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## 'Govt drafting action plan on women, peace, security'

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is approaching the completion of a National Action Plan (NAP) on women, peace and security aligned with the United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1325 of 2000 on the theme, a senior diplomat has stated.

Cosato Chumi (pictured), the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation deputy minister, made this assertion at the second session of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), a ministerial meeting held over the weekend in the Japanese capital of Tokyo.

Making remarks at the session focused on peace and stability in ensuring human dignity and individual security, he said that addressing challenges facing African countries requires joint efforts and commitment.

African states need to ensure that people in all African countries live in peace, he said, praising Japan for its leadership in international efforts on African development, as it has served as a role model for development partners.

Commitment to gender inclusion as

**Tanzania remains committed to ensuring gender equality in peace and security efforts**

well as marginalised groups was essential in promoting peace and security, he said, urging increased cooperation among African nations to find sustainable solutions to shared challenges.

He said Japan needs to further boost trade and investment in Africa as this will significantly contribute to the continent's human development, promoting regional stability.

He touched on Tanzania's role in mediation and fostering dialogue to maintain peace, working for stability domestically and regionally, hinting at the unifying role of the national language for cohesion, stability.

He also underscored the tradition of hosting refugees plus asylum seekers, with 237,997 refugees from the neighbouring countries present here, a broad segment being women and children.

Aspiration number four of the African Union's Agenda 2063 which advocates for a peaceful and secure Africa, good governance, accountability and effective security financing strategies was vital for the Tokyo deliberations, he said.

True to this aspiration, Tanzania has

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# Ministry starts review of Kili 'responsible trekkers'



Dr Mo Xuming, President of China's Nanjing University Children's Hospital, conducts cardiac tests on pupils of Dar es Salaam's Msasani Primary School yesterday under a 'Heart to Heart Journey' programme implemented courtesy of China-Tanzania Cooperation on Congenital Heart Disease Screening and Treatment in Tanzania. Cardiologists from China's Yunnan Fuwai Hospital have thus far attended to 965 pupils in the city's Msasani and Hananasifu primary schools. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

*KRTO partners were achieving an 85 percent compliance level as featured on KRTO and International Mountain Explorers Connection (IMEC) websites*

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE government is conducting a review on activities of the Kilimanjaro Responsible Trekking Organisation (KRTO), which local mountain climbing operators say it is choking their ability to attract porters.

Dr Theresa Mugodi, the director of tourism at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, made this affirmation in response to a query raised on KRTO's activities by associations of local operators, saying a position on the matter would be formulated when the review is concluded.

She said even though that despite Tanzanian law reserving mountain climbs for local operators, via Sections 58(1) and (2) of the Tourism Act No. 29 of 2008, the work of the KRTO is perceived as endorsing foreign affiliated tour companies "to invisibly operate in Mount Kilimanjaro trekking businesses" contrary to the law.

KRTO, through its Porters Assistance Project (KPAP), is said to be running a marketing strategy that undermines the standing of local tour operators on international markets, promoting 45 local operators and 105 foreign travel agents

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## Contractors' profits slashed by VAT - upset Chinese companies

By Guardian Reporter

CHINESE contractors are severely affected by the value added tax (VAT) administration by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), a forum for Chinese businesses operating in Tanzania was told at the weekend in Dar es Salaam.

Jensen Huwang, the chairman of the Chinese Investment Association for enterprises operating here told the 2024 Tanzania-Chinese Enterprises tax exchange conference that operating firms complain that VAT takes a large portion of their profits.

While project owners are responsible for providing documentation for tax exemptions, contractors often find them-

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selves liable when these documents are not provided, creating an unfair burden on them, he stated.

The construction and other investment firms are grappling with significant tax hurdles, where the challenges include a heavy tax burden characterised by unrecognized tax benefits previously agreed upon with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), he said.

There are severe problems with VAT exemptions for contractors and inefficiencies within the tax system that complicate operations, he stated, affirming that the tax burden is considerable.

These difficulties impact not only Chinese enterprises but all companies oper-

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IPP Executive Chairman Abdiel Mengi (2nd-L, foreground) leads a joint walk held in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of a drive meant to encourage the public to help in boosting access by schoolgirls to sanitary pads as well as supporting the construction of quality toilets and the supply of potable water in schools. The event was organised by EATV. More photos on Page 4. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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contributed 1,537 peacekeepers, featuring 124 women, to United Nations and African Union peacekeeping operations, he said, noting that this makes the country 11th largest contributor globally and the 5th in Africa.

"Tanzania remains committed to ensuring gender equality in peace and security efforts," he stated, cit-

ing the national action plan, where the host Foreign Affairs minister, Yoko Kamikawa, led a strong Japanese government delegation along with TICAD partners.

They featured among co-organisers, especially the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, the African Union Commission plus other global and regional organisations.

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on its website.

These notices or advertorials recommend climbers to choose the firms as vetted partners, a selective endorsement that excludes many local operators.

The latter are accused of mistreating their porters, and as a result, local operators face declining business, with foreign travel agents increasingly reluctant to engage with them unless they are affiliated with KRTO.

Local operators assert that they comply with the regulations, including licensing and paying porters a minimum wage of \$10 per climb, but they are increasingly having to come to grips with the impact of KRTO and its allied climbing firms, which they say is unfairly disadvantaging them in its policies.

Yona Samweli, an executive with Almighty Kilimanjaro expressed frustration with the activist organisation, saying local operators are being forced to partner with KPAP or face extinction.

"The KPAP advocates fair treatment of porters, like the provision of proper gear, meals and benefits, noble goals that disproportionately favour established foreign compa-

nies over local start-ups, he said.

The situation puts porters and guides at risk as local operators struggle to secure deals, placing thousands of porters and guides on a potential job loss situation.

Edson Mpemba, the Tanzania Porters Organisation (TPO) chairman, said the situation is bad, with rising unemployment among those depending on trekking, noting that the government has set guidelines to protect porters, including offering the minimum wage. Despite these requirements, concerns have been raised that KPAP's influence could further skew the industry in favour of foreign firms, while TPO executive secretary Loshiye Mollel warned that without government intervention, KPAP is on the course of monopolising mountain climbing activity.

Kelvin Salla, KRTO executive officer, said that the project is aimed at ensuring that climbers observe ethical treatment of their crew, insisting that participation in the KPAP program is voluntary, based on meeting compliance standards.

KRTO partners were achieving an 85 percent compliance level as featured on KRTO and International Mountain Explorers Connection (IMEC) websites, he added.

## Tanzania buys 60,000mt of fertiliser from Zambia

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farmers.

Samuel Mshote, the TFC general manager, said on his part that the total demand for the fertilizer stands at 91,000 tonnes, whereas a 21,000 tonnes consignment will be availed soon.

