun, research director at Nanjing RiskHunt Investment Management.

He recommends taking long positions in such state-owned companies and shorting small companies.

While not exactly a bet on improvement, such a position - at least for now - may be profitable. The CSI 300 finished Monday up 0.7 percent and the small-cap index down 6.2 percent.

## Five charts to watch in global commodity markets this week

By Sophie Caronello

It's another busy earnings period with reports coming from Big Oil firms BP Plc and TotalEnergies SE, as well as Caterpillar Inc., Tyson Foods Inc., Bunge Global SA, Orsted A/S and ArcelorMittal SA. Crop traders will focus on the US Department of Agriculture's monthly report on global supply and demand, with particular attention to South America's soybean harvest. In the US, President Joe Biden's decision to freeze approvals of new liquefied natural gas export licenses is under fire.

### Natural Gas

There are growing calls to reverse Biden's LNG decision, with moderate Democrats now urging the president to "refocus" his policy. On Tuesday, EQT Corp. Chief Executive Officer Toby Rice will testify at a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing. The head of the largest US natural gas producer has been critical of the move, saying it will result in higher emissions and hurt global energy security. The Senate will hold a separate hearing on Thursday, led by West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin. Meanwhile, Exxon Mobil Corp.'s Chief Financial Officer Kathy Mikells called the halt a "mistake." This moratorium affects LNG companies needing final US approval to export to countries without free trade agreements, a necessary permit to move for-

ward with customers and financing. Wood Mackenzie estimates another group of projects will require extensions of their existing permits before 2027, totaling almost the same amount of capacity as projects waiting for non-FTA approval.

### Shale

It's a good time to be working in the US shale patch. While explorers are planning to keep drilling budgets relatively flat this year, their labor costs seem to remain in growth mode.

Average hourly earnings for front-line oil-and-gas workers are now the highest ever. It's a key measure to watch as shale explorers push for greater efficiency by pulling more production from fewer drilling and frack crews.

### Agriculture

Soybean futures traded in Chicago are being walloped on slowing US exports and competition from Brazil, where the harvest is expected to be the second-largest on record. That has helped prop up expectations for a 12 percent boost in production for all of South America to a record 217.3 million metric tons in the current season. Traders will await the USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report on Thursday for the latest assessment of foreign harvests.

### Metals

Spot gold has been trading in a sideways pattern above \$2,000 a ounce

this year as traders weigh the outlook for Federal Reserve monetary policy. That wait-and-see approach is further evident when looking at trends in bullion-backed exchange-traded funds, which investors continue to shun. January marked the eighth straight month of outflows, the longest such streak since a year ago. While the weakness is likely to continue in the short term, a turnaround may unfold mid-year, helped by expected rate cuts by key global central banks and ongoing geopolitical risks, according to the World Gold Council. The non-interest bearing metal typically benefits from looser monetary policy when Treasury yields are lower and the dollar tends to be weaker.

### Shipping

Ship traffic near Africa's Cape of Good Hope remains elevated as vessels avoid the risks associated with transit through the Red Sea. Despite logging hundreds of extra miles and enduring higher costs, the total number of ships embarking on this alternate route has surged from a year ago, according to IMF PortWatch, which analyzes daily satellite vessel location and movement data. French container shipping giant CMA CGM SA became the latest to suspend operations through the Red Sea because of the threat of attacks by Iran-backed Houthi militants.

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Natural gas pipeline



# Investors shift into India's stock market, China faces uncertainty

MUMBAI

INDIA'S \$4 trillion stock market is pulling in billions of dollars of domestic and foreign money as investors flock to a fast-growing alternative to China, brushing aside risks around overpriced shares, upcoming elections and regulatory uncertainty.

The stream of investment has lifted the benchmark NSE Nifty 50 Index by a third in the last 10 months and attracted \$20 billion in foreign inflows in 2023, according to India's national depository data.

India's allure is rising this year as global investors seek substitutes for sickly Chinese markets and as expectations grow that national elections this year will see current Prime Minister Narendra Modi return for a rare third term.

And investors seem happy to overlook risks, such as the already lofty levels the market is priced at and any political surprises.

"The recent rally notwithstanding ... the upcoming elections notwithstanding, I think India is a good market for long term investors," said Vikas Pershad, portfolio manager for Asian equities at M&G Investments.

A steady flow of cash into the stock market from regular retail investment plans, currently averag-

ing \$2 billion a month, and buying by domestic institutional investors have been tailwinds.

Goldman Sachs sees the Nifty index, currently around 22,000, hitting 23,500 by the end of 2024, while local brokerage ICICI Securities expects a nearly 14 percent jump.

The market has become one of the world's most expensive ones. The 12-month forward price-to-earnings ratio, a widely used valuation measure, is 22.8 for the Nifty 50, three times China's and higher even than the US S&P 500 valuation at 20.23, according to LSEG data.

Despite lofty valuations, ICICI Securities expects Nifty earnings to grow at a compounded annual rate of 16.3 percent.

Global investors' desire to own a piece of the brightest market in the emerging world has been the catalyst, says Remi Olu-Pitan, head of multi-asset growth and income at asset manager Schroders, but that has meant an under-appreciation of the vulnerability and risks.

"Whilst longer term we like India, we completely agree with the growth story, we just worry the market might not be pricing some of the risks that are brewing at the moment," she said.

According to the International

Monetary Fund (IMF), India's GDP is expected to grow by 6.5 percent in 2024, versus China whose growth estimate is 4.6 percent.

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To be sure, investors are bracing for possible short-term volatility, particularly around the elections, and for the Nifty's rise to be less than linear. As they look to hedge the risk, implied stocks volatility is rising.

The chief risk is the level of expectations.

"It is not India or China, but India and China," says Nilesh Shah, chief executive officer of Mumbai-headquartered Kotak Mutual Fund, referring to how investors now think of the two markets.

"Since India's premium valuation is on account of other markets not doing that well, now if they start doing well, things could change," he said. And that, he said, meant the market would need to keep delivering better and consistent earnings growth.

While China's efforts to stabilise its economy and markets have yielded little so far, foreigners have been returning to mainland markets this year on hopes of an eventual rebound.

"A large chunk of the country's appeal right now is that it is not



India Prime Minister Narendra Modi

China," said Jeff Weniger, head of equity strategy, WisdomTree Investments.

"In other cycles, we could confidently say that the prospect of these stimulus packages from Bei-

jing would lift all boats, but the risk to India is a bull run in China taking away the intense fear that currently engulfs that stock market."

Stock market regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is already cautious.

As domestic institutions, which received inflows of over \$22 billion in 2023, burst at the seams, SEBI asked asset managers to stress test their mid and small-cap funds and tightened scrutiny of offshore funds which have concentrated holdings in local stocks.

Domestic ownership of Indian stocks is now at 35.6 percent, dwarfing the 16 percent foreign ownership. The remainder is owned by promoters, an Indian markets term for large shareholders who can influence company policy. FACTBOX-How foreign investors can invest in India)

The May election, however, is front and centre on investors' risk maps.

While Modi is hugely popular and his party is expected to maintain its majority in the country's parliament, a weaker than expected result could dampen its ability to push through economic measures that have helped drive markets higher.

"I think the political risk is the highest, so I would call it a low probability, high impact event," Hemant Mishr, chief investment officer at Singapore-based fund management company S CUBE Capital said.

"If it were to materialise, that would, more than the Middle East crisis, will have a bigger impact on India sentiment."

# Investors unruffled by departure of governor of Turkey central bank

ISTANBUL

INVESTORS who recently turned bullish on Turkey are unruffled by the shock departure of its central-bank governor, showing trust in the personal guarantee of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that the shift to market-friendly policies will continue.

