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Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan arrives at Dar es Salaam's Uhuru Stadium yesterday to grace celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces. Left is Chief of Defence Forces General Jacob Mkunda. Photo: State House

Samia extols TPDF role in past 60 years

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has commended the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) for major contribution over the past 60 years, chiefly in maintaining national security and peace.

Gracing the commemoration of the army's 60th anniversary of its founding, she said that this achievement is testimony for army's efforts to uphold the founding principles inculcated by the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

The president said that Mwalimu emphasised "putting the heart before the weapon" in his first address to officers of the incipient army as it was being reorganised following a mutiny in the main army barracks early in 1964.

Mwalimu stressed the importance of protecting the constitution and national sovereignty, maintaining combat readi-

ness through training and periodic exercises, she stated.

She also highlighted the need for educating the public on defence matters, cooperating with civilian authorities in humanitarian aid and disaster response, along with engaging in peacekeeping at present and earlier, assisting efforts of liberation movements.

The army was pivotal in preserving the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar, supporting the revolutionary state in Zanzibar, highlighting peacekeeping activities in countries such as Liberia, Sudan, Lebanon and Côte d'Ivoire.

"Our military also contributes to nurturing Tanzania's youth by instilling patriotism and values through the National Service programme," she said, citing major roles in health provision and training

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Bill, Melinda Gates fund investing in horticulture

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is disbursing upwards of 1bn/- for a farm to market efficiency project under the Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA).

Grace Mhina, impact manager for the new initiative, made this observation here over the weekend as stakeholders inaugurated the farm to market efficiency project.

The project is meant to enhance the horticulture marketing infrastructure in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions, the key zone for the horticultural sub-sector, she said.

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Visiting Z'bar president opens investment forum

By Guardian Correspondent, Bali

ZANZIBAR President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi sees numerous opportunities for collaboration between Zanzibar and Indonesia, especially in transfer of modern technologies.

He made this observation here yesterday, officiating at the open-

ing of the Zanzibar-Indonesia Investment Forum 2024 involving the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA).

The forum is part of the second Indonesia-Africa Forum (IAF) being held for two days, with the Zanzibar leader arriving in Bali on Saturday.

President Mwinyi is standing in

for Union President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the event, focusing on the "Bandung Spirit for Africa's Agenda 2063," a reflection on the legacy of the key non-alignment conference in Indonesia back in 1955, in the city of Bandung.

Zanzibar has an opportunity to learn from Indonesia in various areas including seaweed farming

and processing, oil and gas exploration tourism, and port operations, he said, citing Indonesia's experience, methods and technologies, especially in the blue economy sector.

He expressed satisfaction with the high level of interest

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The two forums feature private sector and state-owned enterprises seeking joint venture deals, with project agreements expected to reach \$3.5bn (9.5trn/-), the host minister noted

'Tribal customs helpful in children's upbringing'

By Guardian Correspondent



Tanzania Episcopal Conference Secretary General Rev Dr Charles Kitima speaks at the Mwalimu JK Nyerere Pre and Primary School graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. He was the chief guest. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) believes that African traditions, cultures and customs have some strong values that can shape the formation of school children in the current wave of moral decay in society, influenced by modernism.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Kitima, the TEC secretary general, made this affirmation at a graduation ceremony for Mwalimu JK Nyerere Primary School in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, highlighting that some pupils miss the right guidance in their upbringing, ending up misbehaving.

"That is why there is a need to revisit academic syllabuses in both primary and secondary schools to see whether there

are tribal ethical values to add, in making pupils able in assuming their due roles in society," the church administrator and one time varsity vice chancellor stated.

Expressing misgivings at the fact that children are at times left alone, he said that out of their busy schedules, parents rarely have time to spend with their children, leaving house girls with roles to take care of the children.

"This is wrong. Whether we like it or not, children need time to stay with their parents," he emphasized, noting that parents are reluctant to cooperate with school heads in disciplining their children.

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The US-based foundation is financing the project through the Beyond Farming Collective (BFC), an agribusiness initiative funded by the foundation, where the manager says the funding will bolster marketing networks, enhancing horticulture industry performance.

She expressed optimism on the project's potential impact on small-scale farmers in the two regions, underlining TAHA's track record as influencing the decision.

The Gates Foundation is investing in Tanzania's horticulture sub-sector for the first time, she stated, indicating that the project's success will invite a broader scale-up, enhancing Tanzania's agricultural reputation.

Simon Mlay, an executive with the horticulture firm, noted that the project will upgrade TAHA's shared facilities, integrate innovative post-harvest management technologies and improve market access for smallholder farmers.

It also targets transporters and farm assurers.

Over the next three years, the project will be carried out in collaboration with the BFC, Bopnic, the Africa Agribusiness Academy (AAA), KIT-Royal Tropical Institute and TAHA itself, beefed with its logistical and certification backup in TAHA Fresh Handling Ltd and GreenCert Ltd, he said.

With the funding, TAHA expects to enhance market access by upgrading TAHA's infrastructure, improving crop-processing capacities and boosting market participation by modernising the Tengeru packing house and Himo collection center, he said.

Effective post-harvest management, the use of solar coolers and training on climate change adaptation are also envisaged,

while uplifting engagement with off-takers and exporters to expand market opportunities, ensuring a reliable market for farmers, he said.

Key new markets focused upon are China and Britain, which demands managing contract farming efficiently, he stated, pointing out that small-scale farmers will be provided with timely market information.

Post-harvest management knowledge will be handy, to support data-driven decision-making and promote sustainable practices, he further noted.

Justa Katunzi, the Agriculture ministry assistant director for crop development, expressed gratitude for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation support.

The government expects to work closely with TAHA to achieve the project's goals, she said, assured that success would boost horticultural exports and crop quality countrywide.

Yasinta Manyatta, a key off-taker with the Fresh Field Manyatta Co., praised the new initiative for addressing critical infrastructure needs, as packhouses are vital to stem the risk of crops being spoiled before reaching the market.

Anthony Chamanga, the TAHA chief development manager, said that the initiative is a pioneering investment in the horticulture industry, highlighting the industry's role in generating foreign currency, creating employment for women and youth, and contributing significantly to food security.

Overall, this project represents a major step forward for Tanzania's horticultural industry, promising improvements in infrastructure, market access, and overall efficiency, he added.

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shown by investors attending the forum, expecting that a number of them will take up opportunities in the blue economy.

The forum involved Union and Zanzibar government officials, with Sharif Ali Sharif, the Labour, Economy, and Investment state minister in the Zanzibar President's Office playing a leading role.

Pahala Mansury, the Indonesian Foreign Affairs deputy minister, plus Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde as well as Makocha Tembele, our envoy to Indonesia are notably involved.

The forum aims to enhance economic cooperation through the blue economy sector, featuring tourism, port operations, oil and gas, maritime transport, fishing and seaweed processing, with senior officials from Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Ghana, Liberia and Eswatini also participating.

At the end of the forum, the Zanzibar leader will proceed with a two-day working visit on Wednesday and Thursday, while also leading the Tanzanian delegation at the high level forum on multi stakeholder partnerships organised in conjunction with the bilateral regional forum.

The two forums feature private sector and state-owned enterprises seeking joint venture deals, with project agreements expected to reach \$3.5bn (9.5trn/-), the host minister noted.



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) with CEO Round Table of Tanzania (CEOrt) board chairman David Tarimo (C) and Strathmore University Business School (Kenya) executive dean Dr Caesar Mwangi in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. It was on the sidelines of the fourth graduation ceremony of the CEO Apprenticeship Programme, which is meant to groom senior executives from various institutions into visionary CEOs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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They end up transferring their obligations to the schools, with the result that the schools have to handle all their disciplinary problems, he elaborated, affirming that children feel more secure, perform and behave better if their parents are involved in school activities.

If children with behavioural problems realize that their parents and educators are collabo-

rating to manage difficulties, they show greater consistency and feel more contented," he said.

An active relationship between parents and educators has great benefits, as parents can have a great impact on their children's behaviour when they seek to make sure that children arrive at school on time.

They also need to be aware that the children behave correctly, wear relevant clothing, are in possession of required

books or equipment and complete tasks on time, he specified.

For educators to maintain discipline in schools, they need support from parents to promote discipline, in which case parents need to take responsibility for their children's behaviour, he insisted.

Parents play a great role on the discipline of the child, whereas pupils falling victim to indiscipline often do so because of personality differences, a reflection of ineffective socializa-

tion particularly as they move to maturity, he explained.

He expressed satisfaction with the school's initiative to include the Chinese language their curricula, noting that the initiative widens their chances of seeking employment opportunities locally and outside the country, after or earlier than finishing college education.

Participating parents were impressed after seeing some pupils speak Chinese coherently, in one of the poems recited

during the ceremony, with the school board chairman Jenerali Ulimwengu urging class seven leavers to use the education level they attained to cement a strong foundation for good performance in secondary school.

The Mwalimu JK Nyerere nursery and primary school is supervised by Benedictine nuns based in Ndanda, Mtwara Region, with its pupils coming from various parts of the country, regardless of their religious background.



NMB Bank CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) and K-FINCO CEO Dr Eunjae Lee sign an MoU for the extending of bank guarantees to the latter firm's members for financing large-scale construction projects in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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of cadres, in army hospitals and the National Defence College, respectively.

The military has remained a defence force and it has never invaded any country nor are there any such plans, she stated, hailing TPDF role in assisting disaster relief efforts during the landslides in Hanang, Manyara Region and in Malawi, late last year.

The military was always involved in interpreting government visions, policies and plans across all leadership phases, in

perennial efforts to combat ignorance, poverty and diseases, she said.

Army economic units had carried out the construction of the Chamwino State House and the Mererani Wall, a 24.5km long impediment initiated as part of mineral resources protection, she stated.

The military has to focus on adapting to reforms in global defence and economic systems, tied to national strategies to enhance the economy, secure foreign exchange through alternative exports and services while strengthening investments, to

revitalise and upgrading the industrial sector.

She commanded the military's prompt action against officers who diverge from core service principles to maintain discipline and obedience within the force and the country.

Praising commanders and personnel for patriotism and adherence to ethical of oaths taken, she said that Tanzanians value their contributions, pointing at her being touched by the readiness, competence, skill and bravery of the armed forces.

"I am reassured that our mil-

itary is at a high standard and have great confidence that the future of our country and our children is secure," the commander in chief declared.

She appealed to members of the public to fulfil their constitutional duty under Article 28 (1) by safeguarding national peace and addressing those inciting discord and breaches of peace.

Support from the public is crucial to the military's successes, she said, while the Defence and National Service minister Dr Stergomena Tax was equally enthusiastic.

She stated that the presence of a robust, skilled and successful TPDF over the years resulted from excellent leadership, accurate vision, sound national planning, the high dedication, obedience and patriotism of the nation's leaders.

Army commander Gen. Jacob Mkunda, the chief of defence forces, expressed gratitude to the top leadership for support, including the procurement of modern operational requirements that facilitate their duties and ensure the nation's borders are secure.

US to extend African railway aspirations through Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States government is set to expand the Lobito Corridor - a railway project that runs from Angola to Zambia through the Democratic Republic of the Congo - all the way to the Indian Ocean through Tanzania.

The railway would connect African countries to global markets and enhance regional trade and economic growth, supporters say.

Speaking to reporters online on Wednesday, Helaina Matza, the US acting special coordinator for partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, spoke about progress made on upgrading and extending the Lobito Corridor.

Matza, who just finished a weeklong trip to the DRC and Tanzania, said the trip focused on "relaunching our partnership with the DRC and engaging with the Tanzanian government and private sector on next steps towards extending the economic corridor to the Indian Ocean. As President [Joe] Biden has said from day one of the launch of this flagship effort, this corridor has never just been about building infrastructure. It's about offering high-quality, sustainable infrastructure projects that deliver lasting economic growth."

The US government, with the support of the European Union, African

financial institutions, and the governments of Angola, the DRC and Zambia, is working to rebuild and revive the Benguela railway line that the countries used to export materials and minerals even before independence.

The project will be financed by \$250 million supplied by the US International Development Finance Corporation.

US officials say the improved railway line is meant to enhance export possibilities for Angola, the DRC and Zambia. The partly refurbished railway has already carried shipments of Congolese copper to Angola's Lobito port for shipment to the city of Baltimore on the US East Coast.

Erastus Mwencha, former deputy chairperson of the African Union Commission, said transport systems like the Lobito Corridor can help improve trade among African countries.

"One of the reasons intra-Africa trade is low is because of poor transport networks," Mwencha said, adding that goods can sometimes be brought from Europe to Africa at more competitive rates than goods being moved from one African country to another.

But Mwencha is worried that the ports and railways used to export Africa's raw materials remain largely the same as they were during colonial times, and that Africa is also still operating on a colonial-era business model.



Energy deputy minister Judith Kapinga (2nd-L, in suit) pictured in Mbeya city at the weekend congratulating Zuwena Robinson, overall winner of a gas cooking competition involving 1,000 chefs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

"Are we going to follow the colonial model of just bringing these raw materials and minerals and exporting them, or are we going to add value?" he said. "To me, that's the more important aspect."

Studies show that a poor transportation network in Africa adds 30 percent to 40 percent to the cost of goods traded among African countries, hampering the development

of the private sector.

Matza said the Lobito project would benefit not only the U.S. but also African countries and would facilitate business on the continent.

"When you bring trade routes down from 45 days to 36 hours," she said, "it opens up a whole new world for markets, and that's what we're testing here today: How can we

help new agribusiness develop? What are the right places to think about cold storage, warehousing, logistics? What local food producers can we help support along the way?"

In addition to refurbishing existing lines, the project envisions adding 1,300 kilometres of railway from Zambia to Tanzania. The project is slated to be finished by 2029.

Procedures for Tanzanian growers to export avocados to China ready

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority and the General Administration of Customs of China have rolled out procedures through which fruit growers can now ship three types of avocado to the Far East country.

Tanzania has finally accomplished the required procedures needed to make the country eligible to export and sell three varieties of its locally

grown, fresh avocados to the Chinese markets.

An official statement from the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday informed avocado growers, producers and exporters in the country that Tanzania has completed the bilateral procedures to that effect.

Dar was allowed to open avocado markets in China from mid-August 2024, according to Director General of Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) Prof Joseph

Ndunguru. Although avocados from Tanzania are now permitted to be exported and traded in China, there are still procedures that producers need to undertake before shipping the fruits to China.

In order for Tanzanian producers to export avocados to China, they must be registered with the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) through the Arusha-based TPHPA.

According to Prof Ndunguru, avo-

cado exporters must also comply with the other requirements such as ensuring the varieties of their consignment are Hass, Fuerte and Pinkerton only.

Also, production farms, packaging houses and fumigation companies must register with TPHPA and obtain a traceability code for exporter identification. The other requirement is that all farms registered to export avocados to China must adhere to best agricultural practices and integrated

pest management to control quarantine pests such as fruit flies, false codling moths and mealy bugs.

The processing, packaging, storage and transportation steps must comply with all the requirements and procedures outlined in the protocol signed between the two countries.

The Chinese Market is already enjoying several food products from Tanzania, including coffee, cashew nuts, sesame, soybean and seafood products.

During a state visit to China by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in 2023, Dar and Beijing signed a protocol of phytosanitary requirements for the export of fresh avocado fruits from Tanzania to China.

Tanzania exports avocado to Netherlands (4.5 tonnes), France (1.8 tonnes), Kenya (1.8 tonnes), United Kingdom (1.7 tonnes), the United Arab Emirates (0.7 tonnes), South Africa (0.4 tonnes) and other countries (1.35 tonnes).

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Invitation to Tender (ITT)

SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF YOUTH FRIENDLY SPACES AT MAJIMOTO, INYONGA, TOWN CLINIC CENTRE, ITENKA, KASEKESHE HEALTH FACILITIES IN KATAVI REGION

Tender Ref. No. PIT/VUMA/01/FY25

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan has over 80 years' experience and works in more than 75 countries across the world. Working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners, we strive for a just world, tackling the root causes of the challenges facing girls and all vulnerable children. Plan International Tanzania (PIT) operates in 8 regions with footprints within 16 regions since 1991, currently supporting 25,000 vulnerable children and their families to access health care, quality education, safe sanitation and water, productive livelihoods and protection of their wellbeing.

Plan International in Tanzania would wish to enter into an agreement for Supply of Construction Materials for Construction of Youth Friendly Spaces at Majimoto, Inyonga, Town Clinic Centre, Itenka, Kasekeshe Health Facilities in Katavi region

1. Tendering will be conducted through the Internationally Published Tender (IPTs)
2. Plan International Tanzania invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for Supply of Construction Materials. Interested eligible tenderers must confirm their intention to tender indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to: tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Tender documents in the English language will be sent to

interested tenderers by email. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing, postage or delivery of the tender documents.

3. Tenderers are hereby requested to submit the tenders physically in a sealed envelope by hand to the Country Director:

Plan International Tanzania
Country Office
Plot 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA
P.O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Or

Plan International Tanzania
Vijana na Ubora Malengo na Afya (VUMA) Project Office
Plot 48 Block B, kitunguru 1 Street, Ilembo.
P.O Box 465 Mpanda, Katavi, Tanzania.

4. The deadline for submission of the tenders is **10:00 AM East Africa Time (EAT), on Tuesday, 01/10/2024**. The outer cover should be clearly marked "Tender No. PIT/VUMA/01/FY25 for Supply of Construction Materials. Not to be opened before **10:00 AM, on Tuesday, 01/10/2024**, East Africa Time. Late or Electronic bids will be rejected

Country Director
Plan International Tanzania

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TENDER FOR THE SALE OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES

TRAFFIC INTERNATIONAL EAST AFRICA intends to sell one of its used motor vehicles.

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The vehicle can be viewed at Mawalla Heritage Park plot No. 175/12, Mawalla Road, Arusha, just behind AIM Mall from September 3rd 2024 to September 10th 2024, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding weekends and holidays.

The successful bidder shall be required to pay 100% of the bid amount within fourteen days from the date of notification and will be allowed to take the vehicle after submission of the VAT payment receipt, failure of which the second/subsequent highest bidder shall be awarded the tender.

The minimum bid amount is USD10,000

Interested parties are advised to submit bid titled "TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF USED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER DFP 4759" and addressed to Email: traffictz@traffic.org

Programme Office Director,
TRAFFIC INTERNATIONAL EAST AFRICA,
P. O. Box 14129, Plot 175/12, Mawalla Heritage Park,
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The deadline for receiving bids will be on **Friday 13th September 2024**, at 17:00hrs. The successful bidder will be communicated via email.

TRAFFIC INTERNATIONAL East Africa office Management reserves the right to accept/turn down the bid.



Special Seats legislator Sophia Mwakagenda speaks at a workshop for women held in Tukuyu, Mbeya Region, at the weekend. She underlined the use of stoves running on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), commonly known as cooking gas. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TPA walks away with bronze medal for 'improved services'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TANZANIA Ports Authority (TPA) has been recognised by the government and awarded for improving port services.

The bronze medal award was presented by President Samia Suluhu Hassan during a recent meeting of heads of public institutions and chairpersons of public entities' boards in Arusha city.

Dr Elinami Minja, Vice Chairman of TPA Board of Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the authority.

"This award reflects the significant reforms and initiatives undertaken by TPA to improve port efficiency," said Dr George Fasha, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at TPA.

Speaking on behalf of TPA Director General Plasduce Mbossa, he said that the award recognises notable improvements, including a substantial 675bn/- investment by DP World at Dar es Salaam Port aimed at enhancing service delivery. "This recognition provides us with additional motivation to continue working diligently to ensure TPA manages our ports with the highest efficiency. We aim to implement further substantial improvements to attract more traders to

use our ports," he said.

Dr Fasha explained that the ongoing improvements have been made possible through deliberate measures taken by TPA in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport. For instance, he noted that the investments have already yielded positive results at Dar es Salaam Port where cargo volumes increased from 7,151 containers in April 2024 to 20,151 containers by July 2024.

"This is a testament to the improved services achieved so far. TPA's goal is to ensure that Dar es Salaam Port competes efficiently with other ports globally," he said.

Dr Fasha expressed confidence that with the initiatives, TPA is poised to receive further awards both locally and internationally.



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Govt for augmented trade, investment ties with Brazil

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE government has reiterated its commitment to strengthening business and investment ties with Brazil in creating sustainable economic growth for both countries.

Dr Selemani Jafo, Minister for Industry and Trade, underscored the commitment in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during Brazil-Tanzania Trade Mission seminar aimed at exploring opportunities across several sectors, including agri-

culture and food, healthcare, industry, services, automotive, defence and aviation.

He said there is a need to expand production beyond traditional ways to value-added products with higher profit margins in addressing the existing challenges and tap available potentials for the two states.

"I want to reaffirm the government's commitment to supporting your business and investment in Tanzania. We are looking forward to see a strong partnership between Tanza-

nian and Brazilian companies working together in partnerships for more sustainable and vibrant economies," he said.

"I have no doubt that this seminar will provide unique opportunities for business communities to interact and share business and success stories. This is about building connections and closing deals. Above all, it's about the shared future of business between Tanzania and Brazil."

According to him, the 2023 statistics indicate that Tanzania

exports valued at \$0.1 million to Brazil while Brazil's exports to Tanzania were valued at \$64.6 million, urging some improvement as trade volume decreases.

"For cost reduction upon businesses, the government

has decided to invest in mega projects development like roads, airports construction, reestablishment of airline, construction of standard gauge railway and Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project to improve investment environment in the

country," he said.

Gustavo Martins Nogueira, Ambassador of Brazil to Tanzania, said since establishing diplomatic relations in 1970, the two countries have consistently worked side by side to strengthen their bilateral ties.

The envoy said that Tanzania and Brazil have opportunities to share, grow and learn from each other in a partnership among equals.

"Tanzania now has 65 million people and this population is set to double by 2050 accord-

ing to recent UN estimates. As we look ahead to Tanzania 25 years from now, a country of 130 million people, we realise how crucial it will be for Tanzania to promote its industrial base, to promote its manufacturing base, to create wealth in order to provide jobs and opportunities for its growing population," he said.