"We have started importation of the 61,000 tonnes load from Zambia," he said, noting that distribution in different parts of the country was starting right away. Farmers should expect the farm input on time as

the planting season approaches, he said.

Tobacco is a seasonal crop and preparations ought to be conducted on time, he said, elaborating that at least 50 percent of the total fertilizer supply is in the country already, available at stores in Mbeya.

The currently available fertilizer has been passed by the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI), the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and other authorities. It was tested and shown to be fit for use in the country, he added.

## Ministry allocates additional 4bn/- for IAA Babati campus

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

THE Ministry of Finance has allocated a 4bn/- to complete construction of the Arusha Institute of Accountancy (IAA) Babati campus in Manyara Region.

Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba unveiled this at the weekend here when laying a foundation stone for construction of the first phase of the campus.

"Recognizing the significance of this project, the government has increased its support by providing the grant. This funding will ensure timely completion of the campus buildings," he said.

He urged IAA management to continue improving curricula, establishing courses that address community needs and equip students with the skills to tackle various challenges.

The minister said curricula should prepare graduates for self-employment and employment in both public and private sectors, contributing to national economic development and individual advancement.

"Professionals in accounting, finance, banking, economics and business are vital for national development. Their expertise is essential for economic growth across all sectors," he said.

The minister highlighted that the

new campus aims to enhance the institute's capacity to deliver top-notch education that aligns with labour market requirements. "This campus will greatly expand higher education opportunities, particularly for youth from central Tanzania and neighbouring regions," he said.

Prof Eliamani Sedoyeka, IAA Rector, said the first phase of the project will include an academic building, dormitories, and a dining hall.

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The five-storey academic building which is at 98 percent will accommodate over 2,700 students and feature lecture halls, conference halls, computer labs, a library and staff offices.

Prof. Sedoyeka mentioned that the five-story academic building will accommodate more than 2,700 students at a time. It will also feature classrooms, conference halls, computer labs, a library and staff offices.

Prof. Sedoyeka said that the total cost of the three buildings is 10bn/- with the academic building costing 5bn/-, the dormitories 4bn/- and the dining hall 1bn/-. "Alongside our internal revenue, the government has provided 4bn/-, allocating 3bn/- for the academic building and 1bn/- for the dormitories," he said.



Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko (4th-R) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to launch DigiTruck Tanzania, a partnership between Vodacom and Huawei Tanzania dedicated to bringing digital education to underserved communities across the country. Others include Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Jerry Silaa (5th-L), Huawei Tanzania CEO Damon Zhang (L) and China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (3rd-R). Photo: Correspondent Halfan Chusi

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in the country, he stated, asserting that the critical parameter is TRA not recognizing tax benefits previously agreed upon with TIC.

The usual claim by tax administrators is the lack of a government notice, which raises the issue of goodwill in reaching those exemptions, knowing they will not be gazetted, participants noted.

The business organiser voiced concern that there are times when the tax system is not functional, leading to significant challenges for association members, urging improved communication between TRA and Chinese enterprises.

This would help to address these issues effectively, he said, stressing the need for a swift resolution to maintain investor confidence, while

Ambassador Chen Mingjian underscored that Chinese enterprises are pivotal in China-Tanzania cooperation.

They contribute substantially to key sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, mining, telecommunications and services, she said, elaborating that Chinese enterprises are the largest taxpayers among foreign-funded enterprises in Tanzania.

Transparency requires these enterprises strictly abide by local laws and regulations, pay taxes according to the law and actively cooperate with the TRA, she stated, pointing at recent amendments to the Tax (Imports Control) Act and the Income Tax Act as amended last year.

"Recently, Chinese enterprises have encountered some problems

and difficulties in tax payments. We have built a communication platform for TRA and Chinese enterprises to facilitate dialogue between the two sides," she said.

She was optimistic on the ongoing dialogue as well as training for executives of Chinese firms, as likely to bring about a better understanding of the laws, regulations and policies.

This would result in making progress in tax issues, she said, with TRA commissioner general Yusuph Mwendwa reaffirming the agency's commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment while ensuring tax compliance.

"Our mission is to simplify business operations to enable companies to grow and contribute more in taxes, benefiting both the businesses and the country," he stated.

He urged Chinese businesses to obtain the necessary permits to operate legally in Tanzania and adhere to procedures for tax-exempt projects to avoid complications.

Stressing the importance of maintaining proper documentation for employee taxes like 'pay as you earn' (PAYE), he cautioned that non-compliance would result in legal pursuits.

He emphasised that TRA remains committed to engaging with businesses to ensure smooth tax processes, stating that agency notices will be used only against chronic defaulters who obstruct TRA efforts.

Businesses need to report any mistreatment by TRA officials as disciplinary actions would be taken against those found to have improperly acted, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan presents a certificate of appreciation to NMB Bank CEO Ruth Zaipuna in Zanzibar yesterday in recognition of the bank's sponsorship of the just-ended 2024 edition of the Kizimkazi Festival. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Pursue careers in energy to devise solutions, youth told

By Correspondent James Kandoya

YOUNG Tanzanians have been encouraged to pursue careers in energy to respond to increasing global challenges necessitating the need for sustainable energy solutions.

Michaeli Onesimo, a training consultant made the call in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the ongoing intensive six-week training programme aimed at certifying 132 experts as Certified Energy Managers (CEM) and Certified Energy Auditors (CEA).

He said that the field not only equips young people with the knowledge to address global energy challenges but also opens up significant employment opportunities.

"As industries and governments prioritize energy efficiency and sustainability, the demand for skilled professionals who can manage energy resources and conduct thorough audits is growing rapidly," he said.

Onesimo said that young people can play a pivotal role in shaping a more sustainable future while securing their own career prospects, adding that the training came at a crucial time.

"Most of us have experience, but what we lacked was the ability to market our knowledge as a product to other countries. After this training, we are now on an equal footing to sell our expertise as energy experts internationally," he said.

Mawazo John, a tutor at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) and a beneficiary of the training, said the newly trained energy managers and auditors will help implement energy-saving strategies across various industries and organizations around the country.

"By educating individuals on how to manage and audit energy effectively, we not only help businesses reduce their energy costs but also contribute to the fight against climate change," he said.

John said practical experience training was designed to ensure that graduates of the programme can immediately apply their knowledge in the field, making them valuable assets to any organization looking to improve its energy efficiency.

"The demand for skilled energy managers and auditors is increasing rapidly. Industries are under pressure to become more sustainable and this training provides expertise needed to meet those demands," he said.

Another participant in the training, Susan Emmanuel, said the programme represents not just an educational opportunity but also a pathway to new career prospects. "The need for qualified professionals in this field is expected to grow significantly. This training is an investment in our future," she said.