In the past, surprise late-night changes at Turkey's central bank have fueled periods of financial stress. This time appears different, investors said, thanks largely to new Governor Fatih Karahan's credentials. The market reaction was muted on Monday as the lira fell 0.2 percent against the dollar while stocks rose.

Karahan, who succeeded Hafize Gaye Erkan, was an economist at the New York Federal Reserve and joined the revamped Monetary Policy Committee last year, serving as a deputy governor. His advance has the blessing of Finance Minister Mehmet Simsek.

"Replacing Erkan, whose credibility got hurt by personal issues, with a former Fed economist will positively impact the lira in the medium term," said Evren Kirikoglu, founder of Orca Macro. "I see more rate hikes are now possible to maintain

the central bank's credibility, which is also lira-positive."

Erkan, Turkey's first female governor, cited personal reasons and a smear campaign against her in local media for her decision late Friday to step aside after just eight months in the job. Hours later, Erdogan appointed Karahan as the new governor.

Five-year credit-default swaps climbed 7 basis points to 333 basis points on Monday. Shorter term local bonds rose, widening the yield spread between 2-year and 10-year notes to a record high of more than 15 percentage points.

In his first public statement on Sunday, Karahan, who holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and also worked as an economist for Amazon.com, looked to reassure investors, saying getting inflation under control was the top priority and that the central bank stood ready to act in case of any deterioration.

The combination of persistent inflation and the arrival of a new governor paves the way for more interest-rate hikes in 2024 – a departure from recent signs from Erkan, who indicated last month the end of tightening, according to Deutsche Bank AG.

"Given our view of sticki-

er inflation pressure in the near-term in combination with the appointment of the new governor, we see room for another 250 basis points or even 500 basis point of front-loaded tightening. The latter is not yet priced in," strategists including Christian Wietoska said in a note.

In 2021, the firing of then-Governor Naci Agbal, also late on a Friday night, triggered a 13 percent slide in the lira over the following two weeks, along with a jump of about 60 percent in the cost to insure Turkish government debt against potential default.

"The market is unlikely to view this as a repetition of Agbal's ouster," said Batuhan Ozsahin, chief investment officer at Ata Portfoy in Istanbul. "Market players will focus on messages about the continuation of tight monetary policy."

Since Erkan and Simsek, both former Wall Street Bankers, took their jobs last year, the lira has lost nearly 30 percent of its value against the dollar. The depreciation came after their decision to abandon a costly intervention policy that had sent Turkish foreign-exchange reserves deeply negative, deterred foreign investors, and in the end, hardly helped to support the currency.



# Increase in core inflation triggers concern in Kenya

NAIROBI

An increase in core inflation—the change in the costs of goods and services excluding those from the food and energy sectors—has triggered fresh concerns of pressure on interest rates ahead of Tuesday, when the monetary policy team of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) sets its new indicative lending rate.

CBK data shows that core inflation edged up to 3.6 percent in January 2024 from 3.4 percent in December, a three-month high rate.

The re-emergence of pressure on the non-food and non-fuel prices has coincided with the rebound in overall inflation or headline inflation which hit 6.9 percent last month from 6.6 percent in December.

The uptick in core inflation mirrors higher prices for general goods and services excluding food and fuel—whose prices are usually considered volatile despite their largely fixed demand.

The rise in core inflation will be

a matter of concern for CBK at its policy meeting on Tuesday, with the apex bank favouring the non-food/non-fuel gauge to monitor consumer prices and inform its policy stance.

Globally, monetary policy is seen as more responsive to core inflation by major central banks—a factor that could shape the decision of the CBK policy team on Tuesday.

The CBK on December 5, 2023, made a jumbo raise on its indicative lending rate to 12.50 percent from 10.50 percent. Core inflation has however declined significantly from a previous multi-year high of 4.45 percent in February 2023.

Last month, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned of building near-term inflationary pressures from a combination of volatility in global oil prices and pass-through effects of a weaker exchange rate.

The multilateral lender however expected inflation to remain contained by CBK's previous benchmark lending rate increase from

10.5 to 12.5 percent on December 5, which was mainly aimed at addressing the impact of a weaker exchange rate to consumer prices.

"Inflation is expected to inch up in the first half of 2024, driven primarily by global oil price volatility and exchange rate passthrough, but to remain contained due to the recent monetary policy tightening," the IMF indicated.

Headline inflation also raced to a three-month high last month as consumers saw higher costs for foodstuffs, school fees, electricity, clothing, and financing.

The rise in consumer prices coincided with the reopening of schools in the 2024 academic calendar which put pressure on household budgets as parents paid school fees and bought education materials including uniforms and footwear.

"The year-on-year inflation for education services, which follows a normal seasonal trend, was 2.8 percent. There was an increase of 1.9 percent in the indices for education services between December 2023 and January 2024, occasioned by a rise in tuition fees," KNBS Managing Director Macdonald Obudho said.

Electricity prices rose the highest among all product categories with the cost of 200 units of electricity consumed by a household/200 kilowatt-hours averaging to Sh7,477, which is a 41.1 percent rise from 12 months ago.



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## WORLD

## Russian deputy foreign minister Rudenko discusses Ukraine situation in Seoul – MFA

SEOUL

RUSSIAN Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko has visited Seoul and held talks with his South Korean counterpart Chung Byung-won, discussing global issues, including the situation in Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea reported.

The talks took place on February 2. "Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko (pictured) visited the Republic of Korea as he met Deputy Minister Chung Byung-won on February 2.

They discussed the pressing issues of bilateral relations and the global situation, including the war in Ukraine," the report said.

Moreover, the South Korean side



informed about its position on "Russia's military cooperation with North Korea, and called for Russia's responsible conduct."

Seoul also asked for assistance in providing the legal rights and interests of South Korean businesses and

citizens on the territory of Russia.

On February 3, South Korea's foreign ministry summoned Russian Ambassador to South Korea Georgy Zinovyev over a recent statement by Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova about the reasons behind escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

On the same day South Korean media issued a statement citing the country's foreign ministry, which called the use of the term "special military operation" relating to the situation in Ukraine an attempt to allegedly "mislead the international community."

Russia's ambassador stressed at the meeting at South Korea's foreign ministry that such statements are unacceptable. **Agencies**

## PM Modi's assurance to people of Manipur in Parliament reverberates hollow

NEW DELHI

CONGRESS President Mallikarjun Kharge yesterday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not visiting Manipur, despite ongoing violence in the state for months, and said that the Prime Minister's assurance to the people of Manipur in August 2023, in the Parliament reverberates hollow.

"Taking to X, Kharge posted, "It has been 9 months since the unabated violence has devastated innumerable lives in Manipur, but PM Modi (pictured) hasn't had an hour to visit the state. Why? He last visited Manipur in Feb 2022, only to campaign for elections, and now has left the people of Manipur to fend for themselves."

The Congress President alleged that various people continue to suffer due to inadequate medical facilities and food in the relief camps.

"More than 200 people have died since May 4, 2023. 60,000 people have been displaced. Around 50,000 people continue to languish in relief camps in despicable conditions without adequate medical facilities and food," Kharge posted on X.

"People have already lost everything -- their homes, their livelihoods and their belongings. They can't go anywhere. Their future is bleak. According to some reports, over 80 people have died in camps in Churachandpur alone, due to trauma, malnutrition and illness. The Imphal camps are no better," he added.

Kharge also highlighted the death toll due to renewed violence in the state, since January 1, 2024.

"Whatever help is being provided in camps has come from collective efforts of good samaritans, NGOs, and not the State Govt. Women and children are suffering because of complete apathy and neglect shown by the BJP. Since January 1 itself, 10 people have died in renewed violence. Police trainees of two communities are shooting at each other. 7 have been injured," the Congress President said.