Ambassador Alex Giacomelli, Director of Trade Promotion Department of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that Brazilian government

was taking concerted steps to expand and deepen commercial and trade ties with African countries.



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Girl (16) raises 200m/- for free sanitary pads

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

A 16-YEAR-OLD pupil at North London Collegiate School in Dubai has raised 200m/- to provide free sanitary pads to schoolgirls in the Northern Zone.

Recognising the pressing need for menstrual hygiene support among girls from underprivileged backgrounds, Arjun Kaur Mittal launched her initiative dubbed 'Needs Tanzania'.

The project aims to distribute menstrual health products to girls in rural areas, starting with Mkonoo Secondary School in the remote Terrat Ward in Arusha Region.

The initial distribution of sanitary pads to 400 girls at the school recently marked a turning point, enabling beneficiaries to attend classes with greater comfort and regularity during their menstrual cycles.

Mittal plans to raise an additional 700m/- annually to ensure sustainability of the initiative.

She emphasised the affordability of her programme, noting that providing sanitary pads for a year costs as much as a cup of coffee from a major chain. This practical approach highlights the long-term viability of the project.

The impact at Mkonoo Secondary

School has been profound. Girls who previously missed school due to their menstrual cycles now attend regularly, their confidence and comfort restored. Both pupils and teachers acknowledge the positive changes brought by this support.

"Many of us come from needy families and menstrual health towels seemed like an impossible dream. We are deeply grateful for the support," said Amina Mohamed, a Form Two pupil.

James Mhili, a programme officer in the Ministry of Health, commended Mittal as a role model for young people.

"At just 16, she has accomplished remarkable things for the community. Her initiative is particularly significant for girls from low-income families who often miss school due to lack of sanitary pads," he said.

Sirili Ako, a seasoned tourism expert and former CEO of the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO), recognized Mittal's vision and impact, noting that many Tanzanian pupils face challenges due to lack of menstrual products, often leading to truancy.

Ako expressed hope that similar initiatives will benefit other regions, addressing reproductive health issues and supporting continued education for girls.



Kilombero district administrative secretary Abraham Mwaikwila (2nd-L) Kilombero Sugar human resources director, Diana Mwakitange (3rd-R), pictured yesterday presenting a consignment of sanitary pads for use by students of Kilombero District's Cane Growers Secondary School. Left is the school's head teacher, Yusufu Lauwo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tourists to enjoy 4G internet in Ngorongoro after tower boosts

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngorongoro

TOURISTS visiting the Ngorongoro Conservation Area are set to enjoy enhanced connectivity with the introduction of 4G internet services following installation of specialised towers in the area.

The towers, constructed under the Tanzania Digital

Project funded by the World Bank (WB), mark a significant upgrade from the previous 2G services.

Kelvin Mwakaleke, an engineer with the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, unveiled this during a recent inspection of the towers, saying the move also aims at boosting tourism in the country.

"We are grateful to the government and the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) for their collaboration with the World Bank in funding the installation and upgrading of these towers. We anticipate that tourism activities will benefit greatly from reliable internet access in our conservation area," he said.

Jamyon Mbungi, Coordi-

nator of Postcode Addresses in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, said that they were also assigning addresses in the area, including for communication towers.

"We have provided addresses for the towers to facilitate communication for tourists visiting our conservation. The addresses will

help tourists understand their destination better, including information on distances, recommended hotels and other social services," he said.

Mohamed Mashaka, Director of ICT System Development and Service in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, said that installation of the ser-

vices aligns with the government's commitment to extending communication services to all citizens.

Mashaka who is also the project manager for Tanzania Digital Project noted that the project includes construction of highly capable towers in the area.

He said that last year President Samia Suluhu Hassan graced the official signing

of the contracts between telecommunication companies and UCSAF for the construction of 758 towers country-wide aimed at helping all Tanzanians have access to communications.

Mashaka also said that the WB was satisfied with the progress and pledged continued collaboration to complete the project before the general election in 2025.

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Special Seats legislator Janneth Mahawanga (C) is briefed on various items displayed by female entrepreneurs at an exhibition held at Mbweni in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region, yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

Traders near mines asked to seek business skills to grow

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

KAHAMA District Commissioner Mboni Mhita has urged traders in gold-rich regions to capitalise on business opportunities available and acquire professional management skills to enhance their operations.

Mhita made the appeal at the weekend here during opening of a two-week training programme for 150 traders from Kahama and Nyang'hwale districts in Shinyanga and Geita regions respectively.

The training, designed to boost local businesses capacity, targets traders around Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine, to help them leverage opportunities in the mining sector. It is part of Barrick's Local Business Development Programme which seeks to support businesses benefit from the mining industry.

She praised the company for organising the training and urged participants from the districts surrounding the mine to utilise the 10 percent loan opportunities offered by local authorities to enhance their economic activities.

"You should fully concentrate in this training to meet the criteria for joining mining-related businesses and acquire the expertise needed for professional business management," she said.

Victor Lule, acting general manager of Barrick Bulyanhulu, highlighted the company's commitment to community development, emphasising the importance of recognising and seizing available opportunities. He expressed pride in the large turnout from various wards near the mine and expressed confidence that the training would help participants capitalise on business opportunities in the mining sector and foster business growth.

UNICEF announces emergency tender to obtain mpox vaccine

By Special Correspondent

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donations of vaccines from existing stockpiles in high-income countries with the aim of containing the ongoing transmission of mpox.

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"Addressing the current mpox vaccine shortage and delivering vaccines to communities who need them now is of paramount importance. There is also a pressing need for a universal and transparent allocation mechanism to ensure equitable access to mpox vaccines," said Director of UNICEF Supply Division Leila Pakkala.

"As we confront the ongoing Mpox outbreak, the timely procurement and distribution of vaccines is crucial to protecting the most vulnerable populations, particularly in the hardest-hit regions. This emergency tender is a critical step forward in our

collective effort to control the spread of this disease. Africa CDC is committed to ensuring that vaccines are allocated swiftly and equitably across the continent, in partnership with UNICEF, Gavi, WHO, and other key stakeholders. Our unified response is essential to curbing the impact of this public health emergency and safeguarding the health and well-being of our communities," said Dr. Jean Kassey, Director General of Africa CDC.

"With several partners working on securing access to supply, today's announcement represents an important step in this emergency, enabling UNICEF to purchase and deliver vaccines after Gavi and other partners make funding available and sign purchase or donation agreements with manufacturers for the most immedi-

ate dose needs," said Dr Derrick Sim, interim Chief Vaccine Programmes and Markets Officer at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "Securing access to supply and financing, delivering doses, and in parallel ensuring countries are ready to administer them, are all vital actions that need to be conducted rapidly but thoroughly, and in a coordinated manner. We welcome this tender as another positive step our Alliance and Africa CDC are taking in this response."

"A swift, coordinated, and equitable response is critical to controlling the current mpox emergency and preventing future ones," said Dr Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO incident manager for the global mpox response and acting Director for Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Preven-

tion. "All of us must act decisively now or risk allowing mpox to spread further and become an even greater global threat. In an interconnected world, the fight against mpox - as with other infectious diseases and health threats - cannot be waged alone. WHO is glad to partner with UNICEF, Gavi, Africa CDC, other partners and affected countries to get life-saving tools to people in need."

The emergency tender is designed to secure immediate access to available mpox vaccines as well as to expand production. Depending on demand, production capacity of manufacturers and funding, agreements for up to 12 million doses through 2025 can be put in place.

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CRDB Bank Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela makes a presentation at a workshop for board chairpersons and chief executives of public institutions held in Arusha city last week. The workshop, whose thrust was on investment opportunities for Tanzania beyond Tanzania's borders, was opened by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Schoolgirls in Kilombero pick handout of 2,400 sanitary pads

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilombero

IN an effort towards enhancing girls' education and promoting menstrual health awareness, Kilombero Sugar Company has donated over 2,400 sanitary pads to female pupils at Cane Growers Second-

ary School in Kilombero District, Morogoro Region.

The initiative underscores the company's ongoing commitment to combating period poverty and supporting communities in which it operates.

During the donation event held at Cane Growers Secondary School, Kilombero District

Administrative Secretary, Abraham Mwaikwila, applauded the company's efforts in supporting education of young girls.

"This generous donation is more than just a contribution; it's a strong show of support for the young women in our district. By providing the sanitary pads, the company helps

remove a significant barrier to education.

"This initiative not only keeps girls in school but also empowers them with the confidence to pursue their dreams uninterrupted. We are truly grateful for this impactful contribution to our community's future."

Speaking at the handover event, Kilombero Sugar Company's Human Resource Director, Diana Mwakitange, stated that the gesture was part of the firm's commitment to supporting the community it serves.

Mwakitange said she was pleased to learn that about 65 percent of the pupils at the

school are girls, emphasising the aim of keeping girls in school by combating period poverty. She further noted that the initiative aligns with the national agenda to improve girls' education and reduce gender disparities in schools.

"By ensuring that girls have access to sanitary pads, we are

directly contributing to their academic success and wellbeing," she said.

The company strives to demonstrate its commitment to social responsibility through initiatives focused on education, health and community development across Tanzania.

EACOP to engage journalists further for accurate reporting

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) has said that it is committed to maintaining strong relations with media outlets so as to provide accurate information and updates on the project's progress.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during a tour of media houses, EACOP's Head of Communications for Tanzania Catherine Mbatia said that the project is dedicated to educating journalists through seminars and training sessions to ensure accurate reporting on the project.

"It is the public's right to be informed about the project's progress," she said. "Our relationship with the media is therefore extremely crucial for the public to receive timely updates about the progress of the project."

"Sometimes the public needs to be regularly informed about the project. Therefore, apart from using our social media platforms to reach out to them, we rely on journalists as a key bridge to convey important updates about the project and avoid any potential misinformation."

Mbatia explained that due to media's crucial role, the project has initiated a special

programme whereby project officials visit media houses to discuss ongoing progress and for the media as well to get accurate information they need to report.

She said that the project will continue to organise seminars and trainings as well as field trips for journalists to visit project sites.

The initiative, according to her, will allow journalists to have a wealth of information and report accurately to the public through their different platforms and channels.

She highlighted that the society needs to know the impact of the project, including the substantial economic benefits to the country.

The EACOP project involves construction of various infrastructures, including pipelines that will transport crude oil from Hoima in Uganda to the Port of Tanga. The pipeline stretches for 1,443 kilometres, with 1,147 kilometres in Tanzania and 296 in Uganda.

The project's stakeholders are TotalEnergies which holds 62 percent share while Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Uganda's National Oil Company (UNOC) each holds a 15 percent stake while CNOOC of China has 8 percent.



Esther Massao (standing), a quality control specialist with the Agriculture ministry's Aflatoxin Control Project, pictured in Iringa municipality at the weekend making a briefing on the current tour in Iringa Region during which they will sensitise members of the public on ways to control aflatoxins. These are highly poisonous chemicals found in agricultural crops including maize and groundnuts. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Expert calls for mechanisation of farming to achieve food security

By Special Correspondent

THE mechanisation of African agriculture holds the key to tackling the continent's endemic hunger and malnutrition, an expert has said.

Cheng Cheng, the lead of Asian Partnerships at the Kenya-based Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), an organization that seeks to catalyse agricultural transformation on the

continent, said mechanization and digitalization of crop production can have a big effect on food production in Africa, thus solving perennial food insecurity.

"The African farm systems are the least mechanized across all continents, yet demand for food is huge due to the increasing population on the continent," Cheng told Xinhua in a recent interview in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, ahead of the Africa Food

Systems Forum (AFS) slated for Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, on September 2-6.

The expert observed that for the continent to move forward, it is necessary to work with development partners and private companies to invest in rediscovering mechanization and digitalization on the continent.

Cheng noted that the AGRA's role is to forge partnerships and embrace what can help Africa

upscale its food productivity with Asian countries.

He added that the continental body is fostering strategic partnerships to address agrifood system challenges by leveraging China's expertise in agricultural modernization. The launch of the China-Africa Knowledge Sharing Platform by the Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy is one such example.

Cheng said Africa has an opportunity to explore and solidify

partnerships to ensure that the continent's food systems are not only resilient but also globally competitive.

He said so far, three machinery makers from China have confirmed entering the East African market to set up plants. New maize harvesting machinery will also be introduced in Kenya to help save time in the harvesting process.

"China is eager to share knowledge and experience with African partners to turn around the seed system as part of the revolution into becoming food secure," Cheng added.

He also urged African governments to speed up the Malabo declaration of reducing levels of poverty, ending hunger on the continent, and tripling intra-African trade through agriculture.

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Mpox cases in Nigeria reach 48 with at least 20 states affected

THE number of mpox cases in Nigeria has reached 48, with the virus now detected in Abuja and 20 other states, according to the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). Despite the rising cases, no deaths have been reported.

On August 27, Nigeria received 10,000 vaccine doses from the United States to aid in controlling the outbreak. To further prevent the virus's spread, a health declaration form for international travellers has been introduced.

The African Union has declared a public health emergency due to the rapid spread of the virus across the continent.

Mpox is transmitted through contact with infected rodents, individuals, or contaminated objects. Symptoms typically develop 5 to 21 days after exposure, including fever, body aches, swollen lymph nodes, and skin le-

sions.

While there is no specific treatment, antiviral drugs can help manage the disease. Most cases are mild, with recovery expected within a few weeks.

Mpox, previously known as monkeypox, is related to smallpox but usually causes milder symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches. In severe cases, painful sores and blisters can develop on the face, chest, hands, and genitals. The virus is primarily spread through close skin-to-skin contact.

The World Health Organization (WHO)

has estimated that around 230,000 vaccine doses could soon be sent to Congo and other affected areas. The WHO is also working on educational campaigns to raise awareness about preventing the spread of mpox in outbreak regions.

Maria Van Kerkhove, head of WHO's epidemic and pandemic diseases department, stated that the agency is working to expedite vaccine access for affected countries, given the limited supply. Scientists have highlighted the need for a better understanding of mpox transmission in Africa to optimize vaccine use.



Project: Feed the Future Tanzania Private Sector Strengthening Project

Solicitation Number: TZ PSSA-APS-003

Solicitation Title: Feed the Future Tanzania Imarisha Sekta Binafsi (Private Sector Strengthening) Project, Annual Program Statement - APS 3 for private sector business and professional organizations, including Business Development Services Providers (BDSPs)

Tetra Tech ARD, registered in Tanzania as ARD, INC, is the implementing partner for the Feed the Future Tanzania Imarisha Sekta Binafsi (Private Sector Strengthening) Project, funded by USAID Tanzania. The Project is soliciting concept notes from qualified private sector business and professional organizations, including Business Development Services Providers (BDSPs) to implement programs within the framework of the project objectives.

This Annual Program Statement (APS) involves four solicitation stages: -

Stage I: Applicants will submit a concept note by the deadline of the first or second round closing dates. Two deadlines are making two rounds of this APS. The first round is due on 12th September 2024 and the second round is due on 30th December 2024. After the deadline of each round, applications will be reviewed and both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

Stage II: Applicants whose concept note is shortlisted will be invited to submit a full proposal application. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

Stage III: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a one-day Information Clinic. The Information Clinic will review the Project's objectives and expected results.


Stage IV: Applications selected for stage IV will engage in a co-creation discussion with the Project team to review and refine the proposal and budget prior to the Projects recommendation for approval and submission to USAID. USAID reserves the right to approve or reject any or all applications. * Organizational Capacity Assessment will be conducted to awarded grantees.

The entire process, from concept note to submission to USAID is expected to take 12 weeks. Any award pursuant to this funding opportunity is contingent upon the availability of funds. This APS consists of this cover letter and the attached Annual Program Statement (APS) 3 For private sector business and professional organizations, including Business Development Services Providers (BDSPs).

Solicitation Download Link: <https://bit.ly/47eAajl>

Please read the APS carefully and in its entirety before submitting your concept paper to ensure your organization is eligible and your submission complies with the APS requirements.

All applicants MUST send their completed concept notes to TanzaniaPSSA.grant@tetratech.com.



JHPIEGO - TANZANIA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (JAN-DEC, 2023)

Jhpiego Corporation is an international non-profit health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. For 40 years, Jhpiego has empowered front-line health workers by designing and implementing effective, low-cost, hands-on solutions to strengthen the delivery of health care services for women and their families. By putting evidence-based health innovations into everyday practice, Jhpiego works to break down barriers to high-quality health care for the world's most vulnerable populations.

Jhpiego Tanzania is registered in Tanzania as an International Non-Government Organization and complies with the NGO Act of 2019. It works closely with the NGO Registrar and her good office to ensure compliance with the necessary requirements to remain in good standing as an NGO registered in Tanzania.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (2023) USD

INCOME	
21,190,631	
EXPENDITURE	
21,190,631	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-

OUR NEW PROJECTS

- GAVI - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (NATIONAL AND SUB NATIONAL LEVEL) (USD \$350,000.00)
- PFIZER BREAST CANCER PROGRAM (MWANZA, TANGA AND ZANZIBAR) (USD \$1,000,000.00)
- C-SAFE PROJECT (GBP £194,773.00)


OUR VISION

Self-reliant countries, healthy families and resilient communities. All women and families, regardless of where they live, having equitable access to high-quality, lifesaving health care delivered by competent and caring providers.

OUR MISSION

Jhpiego creates and delivers transformative health care solutions that save lives. In partnership with national governments, health experts and local communities, Jhpiego builds health providers' skills and develops systems that save lives now and guarantee healthier futures for women and their families.

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**Taking A New Look
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Kidney failure reflects lopsided income growth, cash use habits

IT is becoming increasingly clear that the government is significantly pained by costs of upwards of 80bn/- used for dialysis treatment assurance per year, if the past year is anything to go by.

Top Health ministry officials say that our country has nearly 3,000 patients suffering from kidney failure, compelling vast amounts of money to be used on dialysis supplies to ensure steady treatment and caregiving.

The data were specific even though not given in comparison to countries of comparable size or economy. So it is not easy to say if this expenditure is way too high or is consonant with the level of prosperity of the country, as non-communicable diseases (NCDs) have to do with relative levels of prosperity above poverty.

Still, it is possible to examine whether indeed current levels of the diseases are likely to be low, normal or excessive.

The figure of about 3,000 people needing dialysis treatment may not be astonishing for a population of slightly over 63 million people going by current estimates. The other dimension is eating habits or attitudes to exercise, which is problematic.

How far collective efforts can alter this state of affairs is debatable as social profiles for large segments of population in US cities indicate that it generates the culture of exercise and makes it more treasured among upper layers of society in like manner as observing clear rules on what to eat. At lower levels both aspects are tied to ability to afford, with exercise tied up with the normal routine of waking up, having a bath and taking to the bus or other mode of transport.

Foods are likewise rationed according to prices, and thus affordability, rather than whatever diet regimens are in place.

By US standards, most Tanzanians are poor, and those who have better means more or less observe the same rules as the poor in the US in that they regularly eat what they can afford.

Trying to educate these people out of that mood implies one first clear the whole problem of being satisfied with life and being able to but what pleases the eye.

It is a sense of satisfaction likely to be more powerfully noticeable in individual sentiment or culture than expert warnings.

So, where do we go from here - that is, what is it that can be achieved by the likes of the Tanzania Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (TANCD), which organised this stock taking event? Is there much that can be greed between medical experts, disease campaigners and the public authorities on the way out - and is there a credible role in this for the media?

These issues are decided at the level of conscience and, on this aspect, we may detest capitalism but we remain leagues away from some of its values. The fact remains that many rich people leave a fraction of their wealth for inheritance while the rest is given for altruistic causes in society. Not prizing riches aids minding health. There are other dimensions where ailments like high or low blood pressure if not outright kidney failure may come in, like excessive blood sugar levels, with most of us not really bothered to take recommended periodic tests unless one starts feeling dizzy, etc.

When that happens and one visits a dispensary, the medic will definitely see the use of taking a blood pressure test, and finally a blood sugar test.

Sadly, we are often pushed to be health-minded only after a scare, although even then the worst can be prevented.

Workable zonal trade arrangements with India offer export, capital flows opening

NEW openings in economic life at times do not arise from internal policy per se but from how a country adapts to initiatives by other countries.

Experience in the past half-century or so shows that energy prices are a major driver of investment decisions in the sense of capital flows, as electricity is a key component of manufacturing costs alongside wage levels.

A number of factors like raw materials of various sorts are susceptible to competition from other sources, unlike labour, energy.

There are now reports that India plans to conduct joint trade council meetings later this month with its top trading partners in Africa - that is, Kenya and Tanzania. With the idea being to raise trade levels to much higher levels by the end of the decade, this is by no means insignificant or of little consequence. While the government has been taking measures to invite Tanzanians in Diaspora to invest more aggressively and heavily in the country, it is evident that there are other Diaspora particulars that come into play. We have an African Diaspora but we also have an Indian Diaspora.

Capital inflows that can be expected from the Diaspora parameter of motivation or familiarity with the country could doubtless be more so for the merchant community in the cities rather than those who went out to study or to eke out a living.

Current efforts launched by the New Delhi authorities seek to constitute or elevate joint trade

council meetings with Kenya and Tanzania to place strategies to reduce existing barriers, widening opportunities.

Reports talk of Indian officials seeing Africa as an important market "as it holds a lot of potential and could help in its efforts to diversify", which appears to be related more to investment diversification. While the current levels of market capacity for absorption of goods is limited, it would appear that the various indices promise faster growth than perhaps India itself or a number of other areas.

It is also plausible that Indian expatriates wishing to pioneer some opening up or setting up of novel branches of industry will find it easier opting for this part of eastern Africa than elsewhere, chiefly owing to the Diaspora factor.

This new source of capital and export arrangement will likely depend on mutually agreed cuts in taxes and elimination of non-tariff barriers, work already done considerably within the ambit of the East African customs union protocol.

There are also aspects like the 'everything but arms' arrangement with the European Union apart from the United States' Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), where Africa enjoys preferential tariffs.

When we have a sort of economic union with India or any other strong economy, this could start being reviewed in part because we are a lower middle income country already. Either way, we could expect some changes.