"It is about preparing for the challenges ahead and being part of the solution. I'm excited to take what I've learned here and make a real difference in how we use energy."



China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, addresses the 2024 edition of the Tanzania-Chinese Enterprises Tax Exchange Conference held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) has announced its strategic plan to establish warehouses with grain storage capacity of between 700,000 and 1,000,000 tonnes by June 2025.

NFRA Director General Dr Andrew Komba said here yesterday that the agency has shifted its focus from merely storing grains for domestic use to selling in both local and international markets.

"The storage capacity as of June 2024 stood at 400,000 tonnes. We are now working to meet the set target," Dr Komba said, noting that the

## NFRA mulls increasing grain storage capacity to 1,000,000 tonnes by June

plan implementation was on track.

According to Dr Komba, the plan was driven by growing demand for grains particularly in neighboring countries.

"This year we entered into contracts with the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia to sell a total of 1,150,000 tonnes of grain," he said, adding that the agency has also signed a contract with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

United Nations (FAO).

Dr Komba said that the high demand for food has compelled the agency to expand and meet the growing demand.

"This is a significant opportunity for us and it will help our farmers and traders increase their incomes and boost our country's economy through foreign exchange earnings," he explained.

He said NFRA decided to engage

in the business after being satisfied that there was adequate grain reserve for national food security and the surplus for selling to neighbouring countries.

"We are also planning to purchase 600,000 tonnes of grains from farmers as part of our storage programme. We are committed to meeting the expectations of farmers and transform their lives," he said.

## TCRA promises full sponsorship to Mathematics bronze medallists

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has pledged to full sponsorship to secondary school pupils who have won four bronze medals at the Pan African Mathematics Olympiads (PAMO) 2024 held recently at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, TCRA director general, made the pledge when speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He said that the authority was determined to build Tanzania that is highly enabled by digital systems which prompted it to enable the pupils to participate in the continental competition by paying for their return air tickets.

Tanzania emerged as third best winner out of 27 countries, scooping four bronze medals at the competition which was held from 13th to 20th August 2024.

Dr Bakari stated that the sponsorship was part of TCRA's efforts to stimulate the growth of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) studies which are vital in building a society that is highly competent in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills.

He said the authority will be footing all academic charges for the pupils who participated in the competition who continue with their secondary studies.

The PAMO 2024 competition was partly organized by the Mathematical Association of Tanzania (MAT) based at the University of Dar es Salaam and involved pupils from secondary schools in Tanzania Main-

land and Zanzibar.

Pupils who emerged winners of the four bronze medals are Am-brose George Rutashobya (Iyunga Technical Secondary School), Ilham Abdalla Awadhi (Feza, Zanzibar), Arab Said Mbwana (Lumumba Secondary School, Zanzibar) Stella Ludan Maliti (Marian Girls Secondary School) and Zakaria Mataiga Mwita (Azania Secondary School).

TCRA encourages pupils of all levels to participate in digital clubs to develop IT skills and expand their understanding of digital issues. It also provides for free resources in terms of frequency, number and national domain (Dot TZ) for designers of communication systems that bring solutions and productivity to various social challenges.

Dr. Said Sima, chairman of MAT said that for the first time Tanzania has managed to get four bronze medals after trying for many years but in vain.

He said that the competition inspired pupils to love Mathematics "because what happened has shown us that we as mathematicians can compete with other countries and win".



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#### Requirements:

- Expertise/Skills in Governance, Risk, Compliance and Administration.
- Applicants are required to be nominated / proposed by a Shareholder who is duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting and has signed the proposition to concede his/her willingness to be elected.
- Any shareholder who would like to nominate / propose a person for election to fill the Board Membership position, may submit the following to the Secretary not later than 26th August 2024: -
  - Notice of his/her intention to propose such a person signed by the proposed person conceding his willingness to be elected.
  - Resume of the proposed person with due consideration to the requirements of the Companies Act and the Company's MEMARTS.
- Submission should be delivered to the following address.

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### NOTICE

### 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the 29th Meeting of the Shareholders of TOL Gases PLC will be held on a hybrid of physical attendance at the Mlimani City Conference Hall and via ZOOM video conferencing on 29th August 2024 at 9.00a.m to transact the following business: -

- Adoption of the Agenda.
- Confirmation of Minutes of 28th Annual General Meeting held on 25th August, 2023.
- Matters arising from minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
- Statement of the Board Chairperson.
- To receive the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report, and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Dividend payment.
- To approve Directors' Fees.
- To appoint Auditors for the financial year 2024.
- Election of Directors.
- To set the place, date, and venue of the next meeting.
- Any other business (Duly notified at least seven days before the meeting)

Registration for participating in the ZOOM Video Conferencing should be done through phone no **0685750201/0685750203**.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is also entitled to appoint a proxy (whether a member of the Company or not) to attend and vote in his/her stead.

All proxy forms or letters appointing a proxy must be lodged at the office of the Company Secretary at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or via email to [mjuliana@tol-gases.co.tz](mailto:mjuliana@tol-gases.co.tz)/[nlulu@tol-gases.co.tz](mailto:nlulu@tol-gases.co.tz)

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COMPANY SECRETARY

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# Dar residents walk in support of schoolgirls

A walk organised by EATV as part of a drive meant to encourage the public to help in easing access by schoolgirls to sanitary pads as well as supporting the construction of quality toilets and the supply of potable water in schools in progress in Dar es Salaam yesterday. **Photos: Correspondent Miraji Msala**





National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary Beng'i Issa pictured in Tanga at the weekend addressing women, youths and representatives of special groups at the launch of the Mama Samia Economic Strengthening Programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Women, special groups counselled to be innovative to succeed in trade

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) has called on women, youth and special needs groups in Kilimanjaro Region to increase innovation in business so that they may manage big businesses and increase profit.

Beng'i Issa, NEEC Executive Secretary, made the call here at the weekend during the launch of 'Strengthening the Economy with Mama Samia' programme in the region.

"We recognise that Kilimanjaro Region has business opportunities, especially in tourism, coffee farming and other crops," she said, adding that they needed to improve such activities to meet the needs of customers.

She said in the region, tourism sector thrives through Mount Kilimanjaro which provides great opportunities for tour operators, providers of food, health and

entertainment services through which the government earns foreign currency.

Issa explained that businesspeople in the region were praised for building trust in serving tourists and for the way they conduct themselves.

She said there was an opportunity for crops such as coffee whose overseas markets were highlighted through the programme.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu said the region had warmly welcomed the programme and they would work hard to make it a success.

"The programme has officially been introduced in our region. I would like to tell residents that we will collaborate to ensure that you benefit from it and I want district commissioners to work with private sector business leaders to continue improving services in tourism sector," he said.

Sophia Mjema, Presidential advisor on women's issues and special groups, called on

the groups to register so that the programme empowers them according to the business and entrepreneurship activities they are involved in.