"On January 24, we witnessed, how an armed group coerced MPs/MLAs to attend a meeting at the heavily guarded Kangla Fort where the Indian National Congress, Manipur President was brutally assaulted and tortured," he added.

Criticizing the BJP's double-engine government, Kharge posted, "PM Modi's assurance to the people of Manipur in August 2023, in the Parliament reverberates hollow! There is no normalcy and peace in sight. BJP's 'Double Engine' Govt has dealt several blows to the people of Manipur! Manipur has been witnessing ethnic strife between the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo tribal community since May 2023. **ANI**



## Africa mourns passing of Namibia's Hage Geingob

WINDHOEK

TRIBUTES flooded in from African countries after former Namibian President Hage Geingob passed away earlier on Sunday.

In his message of condolences, Botswanan President Mokgweetsi Masisi described Geingob as a true friend of Botswana.

"We deeply value his support in building an extraordinary partnership our two countries and people enjoy today. We honor his legacy, mourn his passing, and remain committed to our steadfast friendship and cooperation," said Masisi.

Masisi has directed that flags of Botswana fly at half-mast throughout the country from Sunday until Geingob is laid to rest.

Mourning Geingob's death, Zimbabwian President Emmerson Mnangagwa said the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has lost a liberation stalwart and icon.

"We deeply cherish the exemplary role that he played in consolidating the excellent relations that exist between Zimbabwe and Namibia, as well as in advancing the integration agenda of our regional body, SADC, and the cause of the African peoples and continent," Mnangagwa said.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa expressed his sadness over the passing of Geingob, saying, "Today, South Africa joins the people of our sister state, Namibia,



Namibia President Hage Geingob speaks during a plenary session at the COP28 UN Climate Summit, on Dec 1, 2023, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. AP

in mourning the passing of a leader, patriot, and friend of South Africa."

Ramaphosa said Geingob was a towering veteran of Namibia's liberation from colonialism and apartheid. "He was also greatly influential in the solidarity that the people of Namibia extended to the people of South Africa so that we could be free today."

"This loss is not only deeply felt by Namibians but also reverberates throughout the entire SADC region and the African continent. We mourn the passing of an outstanding revolutionary and dedicated statesman who led with wisdom, integrity, diplomacy, and a deep passion for his people," the Parliament of South Africa said in a statement.

Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema also extended his deep condolences, describing Geingob as

a true friend, liberation icon, senior African statesman, and elder brother. Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan expressed her condolences via X, formerly known as Twitter.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the president of Namibia, His Excellency Hage Geingob, a dear brother, a venerable pan-Africanist, and a great friend of Tanzania," she said.

Nangolo Mbumba, the former vice president of Namibia, took the oath of office on Sunday in the Namibian capital of Windhoek, officially becoming the country's fourth president after Geingob passed away at the age of 82.

On Jan 19, the Namibian presidency said Geingob's medical team discovered cancerous cells following a biopsy examination. **Xinhua**

## US envoy visits Israel in effort to head off escalating war with Hezbollah

TEL AVIV

IN a bid to head off an escalating war with Hezbollah, White House envoy and mediator Amos Hochstein met with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant in Tel Aviv on Sunday night.

"We are committed to our citizens. We are ready to resolve this crisis via diplomatic understandings, however we are also prepared for any other scenario," said Gallant.

Israel seeks to have Hezbollah removed from the Southern Lebanon. Israeli sources told the Tazpit Press Service in January that Jerusalem won't make any concessions and will continue pushing to have the Iran-backed Hezbollah removed from Southern Lebanon.

The presence of armed Hezbollah forces in Southern Lebanon violates UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the Second War in Lebanon in 2006. Under that agreement,

the Lebanese Armed Forces are supposed to be the only armed group south of the Litani River.

Since October 7, Hezbollah has fired more than 2,000 rockets and anti-tank missiles and launched dozens of aerial drones, killing six Israeli civilians and nine soldiers.

More than 80,000 people living near the Lebanese border to evacuate, Israel Defense Forces spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari told reporters on Saturday.

Overall, the IDF has struck more than 3,400 Hezbollah targets in Southern Lebanon since October 7, including 40 weapons depots, 40 command and control centers, 120 observation posts, and 150 Hezbollah terror cells.

Hagari said around 200 members of the Iran-backed Hezbollah have been killed in the airstrikes.

During a tour of Tel Nof airbase in central Israel earlier on Sunday, Gallant warned Hezbollah against escalation.

"We have not yet begun to activate all our units and all our special abilities. We have many elements ready," Gallant said.

"The clear-cut instruction I gave the Air Force is to point the noses of our aircraft northward."

In 2022, Hochstein brokered an Israeli-Lebanese agreement delineating their maritime borders, allows Lebanon to begin exploiting natural gas in its territorial waters.

But a resolution to the rest of the border is more elusive.

The Blue Line demarcating the 120 km-long border was created in 2000 by UN cartographers to verify Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, which the UN Security Council later certified as complete. The border runs from Rosh HaNikra on the Mediterranean coast to Mount Dov, where the Israeli-Lebanese border converges with Syria. **ANI**



Luo Hongxing (first left), the overseas marketing director of Foshan Juyang New Energy Co Ltd, discusses business with overseas customers during a trade delegation's visit to Europe, on Nov 24, 2022. XINHUA

## Report: Number of China's firms going overseas hits historic high

HONG KONG

An unprecedented number of Chinese enterprises are going overseas, reaching a historic high, despite some Western media's negative reports about China's economy, the Hong Kong-based Yazhou Zhoukan reported on Sunday.

Chinese enterprises are going overseas despite high tariffs and various sanctions imposed by the United States, the report said.

This indicated China's powerful innovative abilities and risk consciousness, the report said, adding that it created new commercial space and represented China's robust national competitiveness.

According to the report, China's cross border e-commerce platforms are attractive to foreign consumers. The country's digital management

ability and complete industrial chain can cut costs by eliminating middlemen, thus providing consumers with more affordable prices.

In the global market, this digital process helps China's manufacturing industry expand and gain a greater presence in both developing and developed countries, the report said.

Chinese enterprises that go overseas have technological advantages, the report said. Apart from advantages in hardware, China's software also impresses the world, it added.

The article took Chinese catering companies as an example, saying they relied on their digital techniques from supply chains to front services to stay competitive. Some of these companies, according to the report, have entered high-end markets in Europe and the United States. **Xinhua**

## Samsung chairman acquitted in case linked to succession

SEOUL

A South Korean court yesterday acquitted Samsung Electronics Chairman Lee Jae-yong of charges, such as stock price rigging and accounting fraud, linked to his management succession.

The Seoul Central District Court ruled that no evidence was shown for all charges in this case, according to multiple local media reports.

Thirteen more defendants, including former Samsung executives, were found not guilty of similar charges.

Lee (pictured) was indicted in September 2020 on charges of stock price manipulation, accounting fraud and other illegalities relevant to the controversial merger in 2015 between Cheil Industries and Samsung C&T.

Prosecutors suspected that Samsung C&T, the de-facto holding company of Samsung Group, was devalued in the stock market through irregularities, while inflating the valuation of Cheil, controlled by Lee at the time.

Three Samsung C&T shares were offered for one Cheil share to help Lee smoothly inherit the management control of the country's biggest family-run conglomerate by allowing Lee to control the merged Samsung C&T, one



of the key shareholders of Samsung Electronics, prosecutors believed.

The Samsung family was known to have controlled the group with a fraction of shares through cross-shareholding.

Lee was also charged by prosecutors with his involvement in the suspected accounting fraud at Samsung BioLogics, a biopharmaceutical subsidiary of Cheil, to overvalue the subsidiary first and Cheil in the end.

The prosecution office demanded a five-year jail term and a fine of 500 million won (\$375,380) for Lee, but it was dismissed by the court.