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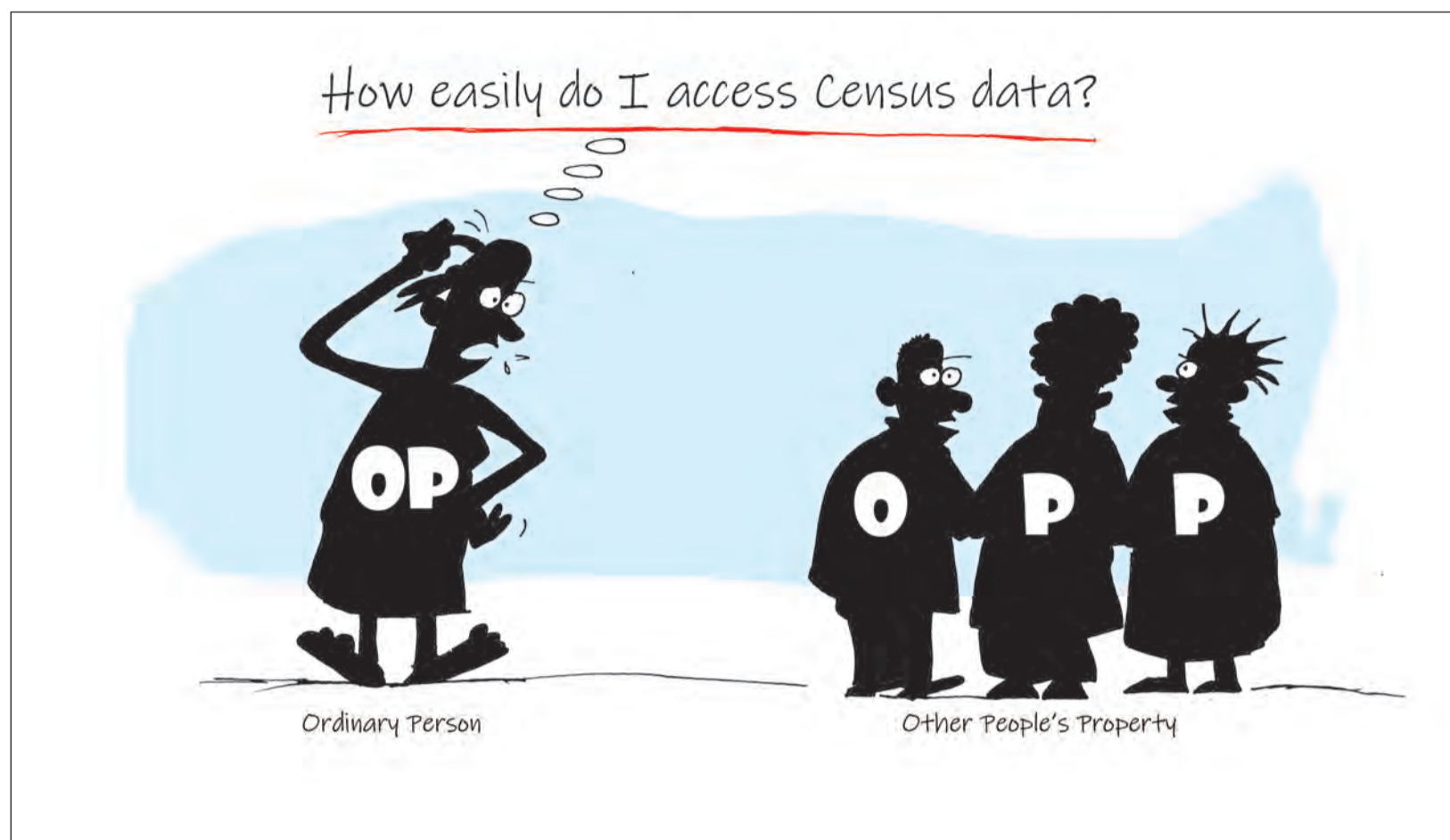
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It is a humanitarian crisis as floods, prolonged heavy rains impact Chad

By Oritro Karim

SINCE June of this year, Chad has been facing an extended period of heavy rainfall. Major flooding has triggered the onset of a significant humanitarian crisis, as all aspects of Chadian life, including health, food production, and community, have been negatively impacted. Additionally, response plans are severely compromised due to high levels of hostility taking place in neighboring nations.

Major floods have resulted in at least 145 deaths as well as an overall disruption of life. Severe flooding resulted in thousands of people losing their homes and all of their belongings. The UN briefing held on August 28, 2024, detailed the significant physical toll that flooding has had on Chad.

"All of Chad's 23 provinces are now affected by floods following heavy rains that started earlier in the summer, in June. According to local authorities, 145 people have lost their lives. More than 960,000 people have been impacted, with some 70,000 homes destroyed," says Stéphane Dujarric, spokesperson for the United Nations Secretary-General.

Additionally, it has been reported that certain regions have been more adversely affected than others, with some areas only accessible by canoe. Flooding has also led to the collapse of critical infrastructure, including bridges, roads, and buildings.

It is important to note that Chad's economy is critically dependent on agriculture. Approximately 80 percent of the workforce is employed through jobs in farming and raising livestock, with crops accounting for about a quarter of the nation's GDP.

Recent flooding has decimated arable land and made conditions for growing crops nearly impossible. This has led to Chad's preexisting issues in food insecurity and famine to greatly worsen.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (OCHA) states, "The floods also severely impacted agriculture, with more than 250,000 hectares flooded and 30,000 heads of livestock washed away. With Chad's malnutrition rates at a nine-year high, this will only aggravate an already dire food security situation."

OCHA adds that prior to the floods that started this summer, Chadian authorities had declared a "national food security and nutrition emergency." This indicates that a significant percentage of the population faces a risk of starvation and malnutrition.

"More than 964,000 people or 166,000 households, are affected by these floods as of August 25, 2024. There are 145 people dead, more than 251,000 hectares of fields submerged, more than 70,000 houses destroyed, and 29,000 heads of cattle swept away," OCHA says.

Additionally, the World Food Programme (WFP) projects that approximately 3.4 million people are projected



UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed (R) meets Fatime Boukar Koussei, Minister of Social Action, National Solidarity and Humanitarian Affairs of the Republic of Chad to discuss the ongoing humanitarian crisis that has been aggravated by heavy rainfall. Credit: Loey Felipe/UN Photo

to face acute food insecurity for the lean season, which is happening right now. 2024 boasts the highest levels of food insecurity ever recorded for Chad, seeing a 240 percent increase since 2020.

In addition to widespread food insecurity, major flooding has raised concerns over the transmission of waterborne diseases.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) states, "Four provinces and seven districts have been affected by a hepatitis E epidemic, which has a particularly high mortality rate amongst pregnant women. As of 15 July, there have been a cumulative total of 3,296 cases. 10 deaths have been confirmed, of which five were pregnant women."

Additionally, flooding has worsened access to clean drinking water, leading to an increase in the contraction of cholera and diarrhea. Furthermore, flooding is also linked to a decrease in hygiene, leading to increased cases of malaria, meningitis, and respiratory illnesses.

Heavy flooding has also caused a significant increase in displacement levels. Due to the floods destroying thousands of homes across the country, many families have been forced to take refuge in schools and displacement camps.

"An estimated 1,778,138 people have been forcibly displaced in Chad, with the country hosting 1,388,104 refugees," states the UNFPA.

Floods in Chad have also greatly obstructed the deliv-

ery of humanitarian aid due to high water levels in towns and villages obstructing the use of aid trucks. Additionally, pre-existing instabilities in national security have been exacerbated as armed conflict to the east of Chad prevents humanitarian aid from accessing those in need.

The Sudanese Civil War has led to armed groups pushing millions of civilians out of Sudan. Sudanese authorities have impeded aid through the Adre border crossing, which is the most efficient path for aid trucks to take through to Chad.

Dujarric adds, "Response capacity is already severely strained in Chad by the ongoing crisis in the country's east, where large numbers of Sudanese refugees have fled to escape conflict in neighboring Sudan."

Currently, the UNFPA is supporting 73 healthcare facilities and is delivering supplies to help expecting mothers and families in the region. The WFP is also distributing food and nutritional supplements to families that have been most affected by hunger. In addition, the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is helping aid workers reach remote areas that were thought to be inaccessible due to flooding.

Furthermore, the UN has launched the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan for Chad, which seeks USD 1.1 billion. However, it is only 35 percent funded as of the date of publication.

By Gaudensia Mngumi

Infertility challenges: Need to break stigma, promote the rights of childless individuals

INFERTILITY is injurious to women especially those who are married. Imagine being married to someone but unable to bear children for your husband. You might as well expect to hear people and even relatives mocking you.

Shamira Mwakwenjula, a 50-year-old woman who has dedicated her efforts to advocate for the rights of infertile women and a break the infertility stigma. Shamira, who is also barren, shares her story with The Guardian, highlighting the various concerns and challenges that infertile women face including stigma.

Shamira says childless women endure immense suffering—some are killed, their properties are looted, and others are imprisoned for child theft. Yet, no one stands up for them.

Born in 1973 in Mtimbila village, Morogoro Region, Shamira found her life partner and got married in 1997, hoping to have a family with a number of children. However, her dream did not materialize. After 11 years of marriage, her husband accused her of being infertile, leading to their separation in 2016.

A 2023 World Health Organization (WHO) report reveals that about 17.5 percent of the global adult population—roughly 1 in 6 people experience infertility. The statistics underscores the urgent need for increased access to affordable and high-quality fertility care.

Shamira has accepted her situation and acknowledges that she is not alone as many other women and men across Tanzania face similar challenges. She has now broken the silence and become a voice for the infertile.

Shamira speaks on various occasions, including during the 16 Days of Activism in 2023, the 36th anniversary of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) in November last year, and the International Gender Festival in 2023. "Missing a child has brought stigma and desperation to me and other childless women. I lived with heartache for many years; I've accepted my situation and decided to commit my time raising awareness about infertility," she narrates.

Shamira has founded an association for infertile individuals aiming to defend the rights of both women and men who are unable to have children. The organization has over 459 members from various regions, including 39 men, though many do not openly participate.

Unlike men, Shamira points out that childlessness results in most women suffering multiple ordeals. She has faced harassment in political arenas and several other challenges she encountered from her husbands, in-laws, co-wives, and the broader community.

"A barren woman is not helpless. She has her rights and should strive to stand out and improve her life," says Shamira who believes in equality and dignity of all the people.

"I entered in politics to advocate for the rights of childless individuals, regardless of their gender. Through her political journey, she discovered that infertile individuals are not respected and face stigma within the society," she adds.

Shamira recalls the hostility she faced when she contested for the chairperson position of Mtimbila village and later on the ward councillor post. "It was a humiliating experience. People mocked me, questioning how a childless woman could seek leadership. They asked, 'What is your focus? Whom do you want to defend? You didn't give your husband a child, so why do you want to lead us?'"

Despite the challenges, Shamira did not give up and continued with campaigns, with some people storming her home to question her leadership ambitions.

Shamira says infertile women are not respected in the society. Many have been driven out of their homes by husbands and in-laws, losing their wealth even if they had contributed to it. Some had filed cases at courts, but they have not found justice.



Shamira Mwakwenjula in a joyful moment after receiving a certificate of appreciation from Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special groups for her efforts in breaking stigma and defending the rights of infertile individuals.

In certain villages, infertile individuals are accused of practicing witchcraft. Shamira calls for childlessness to be officially recognized and mentioned in government

ministries, councils, and even the constitution. She suggests that the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups include infertile individuals

among other marginalized groups, such as the elderly, widows, and people living with HIV/Aids.

Shamira also advocates for inclusion of infertile individuals in

empowerment funding programmes under the 4:4:2 arrangements, whereas district councils allocates 10 percent of its internal collection for empowerment of women (4percent), youth (4 percent) and the disabled (2 percent).

Sakina Isalwa, an activist from Sauti ya Umma, an NGO based in Mbagala, Dar es Salaam, shares similar concerns. She works with the Tanzania Gender Network Programme (TGNP) to promote women's rights and notes that many childless women have been killed, often for their properties, although these incidents are rarely reported.

Stigma is prevalent, and some infertile individuals are driven to suicide out of depression and self-stigma, adds Isalwa.

Sakina accuses spouses, family members, and even in-laws of harming or killing infertile relatives to take over their properties. She highlights the plight of barren women imprisoned for child theft, suggesting that their actions stem from a desire to gain societal respect through motherhood.

Latifa Somji, from TGNP supports Shamira's efforts and urges the government to recognize and protect the rights of infertile individuals as it does for other marginalized groups.

Somji believes that many infertile women endure severe hardships, including threats to their lives, property theft, and accusations of sorcery. She calls for the society to support childless individuals and provide positive ways to address the challenges they face.

Infertility is a significant cause of marital breakdown in Tanzania, where cultural traditions in many tribes expect women to bear children for their husbands. Dr Tom Kikumbi, an obstetrician, gynecologist, and in vitro fertilization (IVF) specialist at KCMC Referral Hospital in Kilimanjaro, emphasizes that infertility is often unfairly attributed to women, despite many cases involving male infertility.

He encourages society to understand that infertility can affect anyone, regardless of gender, race, or religion.

Dr Kikumbi points out that sexually transmitted infections, hormonal imbalances, tumours, fibroids, and congenital conditions are among the common causes of infertility.

He stresses the importance of seeking medical advice to identify and treat the underlying causes of infertility, noting that male infertility is often linked to lifestyle factors such as alcohol and drug abuse, smoking, obesity, lack of exercise and infections.

Women should not blame themselves for infertility, says Dr Kikumbi, advising them to seek medical treatments such as In vitro fertilisation (IVF) IVF to address their condition.

Commenting, Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups, urges that women with infertility issues should not be stigmatized but instead be loved and supported in finding treatment.

Tanzania, in collaboration with the International Merck Foundation, has been working to help women with infertility challenges become mothers and combat infertility stigma. The Merck Foundation has provided 42 scholarships to Tanzanian doctors for specialized training, including 15 in fertility and IVF, to support women facing infertility challenges.

The Minister assures women facing infertility that Tanzania will continue partnering with Merck, the philanthropic organization, to provide them with necessary treatments.

Why repaying debts becomes a challenge for some debtors

By Thomas Lyimo

HUMAN relationships play a crucial role in various aspects of life, including financial matters. When people live in close proximity, they inevitably interact and some of these interactions involve financial transactions.

There's a saying that if it doesn't generate money, it doesn't make sense, highlighting the importance of financial relationships. Helping one another financially can improve the quality of life, as mutual support fosters a sense of community and cooperation. However, this support should have a purpose and boundaries.

No one is entirely self-sufficient; we all experience moments of need. It's comforting to know that help is available when required. However, problems arise when the borrowed money is not repaid on time, especially if the lender depends on that money to meet their own needs.

Borrowers often appeal to the lender's sense of compassion, leading lenders to give out money, even if it's funds they might need soon. This generosity is often based on the borrower's assurances of repayment. Not all the people can be bale to challenge the borrower about their ability to repay.

While it might seem harsh to question someone in need of a loan, it is necessary to ensure the lenders own financial stability. Once the money is lent, blaming the borrower for non-repayment doesn't help the lender recover their funds.

Lending without proper consideration can create significant setbacks for the lender, transforming their goodwill into a trap. It's prudent not to jeopardize one's own progress by giving out loans irresponsibly. Some believe that one should only help others after fulfilling their own needs, which suggests you shouldn't give away what you can't afford to lose.

Helping others is a rewarding experience that adds meaning to our lives. We should strive to impact others positively. However, when our desire to assist others threatens our own well-being, it is crucial to proceed with caution.

Lending a large sum of money to someone with a low



income is risky. Before lending, it is important to evaluate the borrower's ability to repay. Financial assistance is beneficial only when it doesn't harm either party involved. Trusting others should be tempered with reason to minimize potential challenges. The saying 'cut your coat ac-

ording to your cloth' serves as a reminder not to overextend oneself.

To improve our financial interactions with others, it's important to understand the reasons why some individuals struggle to repay debts:

Borrowing without planning; borrow-

ing money without a clear plan for its use can make repayment difficult. Without proper planning, expenditures can become misaligned with the intended purpose of the loan. Borrowing should be goal-oriented, ideally aimed at investment or addressing significant, justifiable chal-

lenges. Unplanned borrowing can lead to improper spending and increased financial strain.

Greed; some individuals are driven by a desire to keep up with others' lifestyles, compelling them to borrow money they cannot afford to repay. This behaviour often leads to debt and conflict. It's important for people to live within their means and focus on gradual socio-economic growth through hard work, rather than trying to emulate others' lifestyles.

Lack of positive thinking; people with positive and critical thinking skills are more considerate of how their actions affect others. They are mindful of their borrowing and repayment behaviors, understanding the impact on lenders. In contrast, those lacking these attributes may act selfishly, causing financial strain to others by borrowing without the intention or means to repay.

Lending money is inherently risky, as the return is sometimes uncertain. Borrowers often approach with urgency and emotion, making it difficult to refuse them. However, valuing and caring for someone doesn't mean agreeing to all their requests.

It is important to be realistic and have the fortitude to refuse loans that could lead to problems. Financial decisions should be made carefully to maintain peace and harmony amongst individuals. Remember, lending is a form of risk-taking, hence the need for decisions to be made with caution and foresight.

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By Mathew White

Blue spaces: Connection with coast and inland waterways has many benefits on human health



IMAGINE you've had a hard day. You've only managed to get a fraction of your urgent tasks done. Your partner, boss, friend or mother (delete as appropriate) has been giving you a hard time. Just thinking about this is raising your blood pressure (my apologies).

Now, imagine "paradise". Suddenly, thoughts of a calm, deep blue sea lapping gently onto a white sandy beach fringed with palm trees start to come to mind.

Others may turn inland and imagine a mountain lake reflecting the pine trees and jagged peaks with a sparkling waterfall cascading down. Just thinking about such scenes can quickly stabilise negative emotions and reduce stress-related biomarkers such as lower heart rate (you're welcome).

Water is present in nearly all of these daydreams. Oceans are lapping, rivers are bubbling, waterfalls are cascading, lakes are sparkling.

These "blue spaces" feature highly in the places we visit for recreation, holidays and retirement, so why do they play such an important role in helping us to de-stress? Are our intuitions that blue spaces are good for us backed up by evidence?

As part of what has become known over the last 15 years as the "blue health" programme of work, colleagues and I around the world have been trying to answer these and related questions.

In one of our earliest studies, we focused on the coast. Using census data from 40 million adults in England, we found that people living closer to the sea tended to report better overall health once other factors, such as age and local area income, employment, education and crime levels were accounted for.

A second study tracked more than 15,000 people for a decade, some of whom moved closer to the coast and some further away during that period. Supporting the census data, people reported being healthier and having less mental distress in years when they lived within 5km of the sea. Importantly, this wasn't just a "happy retiree effect" - we found the same results with the working age population.

Other researchers found similar effects for inland waters, such as lakes, rivers and canals.

Why might living near the coast or inland waters benefit our health and wellbeing? One simple mechanism is more exercise. Our research showed that people who live near water are more likely to meet recommended levels of physical activity and this seems to be a major reason why they also report better health.

Looking at, listening to, and immersing ourselves in both inland and coastal waters could directly benefit mental health.

Lots of data relies on large-scale public surveys which suggest that visiting inland and coastal waters can reduce negative emotions and boost positive ones.

Laboratory and field experiments show that exposure to blue spaces is associated with lower stress markers, such as heart rate and sweating response.

A study conducted in a dental surgery showed that patients "walking" along a virtual beach during treatment reported lower pain both directly after the procedures and a week later when asked to recall pain levels, than those undergoing normal procedures or walking around a pleasant town setting. Lower recalled pain is important because it's a major

factor in deciding whether to go back to the dentists in future.

In-depth interview studies have been conducted to provide meaning to the numbers, with people often referring to the importance of the dynamic changes which water settings magnify such as sunrises and sunsets.

Swimming, sailing, even just building a sandcastle - the ocean benefits our physical and mental wellbeing. Curious about how a strong coastal connection helps drive marine conservation, scientists are diving in to investigate the power of blue health.

Blue spaces are considered important places to spend quality time with friends and families, which has a range of benefits

for mental and physical health.

Although much of the work started in the UK, similar findings have now been demonstrated across Europe, North America, Australia and Asia. One study from a remote island in Indonesia showed that local people who went sea swimming or snorkelling regularly during COVID coped better with the crisis.

Although it's tempting to explain these benefits in terms of a hardwired connection with blue spaces reflecting an evolutionary heritage, it's impossible to test those assumptions in a scientific way.

Inland and coastal waters also pose a myriad of threats to our health and wellbeing from floods to microbial pollution, and they can be breeding grounds for disease-

carrying insects and larger predators, so a "pro-water" evolutionary account seems problematic. We have tried to better understand the balance of risks and benefits and view our evidence in terms of current benefits to individuals and societies rather than ones that may or may not have helped our ancestors.

Building resilience
Blue spaces can help us cope with adversity by building resilience. Well-designed urban blue spaces such as fountains can help reduce urban heat island effects, a growing threat under climate change especially for older people. Blue spaces can also be a great social leveller, reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing between rich and poor.

Improving access to local urban blue spaces in poorer districts can increase community cohesion and resident wellbeing. At a more personal level, sharing blue space memories can stimulate positive shared experiences with friends and families in potentially stressful care contexts, such as with people with dementia.

As blue spaces are under increasing threat from pollution, overdevelopment or climate change, enhancing the quality of blue spaces for our health and wellbeing is just part of a much wider challenge to protect these vitally important places.

Hopefully when asked to think about paradise, future generations can still daydream about clean pristine beaches and clear mountain lakes, knowing these exist in reality and are not just forgotten remnants of a once beautiful earth.

UN polio vaccination campaign in Gaza to proceed during humanitarian pause

By Naureen Hossain

THE United Nation's multi-agency polio vaccine campaign in Gaza is set to begin this weekend. It will do so under continued constraints on humanitarian operations and mobility, but with the assurance from Israel to pause fighting for the campaign to go ahead.