"The goal is to enable them engage in various activities, including tourism and agriculture," she said, adding that crops like coffee needed value addition to meet needs of overseas markets.

Winnie Masawe, a resident of Moshi in the region, said she hoped the programme would support her business of making liquid soap and peanuts butter.

"I am self-employed and I have spent one year doing this. My hope is that through the programme, my capital will grow and I will be able to fulfil my dream of expanding my business," she said.

Shukuru Gau, another trader, said he had been trained in entrepreneurship and looked forward to uplifting his life through small businesses.

# EAC partner states urged to expedite liberalisation of air transport market

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) partner states have been asked to expedite the signing of the EAC Air Transport Market (Liberalisation) Regulations as part of efforts to enhance regional integration and stimulate economic growth.

Andrea Ariik, EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political Sectors made the call in Arusha at the weekend when speaking at the 19th meeting of directors general of civil aviation and airports authorities. Directors general of civil aviation and airports authorities from EAC partner states attended the meeting.

Ariik said once adopted and thereafter signed and ratified by the partner states, the air transport market in the EAC will be fully liberalised, adding that partner states will subsequently negotiate their regional air transport bilateral arrangements under the Multilateral Air Services Agreement.

Ariik's plea comes in the wake of concluded development of the Regulations for Liberalisation of the Air Transport Market in the EAC region. The regulations are expected to be submitted to the 19th meeting of EAC Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology (SC-TCM) for adoption.

The liberalisation of the air transport market in the region is expected to lower the cost of air fares, stimulate demand for air traffic, connectivity, increase operation efficiency, reduce the flying time and support the expansion of air transport capacities and the regional economy.

He said that liberalisation of air transport within the EAC would not only facilitate easier movement of people and goods but also boost tourism and trade among member states.

"An integrated air transport market is essential for the development of our region. By removing barriers to air travel, we can enhance competitiveness and attract investment in the region," said Ariik.

He urged the meeting to look into the possibility of harmonising the current regulatory fee and charges in the region

under the spirit of the EAC Common Market Protocol and to consider and designate the EAC Air Transport Market a domestic for EAC national registered air operators operating within EAC territory and apply charges applicable to domestic parties and eventually lower passenger tariffs.

"The cost of air fares in the region has caused a public outcry that needs to be addressed," he added, urging directors general of civil aviation authorities in the region to implement the agreed programmes and projects within their domain including the ratification of model regulations to foster the development and integration of the civil aviation and air transport industry in the EAC region.

On the modalities for reducing regional air fares, Ariik said that the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with partner states has developed strategies and possible mechanisms that can be considered to lower the cost of air fares including the proposal to formulate national consultative committees by partner states to guide national consultation exercise as directed by the 17th TCM.

He disclosed Burundi and Rwanda have submitted their reports after their national consultations to the EAC Secretariat, even as he called upon the other partner states to do the same.

Ariik urged partner states to prioritise the establishment of conducive environments for airlines to operate and expand their services regionally.

"We cannot afford to lag behind in an era where the aviation industry is rapidly evolving," he said, reaffirming the secretariats commitment to facilitating the necessary discussions and providing support to Partner States in their efforts to achieve a liberalised and integrated air transport market.

The 19th meeting of the heads of civil aviation and airports Authorities is being convened as the a follow up of the implementation of directives and recommendations of the 18th meeting of the heads of civil aviation and airports authorities held in January 2023 in Arusha.

The purpose of this meeting therefore is to consider the implementation of the civil aviation programmes for the period from February 2023 to June 2024.



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## NOTICE OF THE HARADALI CAPITAL LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 14th OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT CORNERSTONE PARTNERS OFFICE UNIT 96J KILIMANI ROAD, ADA ESTATE KINONDONI AND VIRTUALLY

Notice is hereby given that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Haradali Capital Limited Shareholders will be held at Cornerstone partners Ltd Office's at Kinondoni Ada Estate Unit 96J and virtually on Saturday, 14th September 2024 at 10:00am.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Notice and Quorum.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. To Receive, Consider and Adopt the Director's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st December, 2023.
4. To Receive and Adopt the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations for the 12 months ended 31st December 2023
5. To transact any other business appropriate to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf in provisions of the Articles of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**J. Silaa**  
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22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

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## Ambassador asks JKCI to organise a heart treatment camp in Kinshasa

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Democratic Republic of Congo has requested Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) to hold a special heart treatment camp in the country to promote unity and cooperation in health sector and medical tourism.

Jean Pierre Masala, Ambassador of DRC to Tanzania made the request at the weekend in Dar es Salaam when he visited the institute to see opportunities available for cooperation between Tanzania and the DRC.

Ambassador Masala said that due to the existing cooperation between DRC and Tanzania in various fields, it is good that greater cooperation should be in the health sector and to provide opportunities for professionals in DRC and Tanzania to exchange knowledge.

"I have seen a huge change compared to previous years when I visited; this is an opportunity for us Congolese to cooperate with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters. We can also bring our doctors here at JKCI to share experience and learn," he said.

"I think it's time for JKCI to set up a special heart treatment camp or open a branch in DRC if possible. We are ready to buy all the medical equipment needed for treatment and JKCI will provide us with experts."

JKCI Executive Director Dr Peter Kisenge said that there has been good cooperation between Tanzania and DRC and that he will talk to leadership of the Ministry of Health to set strategies to facilitate cooperation, especially in treatment of heart diseases.

"I warmly welcome my brothers and sisters from DRC and others from Africa and outside Africa because many heart treatment services that were being done outside our continent are now being offered here at a cheap price and with high quality here at JKCI," he said.

The visit by Ambassador Masala to JKCI was a preparation to receive doctors from DRC who are expected to arrive in the country TODAY for benchmarking at JKCI.



A traditional dance troupe performs on the last day of this year's edition of the Kizimkazi Festival (Saturday) held in Zanzibar and graced by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

## Govt promises to increase ICT infrastructure, digital economy

THE government has expressed its commitment to creating a conducive business environment through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to attract more investment in the country.

Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister Dr Doto Biteko made the commitment in Dar es Salaam the weekend as he officiated at the launch of DigiTruck programme.

"In the era of the digital economy, ICT has become the leading industry in driving economic development and the government will keep supporting the sector for investment diversity and improvement of quality of life," he said.

He further underscored the government's commitment to transforming Tanzania into a digital-driven economic powerhouse by referring to the launch of a \$9.4 million state-of-the-art optic fibre plant to speed up execution of National ICT Broadband Backbone project.

Jerry Silaa, Minister for Information, Communication, and Information Technology, said the government has

implemented several initiatives to drive digital economic transformation with profound impact on the startup ecosystem.