The court ruled that Lee's inheritance was not the sole purpose of the 2015 merger while no evidence was discovered that the merger caused damages to shareholders.

It noted that it cannot be concluded that the defendants had intentions of fraudulent accounting. **Xinhua**

RAMALLAH/AMMAN

PALESTINIAN President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday urged UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to step up international efforts to stop the ongoing Israeli "aggression" against the Palestinian people.

Abbas (pictured) made the remarks during his meeting at the presidential headquarters in Ramallah with the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland, according to the Palestinian news agency Wafa.

Abbas called on Guterres to

continue his personal efforts and intensify international efforts "to withdraw Israeli occupation forces from the entire Gaza Strip and not to confiscate any inch of its land", Wafa reported.

Abbas underlined the need to ensure an increase in humanitarian aid, relief materials, and shelter for the Palestinians.

He also stressed the importance of preventing the displacement of Palestinians and stopping all attacks by "occupation forces and settlers", as well as the release of all Palestinian clearance funds. Abbas said it was important to

## Abbas urges UN to stop Israel from attacking Palestinians

achieve full membership for the State of Palestine in the United Nations through a decision of the Security Council and holding an international peace conference to ensure the withdrawal of Israelis from Palestine.

Also on Sunday, Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi stressed the importance of the international community's continued support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), saying it plays an



indispensable role in assisting Palestinian refugees, especially in the war-torn Gaza.

The Jordanian minister made the remarks at a meeting in Amman with French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourne, during which the two sides discussed efforts to achieve a complete ceasefire in Gaza, ensure the protection of civilians, and deliver sufficient and sustainable humanitarian aid throughout the region, according to a statement by the ministry.

The Jordanian minister praised France's supportive stance for the two-state solution, and expressed appreciation for France's con-

tinued support for the UNRWA, especially under the current circumstances.

For his part, the French minister stressed that the UNRWA plays a crucial and essential role in Gaza, particularly as the humanitarian situation worsens in Gaza, noting that France has not halted its support for the organization.

A number of UNRWA donors, including Canada, Australia, Britain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Esto-

nia, Japan, Austria and Romania, have recently joined the United States in pausing funding for UNRWA after Israel accused several employees of the agency of involvement in the attack of Gaza-ruling Hamas on southern Israel on Oct 7 last year.

Given the serious accusations leveled against the UNRWA, the agency must demonstrate the highest level of transparency, Sejourne said, adding France welcomes the immediate measures taken by the agency, and now awaits the results of the investigation to ensure full confidence in its operations. **Agencies**



# Report: US, UK launched new airstrikes on targets in Yemen

SANAA/TEHRAN/GAZA

US and British warplanes launched a new wave of airstrikes against Houthi camps in northern Yemen late Sunday, reported the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV.

The strikes hit targets in Saada province, a Houthi stronghold, and Hodeidah, a strategic Red Sea port city.

In Saada, the strikes hit the eastern part of the provincial capital, also called Saada, and the northern district of Bakim.

In Hodeidah, the strikes targeted camps in Ras Issa, a northwestern coastal district, and the neighboring district of Az-Zaydiyah. Other strikes hit the southern part of the city, which has been the main portal for imported commodities in Houthi-controlled areas.

The US side has not commented on the new airstrikes, which came less than 24 hours after another round of US-British attacks on Houthi camps in areas under their control.

The US Defense Department said in a statement that the previous airstrikes on Saturday night were meant to "further disrupt and degrade the capabilities of the Iranian-backed Houthi militia to conduct their reckless and destabilizing attacks against US and international vessels lawfully transiting the Red Sea".

Houthi chief negotiator Mohammed Abdulsalam said on al-Masirah TV that the US airstrikes would not destroy his group's weapons or limit its military operations and capabilities.

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea vowed that his group would



This photo issued by Britain's Ministry of Defence (MOD) on Feb 4, 2024 shows an RAF Typhoon FGR4 aircraft returning to the base, following strikes against Houthi targets in Yemen. AP

launch retaliatory attacks against the US Navy after the US airstrikes hit the group's camps in six northern provinces, including the capital Sanaa.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani earlier on Sunday condemned the US and Britain's previous strikes against the Houthi targets in Yemen on Saturday night. Kanaani said the attacks violated Yemen's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as international law, and represented "flagrant adventurism and a worrying threat to international peace and security".

He said the military attacks of the United States and Britain on regional countries were a continuation of their "wrong approach of resorting to militarism to achieve their illegitimate objectives in the region".

The Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas)

on Sunday also condemned Saturday's US-British airstrikes on Yemen, considering it "an escalation that will drag the region into more turmoil".

"We strongly condemn the US-British airstrikes of the Republic of Yemen and consider it a blatant attack on the sovereignty of an Arab country," the movement said in a press statement.

Hamas said the airstrikes represented "an escalation that will drag the region into more turmoil and instability, for the repercus-

sions of which Washington and Israel bear full responsibility".

Since last month, the United States and Britain have launched several rounds of strikes on the Houthi targets in Yemen in response to the group's attacks on ships with links to Israel in the Red Sea.

The Houthis said their attacks were aimed at stopping the ongoing Israeli strikes against the Gaza Strip and showing solidarity with Palestinians.

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# White House: US to continue striking Iran-backed militias

WASHINGTON

THE United States will launch more strikes against Iran-backed militia groups in the Middle East, the top US national security official said Sunday, refusing to rule out the possibility of hitting targets inside Iran.

"We intend to take additional strikes and additional action to continue to send a clear message that the United States will respond when our forces are attacked, or people are killed," US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told NBC's "Meet the Press" host Kristen Welker.

Sullivan, who appeared on multiple Sunday morning shows to discuss the current US administration's military response in the Middle East following a deadly attack on US forces, did not rule out launching US military action across the border of Iran.

"I would just say, from the per-

spective of Tehran, if they chose to respond directly to the United States, they would be met with a swift and forceful response from us," said Sullivan when asked by George Stephanopoulos, host of ABC's "This Week."

The remarks came against the backdrop of the United States launching retaliatory strikes Friday against targets used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its affiliated militant groups in Iraq and Syria.

The Biden administration said the US strikes were the first round of what would be a multi-tier response to a deadly attack on Jan 27, in which three US soldiers were killed in Jordan by what the United States said was an Iranian-manufactured drone launched by militias receiving support from Tehran.

On Saturday, coalition forces of the United States and Britain launched strikes from both air and surface platforms against



US soldiers patrol an area in the town of Tal Hamis, southeast of the city of Qamishli in Syria's northeastern Hasakeh governorate, on Jan 24, 2024. AFP

three dozens of targets spreading across 13 locations in Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen.

Though claiming that the Hou-

this are also backed by Iran, the Pentagon tried to differentiate Saturday's strikes from those conducted on Friday, saying the

ones targeting the Houthis were aimed at deterring the group from further attacking international shipping.

NAIROBI

## WHO calls for targeted interventions to tame Africa's rising cancer burden

THE growing burden of cancer in Africa should serve as a wake-up call for governments to roll out high-impact interventions that seek to reduce caseload and fatalities, a World Health Organization (WHO) official said on Sunday during World Cancer Day.

Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Af-

rica, said the continent is grappling with a cancer crisis that is devastating livelihoods and shortening life spans, necessitating investments in robust prevention and control measures.

"The cancer situation in Africa is disheartening. In the year 2022, approximately 882,000 new cancer cases occurred in the

WHO African region with around 573,000 deaths," Moeti said in a statement issued in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

According to Moeti, about 50 percent of new cancer cases detected among adults in Africa are due to breast, cervical, prostate, colorectal, and liver cancers.

Cancer-related deaths

in the continent are projected to reach one million annually by 2030, Moeti noted, adding that in two decades, cancer death rates in Africa are expected to overtake the global average of 30 percent.