Rik Peepkorn, the World Health Organization (WHO) Representative for Palestine, briefed reporters virtually on Thursday, August 29, 2024, on the upcoming polio vaccine campaign. The campaign will consist of two rounds, with the first round beginning on September 1.

There will be a four-week interval between the first and second doses. Over 126 million doses of the polio vaccine have arrived in Gaza, with room for an additional 400,000 doses. The campaign, coordinated with WHO, UNICEF, UNRWA and the Palestine Ministry of Health, will aim to administer two drops of novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to at least 640,000 children under the age of ten.

"It's critical that we reach 90 percent vaccination coverage during each round," said Peepkorn. "That is needed. Actually, you need 90 percent to stop the outbreak, the transmission



A direct connection with coastal spaces and other water can improve your physical health and mental wellbeing.

within Gaza and to prevent the international spread of polio."

The first round of the campaign will be carried out in three zones over three-day phases: starting in central Gaza, then in southern Gaza, and northern

Gaza. Under constant monitoring of the situation, an additional one or two days may be added to extend each period in the zones, according to Peepkorn. Even with this period, there is still pressure to carry out the campaign as

soon as possible to ensure the highest coverage possible.

Health centers have been set up for families to gather to with their children. Ove 2180 outreach workers and volunteers have been trained to administer

the vaccine, and mobile teams have been set up to travel to groups that may not be able to visit the centers.

"We want to make sure we have three days of the best access possible, that families bring their children to those fixed sites," said Peepkorn. "We will go out and reach out through mobile teams."

Since the announcement of this campaign in early August, WHO has requested a humanitarian pause for operations to be carried out safely. According to Peepkorn, an agreement has been reached with the Office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), wherein a humanitarian pause would come into effect for nine hours from 6am to 3pm.

Under the agreement, the campaign is to be carried out within the timeframe. Peepkorn stated that the humanitarian pause would be honored and was given assurance by Israeli authorities that evacuation orders would not be issued during the campaign.

"I want to stress that without a humanitarian pause, the campaign delivery - which is already implemented under constraints in a complex environment - will not be possible," said Peepkorn.

When asked how confident he was of the campaign's success, Peepkorn replied: "I think this is a way forward. I won't say this is the ideal way forward, but this is a workable way forward. Not doing anything would be really bad. We have to stop this transmission in Gaza... We are reasonable with this approach and everyone is playing accordingly."

"Of course, all parties will have to stick to this. We have to make sure that every day we can do this campaign in this humanitarian pause."

Gaza and the West Bank have high immunization coverage across the population. Peepkorn noted that the immunization rate of over 95 percent in recent years was much higher than in some high-income countries.

Yet since current hostilities broke out in October 2023, immunization for polio dropped from 99 percent in 2022 to less than 90 percent in the first quarter of 2024.

Over the last ten months, blockades of humanitarian aid, electricity and water sanitation resources has seen a breakdown of the healthcare and sanitation systems in Gaza. The lack of clean water and sanitation in Gaza has already seen an increase in respiratory diseases and infections.

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Ignite women's development programme leads the charge

By Guardian Reporter

IN a world where gender equality in leadership remains a pressing global challenge, the role of women in leadership positions is increasingly becoming crucial.

Across various industries, organisations are recognising that empowering women leaders not only drives business success but also fosters inclusive growth and innovation.

Despite the advancements, women continue to face significant barriers to leadership, particularly in developing regions like Africa. However, Tanzania is witnessing a positive shift, with institutions such as Stanbic Bank Tanzania taking proactive steps to address the gender gap in leadership.

Recognising the importance of nurturing female talent, Stanbic Bank Tanzania launched the Ignite Women Leadership Programme in 2018. Since its inception, the programme has made notable progress in promoting women into leadership roles within the organisation.

As of 2024, 54 percent of the programme's alumni have either been promoted or taken on more challenging roles, with three advancing to senior executive management in their organisations. This represents an 8 percent increase in female representation at the top levels of management, highlighting the programme's effectiveness.

Rabina Masanja, head of people and culture at Stanbic Bank Tanzania, underscored the bank's commitment to gender equality in leadership. "We believe the future of our organisation hinges on the strategic efforts we make today to develop our female leaders. The Ignite Programme is not just about training; it's about creating opportunities for women to lead with confidence and purpose," she said.

This year, the bank has expanded the Ignite Programme with three key initiatives designed to sustain and accelerate the progress of women leaders.

The Re-Ignite Alumni Female Leadership Programme reconnects with previous participants,



reinforcing the bank's commitment to their ongoing development.

Violet Mordichai, a board member who officiated the event, stated: "Leadership is a journey, not a destination. Through the Re-Ignite Programme, we are ensuring that our alumni continue to grow and lead with excellence."

In addition to supporting alumni, Stanbic Bank has introduced the Africa Risers Network, a new initiative aimed at fostering continuous

learning among young and emerging female talent.

This programme includes a structured book club designed to equip future leaders with the knowledge and tools needed to excel in a dynamic environment.

"By investing in our young talent, we are not only preparing them for leadership roles but also ensuring the sustainability of our leadership pipeline," Masanja said.

The highlight of this year's efforts

is the launch of the third and largest Ignite Cohort to date, welcoming a diverse group of women who represent the next wave of leadership at Stanbic Bank Tanzania.

The cohort was formally introduced during a ceremony graced by Prof. Anna Tibaijuka, as guest of honour.

"Programmes like Ignite are crucial for shaping the future of leadership in Tanzania. They provide women with the skills, confidence,

and networks needed to overcome barriers and excel in their careers," Prof. Tibaijuka said.

As Tanzania's leading investment bank for three consecutive years, Stanbic Bank Tanzania is committed to driving not only financial growth but also the growth of its people. The Ignite Programme remains a cornerstone of the bank's strategy to foster a secure, inclusive, and prosperous future for all Tanzanians.

EACOP values culture, traditions of ethnic groups along the project

By Correspondent Florid Mapunda

THE East African Crude Oil Pipeline is a buried pipeline system that will transport crude oil from Uganda to world markets. In order to implement this huge project with equally huge benefits to a large section of the people of East Africa, EACOP considers the views and wishes of the people where the pipeline passes and prove to them that EACOP values the culture and traditions of people, more so people self-identifying as Indigenous Peoples. It is generally accepted that these groups are vulnerable.

To deal with complex occurrence the EACOP formed a Human Rights Impact Assessment and Land Acquisition Process to help the management identify Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous Peoples who are impacted by the EACOP Project. Four groups, namely Maasai, Datoga (Taturu and Barbaig), and Akie were identified.

Wendy Brown, General Manager for EACOP Tanzania Branch, explained when the identification was completed, the groups were happy and cooperative.

"They were adequately satisfied that EACOP is responding to their wishes, and that we value their culture and tradition. We were also glad and thankful for their cooperation. They appreciated that we deeply value the culture and traditions of ethnic groups," Brown said.

Implementing a huge project of this nature, Brown explained, impact communities.

A team of EACOP's officers has been meeting with these communities and their traditional leaders for several years on a regular basis. The aim is to agree to the process of engaging communities, building their capacity, and managing EACOP's impacts on their land, culture, and traditions.

"The project is committed to respecting the groups' traditions. We are also committed to ensuring proper management of any impacts on their traditions," says Catherine Mbatia, EACOP's head of Communication (Tanzania).

As part of this effort, she explained, EACOP has concluded a number of agreements with the communities concerned. She said the EACOP Plan



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for Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous Peoples as well as two Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Agreements, have been signed.

The pipeline covers 1,147 kilometres in Tanzania passing through Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga Regions. Only 296 km of the pipeline are in Uganda.

Mbatia explained that in implementing such big projects drawing local, regional and international attention, one has to be mindful of things like Free, Prior and Informed Consent. This, she explains, is a requirement under the EACOP Project's commitment to meeting the International Financing Standards (including Performance Standard (PS) 7 covering Indigenous Peoples) and International Human Rights standards for development of projects that impact indigenous people's land, natural resources, and cultural heritage.

EACOP and the traditional leaders of the Akie Community signed the first FPIC agreement in Napilikunya hamlet in mid-2022. As part of the agreement, she explained, a sacred site of cultural and spiritual significance was relocated from a Baobab tree on the land of the Lembulu family to a Baobab tree on the land of the Oringidi family, off the Pipeline Right of Way.

The signing of the FPIC Agreement, the culmination of several years of engagements between the community and EACOP, was officiated by Brown and the Akie community leaders, and witnessed by the Akie community, NGOs supporting that community, EACOP's Advisor on Vulnerable Ethnic Groups Self-Identifying as Indigenous Peoples and Kiteto district government officials.

This was a significant social happening in Tanza-

nia. Indeed, explained, Ms Mbatia it was the first FPIC Agreement ever signed in Tanzania and one of only a handful in Africa.

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Dr. Elifuraha Laltaika, EACOP's Advisor on Vulnerable Ethnic Groups Self-Identifying as Indigenous Peoples, explains that through the different agreements the EACOP Project commits itself to mitigating the impact associated with the project.

"I feel very proud that Tanzania joins a few countries in the region that have implemented FPIC - an emerging international law principle requiring culturally-appropriate engagement with vulnerable communities before implementing projects.

"This is an incredible precedent for future projects in Africa," says Dr. Laltaika and adds: "I am also profoundly impressed by EACOP's commitment to meaningful engagement that has empowered both Akie and Wataturu communities to make informed decisions on their rights."

"After a robust discussion with the Taturu community, he continues, "EACOP agreed to the community's proposal for rerouting the pipeline to avoid impacting graves that have spiritual and cultural significance. This is a mark of good will on the part of EACOP," says Dr. Laltaika.

To Dr. Laltaika, the FPIC agreement with the

Taturu community further indicates that the consultation process was not mere 'box-checking.'

"The uniqueness of this FPIC agreement is that it documents community's decision to withhold their consent" Dr. Laltaika says, adding, "This is rare because most FPIC processes lead to community consenting not withholding consent, and I think it's an incredible precedent worth sharing with the world."

He added "We empowered these communities to understand and facilitate all the process prior to the signing ceremonies before all their members of the communities, elders, and government officials."

Dr. Laltaika says EACOP's many engagements with the respective communities started in 2017, making quarterly engagements with the traditional leaders of these groups that have led to a greater understanding of the specific project impacts on each community, including understanding the presence of potentially impacted cultural and sacred sites.

"Our engagements have been focusing on ensuring the Akie and Wataturu communities are well informed to make the right decisions regarding their cultural and traditional heritage," emphasizes Dr. Laltaika.

EACOP has in place contracts with three Non-Governmental Organisations with experience in working with the respective communities. The NGOs are Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT), Pastoralists Indigenous Non-Governmental Organization's Forum (PINGO's forum) and Parakuiyo Pastoralists Indigenous Community Development Organisation (PAICODEO). The contract were entered into for gwo good reasons.

First, to promote transparency; Second, to let NGOs support engagement with the communities of Vulnerable Ethnic Groups Self-Identifying as Indigenous Peoples, help explain the project, its processes and impacts and ensure shared understanding through raising community questions and concerns so that EACOP can respond to issues raised.

Speaking during the signing of FPIC Agreement in Igunga, PINGO's Forum representative Nailejileji Tipop hailed EACOP for safeguarding the interest of Indigenous People and preserving their culture and traditions as it implements the project.

She also thanked both EACOP and the Government for acknowledging the wishes of Indigenous People in society.

The Chief of Wataturu community Gesuda Masanja thanked EACOP for showing understanding and respect of their culture and choosing to reroute the pipeline. "This project respects the culture and tradition of the Wataturu community, and we are very grateful for that," he said in Igunga recently.

Robert Mwangala, the Igunga's Ward District Officer (WEO), thanked the indigenous community for 'blessing' the project's construction and consenting its passing in their ancestral areas.

Godslove Kawache, Igunga's Administrative Officer, had the same sentiments for the Wataturu community. He also thanked EACOP for its participatory approach. "This approach signifies EACOP's appreciation of the importance of being mindful of the needs and wishes of the local community in implementing projects. It sets a good precedent," he said.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline is a 1,443km crude oil export infrastructure that will transport Uganda's crude oil from Kabaale-Hoima in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania for export to the international market. This major export system includes 1,443 km (296 km in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania) of insulated and buried 24" inch pipeline, 6 pumping stations, 2 pressure reduction stations and a marine export terminal in Tanzania.

Following the Final Investment Decision (FID) that was taken on the 1st of February 2022, East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd. on 15th February concluded the formation of the company that will construct and operate the pipeline.

EACOP Ltd. is a special purpose company, governed by its Shareholders Agreement in which TotalEnergies (62%), Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC - 15%), Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC - 15%) and CNOOC (8%) are shareholders.

Ride-hailing firm launches courier delivery services to serve Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

RIDE-hailing firm has launched its new courier delivery service - 'Bolt Send', in a bid to expand its service offerings and tap into the growing logistics and delivery landscape across Tanzania.

The new services launched over the weekend in Dar es Salaam to empower customers with fast, reliable, and cost-effective delivery solutions, solidifying Bolt's reputation for pioneering customer-centric solutions.

With a user-friendly interface integrated into the existing ride-hailing app, customers can now seamlessly send packages of various sizes to any destination within Dar es Salaam. The service is designed to cater to a wide range of delivery needs, from urgent business documents to personal items, ensuring that every delivery is handled with the utmost care and professionalism.

"This new service is not just a game-changer for individual cus-

tomers but also a significant boost for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Tanzania. With the ability to send and receive packages efficiently, businesses can now offer better customer service, reach wider markets, and streamline their operations. Bolt Send is set to support the growth of local businesses by providing them with the tools they need to thrive in a competitive market," said Dimmy Kanyankole, firm's general manager.

He said: "The launch of our courier

delivery service marks a significant step forward in our mission to simplify and enhance the daily lives of our customers. We're proud to offer a service that combines speed, reliability, and affordability, catering to the diverse needs of Tanzanians.

This new service reflects our dedication to driving innovation and supporting the growth of local businesses across the country."

Understanding the importance of security and transparency, Bolt Send service includes advanced track-

ing features, allowing customers to monitor their packages in real-time from pick-up to delivery.

"This launch marks a significant milestone in Bolt's journey towards diversifying its service offerings in Tanzania.

By entering the logistics sector, the company is positioning itself as a one-stop-shop for all transportation needs, ensuring that customers have access to a comprehensive suite of services at their fingertips."

By Syriacus Buguzi

Health conferencing in Tanzania: From far-fetched dream to reality

OVER a decade ago, when Dr. Omary Chillo, a physiologist, teamed up with his colleagues to carve the idea of establishing the now-prominent Tanzania Health Summit (THS), it never crossed his mind that the institution he was building at the time would later evolve to the size and scale it has become today—convening over 1,500 health stakeholders annually, locally and internationally—and being a catalyst for progressiveness of Tanzania's health agenda.

Today, if you ask Dr. Chillo to unravel the secret behind the summit's impressive growth over the years, his response is characteristic of a scientist focused on achieving substance, rather than metrics.

"It wasn't just about getting bigger numbers and size," he said in an interview recently as he curtain-raised a story of the evolution of a scientific conference that he—and his colleagues—have nurtured through thick and thin—to turn into a platform that inspires young future problem-solvers in healthcare, catalyses constructive dialogues between policymakers and the private health sector and offers scientists a platform to inform policy. This eventually shapes the national health agenda, every year.

In Tanzania, and across Africa, organizing consistent and high-quality health conferences remains a huge challenge due to limited financial resources, infrastructure constraints, and a lack of capacity. However, Dr. Chillo is determined to defy these odds and prove that with meticulous planning, dedication, and a visionary approach, it is possible to host a consistent health conference that yields tangible results for public health. The 11th edition of the summit, slated for October 1-3rd this year, is hosting delegates from 20 countries in Africa and across the world, more than 40 forums, 280 abstract presenters, a b-2-b Medical Expo with over 50 exhibitors and much more.

"I have always wanted to achieve a high level of quality conferencing that can meet international standards," said the President of THS and a lecturer in physiology at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS). He is a zealous academic, a go-getter and yet a health entrepreneur who, today, recounts his decade-long experience in health conferencing in Tanzania.

The Tanzania Health Summit (THS) is rapidly setting the standard for international engagement on public health in Tanzania. Through Dr. Chillo's tireless networking spirit, THS secured the prestigious honour of hosting the 2028 Priorities Conference through the International Society for Priorities in Health (ISPH). It's now coming home to Tanzania—a direct consequence of his participation in the May 2024 Bangkok event. But also, THS's growing influence has earned them an invitation to the World Health Summit in Berlin, where they will champion the vital role of local African health agendas on the global stage. The development elevates THS to a platform that is fostering international dialogue and advocating for Africa's healthcare priorities.

Chillo underscores the challenges he's faced since 2014, the rewarding moments and the value he has seen through organizing health conferences, ever since he embarked on building the now-renowned summit, THS—the largest Public Private Partnership Platform for the health sector in Tanzania so far. With the next big event now scheduled, Dr. Chillo looks back on the journey that his



The idea of organising Tanzania Health Summit (THS) was hatched by a few doctors over a decade ago. It has since grown in size and scale, convening over 1,500 health stakeholders annually. Photo courtesy of THS

brain-child has undertaken. He shares his experiences and insights, which would offer guidance for health conference practices in Tanzania.

How idea was born

In 2014, fresh from completing his PhD, he reconnected with his old friend, Dr. Chakou Halfani. This encounter reignited their long-held plans to create a platform that would address pressing health challenges at the time. Then, he recalled lessons he had learned during his time in Germany where he had been pursuing studies.

"I had attended numerous cardiovascular science conferences back in Germany. Relating this to what I was seeing in Tanzania, I noticed a significant lack of inclusivity in our local conferences," he explained. "Most local conferences lacked inclusivity. They were only few and limited to affiliated institutions. This limited public participation."

This observation, coupled with a shared passion for medical advancement, solidified Chillo's determination to join forces with his colleague, Dr. Chakou Halfani, a cancer specialist and entrepreneur, together aiming to create a solution. By that time a STEPS Survey had shown a surge in the prevalence of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Tanzania and the nation was at the point of brain-storming interventions.

"We saw an opportunity to create a platform that could foster open discussions about such health issues and provide a space for researchers, policymakers, and businesses to connect," Chillo said. "This platform would be more inclusive and accessible than the existing conferences. Additionally, it would provide a valuable marketing opportunity for health-related businesses like that of my colleague Dr. Chakou."

Humble beginnings

Was it a walk in the park? This grand summit that's seen today wasn't always a grand gathering. Its management roots can be traced back to a small, single room at Magomeni in Kinondoni District where TMHS, the main sponsor of the summit had its offices. There, Dr. Chillo and his dedicated colleague, Dr. Chakou laid the foundation for what would become a big summit.

"The team was just me, as the president of the summit and one assistant," he said. With a limited budget, they often contributed from their own pockets to keep the summit afloat.

Then at times, Dr. Chakou and I had to contribute in turns from our pockets to pay the assistant," he recalled.

"At the time, the conference was a top priority, we weren't thinking of personal development, yet we faced many challenges, especially on how to raise funds to keep the summit consistent. It was really tough."

"I remember before we held the first summit, we had more than a 50 percent budget deficit. Organizations that sponsored us were less than five. Agha Khan Hospital was the first to come along. We remain grateful for their support."

Learning on the job

As the summit grew, so did the challenges. Dr. Chillo recalls a particularly memorable incident involving protocols. When Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda graded the first summit, Dr. Chillo, unfamiliar with the intricacies of protocols, inadvertently sat in the wrong place after his speech.

"I had never known about protocols. Even delivering a speech was difficult."

A One-Man Show

The early days of THS were a demanding period. As the sole driving force behind the summit, Dr. Chillo wore multiple hats. He was the event planner, the marketer, the PR person, and even the designer. The team's limited resources necessitated this hands-on approach. He often found himself working late into the night, preparing materials and ensuring the summit's smooth operation.

"I remember when I had to stay up until four in the morning preparing the conference book. I stayed up with the printer to finish the book. So, that means at 8 am I would just leave at least for just an hour, to get some sleep and then come back to the conference"

"Then, getting back to the summit gets more demanding as well. I literally had to follow everything."

Dealing with unpredictable moments
On top of financing hurdles, Chillo says, "Sometimes the expectations of participants vary widely," and that's something he has learned to deal with over the years.

"For instance, if you invite a minister, they might send a representative instead. This is unpredictable because participants often expect to hear directly from the minister. Additionally, ministers have competing governmental duties that can prevent them from attending."

Balancing academia and entrepreneurship

"I would wish to become a professor one day," said Dr. Chillo and now that THS has evolved into an institution with a fairly bigger team, he feels that he can now settle and pursue his dreams in academia, while exercising leadership at THS.

"I can actually sleep these days, now that we have managed to grow our team to about 10. This allows me time for my academic work," he said.

What makes a good quality health conference?

If you ask Dr. Chillo, the success of a health conference in Tanzania hinges on several key factors. First and foremost, the quality of content and speakers is paramount.

"The quality of the content, the messages, and who delivers those messages. This means that speakers must be experts in their field and able to offer insights that directly address the country's pressing health challenges."

Additionally, the conference must be sustainable, a challenge often exacerbated by poor planning. Dr. Chillo said, 'People expect conferences to be ongoing, but external or internal factors can affect this, often due to poor planning.' To ensure sustainability, organizers must be flexible and adaptable, anticipating potential challenges and developing contingency plans.

"Beyond quality and sustainability, innovation is also essential. Simply repeating the same format year after year will not attract and engage participants."

"There's a need for continuous innovation. Simply copying past programs is not enough. We need to add new elements like art forums, innovation, and tourism."

"Finally, learning from past mistakes is crucial. 'Participants often become complacent. I remember in the first and second years, we lost a lot of participants because we weren't focused on satisfying them.' By carefully listening to feedback and making necessary adjustments, organizers can ensure that their conferences remain relevant and impactful."

Why Zanzibar?

As THS marked its 10th Anniversary last year, Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, who had graced the summit, personally invited the organizers to host a conference in the Indian Ocean Archipelago, which according to Dr. Chillo "provided the necessary impetus" for a successful event.