According to him, many individuals do not have sufficient access to digital devices or reliable internet connectivity, suggesting that developing knowledge and skills enhancement to improve digital literacy is key.

Damon Zhang, Huawei Tanzania CEO, reaffirmed the firm's commitment to assisting Tanzania in achieving its National Development Vision 2025 and the upcoming 2050 National Development Vision in providing a solid foundation in the ICT sector.

"Through the DigiTruck initiative and other programmes we are committed to the concept of 'In Tanzania, For Tanzania' and will continue contributing to the development of Tanzania's digital economy, ensuring that no one is left behind," he said.

"In a couple of weeks, the truck will soon travel to remote areas that are short of sufficient

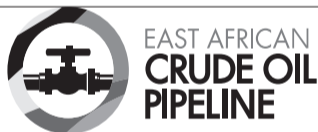
educational facilities and meet children there. I sincerely believe that the initiative will serve its purpose of closing the digital gap."

Philip Besimire, Vodacom Tanzania Managing Director, said in Tanzania, mobile broadband coverage has expanded to 81 percent of the population, up from just 1 percent in 2006. The expansion has enabled more than 300 public institutions to connect to the internet, enhancing service delivery in critical sectors.

"DigiTruck will provide training in digital literacy and safety. As technology spreads, so too does the risk of cybercrime, particularly among vulnerable groups," he said.

"Through initiatives like DigiTruck, in partnership with Huawei, we take digital education directly to underserved communities across Tanzania."

The mobile classroom is designed to provide essential digital literacy, upskilling and reskilling opportunities to over 5,500 pupils, women, and youth annually across 10 regions.



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, LAND AND RESETTLEMENT, LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION & SOCIAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES : REQ-00000595

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("COMPANY") invites experienced and reputable Companies to express their interest in the provision of health, safety, environmental, land acquisition and involuntary resettlement, livelihood restoration and social consultancy services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania. In Tanzania the pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

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

The scope of the services includes the provision of health, safety, environmental, land and resettlement, livelihood restoration and social consultancy services in the following areas:

1. Health Safety and Environment:
  - Environmental and Social Impact Assessments / Project Briefs.
  - Provision of Health & Safety support services including execution of specialist safety studies; risk assessments.
  - Environmental and Social ad hoc studies and support services including the execution of specialist studies (e.g. water use studies, management system gap analyses).
  - Environmental and Social Surveys including Environmental and Social Impact surveys; Cumulative Impact Assessments; Site restoration surveys, Biodiversity/ecological surveys, Baseline data collection (other ad hoc environmental and social related surveys as may be required).
  - Environmental and Social Monitoring (for example soil tests, air quality measurements, water tests, noise and vibration measurements, effluent analysis etc.).
  - Health & Safety audits in compliance with Health, Safety and Environment Regulations.
2. Land Resettlement and Livelihood restoration and Social Consultancy Services:
  - RAP Implementation Compliance Reviews.
  - Review of Livelihood Restoration Programme implementation.
  - Specialist livelihoods support (agriculture, livestock, enterprise development, community health and safety).
  - Gender and Inclusion.
  - Community Capacity Building.
  - Business and Human Rights Assessments.
  - Indigenous Peoples.
  - Stakeholder Engagement.
  - Environmental and Social reporting.
  - Contractor compliance audits and inspections.
  - Social Performance management.
  - Preparation, review, and update of environmental and social management guidance notes, plans, and procedures.
  - Provision of Environmental, Social, Livelihoods Health & Safety Training.
  - Provision of environmental, biodiversity and social ad hoc expertise.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to submit documentation of their:

- Company details including Certificate of Incorporation, Valid Business License, Memorandum, and articles of association.
- Experience, performance and capacity in delivering tasks outlined above on a large scale, in compliance with national and international standards (International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards).
- Experienced and reputable Contractors with Minimum 10 years' experience/performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced lead personnel in providing the services detailed above including but not limited to Environmental and Social Impact Assessments and Project Briefs of oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- GIS software capability.
- Qualified Management oversight & Support capability.
- Evidence of a Quality, Health, Safety and Environment Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards.
- Registration certificate with the Tanzanian Revenue Authority and valid current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017, and Local Company definition.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of audited financial accounts for the last two years.

Companies or organizations that have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the services listed above should express their interest by sending (together with the documents stated in the above section) through and email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 17/09/2024 Email subject shall be: **EOI 00000595: PROVISION OF HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, LAND AND RESETTLEMENT, LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION & SOCIAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES.** All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

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



## GOOD NEIGHBORS TANZANIA (GNTZ) PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

GNTZ is an International Humanitarian Development Non-Governmental Organization with a General Consultative Status from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). Its primary objective is to provide humanitarian assistance and emergency relief activities throughout the globe in need of a helping hand for the primary cause of making the world a better place without hunger, where people live together in harmony. Good Neighbors was founded for the first time in 1991 in Seoul, South Korea where it is currently headquartered.

GNTZ was first registered in Tanzania in 2005 under the Society Ordinance, of 1954. GNTZ was then given its certificate of incorporation no. 3398 as a body incorporated under the provisions of the Trustee's Incorporation Act, 2002. GNTZ was later registered as a non-governmental organization under the NGO Act, 2002 and on 8 May 2017, obtained its full registration as an international non-governmental organization with registration no. I-NGO/009191 under the NGO Act, 2002. After obtaining its full registration as an NGO, GNTZ resolved to cancel its registration as a Trust under the Trustee's Incorporation Act, 2002 effective from July 2017. GNTZ has its head office in Dar es Salaam and implements activities in other 4 offices in Dodoma, Mwanza, Kigoma, and Zanzibar and one field office in Songwe.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Subject to Section 2 (13) (a) of the Non-Governmental Organization (Amendments) Regulations, 2018; GNTZ is hereby publishing statement of source and application of funds for the year then ended 2023 per the audited financial statements thereof.

	2023 TZS	2022 TZS
<b>INCOME</b>		
International contribution	4,585,594,401	4,930,416,205
Local contribution	2,465,549,368	3,464,689,311
Donated goods in kind	613,942,206	109,919,736
<b>Sub-total income</b>	<b>7,665,085,975</b>	<b>8,505,025,252</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Non-operating income	402,286,254	459,167,741
<b>Total income</b>	<b>8,067,372,229</b>	<b>8,964,192,993</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grants and direct assistance	170,492,678	552,472,759
Salaries and related expenses	1,782,266,972	1,307,752,640
Professional services expenses	1,031,583,674	1,401,160,068
Program operating expenses	2,136,969,287	2,877,110,572
Facility and maintenance expenses	509,163,013	656,394,595
Donated Equipment and Furniture	52,027,242	258,615,673
Travel and meeting expenses	1,608,363,942	1,472,637,593
In-kind expenses	613,942,206	119,471,978
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>7,904,809,014</b>	<b>8,645,615,878</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Non-operating expenses	547,977,564	320,947,981
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,452,786,578</b>	<b>8,966,563,859</b>
	<b>385,414,349</b>	<b>2,370,866</b>

### STATEMENT FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

I'm pleased to present Good Neighbors Tanzania's 2023 Statement of Financial Performance with our key results, accomplishment, and impacts of the year in our 6 working regions to help sustain the live of children and communities. This year marked a special year which showed our strong partnership with the government and other organisations and agencies.