"This is more so because cancer survival rates in the WHO African region currently average 12 percent, much lower than the aver-

age of over 80 percent in high-income countries," Moeti observed.

She hailed the substantial progress African countries are making in the fight against cancer, noting that 17 countries have already introduced high-performance-based screening tests in line with WHO recommendations. In addition, 28 WHO Afri-

can member states have introduced nationwide human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to reach about 60 percent of the targeted population, including adolescent girls, Moeti said.

The theme of 2024 World Cancer Day, "Together, we challenge those in power," underscores the need for visionary leadership and partnership in order to contain the threat of cancer in Africa,

JERUSALEM

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday Israel was not ready to accept a deal at any price to release hostages held by Hamas amid rifts in his coalition over a US push to get more aid into Gaza.

The comments came during the latest episode in a rumbling coalition row between religious nationalist parties opposed to any concessions to the Palestinians and a centrist group including former army generals.

"The efforts to free the hostages are continuing at all times," Netanyahu said in comments ahead of a cabinet meeting that were released to the media. "As I also emphasized in the Security Cabinet - we will not agree to every deal, and not at any price."

He also appeared to deliver a rebuke to his far-right Na-

tional Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who wants Jewish settlers to return to Gaza, and who criticized US President Joe Biden, Israel's staunchest ally, for pressing for humanitarian aid deliveries to the enclave.

"Instead of giving us his full backing, Biden is busy with giving humanitarian aid and fuel (to Gaza), which goes to Hamas," Ben-Gvir said in an interview with the Wall Street Journal, during which he openly backed Donald Trump. Biden's likely rival in the November US presidential election.

"If Trump was in power, the US conduct would be completely different," he said.

Without naming Ben-Gvir directly, Netanyahu, who has had a sometimes tense relationship with Biden, rejected the comment, which came as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken headed to the region.

# Israel's Netanyahu cautious on hostage deal amid coalition rifts



Israeli women demand the immediate release of the Israeli hostages held in the Gaza Strip by the Hamas militant group at a protest in Tel Aviv, Israel, Feb 1, 2024. AP

## Chinese tourists aboard cruise ship celebrate upcoming Spring Festival in Kenya

MOMBASA

AS part of Chinese New Year festivities, 200 Chinese tourists aboard a luxury cruise liner that docked in the Kenyan port city of Mombasa on Saturday, visited the east African nation's scenic attractions, including sandy beaches and wildlife sanctuaries.

The 2024 Spring Festival, or the Chinese New Year, will fall on Feb. 10, kicking off the Year of the Dragon.

Chu Hongge, a Chinese technology entrepreneur, said she was delighted to celebrate the Chinese New Year in an African country, hailing the warmth and hospitality of local people. Chu and her peers toured Kenya's Wasini Island and Tsavo East National Park to sample the beauty of iconic wildlife and coastal beaches.

"This is my first time visiting Africa. I love African people," Chu told Xinhua during an interview, adding that she enjoyed merry-making aboard the cruise ship. Alfred Mutua, Kenya's cabinet secretary for tourism and wildlife, was among senior officials who received the cruise liner from the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC Poesia).

"As a country, we are proud to receive visitors aboard the cruise ship who have reaffirmed that we remain a top-notch tourism destination," Mutua said, adding that in 2023, Kenya received 3,123 tourists who traveled via luxury ship.

The MSC Poesia cruise ship, carrying 2,500 foreign tourists, docked for 12 hours at the Mombasa Port before proceeding to other popular destinations in the continent, including Seychelles. Measuring 294 meters, the luxury ship, whose 1,000 crew includes 20 Kenyans, has already made stopovers in the Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar, and it is expected to sail to Latin America and other global tourist hotspots.

The docking of a luxury cruise liner at Mombasa Port, whose passengers included Chinese tourists, injected vitality into the nascent cruise tourism sector in a post-pandemic era, said John Chirchir, acting chief executive officer of the Kenya Tourism Board, a state-owned tourism marketing agency.

Chirchir said Kenya regards China as a niche tourist source market with potential for growth, adding that cruise ships will help boost arrivals from the Asian nation.

Ahead of the Chinese New Year, tour operators in Kenya have come up with special offers to attract Chinese tourists, said Xie Pengjuan, secretary general of the Kenya Chinese Tourism Association.

She noted that besides showcasing traditional offerings like coastal beaches and wildlife parks to Chinese tourists, local sector players have focused on golf tournaments, mountain climbing, and visits to tea and coffee farms in a bid to boost arrivals.

Xinhua

## 'No politics in PM Modi's speech during Vote of Thanks'

NEW DELHI

IN reaction to Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh's remark that the Prime Minister will only sing his praises during the Vote of Thanks at the Budget session of Parliament, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Locket Chatterjee said that it is natural for PM Modi to think of the 140 crore people, and there is no politics involved in it.

"The Prime Minister will always think of the country and its people. There is no politics in it. It is natural for him to think of the 140 crore people. This is normal because he is the Prime Minister," Chatterjee said, speaking to ANI on Monday.

Rubbishing claims that the Prime Minister's speech is going to be focused on the upcoming elections, Chatterjee said that PM Modi has been working for the last 10 years.

"This is not about Lok Sabha elections. The Prime Minister is working for the last 10 years to serve the people. He thinks about how people can avail service easily, about women," Chatterjee said.

Hitting out at the Congress, the Hooghly MP said, "Congress has already lost. They have lost from the hearts and minds of people and through votes, as apparent in their recent loss in three out of five state Assembly elections."

Speaking on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's protest demanding the release of dues from the central government for different welfare schemes in the state, Chatterjee said that there is no proof of the Rs 4.5 lakh crore that Banerjee claims to be due from the centre.

"There is no proof of 4.5 lakh crore in MGNREGA. She (Mamata) has repeatedly told the central government but has furnished no details about the calculations. There are many loopholes as well. It is necessary to look into one's own wrongs and give details of the calculations to the central government," Chatterjee said.

The BJP MP claimed that the MGNREGA protest had been organized to create confusion among people before the Lok Sabha polls. "She (Mamata) is doing all this to create confusion among the people and to lie for the sake of votes in the Lok Sabha elections, just as she has done for the Assembly elections," Chatterjee said.

ANI

October, in which around 1,200 people were killed, according to Israeli tallies, and some 240 dragged to Gaza as hostages.

In response, Israel has flattened large swathes of Gaza in a relentless campaign that has killed more than 27,000 people, according to Palestinian health authorities, and forced most of the 2.3 million population to flee their homes.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the United States would continue trying to get more aid into Gaza, which is facing an acute humanitarian crisis.

"And that means pressing Israel on issues related to humanitarian assistance that we have helped unlock and get into the Gaza Strip and there needs to be much more of it," he told CBS television's "Face the Nation" programme.

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Tigo's Value Added Service Specialist Adam Francis (R), hands over a sample of an air ticket to George Dilunga, one of the winners of a trip to Ivory Coast for AFCON semi-final matches. The event was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Next stage in the CAF Champions League awaited after hectic lapse

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CITY giants Young Africans SC and ambitious rivals Simba SC have a number of days before taking to the pitch to battle with Africa's club giants in the next stage of the CAF Champions League.

What is unclear is how the various leadership levels, technical benches and fans have taken up lessons from disparate tournaments coming up in the intervening period, first the Mapinduzi Cup run where the title remained in the Isles and some pundits are just happy to forget that episode.

What is less difficult to forget is the African Nations Cup finals, now in their late stages, with the sort of surprises that were hardly awaited by analysts.

There is also an unheralded tournament the FA Cup which has had a few lessons of its own, but some observers worry that it is giving the benefit of the doubt, or a sigh of relief to the technical benches of the city giants as their coveted 4Gs and 5Gs are by and large repeatable in the tourney.