"After a thorough assessment, we identified a venue that could accommodate our needs. Hence, we announced that the conference would be held in Zanzibar."

"Initially, we were uncertain about the turnout, but the response has been overwhelmingly positive," he said. He explains that the high level of participation and engagement from various organizations demonstrates that Zanzibar has embraced this event and that the Ministry of Tourism is fully committed to supporting it. This not only boosts tourism but also provides a valuable opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing.

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ACROSS:

- Russia's Capital
- a large hole in a ground
- largest port in Kenya
- the sea eagle
- a pigsty
- seafood in Kiswahili

DOWN:

- a very brief period of moment
- at sometime in the future
- citrus fruit
- interfere with the normal arrangement
- bold and shameless
- try to find something by looking around
- trouble or afflict in mind
- the first woman to be created
- take, hold, or deploy as a means of achieving something

13. the Azerbaijani language
14. the organ of sight in human
15. nightclubs with dance music
18. traditional Japanese masked drama with dance and song, evolved from Shinto rites
19. tiny drops of water
20. a list of dishes available in a restaurant

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BUSINESS

Economists appeal for end to Tanzania-China trade barriers

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Tanzanian economists have called for the removal of trade barriers between China and Tanzania to promote a fair balance of trade.

Their suggestions came ahead of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), set to take place in Beijing from September 4th to 6th this year.

FOCAC serves as the main platform for China to provide resources to African countries, offering support through debt forgiveness, aid grants, concessional loans, and interest-free loans.

Dr. Nassib Mramba, a Senior Lecturer at the College of Business Education (CBE), emphasized the importance of bilateral trade agreements, including the adoption of the Chinese Yuan for trade transactions.

He noted that such agreements would facilitate smoother trade between the two nations, reducing barriers for both exports and imports.

Currently, the balance of trade is unequal, with China exporting significantly more to Tanzania than it imports from the country.

Dr. Mramba added that the upcoming forum presents a timely opportunity to address concerns about employment opportunities.

He pointed out that while Tan-



Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping

zania employs Chinese professionals in various sectors, China should also create opportunities for Tanzanian experts. Expanding access to the Chinese market, particularly in sectors like agriculture, could have a significant impact.

"Agriculture employs more than 75 percent of Tanzanians, yet the sector contributes only 25 percent to the country's economy. We need Chinese investment in agricultural modernization to ensure that the sector contributes

more to our economy," Dr. Mramba said.

Prof. Humphrey Moshi, Director of the Centre for Chinese Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam, echoed the need for enhanced cooperation in industries, agriculture, and trade. He emphasized that these areas align with Tanzania's development plan. He also advocated for the use of the Chinese Yuan in bilateral trade instead of relying on the US dollar.

"We should utilize this forum to strengthen our negotiation ca-

pabilities and set strategic goals," Prof. Moshi stated.

He suggested that the Tanzanian government could invite Chinese investment in solar energy, as China is currently leading the world in both wind and solar energy development, with twice as much capacity under construction as the rest of the world combined.

Dr. Donald Mmari, Director of Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA), highlighted that Tanzania's focus on economic diplomacy would likely continue to play a central role in the forum.

He emphasized the importance of prioritizing trade and investments that align with the country's development goals, including technology transfer, private sector growth and job creation.

Currently, trade between Tanzania and China has reached US\$8.31 billion, 3.5 times higher than a decade ago, which indicates strong economic ties between the two countries.

Tanzania's exports to China have generally focused on natural resources including agricultural products, minerals, seafood as well as timber and wood products.

Despite these exports, the trade balance between Tanzania and China remains skewed in favor of China, with Tanzania importing significantly more from China than it exports.



Abdulmajid Nsekela, CEO, CRDB Bank

Top banker lays stress on place of innovation, dedication in investing

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Innovation and dedication have enabled CRDB Bank to invest abroad, including improving digital services, alongside Tanzania's history of maintaining the existing peace.

Speaking to journalists at the workshop for board chairpersons and chief executives of public institutions, which has been ongoing for four days, the bank's CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela, stated that the bank has successfully expanded internationally by investing abroad.

Before making these investments, they conducted thorough research, which helped the bank achieve its goals.

He mentioned that the bank decided to invest abroad due to improvements in operational performance, including capital strengthening, service provision, and network expansion within the country.

"Good management of the bank's board, along with improvements in domestic services, has led the bank to conduct market research and enter some EAC countries, arranging them according to their priorities. They first entered Burundi and today have become top service providers," he said.

In the meeting that provides an overview of investment and institutional self-reflection, he noted that it is not necessary to go abroad alone; rather, it is now time for organizations to engage in business rather than just opening businesses.

"Therefore, I believe that this meeting will serve as a catalyst for achieving the development goals that President Samia Suluhu Hassan desires through investment," he said.

He added that investing abroad also comes with challenges related to language, culture, differing laws, and the

necessity for substantial capital.

Therefore, when investing, one must collaborate with locals, so 90 percent of the employees are local, and the remaining 10 percent are experts from our country. For an investment to be successful, the locals in the respective country must agree.

He also mentioned the reasons for investing beyond borders, particularly in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), due to having many customers and the ongoing business relations with Tanzania.

"When investing in foreign markets, it is essential to conduct research to obtain information about the investment location, opportunities, and starting or buying a business to partner with local stakeholders," he said.

"When investing there, do not go broadly; seek stakeholders to partner with, and have good leadership that aligns with the government and technology."

He also mentioned that their investment in Burundi was relatively easy due to the small initial capital required to start a bank, and there are only 15 banks in Burundi.

"When we entered Burundi in 2021, the capital requirement was US\$13 million and we are performing well in that country's market, being close to the community and development partners. What we learned in Burundi is that to invest, one must have stability, understand what the government wants, and align with it," he said.

Thus, Tanzania's history of existing peace allows organizations, institutions, and banks to invest more abroad, which is why the bank is making significant strides in investing beyond borders within EAC countries, he added.

Equities market records 24bn/ turnover in two months

By Guardian Reporter

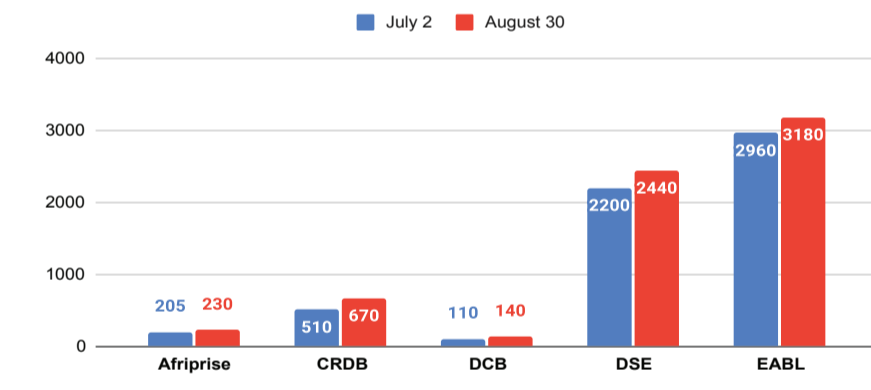
The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded a turnover of 24.15bn/- during the first two months of the current quarter, which is equivalent to 75 percent of total turnover recorded during the third quarter of last year.

The market report show local investors dominated the market during the reported months, as they accounts for 92.76 percent of total value of shares bought and 72.79 percent of total value of shares sold.

Foreign investors sold shares valued 6.57bn/- which is equivalent to 27.21 percent of total value of shares sold and they purchased shares valued 1.75bn/- equivalent to 7.24 percent of total values of shares bought.

The foreign investor participation into the equities market translated into net outflows amounting to 4.83bn/- during the first two months of the current quarter, which is equivalent to total net outflows recorded during the sec-

Trends on Share prices among selected counters in Shillings



SOURCE: DSE REPORTS

ond quarter of this year.

Analysts expect banks counters, specifically NMB and CRDB to dominate trading activities in the coming weeks, potentially prompting a sell-off of other counters in favour of them.

"As more companies disclose their financials, we anticipate continued high activity in the market," says Raphael Msumbuko, chief executive officer, Zan Securities Limited, brokers of DSE and fund managers.

As liquidity tightens in the money markets and

yields rise, Masumbuko expects that the equities may benefit from increased inflows, particularly in sectors showing robust performance, specifically banking counters.

The market reports show the total market capitalization gained to 17.54trn/- at the end of August, an increase from 16.94trn/- recorded during the first trading session of the current quarter, while the domestic market capitalization closed last month at 12.30trn/- compared to 11.92trn/- respectively.

The reports show listed counters recorded mixed trends during the first two months of the current quarter, as some stock recorded appreciations in prices, while others declined or remained unchanged.

Gainers during the period were Afriprise, which its share price went up to 230/- at the end of last month, compared to 205/- recorded during the start of the quarter, CRDB counter, which its share price closed at 670/- from 520/- and DCB counter, which its share price closed at 140/-

compared to 110/-.

Other counters which recorded an increase of share prices were self-listed DSE, which its share price closed at 2,440/- from 2,200/-, KCB from 650/- to 670/- and East African Breweries Limited (EABL), which its share price closed at 3,180/- from 2,960/-.

Losers during the reported period were Tanga Cement (TCCL) counter which its share price closed at 1,600/- from 1,720/-, Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL), which its share closed at 3,160/- from 3,560/-, NICO, which its share price closed at 780/- from 810/- and Tanzania Portland Cement (TPCC), which its share price declined to 3,840/- from 4,100/-.

The report shows the share prices of other counters including NMB Bank, TOL Gases, TBL, TCC, Vodacom, Swissport, PAL, MUCOBA, Kenya Airways, SWALA, YETU, Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MCB) remained unchanged during the period of two months.

Minister extols Mikumi National Park partnership with other stakeholders

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MINISTER for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr. Pindi Chana has applauded the Mikumi National Park management for their collaborative efforts with various stakeholders, including financial institutions to continuously enhance the services offered to the site's visitors.

Dr. Chana made the remarks over the weekend when visited exhibitors booth when the park marks the 60th-anniversary celebrations inside the conservancy.

Minister Chana attributed the significant increase in the number of international tourists visiting Tanzania to the government's initiatives, led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, and the concerted efforts of all stakeholders.

During the 2023/24 financial year, the number of international tourists entering the country rose by 96 per

cent, from 900,022 tourists in 2021 to 1.8 million in 2023.

"For the Mikumi National Park alone, the number of visitors increased from 46,517 in 2020/21 to 138,000 in 2023/24, a remarkable 198.48 per cent growth. This remarkable achievement is the result of a collective effort by the government, the park management, and all the stakeholders, including the surrounding communities. Well done," the minister praised.

Dr. Chana inspected various projects aimed at improving the services offered at the Mikumi National Park, including the construction of visitor reception and resting facilities (picnic sites), the renovation of the Kikoboga airstrip within the park, the building of visitor entry gates, the establishment of a Visitor Information Center (VIC), and the project to connect the park to the national electricity grid.

She noted: "The completion of



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr. Pindi Chana (L) greets Joseph Boaz (R), during the 60th-anniversary celebrations of Mikumi National Park, Morogoro, held at the Kikoboga football stadium located in the park. Others include the TANAPA Conservation Commissioner, Nassoro Juma Kuji (C), and other government and park senior officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

these projects will not only increase the number of tourists but also en-

able larger aircraft to land at the Mikumi National Park, allowing the

accommodation and servicing of up to 140 guests at a time."

She outlined the government's plan to establish a dedicated visitor entry gate at the Kilosa District's high-speed rail (SGR) station, a move that will further boost the influx of visitors to the Mikumi National Park and create employment opportunities for the surrounding communities, including the villages of Mbamba and Kilangali.

"The most crucial aspect is to ensure that these improvements are accompanied by the delivery of high-quality services. I kindly request that the services be provided by the laws and regulations governing this sector, including the issue of employment for tourism service providers, which should consider essential qualifications such as education," the Minister emphasized.

Nassoro Juma Kuji, Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA)'s conservation commissioner also applauded

the government's efforts to enhance and promote the tourism sector, which has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of tourists, which has in turn significantly boosted the institution's revenue, reaching 337.5 billion Shillings in the 2022/23 period.

The Mikumi National Park Chief Conservation Commissioner, Augustine Masesa, also expressed gratitude to the various stakeholders for their active participation in making the celebrations a success, while acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the partners including NBC Bank in fostering the growth and well-being of the vital sector.

Joseph Boaz, the NBC bank's Morogoro Branch business development manager reaffirmed bank's commitment towards developing tailored financial services that cater to the diverse needs of Tanzania's tourism stakeholders.

SPECIAL REPORT

CONCRETE BLOCKS BUSINESS:

Employment opportunities with growing climate, health concerns - 1

By Francis Kajubi

The concrete blocks industry in Tanzania is simultaneously creating significant employment in the construction sector and contributing to climate change through carbon emissions, while posing health risks to workers.

This industry has seen rapid growth in recent years, particularly in major cities like Dar es Salaam. Small-scale vibrated block manufacturers have set up operations in various parts of the city, especially along major roads leading out of town.

For many young men and adults from low-income backgrounds, this business has become a primary source of livelihood.

However, the process of manufacturing concrete blocks has led to substantial environmental degradation.

Simon Yonah, manager of Samson Vibrated Blocks in the Makulu Ward of Dodoma, employs 16 young workers at his small-scale factory.

He pays his machine operators 5,000/- per cement bag processed. Two machines are operated by pairs of workers.

"Those responsible for loading and unloading blocks are paid 4,000/- for every 100 blocks. Workers who lay the blocks are paid 200 shillings per ten blocks, and 4,000/- are paid to the person responsible for watering the blocks twice a day," Yonah explained.

With a 10 million shilling investment, Yonah's business has provided jobs for youth. He emphasized that workers are responsible for their own safety on the job.

Amani Jailos, a 20-year-old worker at Samson Vibrated Blocks, shared that he wraps his hands in torn clothes while working, as safety gear is not provided. "Safety isn't part of the agreement. We must secure our own gear. I can't afford it, so I use what I have - this torn shirt," Jailos said as he laid down blocks.

A primary school dropout, Jailos is able to lay down at least 50 piles of ten blocks each within three hours. He earns between 15,000/- and 20,000/- daily but takes precautions against the dust he inhales by drinking two cups of fresh milk every evening.

Jailos is aware of the health risks posed



Moses Mwingwa (38) (R) works as a mortar operator without protective gear. Assisting him is Erasto Kubindi (41). Photo: Francis Kajubi.

by cement dust but cannot afford proper protective measures.

The 2023/24 Tanzania Statistical Business Register Report, published by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), notes that the real estate sector in Tanzania Mainland accounts for just 0.1 percent of economic activity.

The construction sector, however, employs 8,246 people, with men comprising 82.1 percent of the workforce. Civil engineering accounts for 52.8 percent of employment in this sector, while building construction employs 36.4 percent.

Globally, the rapid growth of urbanization has positioned cement factories as significant contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.

In February 2015, the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) indefinitely suspended Tanzania's largest cement producer, the Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC), trading as Twi-

ga Cement, due to environmental pollution. TPCC was fined 50 million shillings as part of the penalty.

Various environmental resources highlight sustainable alternatives to concrete blocks. GreenMatch, an environmental news and research platform, suggests alternatives like Hempcrete bricks, made from hemp and limestone, which absorb carbon over their lifetime.

Gent Waste Bricks, made from 63 percent recycled waste, also sequester carbon during their curing process, significantly reducing the environmental impact.

The continued use of concrete blocks in construction projects threatens the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal No. 11 (SDG 11), which advocates for inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities and communities with net-zero emissions.

Moses Mwingwa, a worker at Kwa Mpemba Vibrated Block Man-

ufacturing in the Goba suburb of Dar es Salaam's Ubungo district, earns 4,000 shillings for producing 40 blocks from a bag of cement.

He typically processes seven 60-kilogram bags of cement daily, producing 280 blocks. Mwingwa, like many others in the industry, works without proper protective gear, as his employer does not provide it.

"I have to buy disposable face masks on my own if I can afford them, but usually, I work without any protection," Mwingwa admitted.

A box of 20 disposable face masks costs 18,000 shillings - an expense Mwingwa finds prohibitive. According to Primo Dental Products, disposable face masks should be replaced every four hours, further increasing the cost for workers like Mwingwa.

This lack of protective measures violates Article 23(1) of the Univer-

sal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), which guarantees the right to just and favorable working conditions.

It also contravenes Section 62 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (2003), which requires employers to provide effective protective equipment for workers exposed to harmful substances or environments.

Kwa Mpemba Vibrated Blocks manager, Iligas Nahoda, acknowledged that his 12 workers are responsible for their own safety, as they are not employed on contract terms. "I haven't employed them on a contractual basis, so they are responsible for their own safety at work," Nahoda said.

Khadija Mwenda, Chief Executive of the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA), emphasized that employers who fail to comply with safety legislation are breaking the law and encouraged workers to report such viola-

tions to OSHA for legal action.

Cement dust poses significant health risks, particularly to the respiratory system. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lower respiratory infections were the fifth leading cause of death globally in 2021, accounting for 2.5 million deaths.

Dr. Nehemiah Nnko, a medical doctor at Magu District Hospital in Mwanza, warned that cement dust contains Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS), which can cause silicosis, a lung-scarring disease that can lead to severe breathing difficulties and even death.

A 2023 report by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Oliver Wyman, titled Nature Positive: Role of the Cement and Concrete Sector, calls on cement and concrete companies to transform their business models to align with global nature-positive and net-zero goals.

The report stresses the need for improved water stewardship, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and stronger reclamation efforts. It also highlights the importance of innovation to support a nature-positive transition.

The global cement and concrete products market was valued at US\$440 billion as of September 2023, with annual production of concrete at 14 billion cubic meters and cement at 4.2 billion tons.

Despite this growth, only a small percentage of companies have set targets for biodiversity loss or freshwater consumption.

The report calls for the cement and concrete industry to adopt five critical initiatives: improving water stewardship, reducing emissions, enhancing reclamation, expanding circularity, and accelerating innovation.

To be continued.



KCB contributes 30m/- to school's thanksgiving

By Guardian Correspondent

KCB Bank has contributed 30m/- to the Marian Schools' Thanksgiving celebration, which included a marathon, a walk and a thanksgiving mass.

The event was graced by Cosmas Kimario (pictured), KCB Group's Regional Business Director and Managing Director of KCB Bank Tanzania.

Kimario commended Marian Institutions for their significant achievements in education, community engagement and economic impact.

Kimario emphasized that since its establishment in 1997, Marian Institutions have demonstrated a strong commitment to providing quality education and producing graduates who make substantial contributions to society and the workforce.

He further elaborated on how Marian has expanded its operations from a single school, Marian Girls Secondary School, to include three secondary schools, a clinic, a hotel and a university (Marian University), which was established in 2014.

"These achievements have brought positive changes in education, society, and the national economy," said Kimario.

Between 2021 and 2024, KCB Bank has invested (in a form of credit facilities) in various projects at Marian Institutions, including the renovation of Marian Girls and Marian Primary schools, the construction of six-story buildings for classrooms and hostels at Marian Boys School, and con-

tributing to some of the operational costs of these institutions.

The celebration was also attended by prominent leaders, including the Archbishop of the Holy Ghost Congregation in Zanzibar, Augustine Shao; the Head of the Holy Ghost Congregation, Shauri Selenda; the Executive Director of the Bagamoyo District Council; the Manager and Founder of Marian Institutions, Fr. Valentine Bayo; KCB Bank leaders and staff; priests of the Holy Ghost Congregation; chairpersons of Marian Institutions' boards; as well as parents, students, and staff of Marian Institutions.

Fr. Valentine Bayo, the Manager of Marian Schools, provided a brief history of Marian Institutions, stating, "In 1991, I was sent here by my superiors in the Holy Ghost Congregation as a young priest to engage in evangelization. Due to the underdeveloped nature of this forgotten area, we initiated various efforts, including the establishment of nursery and vocational schools. Ultimately, these efforts led to the construction of Marian Girls Secondary School in 1997".

He said since its inception, this school has become a symbol of success nationwide, leading to the establishment of other Marian institutions.

The celebration was marked with great enthusiasm, highlighting the unity and collaboration between Marian Institutions and their stakeholders, including KCB Bank, in promoting the advancement of education and the community at large.

Korean contractors to benefit from local bank's partnership

By Guardian Correspondent, Seoul

South Korean contractors in Tanzania are expected to benefit from a new partnership between local Tanzanian bank and Korea Finance for Construction (K-FINCO).

The strategic framework for cooperation, in which the local bank will represent K-FINCO by issuing project-related guarantees, was signed during a vibrant ceremony attended by Tanzania's Ambassador to South Korea, Togolani Mavura.

Leading the NMB delegation was the Chief Executive Officer, Ruth Zaipuna, while the K-FINCO Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Dr Eunjae Lee, led the K-FINCO delegation.

K-FINCO is a cooperative overseen by South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and

Transport, which specializes in offering guarantees and insurance services to member firms in the Korean construction industry.

The MoU, poised to enhance the prospects of the local construction industry, commits both financial institutions to closer collaboration in actively contributing to Tanzania's economic growth and nation-building efforts.

The agreement will be crucial in attracting large-scale construction projects to improve Tanzanians' quality of life. This collaboration will drive capital accumulation, create jobs, and position Tanzania as a regional infrastructure powerhouse.

Moreover, this collaboration agreement will bolster economic and bilateral ties between Tanzania and South Korea, fostering stronger friendships between the people of both nations. Commenting on the monumental devel-

opment, Zaipuna said, "I am firmly convinced that the declaration of our established partnership commitment comes at an opportune moment. Prospects for Tanzania's economy are attracting widespread attention following the implementation of prudent macroeconomic policies and regulatory reforms, an impressive post-COVID-19 economic recovery, and the country's overall commitment to sound infrastructure development.

"After signing the MoU, we want to continue our joint efforts to build a long-term and strategic partnership. We desire to use this MOU to advance our shared commitment and passion for driving inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development."

Zaipuna expressed her gratitude to Ambassador Mavura and Dr Lee for their significant contributions in bringing the MoU to fruition.