GNTZ having been a lead actor in improving the learning environment for the children of Tanzania has built a strong trust between the partners we work with including the government and other different stakeholders in the sector. Among key achievements for this year, Good Neighbors Tanzania has supported 6,722 children with school materials and medical insurance, 84 education contents produced and aired more than 1,329 times through education radio project in Zanzibar. More than 1,879 science teachers and other teaching personnel have been trained on competence based curriculum (CBC). Moreover, 14,263 community members now have increased access to clean and safe water with 11 renovated water points and 255 refugee families were supported with charcoal briquettes while 18,361 people received health check-ups services through supported health institutions facilities.

As both GNTZ-Mid Long Term Strategic Plan and GN 2030 Vision state, we believe that through global partnership, global resources, and global network, achieving SDGs along with our vision of broadening the GN movement will be accomplished.

By doing so, we promise to take a greater part in making SDGs possible as well in order to "leave no one behind" and to "endeavor to reach the furthest behind first" as UN Member States pledged during adopting 2030 Agenda.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners including the government of Tanzania, community members, our donors and sponsors form all around the world, and of course our staff for the commitment and cooperation in making 2023 a meaningful year and moving forward towards achieving the vision 2023. Being Good Neighbors, we will be in the forefront to continuously and faithfully stay together with our children, their families, the communities and with Tanzania to be their good neighbors in making sure to leave no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first with compassion and professionalism.

Country Director / Good Neighbors Tanzania  
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**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
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TANZANIA COFFEE BOARD**



## VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

- 1.0 POST : GENERAL MANAGER (GM)**  
**1.1 JOB TITLE : GENERAL MANAGER (GM)**  
**1.2 DUTY STATION : MLOWO – MBOZI- SONGWE REGION**  
**1.3 REPORTS TO : BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**1.4 SUPERVISES :**  
 Finance and Administration Manager,  
 Operations Manager  
 Business and Promotion Manager  
 Head of Internal Audit Unit  
 Head of Procurement Management Unit  
 Head of Legal Unit

### 1.0 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Managing, planning and co-ordinating the Company's activities

#### 1.1 Specific

- Ensuring effective overall management and supervision of the Company's activities.
- Overseeing the planning and execution of development activities.
- Directing the formulation of policy proposals for consideration by the Board in relation to physical and financial functions of the Company.
- Interpreting policies laid-down by the Board and issuing internal regulations and procedural instructions thereof.
- Preparing annual budgets for the Company and submitting them to the Board for approval.
- Reviewing regularly actual performance against plans, budgets and standards, and submitting reports to the Board detailing performance with recommendations for action necessary to correct adverse variances.
- Establishing the responsibilities of the immediate subordinates and delegating the necessary authority for them to discharge their duties effectively and efficiently.
- Making recommendations to the Board on staffing levels required by the Company and ensuring effective policies and procedures are established for management of human resource at all levels.
- Ensuring that the Company's activities conform to existing laws and regulations in the country.
- Linking the Company with the coffee industry stakeholders
- Acting as the final authority for management decisions within the Company.
- Safeguarding the Company's financial position and ensuring that it discharges its financial obligations.
- Ensuring that all Company's financial transactions are authorized and controlled in accordance with agreed procedures and the proper systems of internal controls are maintained.
- Ensuring that the accounts of the Company are prepared and submitted to the external auditors within four months after the end of the financial year.
- Maintaining harmonious relations between the customers, coffee cooperative unions and other stakeholders.
- Performing any other duties as may be assigned by The Board of Directors

### 1.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Holder of a Master degree in processing engineering, Mechanical engineering or Electrical engineering, Master degree in Economics, Master degree in Laws, Master degree in Business Administration or any equivalent qualifications with at least ten (10) years' experience in a senior management position where as four (4) years must be in the coffee management sector.

- Should be computer literate.

### 1.3 SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS:

- MSS 15

### 1.4 TERMS OF SERVICE:

- The General Manager shall be employed under three (3) year contract terms renewable upon satisfactory performance.

### 1.5 MODE OF APPLICATION:

Applicants should enclose application letter with copies of relevant certificates, printed curriculum vitae with names of three work related referees and their full addresses to be addressed to:-

**Director General  
Tanzania Coffee Board  
P. O. BOX 732  
MOSHI  
info@coffee.go.tz;**

All applications must be received not later than three (3) weeks from the first appearance in this newspaper.



## Request for Proposals

**RFP Title:** Re-advertisement for Consultancy Services for assessment of the Packaging materials for Horticulture Crops and the Value-added Products in Tanzania.

**RFP Number:** 2024-TCP/08/02

**Date of Solicitation:** August 26, 2024

**Closing Date and Time:** September 3, 2024, 11:00 am EAT (Arusha, Tanzania)

**Questions and Clarifications:** Due by August 29, 2024

### Introduction to TAHA and Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula Project (Let's Save Food) Project

TAHA is an apex member based private sector organization that advocates for the growth and competitiveness of the horticulture industry in Tanzania. Since its inception in 2004, TAHA has been an effective voicing platform for producers, traders, exporters and processors of horticultural products mainly; flowers, fruits, vegetables, horticultural seeds, and spices. The Association safeguards the interests of industry stakeholders and ensures industry issues are well represented within national and international agendas. Visit us at <https://www.taha.or.tz/taha/about>

Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula Project (Let's Save Food) Project is a five-year project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by TAHA. The overarching objective of the Project is to reduce food loss and waste and resultant climate effects for improved food security and livelihoods.

The project has been co-created to improve food handling, storage, and value addition, facilitate market access, inform and promote policy and regulatory frameworks that reduce food loss and waste, and strengthen local organizations' capacity to lead in post-harvest management. Overall, the project will contribute to reducing post-harvest losses from 30-40% for horticulture to 15% and from 13% to 7% for cereals by the end of the project. Packaging is the very crucial component in reducing food losses at various stages of food supply chain. In most cases packaging is attributed by poor handling, distribution, storage, and consumption behaviors. It is with no doubts that proper packaging can hugely help in utilizing resources efficiently and minimize environmental impacts, thereby contributing to a more sustainable food supply system. Under this vital component TAHA through Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula Project (Let's Save Food) Project has set aside a budget to solicit and engage eligible and qualified consultants for conducting assessment of the Packaging materials for Horticulture Crops and the Value-added Products in Tanzania.