It is results of that sort that brought the two club sides'

leaderships to believe that all was well in their squads until the start of the Champions League jolted their nerves.

The AFCON finals did not involve the city giants directly but by association, where the itinerary of Taifa Stars and the honours it obtained in an unfavourable drawn match with Zambia and an unlikely goalless draw with DRC seems to provide relief to the city sides of their chances.

The quarter-final encounter between Mali and hosts Ivory Coast for instance had fans of the Msimbazi Street side acutely hoping that the Malians exit to scroll back somewhat the praises being heaped on the Jangwani Street side due to exploits of their first-choice goalkeeper, Djigui Diarra.

Fans of the side he plays for were pitched for his greater success, while being worried that the more successful his involvement in the finals would be, the fewer the chances of keeping him in the squad as potential demand for his services would rise to fever pitch. It still is so.

It was nearly the case with Simba central defender Henock Inonga who has been

consistently selected in the DRC starting lineup, with rumours afloat that he was already leaving and then soon retracted.

Officials said that only some interest was shown here and there, but no hard offer had been delivered, which can be explained by the fact that the January window is closed.

The player movement had to be started before the tournament was in middle stages, or not involve AFCON at all as evaluation would have to wait until his country's final match to be sufficient.

Changes that were conducted within that time frame related to Jean Baleke, who was on loan from TP Mazembe with rather mixed results, and then Moses Phiri, whose departure was less exclaimed in various circles as he was already eclipsed, especially by the DR Congo club departing striker.

New introductions in the city rivals' squads were yet to be tested, or had preliminary appearances, especially in the FA Cup schedules, contributing to some showy results, from which the pundits were trying to make hay out of the

results.

Yet it was clear that this was no occasion to say whether the sides have been improved with the signings, chiefly in relation to capacities required in the CAF Champions' League group run schedule.

Two lessons emerge from the hectic interval to the return of Champions League ties, namely that it is hard to really improve the two sides, any more than it would be easy to improve any side really, without actually elevating financial provision frameworks with which clubs operate.

The more a player is remarkable the more the rival sides will seek to make use of his services, and this improving a team within the limits of a specific financial framework is a 'toil of Sisyphus.' It is a Greek legend of a member of the families of gods who was condemned to push a stone up a mountain, and by the time he is near the top, he slips, rolls back and has to start again. Implicitly, raising an ideal to its completion and resting is imaginary.

So the Msimbazi Street side run a 'double jeopardy' of having failed to get the best of the now returned TP

Mazembe player, and facing a similar problem with Clatous Chota Chama though from a different point of view. They may not have used Phiri sufficiently, but that will be seen in how his career develops from where he left off.

A similar story could be told of Bernard Morrison at Jangwani Street side, first released and seemingly signed at Singida Big Stars, then found a new side in a bigger club as his former coach appears to have confidence in him, significantly.

An online entry where the author is usually not identified said that in a surprise move, former Yanga SC striker Morrison has returned to the football scene, reuniting with his former coach.

He has made a triumphant return to the football scene by signing with Moroccan side Association Sportive des Forces Armées Royales, usually abbreviated outside as FAR Rabat, which can in a way claim greater prestige than our city rivals.

That adds complications to evaluating his stay in Dar, and explaining why Nasreddine Nabi opted to take him to the side.

## Growing alarm over the glacial pace of our Olympic preparations

By Lloyd Elipokea

SC.

AS far as sporting championships go, they don't come any grander than the quadrennial Olympic Games.

Indeed, the Olympics are an exhilarating sporting competition like no other as they feature the crème de la crème in events that cut across the wide spectrum of sports.

It is hence unsurprising that Olympic medals are unquestionably the most revered and coveted prizes in the unfurling scintillating realm of sports.

This year, the Olympics are due to be staged in the breathtakingly beautiful French capital, Paris, and the perpetually entertaining Games are set to begin in late July, which is not so far away.

Despite that, it is with some alarm that I must note that our Olympic preparations are at this moment in time disturbingly non-existent, which is naturally deeply worrying.

Indeed, there is undoubtedly cause for concern as whenever we have dilly-dallied in our Olympic preparations in the past, we have embarrassingly shown up at the Games merely to make up the numbers.

As the countdown to the Paris Olympics continues to gather steam, it is hoped that those charged with the weighty task of running sports in our land will soon swing into action where our Olympic preparations are concerned as 'Father Time' is not on our side.

Let us now turn to the bread and butter of every top-flight football club on the local scene, which is doubtlessly the NBC Mainland Premier League.

At the moment, the pace-setters in the league are Azam, who are at the apex of the table although it remains to be seen whether the 'ice cream makers' will be able to topple the giants Young Africans SC (Yanga) and Simba

Indeed, during the last couple of seasons, Yanga and Simba SC have ruled the roost in local football.

However, in what is a marked change from the past, Azam FC have this season shown that they intend to remain a thorn in the side of the usual suspects Yanga and Simba SC in this gripping title race.

Whichever way the chips may fall, it is extremely refreshing to note that we have a three-horse race for the title this season instead of the usual battle for supremacy in the league between those age-old rivals Yanga and Simba SC.

Let us remain with all things football and ponder on the unfolding AFCON Finals in Ivory Coast, which has now excitingly reached the semifinal stage.

Clearly, the AFCON Finals this year has been a seemingly thrill-a-minute football competition that has had loads of stunning giant-killing feats which set tongues wagging.

Nonetheless, every storybook saga must come to an end at some point and for the so-called lightweights Cape Verde, their magical run came to a halt in the quarter-finals after they were beaten by South Africa in a nail-biting penalty shootout.

Thus, following some riveting quarterfinal contests, the eight teams have now been whittled down to four teams who will battle it out in the semifinals.

In one mouthwatering showdown, Nigeria will lock horns with South Africa while in the other semifinal, the determined hosts Ivory Coast will face off against erstwhile continental champions DR Congo.

Interestingly, all four semifinalists have been crowned AFCON champions in the past.

The million-dollar question though is: Which team will emerge as the most dominant force in a competition which has already taken numerous twists and turns?



Youth battle for the ball during a training session at the Jakaya Kikwete grounds in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## 50 Dar scouts to be trained in swimming and live saving skills

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Agness Swimming Foundation (ASF) will train 50 Dar es Salaam scouts in swimming, diving and rescuing, it has been announced.

ASF director Agness Kimimba said they are delighted to impart the 50 scouts with swimming, diving and rescue knowledge, which she said is vital to the country, especially during water calamities.

"As the foundation, which our sole aim is to train people on rescue during water calamities, each district in Dar es Salaam will send five scouts in the training. The remaining will be individuals. We hope the knowledge we will impart to them will be

of great benefit not only to the participants but also to others," she said.

She said the course will take place in Kigamboni and it will involve both theory and practical.

The ASF director disclosed that they during the train they will use an internationally recognised syllabus.

Meanwhile, Kimimba disclosed that 36 Kigamboni-based scouts are attending basic courses on life-saving, swimming and rescue during water calamities.

ASF is one of the leading agencies which promote life-saving, swimming and diving courses.

Other ASF aims are educating the community and bringing awareness of life-saving skills, organizing

regular swimming events for different groups' categories and acting as legal representatives (hence agents) for professional sports figures such as athletes and coaches.

ASF aims also include procuring and negotiating employment and endorsement contracts for the athletes and coaches or any other professional figures in water sports industry activities, providing the opportunity for the young boys and girls to be inventive and creative in water sports activities, to participate in designing water sports or activities including publicizing, promoting and organizing events, and identifying barriers and challenges to water sports promotion in various communities



## South Africa keeper 'should be minister to save economy'

ABIDJAN

SOUTH Africa goalkeeper Ronwen Williams should be made his country's finance minister to 'save the economy' after his player of the match performance against Cape Verde, his team-mate Grant Kekana joked.