LUSAKA

Zambia plans to establish an investment company that will control at least 30 percent of critical minerals production from future mines.

Mines Minister Paul Kabuswe unveiled a strategy on Thursday that he said will allow Zambia to maximize the benefits from its deposits of metals key to the energy transition.

Africa's second-largest copper producer aims to more than quadruple output of the metal by early in the next decade, but it also has deposits of cobalt, graphite and lithium.

The state will set up a special purpose vehicle to invest in critical minerals under a design framework that includes a "production sharing mechanism" setting aside a minimum 30 percent of the output from new mining projects, according to the document unveiled by Kabuswe in Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

Miners including Barrick Gold Corp, First Quantum Minerals and China Nonferrous Mining Corp are investing in their Zam-

Zambia wants state firm to own 30pc of critical minerals mines



bian copper projects.

Zambia is also counting on the Konkola and Mopani copper mines - under the control of Vedanta Resources Ltd. and Abu Dhabi's International Resources Holding respectively - to ramp up production.

The government's goal of producing 3 million tons of copper a year by 2031 requires existing assets to double their output to about 1.4-million tons, according to a separate document prepared by Kabuswe's

ministry.

Sites currently in the exploration phase - such as the Bill Gates-backed KoBold Metals' Mingomba project - are expected to provide an ambitious 1.2-million tons annually.

The government also intends to make investors in the critical minerals sector allocate at least 35 percent of procurement costs to local suppliers, according to the strategy.

It will also review Zambia's policy and regulatory environment to

restrict the export of unprocessed materials.

Zambia's economy is mainly based on export of minerals, most notably copper and cobalt, as well as gold, zinc, lead and more.

At the end of 2020, mining accounted for 12 percent of Zambia's GDP and provided about 70 percent of foreign exchange earnings.

Zambia's mining sector has surged to 3rd place in global investment attractiveness in 2024, up from 12th in 2023, according to a recent Fraser Institute report.

This leap is due to a robust mining policy environment, attracting \$10 billion in new investments over the past three years.

To foster investment and sustainable growth, the Zambia Chamber of Mines is partnering with the Critical Minerals Africa (CMA) 2024 summit.

CEO Sokwani William Chilembo and other representatives will highlight Zambia's critical mineral sector to potential investors.

China's EV makers scramble for EU tariff deal

SHANGHAI

China's car industry was scrambling to cut a last-minute deal with the European Commission last week, with representatives offering to set a minimum price on imported electric vehicles (EVs).

Companies would in return be granted some amnesty from hefty import tariffs due to be slapped on Chinese-made EVs by the commission by October.

The EU has complained that cheap, exported Chinese vehicles threaten the future of Europe's car industry.

The companies would also be willing to put a limit on the volume of EV exports to the European Union should Brussels cut the punitive tariff, according to people familiar with the meetings.

Above that volume, imports would face the duties the commission proposed earlier this month of up to 36.3 per cent.

Online hearings took place on Wednesday, with car companies including BYD, Geely and SAIC, and Friday with the China Chamber of Commerce

for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME).

Such a deal would closely mirror one reached 11 years ago during a trade war over cheap Chinese solar panel imports. Under that agreement, Chinese producers agreed to set a minimum price at which their panels would be sold.

Panels sold at a higher rate or above a certain sales volume were subject to punitive import duties designed to bring the products in line with local market rates.

The commission is considering the proposals, but insiders thought it improbable that they would fly at this stage, given the fact that they were pitched as a "gentleman's agreement" that would not be watertight.

Nor does the commission have fond memories of the solar panel resolution, which ultimately fell apart when powerful member states including France and Germany withdrew their support for EU measures.

China had slapped trade tariffs on French wine and threatened the German car industry in response, and a decade later the EU solar industry has been



decimated by Chinese competition.

Nonetheless, it has given Brussels pause for thought. Even last week, it was thought that a negotiated settlement would be nigh on impossible to reach, given that car companies and the Chinese government denied that there were any undisclosed subsidies in their supply chains.

Beijing has already lodged a complaint at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and launched retaliatory probes into EU brand-

dy, pork and dairy products.

Last week, China closed its brandy investigation and is expected to impose anti-dumping duties of up to 39 per cent on French cognac brands at a later date, after declining to introduce provisional measures.

"Our sector seems to be a collateral victim of a broader trade conflict, which will limit the access of Chinese consumers to products they greatly value and appreciate,

if not resolved as a matter of priority," said Adam Ulrich, director general at Spirits Europe, a lobby group.

Brussels has always been open to making a deal on EVs, but it must have the same equalising effect as the tariffs, which are designed to protect European-based companies from the market-distorting impact of subsidised Chinese competitors.

While an official consultation period expired on Friday, the offer will be analysed this week as officials continue trickling back from their extended summer holidays.

Since the deal would involve pledges from individual car companies rather than the Chinese government, it is unlikely that it would flout WTO rules that outlaw preferential treatment based on corporate nationality.

Chinese companies' willingness to make such an offer comes as its industry faces being blocked out of other major markets. Last week, Canada joined the United States in slapping a 100 per cent import duty on Chinese-made EVs.

The EU tariffs, even after punitive duties are applied, would be comparably low. BYD EVs, for example, would take a total 27 per cent total tariff hit at EU ports, while Geely would face a 31.3 per cent rate.

Even the EU's top rate of 46.3 per cent for companies such as SAIC - including the 10 per cent base rate - is less than half the North American import tax.

The deadline for introducing long-term duties is October 30. In a vote anticipated in the coming weeks, 15 of the 27 EU member states constituting 65 per cent of the bloc's population must vote against the tariffs to stop them from being imposed.

Chinese companies are already planning

for life under tariffs. This week, executives from BYD and Xpeng said that they were going to increase their European manufacturing footprints as they look to avoid paying punitive duties.

Xpeng's CEO He Xiaopeng told Bloomberg that the company was scouting Europe for sites for factories and data centres.

BYD boss Stella Li told the same publication that the company wanted 50 per cent of its revenues to come from overseas markets, and that it would set up its own data centres in individual European countries to avoid sending data back to China.

The scramble for data centres comes amid mounting security concerns about the levels of data collected by electric and connected vehicles.

Earlier this week, Uber was fined €290 million (US\$322 million) by Dutch authorities for transferring European driver data to the US. The ride-sharing app recently partnered with BYD in a deal that will see the Chinese carmaker provide 100,000 EVs for its fleet in Europe and Latin America.

Regardless of whether a tariff amnesty is reached, industry analysts expect Chinese EVs to remain competitive in Europe.

"The Europeans are in denial. They don't want to acknowledge that European carmakers have been out-engineered and outclassed," said Tu Le, managing director of Sino Auto Insights, a consulting firm.

Six regions to benefit from CRDB's business support programme

By Guardian Reporter

Over 12,000 entrepreneurs and 1,000 entrepreneurial groups, specifically women and youths, in the southern highlands are expected to benefit from empowerment programme.

The benefiting regions will include Mbeya, Songwe, Ruvuma, Njombe, Katavi, and Rukwa.

This comes after CRDB Bank Foundation began a campaign aimed at connecting young people and women entrepreneurs in the country with the IM-BEJU program.

Speaking during the launch of the campaign, Bonaventura Paul, Director of retail business said the empowerment aims to reach small entrepreneurs across the country, particularly those in remote and rural areas.

He noted that this will not only enhance financial inclusion but also boost the entrepreneurship sector and the national economy as a whole.

"Financial services play a significant role in economic development, which is why we are at the forefront in designing products and services targeting various community groups. We are proud to be part of this campaign driven by the bank's foundation, which we believe will promote inclusion for many women and young people who make up a large portion of the country's entrepreneurs," said Bonaventura.

Furthermore, Bonaventura urged women and young entrepreneurs nationwide to join the program to grow and improve their businesses.

"Our goal is that after completing this program, they will be connected to empowerment through their CRDB Bank, where through our Small and Medium Enterprises Department, they can access loans of up to 3 billion shillings based on their business repayment capacity," he added.

Fadhil Bushagama, Acting CEO of Foundation, explained that the campaign is part of the foundation's efforts to enhance financial and economic inclusion to improve the lives of young people and women entrepreneurs.

"The programme has brought about significant changes in promoting financial inclusion, where over 600,000 women and young entrepreneurs have been reached and more than 11bn/- in enabling capital has been disbursed," said Bushagama.

"Our team from the headquarters, in collaboration with our branches in these regions, along with Community Development Officers, will work together to provide financial education, business and entrepreneurship training. After this region, we will move to the Southern and Central regions," Bushagama added.



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 31 Aug

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 KumeKucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:05 Shika Bamba 5
10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50 Art and Lifestyle
13:20 Shamba Lulu
13:50 Soap rpt: Laws of love
14:55 Igizo: Mizengwe
16:10 Igizo: Haikufuma
17:00 Shansham za Pwani
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:10 ITV Top 10 rpt
19:00 Jungu kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:05 Igizo: Haikufuma
21:35 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Min Jackpot
21:45 Art and Lifestyle
22:15 ITV Top 10
23:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:40 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SUNDAY 1 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 KumeKucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
13:00 Usafiri wako
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10 rpt
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:15 Mapishi
19:30 Igizo: Haikufuma
20:00 Habari
21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 2 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 KumeKucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
13:00 Usafiri wako
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
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17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:15 Mapishi
19:30 Igizo: Haikufuma
20:00 Habari
21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

TUESDAY 3 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 KumeKucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha kishindo
9:30 Soap: Laws of love
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Jagina
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Aya ya jami
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Usafiri Wako rpt
13:30 Shikabamba
13:55 Haban za saa
14:00 Shikabamba
14:20 Igizo rpt: Haikufuma
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 Music: The Base
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Sema na Mahakama
19:30 Soap: Laws of love
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
21:35 Kipindi maalum: Chetu ni chetu
22:00

WEDNESDAY 4 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha kishindo
9:30 Soap: Laws of love
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Mjuzi zaidi
11:40 Maji Kilimanjaro
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Bundesliga na DW
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
14:40 Mapishi
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 Music: The Base
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Jarida la wanawake
19:00 Kipindi maalum: BOT
19:30 Soap: Laws of love
20:00 Habari
21:05 Abu Yako
21:35 Kipindi maalum: Tanesco
21:50 Ripoti maalum
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 Jiji letu
23:30 Music: The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera

THURSDAY 5 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha kishindo
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12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: BOT
13:30 Art and Lifestyle
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Shansham za pwani rpt

FRIDAY 6 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: Laws of love
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Usafiri wako
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Kipindi maalum: Watumishi Housing
11:20 Kipindi maalum: TMDA
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Maisha ni nyumba
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na mahakama
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na mahakama
14:30 DW: Afrimax rpt
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
18:00 Hapa na Pale
18:15 Maji Kilimanjaro
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Shamba Lulu
19:30 Soap: Laws of love
20:00 Habari
21:05 Jijina Joto
23:00 Jiji letu
The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera

SATURDAY 7 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:05 Shika Bamba 5
10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo

SUNDAY 8 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap rpt: Laws of love
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt:
12:45 Mjuzi zaidi
13:30 Usafiri wako
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 9 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

TUESDAY 10 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

WEDNESDAY 11 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

THURSDAY 12 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

FRIDAY 13 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SATURDAY 14 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SUNDAY 15 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 16 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

TUESDAY 17 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

WEDNESDAY 18 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

THURSDAY 19 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

FRIDAY 20 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SATURDAY 21 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SUNDAY 22 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 23 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

TUESDAY 24 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

WEDNESDAY 25 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

THURSDAY 26 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
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21:05 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

FRIDAY 27 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
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21:20 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa Jackpot
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Soap: Uzalo rpt
00:30 Al Jazeera

SATURDAY 28 Sept

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:40 Habari
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:00 Watoto Wetu
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi
13:00 Usafiri wako
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza

WORLD

UN begins polio vaccination in Gaza, as fighting rages

CAIRO / RAMALLAH / BEIRUT

THE United Nations, in collaboration with Palestinian health authorities, began to vaccinate 640,000 children in the Gaza Strip yesterday, with Israel and Hamas agreeing to brief pauses in their 11-month war to allow the campaign to go ahead.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed last month that a baby was partially paralyzed by the type 2 polio virus, the first such case in the territory in 25 years.

The campaign began on Sunday in areas of central Gaza, and will move to other areas in coming days. Fighting will pause for at least eight hours on three consecutive days.

The WHO said the pauses will likely need to extend to a fourth day and the first round of vaccinations will take just under two weeks.

'Complex campaign'

"This is the first few hours of the first phase of a massive campaign, one of the most complex in the world," said Juliette Touma, communications director of UNRWA, the UN Palestinian refugee agency.

"Today is test time for parties to the conflict to respect these area pauses to allow the UNRWA teams and other medical workers to reach children with these very precious two drops. It's a race against time," Touma told Reuters.

Israel and Hamas, who have so far

failed to conclude a deal that would end the war, said they would cooperate to allow the campaign to succeed.

WHO officials say at least 90 percent of the children need to be vaccinated twice with four weeks between doses for the campaign to succeed, but it faces huge challenges in Gaza, which has been largely destroyed by the war.

"Children continue to be exposed, it knows no borders, checkpoints or lines of fighting. Every child must be vaccinated in Gaza and Israel to curb the risks of this vicious disease spreading," said Touma.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces continued to battle Hamas-led militants in several areas across the Palestinian enclave. Residents said Israeli army troops blew up several houses in Rafah, near the border with Egypt, while tanks continued to operate in the northern Gaza City suburb of Zeitoun.

Yesterday, Israel recovered the bodies of six hostages from a tunnel in southern Gaza where they were apparently killed not long before Israeli troops reached them, the military said.

On Saturday, the Israeli army killed two Palestinians in Jenin, northern West Bank, as Israel's military operation in the city entered its fourth day, the Palestinian Health Ministry reported.

The ministry identified the victims as Amjad Mustafa Ibrahim Saleh and Muhammad Amin Talal Abdullah, but did not provide further details.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society



A health worker administers the Polio vaccine to a Palestinian child in Zawayda in the central Gaza Strip yesterday, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the militant group Hamas. AFP

reported that Israeli forces obstructed its staff from transporting the bodies after they reached the Jenin refugee camp. The society also noted that its teams are evacuating emergency cases from Jenin Government Hospital to Al-Razi Hospital due to a power outage.

The Palestinian government has warned of possible shutdowns in some hospital departments in Jenin and expressed concern for dialysis patients. It also stated that it is pursuing legal action to hold Israel accountable for its "crimes" and is working to repair the damage inflicted by the Israeli army.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa has called on international health organizations and the Red Cross to pressure for the lifting of the hospital blockade and to address disruptions to ambulances and medical teams.

'Danger of escalation'

Lebanon's Foreign Ministry condemned the ongoing Israeli military operations in the West Bank areas of Jenin, Tulkarm, and Tubas, warning of the "danger of escalation."

In a statement, the ministry said the attacks in the West Bank had resulted in "deaths and injuries among many

armed civilians," coinciding with the ongoing Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip.

The statement highlighted the "continued forced evictions and displacement of West Bank residents," calling these actions "a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and United Nations resolutions."

The ministry also cautioned against "the recent escalation" and the ongoing "provocative violations" at holy sites in Jerusalem, specifically referencing Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's statements advocating for the establishment of a Jewish synagogue at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

Since Wednesday, Israel has conducted a large-scale raid across the northern West Bank, stating that the operation aims to prevent future attacks against Israel.

Tensions have escalated in the West Bank since the outbreak of the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip on Oct 7, 2023. The Palestinian Health Ministry reports that more than 660 Palestinians have been killed by the Israelia army in the West Bank.

Agencies

Russia won't exchange territory after attack on Kursk Region, says Lavrov

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is not considering exchanging its territory following the attack on the Kursk Region, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with RT television.

"It is very hard to tell what goal and intent they were pursuing. But political analysts are discussing it now. And even [Ukrainian President Vladimir] Zelensky said, he sometimes makes Freudian slips, that they will need this for future exchanges.

That's why they are taking prisoners and want to seize square kilometers. It's so simple-minded and naive. We do not discuss our territory with anyone. We do not negotiate about our territory," the minister said, as he commented on Ukraine's attack on the Kursk Region.

He quoted Russian President Vladimir Putin as saying a year and a half ago that Russia "is not against talks, but those who are against them should realize that the longer they procrastinate, the harder it will be to reach an agreement."

"In Istanbul, less than a month after the start of our special military operation, compared to what we see now, it was very easy to reach an agreement. They did not want that," the minister said.

"About everything else, the president said on June 14, speaking at the Russian Foreign Ministry, that we are ready to resolve the situation on the basis of the reality. The reality on the ground, the reality of the Russian Constitution, which clearly states that we now have four new constituents of the federation in addition to Crimea. Of course, with all this, there can also be no talk of Ukraine joining NATO," Lavrov said.

The minister also stated that Russia is currently not seeking any talks.

"The Russian president has repeatedly said that those who make statements insinuating that Russia rejects negotiations, while Ukraine is ready for them - he has already said this many times - you at least tell this Zelensky, when he is in his right mind, if such situations happen on any day of the week, tell him to cancel his decree prohibiting negotiations," Lavrov said.

Agencies

'PM Modi changed destiny and picture of J-K in last 10 years'

JAMMU

BHARATIYA Janata Party Jammu and Kashmir unit President, Ravinder Raina, said yesterday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed the fortune and picture (political landscape) of Jammu and Kashmir in the last ten years.

This comes as the party is gearing up for the Assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, scheduled to start in the third week of September.

At a joint press conference, flanked by Union Ministers G Kishen Reddy, Jitendra Singh, and former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh, Raina said, "The BJP, with its full might, has joined the political fray in Jammu and Kashmir."

He claimed that the party and its candidates are getting support from different parts of Kashmir ahead of the polls.

"...The party candidates are gaining ground in Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, and Pulwama. I express my gratitude to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the BJP leader added.

Highlighting the work done by the BJP-led Prime Minister Narendra Modi government, Raina said, "Everywhere, the BJP is getting support from people, especially the work done by our PM. The way PM Modi has changed the destiny and picture of Kashmir in the last ten years has led every child of Jammu and Kashmir to sing profusely from his heart, 'Har Har Modi, Ghar Ghar Modi.'" He also hit out at previous governments in Jammu and Kashmir.

"During the era of Congress-National Conference and the People's Democratic Party, there was stone-pelting and the noise of bullets was heard, but today there is prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir," he said, highlighting the initiatives of the Centre post-abrogation of Article 370.

Polling in Jammu and Kashmir will be conducted in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1, according to the Election Commission of India. The counting of votes will take place on October 8.

There are a total of 90 assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, out of which 7 seats are reserved for SCs and 9 seats are reserved for STs. According to the Election Commission of India, Jammu and Kashmir has 88.06 lakh eligible electors.

ANI



Emirates Group celebrates its shining female Emirati talent and their dedication to the growth of UAE's aviation industry

DUBAI

THE Emirates Group is proud to celebrate the contributions of Emirati women, and the vital work they do to advance excellence across aviation and travel in the United Arab Emirates.

The Group has attracted its largest ever pool of Emirati women as new joiners in the last financial year across a range of business functions

Emirati women are forging their career paths across a variety of business functions at the Emirates Group and building the foundations for a talent pipeline to support the next generation of aviation professionals.

Approximately 38 per cent of the Group's Emirati workforce consists of women, and in the last financial year, the organisation welcomed a record number of Emirati women to its workforce.

This further reinforces the Emirates Group's commitment to integrating Emirati women in the UAE's growing aviation sector, where they are empowered with the right skills, competencies and expertise, allowing them to thrive and reach their full potential.

The Emirates Group also marked another milestone this year, achieving 20 percent growth over the previous year for the number of Emirati women appointed in leadership roles. Today, more than 200 Emirati women hold leadership positions in the organisation, contributing to growth across a gamut of business functions. In March 2024, the Emirates Group announced the promotion of five Emirati female leaders to senior executive roles in key Human Resources and Commercial Support departments.

From senior executives to outstation managers and even heads of departments, the Group continues to equip Emirati women with industry-leading resources to hone their leadership skills and grow their career prospects.

Over the last 20 years, the Emirates Group has provided mentorship and training programmes for Emirati female professionals to boost their professional growth and career mobility with access to leadership programmes including the Rolls-Royce and Airbus Leadership Programmes, GE Aviation Programme, among others.

Emirati females in leadership positions at the Emirates Group also have the opportunity to enrol in the INSEAD Women Leaders Programme, empowering them to lead with impact and create lasting professional change through their leadership journey. More than 70 Emirati women have completed one or more of these programmes in the last 12 months. Last year, Emirates also sponsored three Emirati female employees to pursue their postgraduate education abroad in three of the top 100 ranked universities worldwide.

In the last year, the Emirates Group also inked a number of strategic partnerships with UAE-based and international organisations including Nafis, Microsoft, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and PwC Academy to deliver bespoke training and development programmes for the Group's Emirati workforce. Through these programmes, Emirati women are provided additional tools and resources that support their career advancement and advance their workforce contributions.



The Emirates Group is also a launch partner of Aurora50's women's networking initiative, NOORA and is a signatory of the UAE Gender Balance Council's pledge, reinforcing its commitment towards female representation and advancement in the organisation.

Emirati women also have opportunities to contribute beyond their job roles, with 55 per cent of the Emirates Group's Emirati Youth Council consisting of women who hail from different departments across Emirates and dnata businesses.

Their work with the Youth Council provides broader exposure to groundbreaking discussions and activities that

align with the Emirates Group's core values, further inspiring their peers.

As an employer of choice, the Emirates Group continues to invest in the UAE national workforce by creating jobs for those seeking careers in travel and aviation.

The Group's Rehlty strategy aims to attract, train, develop and retain Emirati talent, in line with the UAE's Emiratisation agenda. As part of this strategy, the Emirates Group has also launched a series of internship, high school and graduate programmes that have successfully onboarded hundreds of Emiratis including ambitious and skilled women over the last two years.