### A. Submission Instructions

Interested consultants or firms should download the detailed terms of references through the link:

<https://shorturl.at/h6Z5q>

### B. Clarification on the Advert

- All correspondence related to the RFP shall be made in English.
- Each consultancy opportunity should be responded to separately.
- Should there be any uncertainty, the Bidder shall seek clarification in writing through e- mail to: [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz) while copying [benesta.masau@taha.or.tz](mailto:benesta.masau@taha.or.tz); and [erick.massawe@taha.or.tz](mailto:erick.massawe@taha.or.tz);
- Any clarification sought by the bidder in respect to the RFP shall be titled **CLARIFICATION-ASSESSMENT OF THE PACKAGING MATERIALS FOR HORTICULTURE CROPS AND THE VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS IN TANZANIA.**
- TAHA will only respond to requests for clarification received no later than **Thursday, August 29, 2024.**



## Request for Quotation

**RFQ Title:** Supply of Materials for Construction of Carrots Washing Facility and Irrigation Trenches at Sura and Kiyasi Villages Respectively

**RFQ Number:** 2024-TAHA/08/02

**Date of Solicitation:** August 26, 2024

**Closing Date and Time:** September 5, 2024, 11:00 am (Arusha, Tanzania)

**Questions and Clarifications:** Due by September 2, 2024

### Introduction to TAHA and Vijana Kilimo Biashara (VKB) Project

Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) is an apex member based private sector organization that advocates for the growth and competitiveness of the horticulture industry in Tanzania. Since its inception in 2004, TAHA has been an effective voicing platform for producers, traders, exporters, and processors of horticultural products mainly; flowers, fruits, vegetables, horticultural seeds, and spices. The Association safeguards the interests of industry stakeholders and ensures industry issues are well represented within national and international agendas. Visit us at <https://www.taha.or.tz/taha/about>

TAHA is implementing a project namely Vijana Kilimo Biashara (VKB) funded by the World Food Programme (WFP) Tanzania. The project intends to ensure over 70% of the targeted 7,000 small holder farmers, especially women and youth engaged in tomato, onion, and horticulture value chain to sustainably increase income, become food resilient, secure job, and have a market share in Arusha and Manyara by December 31st, 2024.

### Overall Objective:

TAHA through VKB Project has set aside a budget to solicit and engage an eligible and qualified supplier to supply various building materials to facilitate the construction of the Carrots Washing Facility and Irrigation Trenches at Sura and Kiyasi villages respectively.

### Additional Information:

Interested bidders should download additional information (schedule of materials and submission instructions) through <https://shorturl.at/stINU>

### Clarification on the Advert:

- All correspondence related to the RFQ shall be made in English
- Should there be any uncertainty, the Bidder shall seek clarification in writing through e- mail to: [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz)
- Any clarification sought by the bidder in respect to this advert shall be titled **CLARIFICATION ON RFQ – SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.**
- TAHA will only respond to requests for clarification received no later than **Monday, September 2, 2024.**

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## CSOs Week on Vision 2050: Let focus be on faster reform

**A**N upcoming jamboree for voluntary or activist organisations, otherwise known as civil society organisations (CSOs), lasting nearly a week is expected to dwell on a strategic mapping of a slew of major issues.

Its organisers say one of the issues is the pursuit of sustainable development within the context of preparations for Vision 2050 taking centre stage in discussions.

Participants will similarly explore ways to increase civic engagement in democratic governance processes.

A leading activist said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam towards the end of the week that key areas of discussion will include efforts to mitigate the unemployment crisis in the country.

Yet it is unlikely that discussion seeking to ease the unemployment challenge appreciably enough are identical in participants or major speakers with a focus on expanding civic space in Tanzania, chiefly on the need to enhance citizens' political efficacy and agency.

The latter is a call for freedom, with little preconception of the attendant economic precepts.

Going by remarks by some of the key organisers, it is plausible that participation in the upcoming civic polls will be examined at length.

The roles of private and public firms, non-state actors, faith-based organisations, foundations, trusts and representatives of special groups such as youth, women and people with disabilities will be geared in the same direction.

That will be largely because intellectual or mental absorption capacity is often higher in a bonanza. Descending into hard disputes on conditions for job creation as different from empowerment can be boring.

The broad platform envisaged at the CSOs Week is surely capable of being described as intended for all Tanzanians, from grassroots activists to national business leaders.

The key representatives can

rewardingly share insights and experiences, even "ensuring that everyone's voice is heard in shaping the nation's future," as routine demands by top national leaders on the need for participation in drawing up Development Vision 2050 usually emphasize.

But merely that there will be large numbers of speakers from just about all spheres of society all demanding inclusion doesn't necessarily make it the best growth formula.

There is a way in which the work of NGOs or CSOs blends into the functions of public authorities or agencies, as both are tied to development endeavours that heavily rely on foreign grants.

The difference is that foreign partners can easily closely orient or supervise field work of CSOs while having fairly limited leverage in what governments do on a routine basis. Often foreign countries just wish to keep rival influences at bay and are thus compelled to be tolerant of unworkable methods, at least for a while.

Chances are that in the four Rs of President Samia Suluhu Hassan when leveraged at the CSOs bonanza - for arguably the theme is unlikely to come up as such - one sees just one aspect, resilience, making a sort of headway.

The other pillars for multiparty democracy and economic prosperity are, of course, reconciliation, reform and rebuilding, all of which need to be comprehensively understood and acted upon to bear fruitful results.

Empowering largely marginalised groups helps in uplifting individual happiness even if there are wider tensions arising from substantial gender equality, women's governance of own time schedules, etc.

Issues like the deepening of reforms to create a wider structural framework to absorb foreign capital and local bank credit will scarcely come up. The explanation here is that, as social amenities, NGOs have similar models of social wellbeing much like governments, but not growth.

## New normal needed in credit issuance to the private sector

**A** RECENT report by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) says that credit extended to the private sector by financial institutions was up by 17.2 per cent in June as compared to 16.5 per cent growth registered in May.

Still this level of growth was much lower than the 21.3 per cent registered in the corresponding month last year, which calls for extra data to interpret as one month is a short period of time, where occasional lending can make a big difference.

One drawback in interpreting local economic data is that the figures lack a fallback premise as to what constitutes actually helpful performance, including in relation to substantial reduction of poverty.

That presumes fallback data on the level of economic growth that can diminish poverty and the relationship between job creation and poverty reduction. Even if some of the issues are resolved to an extent, there is the wider issue of food poverty or food security, before arriving at inclusion as a whole.

A notable difficulty in the way local economic data are appreciated is the lack of comparison with the growth experience of other countries.