The Bafana Bafana captain saved four penalties in a remarkable performance that earned him the player of the match award after their quarter-final shootout in Yamoussoukro.

Williams, 32, also denied Gilson Benchimol with an incredible reaction save to push the Blue Sharks forward's effort on to the bar after he was put through with a chance win the match in injury time at the end of 90 minutes.

"He is a world-class goalkeeper," South Africa defender Grant Kekana said.

"I think he should be made the minister of finance - he can save South Africa's economy."

Williams reserved praise for the team's analysts, who he said have "filled his phone" with clips of penalties taken by Cape Verde.

The stopper, who won the inaugural African Football League with Mamelodi Sundowns last season, says he had a "good idea" where the penalties would be going thanks to the work of the team behind the scenes and his highlight was the save to deny Benchimol rather than the shootout.

"There weren't too many clear-cut chances and that was one where that got in behind the defence and there was only a few minutes to go," Williams said.

"So for me that save stands out more than anything else. I'm just proud I could keep my team in the game because they don't give me so much work to do."

Bafana Bafana have not conceded a goal at the tournament since their opening match, when they lost 2-0 to Mali.

Kekana, who plays alongside Williams for Sundowns, was overlooked for that game but has been an ever present since in the heart of the defence to coincide with the series of clean sheets.

"We understand that, if we don't concede you don't lose games," he said. "So we try so hard to work as a team. We start defending from the front to give us the chance of winning the game."

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## Egypt fires coach Rui Vitória after disappointing Africa Cup campaign costs another gaffe his job

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast

EGYPT fired Portuguese coach Rui Vitória and his backroom staff Sunday following the team's disappointing performance at the Africa Cup of Nations.

The Egyptian Football Association thanked Vitória and his assistants after its directors met earlier to discuss the team's performance.

Egypt, which has won a record seven Africa Cup titles, failed to win a game in the 34th edition of the tournament and was knocked out by Congo in a dramatic penalty shootout in the round of 16.

The Egyptian federation said it was appointing former Egypt and Al Ahly defender Mohamed Youssef as interim coach "until a foreign technical director is selected and the rest of the staff is formed." The federation said its directors will study the resumes of foreign coaches at their next meeting.

French coach Herve Renard has reportedly agreed to take over once his contract as coach of the France women's team expires. Renard guided Saudi Arabia to a famous win over eventual tournament winner Argentina at the 2022 World Cup and was the subject of a loan bid from the Ivorian federation to step in for its remaining Africa Cup games after it fired another French coach, Jean-Louis Gasset.

Vitória, who was appointed Egypt coach on a four-year deal in 2022, failed to get the best out of the team. The Pharaohs drew all their Africa Cup group games by the same score of 2-2 against Mozambique, Ghana and Cape Verde before its loss on penalties to Congo.

After losing Mohamed Salah to a hamstring injury in the second group game against Ghana, and No. 1 goalkeeper Mohamed El Shenawy with a dislocated shoulder in the third against group winner Cape Verde, the Egyptian federation sacrificed a cow in an attempt the change the team's luck.

But reserve goalkeeper Mohamed Abou Gabal - whose saves almost won the title for Egypt in the previous edition - struck the crossbar with his spot kick in the penalty shootout before Congo counterpart Lionel Mpasí stepped up to fire Congo into the quarterfinals. Congo has since progressed to the semifinals, where the Leopards face host nation Ivory Coast on Wednesday.

El Shenawy returned to Egypt on Sunday after treatment in Germany for his dislocated shoulder.

The Egypt job had been former Portugal midfielder Vitória's first as a national team coach.

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# South Africa face Osimhen's Nigeria, Ivory Coast still alive in AFCON semis



Victor Osimhen's Nigeria have been in formidable form at this Cup of Nations. Agencies

ABIDJAN

VICTOR Osimhen's Nigeria will aim to continue their formidable record at this Africa Cup of Nations when they take on South Africa in the semi-finals tomorrow, while hosts Ivory Coast meet the Democratic Republic of Congo after a miraculous run to the last four.

Nigeria appear the strongest side left at the competition with the reigning African footballer of the year up front and the way coach Jose

Pesero has made them so strong defensively.

Since drawing 1-1 with Equatorial Guinea in their opening match, Nigeria have recorded four straight wins without conceding a goal.

"If you don't concede goals you can win every time," said Pesero after the quarter-final victory over Angola in Abidjan, when Ademola Lookman scored to seal a 1-0 victory.

The Nigerians have won through to a record 15th Cup of Nations semi-final as they aim to lift the trophy for the fourth time

and first since 2013 in South Africa.

It is the South Africans they face at the Stade de la Paix in Bouake in a repeat of the 2019 quarter-final in Egypt which the Super Eagles won 2-1 thanks to current skipper William Troost-Ekong's late goal.

Bafana Bafana followed that by failing to qualify for the last AFCON in 2022, but are back on the big stage under veteran Belgian coach Hugo Broos.

The man who led Cameroon to the 2017 title against the odds has taken South Africa to their first

semi-final in 24 years, although they needed heroics from goalkeeper Ronwen Williams to beat Cape Verde on penalties in the last eight.

Before that they got the better of Morocco, the continent's top-ranked team, and South Africa have matched Nigeria's achievement in keeping four straight clean sheets.

"I think Nigeria is a team who are getting better and better with every game," said Broos.

"It is a little bit special for both teams because we also have to play each other in a few months

in the qualifiers for the World Cup, so it can be a test for both of us."

- 'Not afraid of anything'

Ivory Coast face DR Congo in the second semi-final later tomorrow at the Ebimpe Olympic Stadium in Abidjan, where the Elephants have not played since a humiliating 4-0 loss to Equatorial Guinea in their last group game.

It was the Elephants' heaviest ever home defeat and their second reverse of the group stage. At that point it looked as if the hosts would be going out

## Ivory Coast 'mental strength' praised as redemption awaits

ABIDJAN

IVORY Coast's interim coach has praised his side's "mental strength" after they qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations semi-finals, having been on the brink of elimination.

Emerse Fae's players came from a goal down to beat Mali 2-1 with 10 men as the quarter-final was heading towards penalties.

The dramatic winner from Oumar Diakite means the hosts will now meet DR Congo in the last four in Abidjan on Wednesday (20:00GMT).

It was only Fae's second match in charge after Elephants coach Jean-Louis Gasset departed following a woeful group stage which left their hopes of progressing hanging by a thread.

"We weren't far from elimination but I'm really happy for the players, because they didn't give up, they fought until the end and they were rewarded for their efforts," said Fae, 40, who played at three Nations Cups for Ivory

Coast. "If you manage to win with 10 against 11 while being down 1-0 with 20 minutes to go, it is because there is a mental strength."

French-born Fae was Gasset's assistant at the start of the tournament.

His first match in charge was the last-16 meeting with defending champions Senegal, a match the Elephants won 5-4 on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra time.

Frank Kessie levelled for Ivory Coast from the penalty spot with four minutes remaining of normal time after Habib Diallo gave the Teranga Lions a fourth-minute lead and Fae identified that as the key area for the team to improve.

"Against Senegal, it took us 10 to 15 minutes to get into the match and against Mali we had tactical problems that we were unable to initially resolve," Fae said.

"We were lucky against Senegal and Mali to come back each time.

"We need to try to control the match rather than

enduring the pressure and being forced to struggle and having to make the effort to come back.

"What we did in the last two games are positive signs that give you hope. I would have preferred not to have a lot of suspense like that, however."

Ivory Coast played with 10-men following Odilon Kossounou's red card just before the break and fell behind to Nene Dorgeles' curled 71st-minute finish.