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AN article titled "Be Trustworthy Friends and Sincere Partners Forever" that was included in the first volume of Chinese President Xi Jinping's book on governance remains a classic must-read piece to understand the essence of China-Africa cooperation.

In this article, which was Xi's speech delivered on March 25, 2013 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Center in Tanzania, Xi for the first time raised the principle of "zhen shi qin cheng" for China's Africa policy, which means sincerity, real results, amity and good faith.

Xi-proposed principle brings China, Africa closer

Many years have passed since that momentous day in the history of China-Africa ties, but the principle endures.

When addressing the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue held in August 2023 in Johannesburg, South Africa, Xi recalled the moment when he raised the principle, saying that China has always upheld this principle.

"Over the past 10 years, China has stayed committed to this principle. Together with our African friends and drawing strength from the spirit of

China-Africa friendship and cooperation, we have pressed ahead on the path of solidarity and cooperation, stood for justice amid shifting global dynamics, and looked out for each other in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have taken China-Africa relations to new heights and entered the new stage of jointly building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future," said Xi.

In fact, the principle has underpinned China's engagement with Africa in the numerous fruitful cooperation

projects that have been facilitated by the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) over the years.

Since Xi became Chinese president in 2013, the FOCAC has convened three major gatherings, in 2015, 2018 and 2021, respectively. In each keynote speech he delivered for the past three FOCAC events, Xi has always stressed this principle for China-Africa cooperation.

Through the FOCAC platform, Xi has announced a raft of arrangements to expand China-Africa cooperation and

deepen friendship over the years.

During the FOCAC Johannesburg summit in 2015, Xi announced 10 major cooperation plans. Three years later, during the FOCAC Beijing summit, he announced the launch of eight major cooperation initiatives. In 2021, Xi's keynote speech was delivered via video link at the opening ceremony of the 8th FOCAC ministerial conference held in Senegal, where he announced nine cooperation programs.

These cooperation plans,

coupled with the Belt and Road Initiative -- also proposed by Xi in 2013, have led to tangible results such as improved infrastructure and connectivity in Africa.

Official data showed that Chinese companies have so far participated in the construction or upgrade of more than 10,000 km of railways, nearly 100,000 km of roads, about 1,000 bridges and 100 ports, 66,000 km of electricity transmission and distribution lines, and 150,000 km of backbone communication networks in African coun-

tries. The "zhen shi qin cheng" principle is also exemplified by the frequent high-level exchanges between Chinese and African leaders, indicating the great importance China and Africa attach to each other. When addressing the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue last year, Xi said it was his 10th visit to the African continent.

Since the start of this year, presidents of African nations such as Sierra Leone, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, Tunisia and Guinea-Bissau, as well as foreign ministers of many African nations have visited China. *Xinhua*

China-Tanzania cooperation brings vitality to Zanzibar's development

By Gong Ming, Huang Weixin

ZANZIBAR, Tanzania is located on the east coast of Africa. It consists of over 20 small islands, including Zanzibar Island and Pemba Island.

In recent years, Chinese companies have taken an active part in Zanzibar's infrastructure construction, promoting local social and economic development, and contributing to China-Tanzania friendship and win-win cooperation.

Viewed from above, Zanzibar Island is like a pearl nestled in the Indian Ocean, and on this pearl, there is a silver-white steel-framed building - Terminal 3 of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, financed by the Export-Import Bank of China and constructed by Beijing Construction Engineering Group.

It is reported that the airport once faced issues such as outdated equipment and limited capacity, which hampered the development of the local tourism industry. In September 2021, the construction of the airport's Terminal 3, designed and built based on Chinese standards, was completed, meeting international airport construction benchmarks in all aspects.

After being put into operation, the terminal has expanded the airport's operational routes from 20 to 40, making it the fourth largest airport in East Africa. It provides over 5,000 jobs for the



Workers bind prefabricated beam reinforcement at a construction site of an interchange, part of a project to rehabilitate and improve 100 kilometers of roads in Zanzibar, Tanzania, taken by China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC). (Photo by Wang Di/People's Daily)

local community and injects new momentum into Zanzibar's economic growth. "The terminal has set a benchmark for airport construction in Zanzibar and greatly enhanced Zanzibar's capacity to receive international tourists," said Khalid Salum Mohamed, minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport of Zanzibar.

He noted that Chinese companies have built high-quality and people-oriented projects in Zanzibar, making positive contributions to local economic development and improving people's livelihoods. In less than half an hour's drive down the Tourism Highway No.1 from the Abeid

Amani Karume International Airport, there lies Stone Town, a famous local tourist attraction. Along the way, the Chinese-built Tourism Highway No.1 is flat and wide, with a constant flow of vehicles. "The efficiency of the Chinese company is exceptional, resulting in high-quality construction that has greatly improved road conditions for safer and more comfortable travel," said Salah, a local driver.

The Tourism Highway No.1 is an important part of a larger project to rehabilitate and improve 100 kilometers of roads, which is the largest road engineering project in the history of Zanzibar, taken by China Civil Engineer-

ing Construction Corporation (CCECC). Since being put into use in January this year, the Tourism Highway No.1 has brought about a significant improvement in traffic flow. The project involves two interchanges and associated municipal roadwork, as well as upgrading approximately 100 kilometers of priority roads in Zanzibar's main urban center.

Tanzania's Zanzibar President Husseini Ali Mwinyi said the project will further enhance road connectivity upon completion. In particular, the ahead-of-schedule completion of the main work of the Tourism Highway No.1 has greatly improved the image of local cities, and promoted the tour-



Photo shows Terminal 3 of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar, Tanzania. (Photo by Zhao Xiangyang)

ism and trade of Zanzibar.

According to Xiong Yunxu, general manager of the Zanzibar project of CCECC East Africa Limited, the company wrapped up road projects totaling 51.78 kilometers in Zanzibar in 2020, winning a high reputation from local communities. Its involvement in this 100-kilometers road upgrade project once again showcased the trust of the local communities in Chinese companies, Xiong added. On one side of Karume Road, the main road in the downtown of Zanzibar city, stands the Michenzani Mall, a building adorned with blue, white, and yellow colors. Upon entering the shopping center, one can find a variety of stores including cloth-

ing shops, toy stores, restaurants, and supermarkets.

"This is Zanzibar's first modern shopping center," said Eng Omar Zuberi Kombo, senior investment officer of the Zanzibar Social Security Fund, and a representative of the project's owners.

Built by China Railway Construction Corporation, the Michenzani Mall has become a landmark since its opening in 2020. According to Kombo, Zanzibar has abundant tourism resources, attracting a large number of tourists every year, but lacks modern commercial complexes. The completion of the Michenzani Mall meets the needs of local people and tourists for leisure, entertainment,

and shopping, he added.

"Chinese companies have strong performance in fulfilling their commitments, and it is reassuring to cooperate with them. With the help of Chinese companies, Zanzibar has seen an increase in modern infrastructure, a significant improvement in its international tourism image, and the lives of local residents have become more facilitated," said Kombo.

"Tanzania-China cooperation injects vitality into the development of Zanzibar and brings benefits to the local people. I hope to attract more Chinese investments in the future to create a better life for the people of Zanzibar," said President Mwinyi.

China works to accelerate e-commerce development of Africa

By Huang Peizhao, Zou Song

CURRENTLY, the internet penetration rate in African countries is continuously increasing, with over 500 million people having access to the internet. More and more African people are using mobile phones to surf the internet and make payments, which has laid a solid foundation for the booming development of e-commerce in Africa.

In recent years, the e-commerce sector in African countries has developed rapidly and become a new driver of economic growth. According to statistics, the revenue of the continent's e-commerce sector stood at around \$32.5 billion in 2022, and this figure is expected to rise to nearly \$60 billion by 2027.

The number of e-commerce consumers in the region is continuously climbing, projected to increase from 388 million in 2022 to 610 million in 2027.

With the increasing economic vitality and popularity of mobile payments, the African e-commerce market will continue to accelerate its development.

E-commerce plays a crucial role in driving the growth of China-Africa trade and cooperation, while China-Africa cooperation also provides significant impetus for accelerating the development of e-commerce in Africa.

In a logistics center of e-commerce platform Kilimall located on the outskirts of Nairobi, capital of Kenya, there were a wide array of goods in warehouses. Local workers were proficiently counting, packing, and labeling items with



Workers record commodities before they are shipped at a logistics center of e-commerce platform Kilimall on the outskirts of Nairobi, capital of Kenya. (Photo by Huang Peizhao/People's Daily)

barcodes or QR codes.

Founded by Chinese entrepreneurs in 2014, this China-Africa two-way e-commerce platform has become a beloved online shopping destination for African consumers.

Kilimall has set up its own logistics and distribution teams, as well as offline outlets, achieving nearly 100 percent accuracy in inventory management. They can receive and process new inventory within 48 hours of arrival, and ship out customer orders within 24 hours of purchase.

They have set up over 1,500 pickup locations across Kenya, covering the entire country.

The platform emphasizes the cultivation of local managers, who work together with local employees to select Chinese products that suit African consumers' preferences. To date, the platform has opened more than 12,000 stores, offering over 1 million different products and serving over 8,000 businesses. This has created 5,000 job opportunities.

In recent years, China has actively

engaged in e-commerce cooperation with African countries, sharing innovative technologies and development experiences in electronic payments, smart logistics, and more. This has helped Africa build a new e-commerce ecosystem and drive local economic growth. Chinese cross-border e-commerce platforms such as Alibaba.com, KIKUU, and SHEIN have entered the African market.

African products have also reached thousands of households in China through cross-border e-commerce platforms. In November 2021, the digital innovation program was formulated at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

The China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo established by FOCAC are also making efforts in the e-commerce field, and China and Africa will work together to promote Silk Road e-commerce cooperation. Riding on the wave of digital economy, an increasing number of African products are gaining recognition and favor from Chinese consumers.

Recently, a group of Rwandan students visited the Business School of Jinhua University of Vocational Technology in east China's Zhejiang province, to learn livestream commerce. This visit was inspired by the successful story of

Rwandan Ambassador to China James Kimonyo promoting Rwandan coffee on a Chinese livestream platform two years ago.

The ambassador's efforts resulted in the rapid sales of the coffee products, which garnered admiration from people in developing countries, including African nations, for the charm of Chinese e-commerce.

According to reports, many Chinese companies are promoting the e-commerce model in African countries, assisting in training e-commerce personnel, which has had a positive impact on improving the income level and employment capacity of local people. It has also provided strong support for cultivating new forms of foreign trade and establishing new channels of trade.

Balew Demissie, a researcher at the Policy Studies Institute, Ethiopia and associate professor at Addis Ababa University, said that Chinese e-commerce industry boasts technological strength and extensive operational experience, bringing a more convenient and efficient shopping experience.

Chinese e-commerce serves as a catalyst for opportunities and vitality, as its innovative business models and efficient operational capabilities are driving forward the development of the African economy and society.

By Hong Qiuting

AT a demonstration area of robot applications of Guangdong Cui Feng Robotics Technology Co., Ltd. in south China's Guangdong province, Zhuang Yongchun was standing in front of a row of spinning robotic arms. After he made a few taps on a teach pendant, these robotic arms moved accordingly. Zhuang carefully inspected whether the gripping and rotating actions of the robotic arms were accurate and smoothly transitioned.

"It's not easy to make robots screw in screws and fetch screws from a box using their mechanical arms smoothly," said Zhuang, who's a robotics technician. "Our profession has emerged as a result of the rise of intelligent manufacturing."

In simple terms, Zhuang's daily work involves the development and application of industrial robots. He is primarily responsible for providing industrial robots to companies with specific needs and designing robot production lines for factories undergoing industrial automation upgrades.

A factory that produces medical sheet metal parts hoped to upgrade its production line for automation. Upon learning the news, Zhuang visited the factory.

"First, we need to assess the condition of the press brake and determine if it is compatible with our equipment. We also need to evaluate the

Robotics technician: Emerging profession boosting efficiency of industries



Photo shows robotic arms designed by Zhuang Yongchun and his team. (Photo provided by Zhuang Yongchun)

bending bed and molds to ensure they meet the production requirements," Zhuang added.

After noting down the key technical specifications, Zhuang returned to his office and discussed with colleagues, designing solutions, simulating movements, and conducting 3D design.

"After multiple rounds of discussions and approval of the plan, we signed an agreement, and once the customer places the purchase order, we would start with drawing, procurement, assembly, and conduct

action, signal, and hardware testing," Zhuang said. He added that the automation upgrade of a production line, from design to installation of 10 robotic arms, for example, can be successfully put into production in 5-10 days.

"For the factory, using robots can save labor costs. Previously, it required two or more people for bending, but now only one bending robot is needed," Zhuang told People's Daily, adding that this significantly improves production efficiency.

In fact, bending technique is closely related to people's daily lives. Televisions, refrigerators, computer cases, vending machines, data center servers, and many other electrical products on the market rely on the technique.

Previously, during his visits to enterprises along the industrial chain, Zhuang discovered that many factories in Dongguan, Guangdong province were employing the bending technique. Before the development of bending robots, products had to

be manually produced, which often resulted in deviations and the production of defective goods.

"Can we develop a robot to alleviate the burden on workers and improve efficiency?" This question lingered in the mind of Zhuang and his team.

The challenge with bending robots lies in keeping sheet metal products securely attached to the robot's suction cups while the robot performs bending actions. "At that time, no one in the world has tackled this chal-

lenge," Zhuang said.

Zhuang diligently studied various comprehensive technologies related to robots, such as machine programming, circuits, machine tools, and engineering design. He continuously updated his knowledge system and devoted himself to the research and development of robot projects.

"After a year of efforts, we finally developed a bending robot and introduced this technology to the sheet metal industry nationwide, promoting the industry's transition towards intelligent manufacturing," Zhuang said. So far, this robot has been employed by more than 60 companies from over 10 provinces and municipalities, according to him.

While working on projects, Zhuang has also focused on talent training. He said that over the years, he has trained hundreds of robotics technicians, who are now working in various manufacturing companies and operating various production line robots.

"As the industry continues to develop, technology is constantly advancing, and we must keep pace with the times and make continuous progress," Zhuang said. He hopes that while China works to make its industries intelligent, more people will take on the jobs of robotics technician and other emerging professions.

Azam FC's continental dreams now shattered: A closer look at their struggles

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC's dream of reaching the CAF Champions League group stage came to an end on Saturday as they were eliminated by Rwandan side APR with a 2-1 aggregate defeat. This exit has left many local fans puzzled, questioning why a club with seemingly limitless resources continues to struggle on the continental stage.

While there's no definitive answer, a common sentiment is that something intangible is missing from the team - perhaps a lack of passion, cohesion, or overwhelming pressure from high expectations.

Azam FC have invested heavily in its infrastructure, boasting a modern stadium, top-notch training facilities, and substantial financial resources. Despite these investments, their recent performance against Rwandan champions APR FC raises questions about their ability to compete at the highest level.

Unlike their counterparts Simba SC and Young Africans SC, who have demonstrated steady progress in their continental campaigns, Azam appear to be stagnating. Despite the growing strength of regional football, Azam's elimination by APR is a significant setback.

Local fans had anticipated a more competitive showing, especially in the next stage where the winner of the tie was expected to face Egypt's Pyramids FC. However, their defeat to Rwanda's APR has sparked concern and disappointment among supporters.

Simba and Young Africans have also faced setbacks but have often managed to bounce back, driven by a strong sense of obligation to their passionate fan bases. Last year's elimination from the CAF Confederations Cup preliminary stage by Bahir Dar Kenema was a significant blow to Azam.

Given the relatively equal strength of the two teams, it was expected that Azam would respond with renewed determination, similar to how Simba and Young Africans have done in the past.

The recent defeat in the CAF Champions League has raised more questions, with some suggesting that the lack of pressure to replace the coach after consecutive setbacks contrasts sharply with the intense scrutiny often faced by other Tanzanian football clubs.

This perceived indifference towards Azam's struggles also raises concerns



Azam Football Club squad.

about the club's relationship with its fan base and the broader football community. It challenges the traditional narrative of accountability and fan expectations in Tanzanian football.

Simba and Young Africans, the two dominant forces in Tanzanian football, enjoy a level of support and influence that Azam FC has yet to match. If either of these giants were to suffer a defeat against APR, the nation would undoubtedly react strongly.

The aura surrounding Simba and Young Africans is intimidating, even to opposing players and referees. APR, already a formidable opponent, would likely have faced an even more challenging task against either of these Tanzanian powerhouses.

Despite Azam's recent elimination from the CAF Champions League, the progress under coach Youssouph Dabo since 2014/2015 cannot be ignored. The Senegalese coach has instilled a belief in the team that they can compete for the league title and reach the group stage of continental competitions.

This sense of belief was lacking before Dabo's arrival, and his leadership has helped transform the club's culture and mentality. However, the missing spark remains titles and success in CAF interclub competitions.

After a successful 2023/2024 season, Azam have solidified their position as a formidable force in the Premier League. The team's impressive performance, including a second-place finish and strong showings against rivals Simba and Young Africans, has created a three-horse race for the league title.

Yet, the recent hostility from fans of Simba and Young Africans is perplexing. In the past, both fan bases supported Azam's continental ambitions. Despite this support, Azam have failed to achieve sustained success.

While Simba and Young Africans have been focused on domestic competitions, they have both expressed a desire for Azam to succeed on the continental stage. The reasons behind Azam's struggles remain a mystery. Perhaps they know the answers, but their performance thus far has been undeniably disappointing.

Last season, a seemingly weaker Simba defied expectations by reaching the quarterfinals of the CAF competition and even helped Azam secure second place in the domestic league. Their consistent performance in CAF competitions stands in stark contrast to Azam's struggles.

The general consensus was that last season's Azam team was superior to Simba. However, it was Simba that advanced to the later stages of the CAF competition. This season, Azam was expected to build on their previous performance, but their early elimination has raised further questions.

Maybe, because the leadership at Azam can operate without fear of backlash from fans, unlike those at Simba or Young Africans, where intense scrutiny and high expectations are the norms. Both Dar es Salaam giants operate under immense pressure, and failure often leads to changes in leadership or management. This constant scrutiny is a stark contrast to the relative leniency that Azam have enjoyed.

For example, despite winning the domestic league the previous season, Simba were eliminated from the final round of the CAF Champions League in the 2021/2022 season, leading to the dismissal of coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa.

Conversely, Young Africans, eliminated in the preliminary stage of the same competition, decided to retain coach Nasreddine Nabi. Acknowledging that the club was in a rebuilding phase, Young Africans' decision to stick with Nabi paid off the following season as they reached the CAF Confederations Cup final.

Azam FC's journey on the continental stage remains a puzzle. While their infrastructure and resources suggest they should be able to compete with Africa's best, the reality has been different.

Whether it's a matter of internal dynamics, coaching strategies, or simply the unique pressures of continental football, the club's leadership and fanbase will be hoping for a turnaround in future campaigns.



MDH official Mwinyi Abdallah (R) gives HIV counselling to Fadhili Omary during the Ndongdo Cup 2024 final which took place over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

How the US government scored a major win with the Ndongdo Cup by providing HIV services to 10,000 youth

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Ndongdo Cup 2024 has become a remarkable success story, serving as a powerful platform for health advocacy while significantly boosting HIV and immunization services among youth in Tanzania.

The transformative initiative, spearheaded by the United States government through the Breakthrough ACTION project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), successfully reached nearly 10,000 youth aged 15-24 with HIV and vaccination services during the tournament in Dar es Salaam.

Focusing on young males aged 15-24, a group traditionally hard to reach for health services, Breakthrough ACTION strategically selected the Ndongdo Cup as the perfect opportunity to connect with this audience.

In Dar es Salaam, the tournament drew over 70,000 attendees, among those, nearly 10,000 youth accessed HIV testing and vaccination services on-site, turning sports excitement into an opportunity for proactive health engagement.

Complementing these efforts, over 13 million people across the nation were reached through radio and social media campaigns that highlighted the

importance of HIV prevention and immunization.

"The Ndongdo Cup is a testament to how sports can effectively promote public health," said Waziri Nyoni, Chief of Party for the Breakthrough ACTION project in Tanzania.

He added: "Our collaboration with the Government of Tanzania and U.S. Government service delivery partners, including MDH and EpiC, played a crucial role in breaking down barriers to essential health services for men and youth."

One of the participants, Fadhili Mussa, said: "I came to watch the match, but when I heard about the health services, I decided to get tested for HIV. The process was easy and made me realize the importance of knowing my status. I also received the COVID-19 vaccine, which I had been postponing. This initiative was convenient and stress-free."

The innovative integration of health and sports sets a new standard for public health improvement in Tanzania, showcasing the power of community engagement in achieving meaningful health outcomes.

As the Ndongdo Cup continues to inspire health awareness, it highlights the importance of creativity and collaboration in tackling public health challenges across the region.



The KCB Group Regional Business Director and Managing Director, KCB Bank Tanzania, Cosmas Kimario handing over awards to the first winner of the 21 Kilometres, Arufani Juma during the Marian Schools Marathon held in Bagamoyo on Saturday. The event brought together parents, guardians, students, and the wider community to celebrate togetherness and healthy living. Photo: Correspondent

Taifa Stars ready for crucial AFCON qualifiers, says Coach Morocco

By CoT Correspondent Seth Mapoli.

THE interim head coach of the Tanzanian national football team, Taifa Stars, Hemed 'Morocco' Suleimani, has expressed confidence in his squad's readiness as they prepare for two critical international fixtures.

These matches are part of the qualification campaign for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), scheduled to be held next year in Morocco.

Taifa Stars are placed in Group H, where they are vying for a spot in the prestigious tournament. The team is set to face Ethiopia on Wednesday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, followed by a second match against Guinea on September 10.

In a recent statement about the team's

preparations, Coach Morocco revealed that all players are in high spirits and have been reported to be in good health by the medical team.

"The morale among the players is high, and we have been fortunate that no injuries have been reported since the team entered camp," Morocco said.

He further emphasized the significance of the upcoming matches, highlighting the need for a strong performance to enhance their standing in Group H.