A 90th-minute equaliser from Simon Adingra and the injury-time winner in extra time for Dia-



kite marked the most remarkable comeback in the game, let alone what had gone before in the tournament for the El-

phants.

"We have a very good mentality and the coach knows us really well," Adingra said.

in the first round.

Coach Jean-Louis Gasset was sacked, but what has followed has been astonishing.

Favourable results elsewhere allowed them to scrape through as the last of the four best third-placed teams, and they then knocked out holders Senegal on penalties in the last 16 after equalising late in normal time.

Under interim coach Fae, the Ivorians' latest incredible escape came in Saturday's quarter-final, when they beat neighbours Mali 2-1 thanks to Oumar Diakite's goal in added time at the end of extra time.

Ivory Coast had been reduced to 10 men late in the first half when Odilon Kossounou was sent off, and were heading out, trailing 1-0, when substitute Simon Adingra levelled in the 90th minute to force extra time.

"After Equatorial Guinea we were at the bottom of a hole. We had to wait and hope that we would qualify, which happened, and now we are not afraid of anything," said midfielder Seko Fofana.

Ivory Coast will be without Kossounou and Diakite, who are suspended, but Sebastien Haller must be a contender to start for the first time this tournament.

The Borussia Dortmund striker missed the group stage injured but has since had a big impact off the bench.

DR Congo beat Egypt on penalties in the last 16 and then came from behind to beat Guinea 3-1 in the quarters.

They are dreaming of reaching the final for the first time since they were champions as Zaire in 1974.

AFP

"We are very close to each other. We are ready to keep moving. You know we almost died [exited Afcon] so we have nothing to lose. We can just win."

For Mali though, the defeat was heartbreaking.

"We have lost the game in the last five minutes, so I am sad for my players," Eric Chelle, Mali head coach said.

"This is really difficult for us to digest after we managed to put up a great match."

Mali defender Boubakar Kouyate was aware of what the loss would mean to Eagles fans.

"We really wanted to bring the trophy home and offer it to the population so they could be happy.

"Unfortunately we lost but we did our best. We were not lucky this time, but that's football."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Tanzania, Burundi academies hatch agreement to boost soccer in East Africa

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TWO youth sports training academies in Tanzania and Burundi have entered into special agreements for future cooperation and exchange programs in mostly soccer events.

The Didier Drogba Academy of Bujumbura, Burundi has just signed a two-year agreement with the Arusha-based Future Stars Sports Academy in Tanzania for strengthening football development among the East African Community member states.

"We are all working to ensure that young and aspiring footballers in East Africa realize their dreams of becoming international soccer stars in sync with carrying the region's sporting flag high," explained the Director of Future Stars Academy (FSA), Alfred Itaeli.

According to Itaeli, the two institutions deal mostly with youngsters aged from four years all the way to the under-20 players in soccer.

The FSA of Arusha usually organizes the annual East African Youth Soccer Tournament known as the 'Chipkizi Cup.'

On his part, the leader of Didier Drogba Academy, Nshimirimana Djuma, said his academy has always wanted to cooperate with the Future Stars and that effective from July they will start bringing players to Tanzania.

"In fact, last year we even wanted to participate in the 'Chipkizi Cup 2023' in Arusha but somehow the invitation came a little bit late, and didn't have enough time for preparations especially where transport logistics were concerned," said Djuma.

However, according to Djuma, this year, the Didier Drogba Academy plans to bring to Arusha four youth soccer teams in several categories, including the six to nine years; 10 to 13 years; 14 to 16 years and 17 to 18 years.

For starters, it will be an exchange program in mid-2024 then later on they will be joining other teams from East Africa and the rest of the world for the ultimate Chipukizi Cup coming up in Arusha next December.

The Burundi academy, which sailed in 2017, happens to be named after Drogba, the Ivory Coast striker who played for Chelsea and its officials believe that their candidates will also be playing in international venues.

"The government of Burundi is very supportive," added the Drogba academy leader.

The institution currently has 145 young soccer students.

# Simba SC seek winning momentum against Tabora United FC

table. Back-to-back victory looks very likely as they take on an inconsistent Tabora United side that is flirting with relegation - though head coach assistant coach Selemani Matola insists they will be taking nothing for granted.

"We know it won't be an easy match. It is a tough match. Every time our team plays against sides like Tabora United, it is always a tough match. We have watched many of their matches, in fact they are a very good team.

"We come here knowing that we are up against a tough team. We are fine with the challenges they will pose but we have to make sure we get a result because

three points are crucial for us," he said.

Simba will be missing Ally Salim and Willy Onana due to injuries, while Henock Inonga remains unavailable,

with the centre-back in action at the Africa Cup of Nations for DR Congo.

Midfielder Fabrice Ngoma is back in the squad.

Tabora United, with only a single win in their last eight outings, stand at a crossroads.

They could find themselves in a tricky position if results don't improve in the near future, as they are in the 12th place in the Premier League table, just one point clear of the relegation zone.

The mini-transfer window signings

could offer a much-needed boost, yet the uphill battle remains.

Goran Kopunovic's resolve and tactical acumen will be put to the test against a Simba team brimming with confidence but he is relishing the challenge.

"The first game for us is against Simba, so I think this is a historic day for Tabora region. For the fans, this is maybe a public football holiday but for us, this is a big challenge and good opportunity," said Kopunovic in his pre-match interview

"For me, every game is the same. I respect all opponents. Every game is not easy for us. Many times it is difficult but I have huge confidence, my players have huge confidence and are not afraid.

"Coming up against a big team I don't want to talk much about Simba. Everyone knows who Simba are but I also know what Tabora United are to me. I hope we are not only ready for tomorrow but for the next seventeen games," he said.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club have a chance to go within touching distance of the NBC Premier League top two, Azam and Young Africans, when they square up against hosts Tabora United at the Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium in the afternoon.

The Msimbazi Reds returned to competitive action on Saturday with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Mashujaa courtesy of Saidi Ntibanzokiza's first-half winner - a result which brought them within five points of Azam and Young Africans at the head of the



DR Congo and Simba SC defender Henock Inonga Baka

## Inonga attracts interest from North African clubs

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**Until now, no offer has arrived on the table for Inonga. We see these reports mentioning FAR Rabat and Al Ahly in the networks.**

DR Congo and Simba SC defender Henock Inonga Baka is attracting interest of various North African teams after his ongoing stellar performance in the CAF African Cup of Nations taking place in Ivory Coast.

Inonga featured in two group match fixtures and only missed one on a tactical switch against Tanzania. He also played both the Round of 16 and quarter-final match against Guinea in the heart of DR Congo defense paired with Olympique Marseille and national team captain Chancel Mbemba.

The combative defender has his current contract with Simba running out after next season.

The 30-year-old defender's realistic move out of Simba is in North Africa with reports in Morocco stipulating he has already signed a pre-contract with FAR Rabat. There are also reports that Al Ahly are also interested in the former Tanzania Premier League defender of the year.

Speaking from the na-

tional team camp, he said he is aware of the numerous rumors but no leader has contacted him on the matter.

"I still have a contract with Simba SC, I can't talk about leaving or staying. Those who can have the right answers are my employers," he was quoted saying.

Simba SC's Information and Communications Manager, Ahmed Ally, said they have not received any offer from any club that they need the player.

"Until now, no offer has arrived on the table for Inonga. We see these reports mentioning FAR Rabat and Al Ahly in the networks," he said.

"If there is a big offer, nothing is impossible. We are open to talk and agree if things are right. Nothing is impossible," said Ally

Inonga was first called up to the DR Congo national team for the 2020 African Nations championship. He was later called up to the national team for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations.

The DR Congo international has established himself as a reliable defender in the country's first eleven squad.

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