"We are continuing with our preparations for these crucial games. Many of our players have experience in such competitions, so we are not intimidated by the challenge ahead," Morocco added.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Information and Communication Officer,

Clifford Ndimbo, also confirmed that all players have arrived in camp and are fully committed to the task ahead.

Taifa Stars' journey in Group H includes competing against teams from Ethiopia, Guinea, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as the team aims to secure a spot in the AFCON 2024, scheduled to take place in Morocco.

Historically, Taifa Stars have had limited appearances in the AFCON tournament. The team made its debut in 1980 when the competition was held in Nigeria. It took 39 years before they could qualify again, participating in the 2019 edition in Egypt under the guidance of Nigerian coach Emmanuel Amunike.

Their most recent AFCON appearance was earlier this year when the tourna-

ment was held in Ivory Coast.

During the 2023 AFCON, Taifa Stars were placed in Group F alongside Morocco, Zambia, and the DRC. Unfortunately, their campaign ended in the group stage, finishing at the bottom of their group with two points from three matches - the same as Zambia, who finished third but had a better goal difference. Morocco topped the group with seven points, while DRC finished second with three points.

Looking ahead, Taifa Stars are determined to secure a spot in next year's AFCON. The upcoming matches against Ethiopia and Guinea are crucial in determining their fate in the tournament. A win in these matches would significantly boost their chances of qualifying and provide another opportunity to showcase

their talent on the continental stage.

The squad's preparations have been thorough, and the team is well aware of the stakes involved. Coach Morocco's experience and the players' familiarity with the rigors of international competition will be vital in navigating these challenging fixtures.

The nation's hopes are pinned on the team to deliver strong performances that will propel them toward AFCON 2024.

As the countdown to the first match against Ethiopia continues, fans across Tanzania are eagerly anticipating the outcome.

The Benjamin Mkapa Stadium is expected to be filled with passionate supporters, all rallying behind Taifa Stars as they embark on this crucial mission.

Bayer Leverkusen beaten in the Bundesliga for first time in 15 months by Leipzig

LEVERKUSEN, Germany

GERMAN champion Bayer Leverkusen lost a Bundesliga game for the first time in 15 months when Loïs Openda scored twice in a 3-2 comeback win for Leipzig on Saturday.

Under coach Xabi Alonso, Leverkusen has made crucial late goals a speciality. It briefly seemed like that might happen again when the referee went to review a possible penalty in the 86th minute after Leipzig's Castello Lukeba and Leverkusen's Patrik Schick made contact.

The referee decided against the spot kick and Leverkusen lost to a German opponent for the first time since May 2023 after 35 Bundesliga games unbeaten, including its entire title-winning 2023-24 season.

"It's hard, it's bitter," Alonso told German broadcaster Sky. "I don't think we deserved to lose today."

Leipzig came back from 2-0 down as it made the most of relatively few chances, generally on the counter, to seal a comeback win. Its three goals came from 10 shots to Leverkusen's 27.

Leverkusen scored twice in the space of six first-half minutes, first when Jeremie Frimpong intercepted a loose pass, sent defender El Chadaille Bitshiabu the wrong way and beat goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi. Alex Grimaldo then finished off a team move that included new signing Martin Terrier drawing Gulacsi out of position.

Still, the momentum was with Leipzig at half-time after Kevin Kampl's added-time header, and Openda then turned the game around with two precise finishes. He leveled the score with a shot from a tight angle near the touchline, and made it 3-2 with a curling effort from outside the box.

"Leipzig's goal (from Kampl) before the break was something that changed (the game)," Alonso said. "We were prepared to play well and keep going in the second half, but we didn't have too much control, the game was too open and we conceded two goals too simply."

Leipzig managed its comeback without coach Marco Rose, who was sent to the stands early on after two yellow cards for dissent in quick succession.

*Dortmund draws

Borussia Dortmund defender Nico Schlotterbeck was sent off as his team held on for 0-0 against Werder Bremen.

Schlotterbeck picked up his second yellow card for a clumsy tackle on Justin Njinmah in the 73rd minute as Champions League runner-up Dortmund lacked the cutting edge from its 2-0 win over Eintracht Frankfurt last week.

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Osimhen didn't find a new club in transfer window so he's locked in limbo with Napoli

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WHEN Victor Osimhen led Napoli to its first Serie A title in more than three decades, he began to feel the adoration once reserved only for Diego Maradona in the southern city.

That was little more than a year ago.

Now, Osimhen is locked in limbo with Napoli, which was unable to find a suitable buyer for the high-scoring Nigeria striker in the transfer window that closed across Europe's five biggest leagues on Friday.

Having assumed that he would have landed with a new club by now, Osimhen has been left off Napoli's squad in recent weeks and has not been training with the club.

Unless a Saudi Arabian club comes up with an offer, the reigning African player of the year might be left in this undesirable position for months - until the next transfer window opens in January.

Both sides are to blame.

Napoli reportedly received big offers for Osimhen a year ago but club president Aurelio De Laurentiis encouraged him to stay and began negotiating a contract extension that eventually more than doubled his salary.

Then last September, an irate Osimhen deleted almost all pictures of himself in Napoli's shirt from his social media accounts after the club posted a mocking video of him online. The video appeared to make fun of Osimhen's penalty-taking skills after he missed a spot kick in a draw at Bologna.

Napoli later deleted the video and apologized.

The extension was signed in December, a deal linking Osimhen to Napoli through 2025-2026. His salary was increased to 11 million euros (\$12 million) per season and a release clause of 130 million euros (\$144 million) was inserted into the deal.

While Osimhen scored 26 goals when Napoli won Serie A in 2023, he has consistently been slowed by injuries throughout his career and no club has come close to paying the release clause in its entirety. His hefty salary has also been a deterrent.

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Haaland hat trick gives Man City early lead over Arsenal in EPL as Arteta slams red card decision

LONDON

AT the rate Erling Haaland is scoring, keeping up with Manchester City is going to be a difficult task in the English Premier League.

So while it's still only three games into the season, it felt significant when title rival Arsenal dropped points on Saturday and then saw City take full advantage thanks to another hat trick from Haaland.

The Norway striker netted his second treble in two games as City beat West Ham 3-1 to maintain its perfect start and move two points ahead of Arsenal, which was held 1-1 by Brighton after Declan Rice was sent off early in the second half.

"No words for him," City manager Pep Guardiola said about Haaland, who has seven goals in three games to start the season and 70 in total in the 69 league games he has played for the club.

With eight Premier League hat tricks, Haaland has as many as Thierry Henry (258 games), Harry Kane (320) and Michael Owen (326) managed in their careers.

This was his first away from Etihad Stadium, though, and showed his wide range of finishing skills.

The opener came when he ran onto a pass from Bernardo Silva and beat goalkeeper Alphonse Areola with a low shot. After an own goal from Ruben Dias, Haaland made it 2-1 when he received a pass inside the area and hit a thumping strike into the roof of the net in the 30th minute. The hat



Manchester City's Erling Haaland scores his side's third goal against West Ham. AP

trick was complete in the 83rd when he went clear through on goal and lifted the ball past Lukasz Fabianski, who replaced Areola at half-time.

"I really liked the second goal, I have to be honest," Haaland said. "The second one was lovely. ... I like to shoot a bit hard sometimes, as well. Not only easy shots. So it's good to get a little bit of power out of my body."

While there's another 35 games left, Haaland's prolific form makes any small gap to City look tough to overcome.

So perhaps it's no wonder Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta was so frustrated after what he felt was a decisive refereeing decision.

In the early kickoff,

Arsenal was 1-0 up at Emirates Stadium and looked in control when Rice was shown a second yellow card in the 49th minute, apparently for nudging the ball to the side as Joel Veltman tried to take a quick free kick near the sideline deep in Brighton's half.

Veltman kicked Rice from behind in the process and the home crowd was screaming for the Brighton player to get sanctioned, only for referee Chris Kavanagh to show Rice a red card instead.

"I was amazed. Amazed, amazed, because of how inconsistent decisions can be," Arteta said, arguing that similar offenses went unpunished earlier in the game. "It was a really, really hard one to take."

That decision turned the game completely and Joao Pedro equalized from a rebound in the 58th after David Raya saved a shot from Yankuba Minteh.

Kai Havertz put Arsenal ahead in the 38th with a lob over goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen and had a chance to restore Arsenal's lead when he ran through on goal again in the 74th but his low shot was saved that time.

Last-placed Everton could only lament its own inconsistencies - and inability to defend crosses - after giving up a 2-0 lead in the final minutes to lose 3-2 at home against Bour-

nemouth, while Brentford showed again that it can cope just fine without Ivan Toney by beating Southampton 3-1.

Everton and Southampton were without a point at the bottom of the table, while Arsenal and Brighton saw their perfect starts to the league come to an end.

Liverpool also has six points from two games and plays at Manchester United on Sunday.

*Everton collapse

A bad start to Everton's last season at Goodison Park got worse on Saturday, with frustrated home fans flooding out of the stadium at the final whistle.

Everton looked set to earn its first points of the season after Michael Keane and Dominic Calvert-Lewin gave it a 2-0

lead that stood until the 87th minute. But as soon as Antoine Semenyo pulled one back, nerves seemed to set in among the Everton players and home fans, and Lewis Cook took advantage by heading home an equalizer in the second minute of injury time.

With Goodison Park shell-shocked, Bournemouth kept pouring forward and found a winner in similar fashion, as Luis Sinisterra was left unmarked to head home another cross at the far post three minutes later.

"Just threw the game away," Everton manager Sean Dyche said. "We were in control, complete control."

Bournemouth moved to five points after opening the season with two draws.

*Toney watches as Mbuemo shines

Toney was on hand to watch Brentford from the stands after completing a deadline-day move to Saudi Arabian club Al-Ahli on Friday, and watched as Bryan Mbuemo took up his role as goalscorer instead.

Mbuemo netted the first two goals and Yoanne Wissa added the third to make it a frustrating Southampton debut for goalkeeper Aaron Ramsey, who joined from Arsenal this week. Southampton did score its first goal of the season, though, as Yuki-nari Sugawara netted a late consolation in injury time.

Also, Aston Villa hung on for a 2-1 win at Leicester, promoted Ipswich earned its first point with a 1-1 draw against Fulham, and Nottingham Forest also drew at home against Wolves 1-1.

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Another Haaland hat-trick and defenders beware - he's 'ready for more'

By Gary Rose

ONE week on from Pep Guardiola describing Erling Haaland's scoring statistics as "ridiculous", the Manchester City striker left his manager speechless after a breathtaking exhibition of clinical finishing at West Ham United.

He hit a hat-trick - his second in a week - as the defending champions won 3-1 at London Stadium to maintain their perfect start to the new Premier League season.

Haaland has scored seven goals in Manchester City's three games so far - four more than any other player.

It is his best start to a season during his time in England - even surpassing his debut campaign, when he scored an incredible 36 league goals in total.

And, worryingly for his rivals, Haaland is feeling better than ever after a summer away from football.

"I feel good, I feel energised," he said.

"I had a long vacation and pre-season. Now I'm ready for more."

*Outscoring entire teams - Haaland's incredible stats

Guardiola described

Haaland's numbers as ridiculous, and he is not exaggerating.

The new season has only just got going but already his statistics make for incredible reading:

- His seven goals in three games means he has outscored every other team in the Premier League by himself.

- He has scored more goals after three games than any player managed for either Burnley or Sheffield United in the whole of last season.

- He has also scored more than 51 out of 72 English Football League teams - and they have all played a game more than Haaland has.

- He has also equalled a 30-year-old record, becoming the first player since Bradford City's Paul Jewell in 1994-95 to score two hat-tricks in a club's opening three games.

No wonder Guardiola is running out of ways to describe his star striker.

"No words for him," the Manchester City boss said after the West Ham win.

"All we can do is make him play better and better and give him as many balls as possible to the

box.

"It's what we have to do."

"Terrifyingly, Haaland looks better than ever"

Guardiola also hinted we are seeing something of a Haaland 2.0.

The striker, who had the summer off from any football as a result of Norway failing to qualify for Euro 2024, has always been a deadly goalscorer - but now appears to have developed other aspects of his game.

"He scored three goals today but he didn't lose one ball," added Guardiola.

"Today is one of the games where he has

played the best in all situations. When you see the games and see what we want to do, he understands because he is a smart guy."

"I think the break in the summer did him a world of good," added former Manchester City defender Micah Richards on Sky Sports.

"His energy, his body language has been outstanding."

Haaland is racing towards the landmark of 100 league goals for Manchester City.

His treble on Saturday took him to 70 goals in 69 games and was also his 11th hat-trick for the defending champions.

All three finishes against West Ham were different, too. He calmly picked his spot to slot in the first, hammered his second into the roof of the net then strode away to finish one-on-one for his third.

"The first goal was a thing of beauty," former Liverpool midfielder Jamie Redknapp said on Sky Sports. "That was a beast. Beauty and the beast today."

"What's terrifying for every defender is that he looks better than ever. He looks confident and he looks happy."

"Every player smiles when they have the hat-trick ball but you could

see it before the game. Last season, he scored loads of goals but they were harder to come by."

Haaland is averaging 2.3 goals per game this season. Project that over the entire campaign and it would equal 89 goals.

Even Haaland will - surely - be unable to maintain that sort of scoring rate, but it does highlight just how deadly he has been so far.

"His ruthlessness in front of goal is why he has scored so many," Richards added.

"It's extraordinary. He's one of the best I've ever seen."

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The 2024 Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's August Monthly Mug Division A winner Kiki Ayonga (R) gets the trophy from UAP Insurance Tanzania CEO Nelson Rwhihula after the showdown's conclusion at the club last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Ayonga triumphs in Dar Gymkhana Monthly Mug

Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club golfer, Kiki Ayonga, clinched the 2024 August Monthly Mug tournament's overall trophy in the showdown held at the outfit last weekend.

Ayonga, playing off handicap 9, was the Division A top-placed performer as he posted 70 net.

Joseph Placid settled for second place in Division A, despite having tied the overall winner in the net score. He was beaten by Ayonga on count-back.

The UAP Insurance Tanzania-sponsored showdown saw the Division B top spot go to Danstan Kolimba.

The Division B top performer carded 70 net score, edging his closest challenger Chali Said to the top prize.

Said ended the 18 holes with 73 net and his hopes of garnering the victory as a result ended up in smokes.

The Division C top spot went to Karim Jamal. The 30 handicap golfer posted 74 net to claim the top prize.

Fahmy Mubarak settled for second place given the golfer made his way back with 75 net.

Jennifer Mbarawa finished as the Ladies' winner - the 48 handicap player ended with 70 net.

Jennifer's closest challenger Maryanne Mugo garnered the second spot - with the golfer ending with 72 net.

The Juniors category was won by Mikoh Mwakawago. The 17 handicap player garnered 69 net to outwit fellow golfers.

The Guest category prize went to 21 handicap Alvin Aguiar. The player recorded 74 net to grab the prize.

Julius Mwinzani walked away with the Men's Longest Drive prize, whereas Jennifer secured the Women's Longest Drive prize.

Placid grabbed the Nearest to the Pin honour in the Men's category. The Ladies' Nearest to the Pin prize winner was Joyce Ndyetabura.

Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's Golf Section Captain Fred Laizer expressed his regards to the tournament sponsor, UAP Insurance Tanzania, for putting its weight behind the monthly showdown.

Laizer noted the Dar Gymkhana Monthly Mug showdown is crucial, when it comes to developing golf at the club.

The Golf Section Captain and the section's Competition Secretary Iman Always were - for the first time - witnessed donning smart attires, which comply with golf etiquettes.

Most of golf officials in clubs found in other parts of the world, according to Laizer, are equally embracing such a norm.

Alfayo as well appreciated the sponsor's backing and added that the support is important to the showdown's development.

The official remarked the tournament is further instrumental in grooming junior golfers, particularly lately when the outfit has set its sight on promoting junior golfers.

The UAP Insurance Tanzania CEO Nelson Rwhihula revealed the company appreciated the chance to play part in golf promotion.

Rwhihula moreover noted he has been impressed by the big number of golfers battling it out in the showdown, promising the firm would keep on supporting the event.

Simba coach Davids reflects on team's performance after 1-1 draw with Al Hilal



Simba's newly-signed striker Leonel Ateba scores on his debut during a friendly match against Al Hilal of Sudan on Saturday at the KMC Complex in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SSC

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a tightly contested international friendly match at the KMC Stadium Complex on Saturday, Simba Sports Club played to a 1-1 draw against Sudanese giants Al Hilal. The match served as a rigorous test for both teams ahead of their upcoming CAF fixtures, with competitive play evident from the outset.

Simba came out strong, showing attacking intent as they pushed for an early lead. However, Al Hilal's defense proved resilient, managing to repel several early attempts on goal.

Simba finally broke through in the 26th minute when their new striker, Leonel Ateba, latched onto a pinpoint cross from Ladaki Chasambi, directing the ball into the net to give the Tanzanian side a 1-0 lead.

Throughout the first half, Simba dominated possession and created several scoring opportunities, but were unable to extend their lead, leaving the score at 1-0 at halftime.

Simba head coach Fadlu Davids shared his thoughts

after the match, expressing mixed feelings about the team's performance.

"I believe this game was a great test for us and exactly what we needed. In CAF games, this is how things can swing. If you don't take your chances or score when you're on top like we were in the first half, it can come back to haunt you. Playing against such a strong and experienced side is a fantastic test. You can see the difference in physicality and experience compared to the Tanzanian League," Davids

stated.

Reflecting on the second half, Davids noted that Simba's momentum waned as Al Hilal grew into the game.

"At halftime, I told the players that they needed to capitalize on their dominance, and I'm quietly pleased that I was right. You have to learn to kill off matches like this, and I'm confident we'll get stronger from this experience. Despite the challenges, I'm quite happy with the team's cohesion today, especially since many of the players

had never played together before," Davids added.

The second half saw Al Hilal pressing for an equalizer, putting Simba on the defensive. Their persistence paid off in the 75th minute when Serge Pokou's powerful strike from outside the box beat Simba's defense and leveled the score, setting up a tense final quarter of the match.

Simba's lineup for the match was significantly rotated, with several key players unavailable due to international duty for the

2025 AFCON qualifiers. This allowed Davids to test the depth of his squad, fielding a mix of regular starters and fringe players. The match also marked the return of Yusuph Kagoma, who had been sidelined with an injury. Kagoma started the game but was substituted in the 60th minute for Mzamiru Yassin.

Looking ahead, Simba face a tough challenge in their upcoming matches against Al Ahly Tripoli as they aim to advance in the CAF Confederation Cup. The first leg is scheduled for September 13, away from home, with the return leg set for September 20 in Dar es Salaam.

In the match against Al Hilal, Simba's lineup saw several changes throughout the game. Aishi Manula started in goal but was replaced by Hussein Abel at halftime. The defense featured rotations with Valentine Nouma, Kelvin Kijili, and Omary Omary all getting minutes. In midfield, Kagoma and Chasambi were among those who featured, while up front, Ateba, Awesu Awesu, and Kibu Denis led the attack at various points.

The match provided valuable experience for Simba as they prepare for the challenges ahead. Davids remains optimistic about the lessons learned and the potential for growth in the coming weeks.

...remains cautious on Simba's striker options despite Ateba's debut goal

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DESPITE scoring on his debut for Simba SC, Leonel Ateba has yet to establish himself as the team's stand-out striker. Head coach Fadlu Davids is exercising caution, noting that the other two strikers have also performed well in recent matches.

Ateba missed Simba's first two league games while awaiting his work permit, although he was actively training with the squad during this period.

He made his debut against Al Hilal, where he scored a first-half goal. However, Simba's hopes were dashed when they were reduced to ten men, and Al Hilal's Serge Pokou netted an equalizer.

Al Hilal, a Sudanese club currently competing in the Mauritanian Premier League due to political unrest in Sudan, participated in the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup tournament in July, where they were eliminated in the semifinals.

Simba's match against Al Hilal was part of their preparations for the

CAF Confederations Cup final round against Al Ahly Tripoli, with the first leg scheduled for September 13 away and the return leg on September 20 in Dar es Salaam.

Coach Davids emphasized that these recent matches were integral to Simba's pre-season preparations. He also mentioned that an additional international friendly match would be scheduled for Saturday to complete the team's training camp.

Regarding the Cameroonian striker, Davids acknowledged that the match against Al Hilal was an opportunity to assess Ateba's strengths and weaknesses.

While praising Ateba's competitive spirit, Davids noted that the striker still needs to refine his movement and positioning on the field.

"I'm hesitant to single out any player because both Valentino Mashaka and Steven Mukwala have been impressive scorers. This healthy competition is exactly what I want for my team. It's natural for a new player to need time to adjust,"

Davids said.

"We're working on understanding his preferred style of play - whether he wants short passes, long balls, to attack the near post, or the far post. Once we grasp his playing style, we can better integrate him into our team's movements."

Ateba, who brings a wealth of experience to the club, has played for top teams in his home country and represented Cameroon at the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations. Although he didn't see playing time during the tournament, his potential caught the attention of several clubs, including Al Ahly, Young Africans, and USM Alger.

Primarily a center forward, Ateba has also been deployed on the left wing or as a second striker, particularly during his tenure at USM Alger. This versatility allowed him to significantly contribute to the team's attacking play, often with his assist tally surpassing his goal count.

Simba are ramping up preparations for the upcoming continental friendly, with the entire squad in-

involved except for those on international duties, Fabrice Ngoma, who is back in DRC for personal reasons, and Ayoub Lakred, who is sidelined due to injuries.

Davids concluded with praise for all his players, who showed up and performed despite limited game time in the league but demonstrated real competitiveness on the field.

"Today, we fielded a completely new front four, a different midfield, a new goalkeeper, and introduced Chamuo Karaboue. This was a deliberate choice to test our depth and see how these players would fit together," Davids stated.

"I want to extend a huge thank you to Al Hilal's coach and team for providing us with a competitive match. After our match today, we'll have a day off on Sunday (yesterday) before returning to training on Monday."

"This week will be crucial as we wrap up our preseason preparations with intense double sessions. We'll conclude our preseason with a final match on Saturday," the coach concluded.

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