In the Far East, for instance, poverty was significantly alleviated or abolished after ten years of above ten per cent growth.

Japan posted just over 13 per cent growth even in the mid-1990s, while China lost its over ten per cent growth penchant during the financial meltdown of 2007-8. The crisis is arguably still taking a toll on growth projections.

The significance of economic data may be less but it is still important for analysts to take note of these issues to be within sight of what is possible in the country's current endeavours.

We could even dare say that we have had it lucky on account of being more endowed with a wealth of natural resources than those surrounding us in the region, with the possible exception of the DRC, whose lamentable security situation curbs growth.

It is thus correct arguing that the steady credit growth underscores the private sector's continued demand for financing to sustain economic activities and support investments, as appears in BoT's summation.

While money supply is indeed growing, albeit at a slower pace, its being aligned with the current monetary policy stance of noticeably low inflation, there is a missing aspect.

And this is none other than the sizeable deposits in local branches of foreign banks which wait a better investment environment, chiefly in land ownership and citizenship, to be available for lending.

The economy is thus to an extent awash with money as manifested in the spectacular range of real estate development and, while sizes of actual monetary values circulating are hard to see, some things just can't be covered up.

There are considerable personal savings seeking to stabilise and grow via trading instead of public securities as a number of experts would advise. The only real or big threat might be protesting supposed over-taxation.



By Oritro Karim

**H**ALF of Zimbabwe's crops were destroyed and about 7.6 million people are at risk of acute hunger as a result of the El Niño weather phenomenon.

El Niño is a climate pattern that results from the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. El Niño is declared when sea temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific rise 0.5°C above the long-term average. Its impact varies, bringing droughts, floods and other disasters.

"More than half of the harvest was destroyed, and some 7.6 million people are now at risk of acute hunger," Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General Farhan Haq told a press briefing on August 7.

More than 5.9 million people are expected to face severe food insecurity early next year as the peak-hunger period approaches, he added.

In April 2024, the Zimbabwean president, Emmerson Mnangagwa, declared a nationwide state of disaster.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe, Edward Kallon, states, "This crisis has far-reaching consequences across sectors such as food and nutrition security, health, water resources, education and livelihoods."

The El Niño drought resulted in several environmental issues in Zimbabwe, including reduced rainfall, increased temperatures, depleted rivers, and compromised air quality.

This is particularly troubling as Zimbabwe is heavily reliant on rainfall, which determines the success of crop production and livestock health. The efficacy of their agricultural system is crucial for the nation, as more than half of the population relies on it as a source of income. Additionally, agriculture accounts for roughly 15 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

As a result of decimating crop yields, roughly 42 percent of the population is faced with extreme poverty. This has led to young children being pulled out of school to join the workforce in an effort to keep their families afloat.

"The drought has strained Zimbabwe's economy, with more than a fifth of school-aged children now out of school," Haq said.

The El Niño drought has produced significant economic turmoil in Zimbabwe, putting families in a state of disarray as they struggle to make enough income to support themselves.

According to the UN Office for

## Conditions across Zimbabwe worsen from El Niño drought



Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus meets with Dr Wenceslas Nyamayaro, Acting Chief Director for Public Health of Zimbabwe to discuss the current issues dealing with health, wellbeing, and economy. Credit: Christopher Black/WHO Photo Library

the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), "more than 45,067 children dropped out of school, 3,000 more compared to the annual average. Currently, the El Niño-induced drought may result in increased school dropouts as families face increasing poverty levels, thus making it difficult to pay school fees."

Furthermore, OCHA predicts that there will be higher rates of child marriages, violence against children, child migration, and child abandonment.

In addition to lower rates of education among children, they are the most vulnerable in terms of health. Due to widespread food insecurity and compromised diets, children are at high risk of succumbing to famine, malnutrition, and disease. The World Food Programme (WFP) states that approximately 27 percent of children in Zimbabwe have stunted growth.

Zimbabwean women are also highly vulnerable to socioeconomic issues as a result of the pressures caused by the drought. OCHA there has been an observed increase in sexual violence, domestic violence, and gender-based violence as a result of "heightened family

tensions caused by crop damages and income losses."

OCHA adds that rural communities have been hit the hardest. Rural communities in Zimbabwe account for the majority of the nation's population, with roughly 62 percent working in agriculture.

Additionally, the drought had a detrimental impact on the nation's water supply, with many rivers drying up and not expected to recover for years. This greatly limits access to clean water for many rural communities. OCHA states "35 percent of rural households were accessing inadequate water services, while 45 percent of rural households were traveling more than half a kilometer to fetch water."

The diminishing access to clean water greatly exacerbates levels of poor hygiene and the spread of disease, particularly cholera, which continues to run rampant among poorer communities.

"The humanitarian community in Zimbabwe is also concerned that the scarcity and depletion of safe water resources could lead to an uptick in communicable diseases," the Secretary-General's spokesperson, Stéphane Dujarric,

told a press briefing in April 2024.

OCHA adds that the risk of contracting infectious and waterborne diseases is significantly raised by the drought. The current cholera outbreak has been aggravated by poor hygiene practices as a result of the dry spells, with 591 deaths being reported between February 2023 and April 2024.

In addition, the drought increases the likelihood of developing malaria and maternity-related complications. Pregnant women are highly vulnerable to stillbirths, infections, miscarriages, and maternal mortality. OCHA adds that this is primarily due to the drought, which greatly limits resources essential for medication and quality of care.

Plans to mitigate the effects of the drought and assist communities in Zimbabwe are underway by the United Nations. "The UN and partners continue to work with the government to support response efforts. However, the USD 429 million flash appeal launched in May, which aims to assist more than 3 million people, is only about 11 percent funded," Haq said.



By Thomas Lyimo

# Understanding business relations: Choosing the right path for growth

NO one can achieve all their set goals alone; the assistance of others is crucial in making things happen. It is within these working arrangements that different kinds of relationships emerge, each depending on specific conditions. Desiring a particular type of relationship without understanding its requirements is unwise.

Human beings, endowed with the ability to reason, constantly seek ways to improve their livelihood. This improvement often involves making decisions, such as searching for a job or seeking promotion. Any of the decision will naturally place a person in a specific type of relationship, which in turn influences the organization of activities among individuals.

Goals and plans guide individuals in choosing the types of relationships they wish to engage in. However, these goals and plans should align with the prevailing circumstances. When options are limited, a seemingly good choice may become the best available option.

The wisdom of not desiring what is unattainable given current circumstances fosters patience, allowing individuals to wait for changes that may alter their prospects.

Attempting to hold onto multiple possibilities simultaneously can lead to confusion. It's not advisable to compare one's earnings with those of someone whose work conditions and opportunities are different. Developing certain opportunities within an organization may require patience and the passage of time.



significant commitments during this period. Employment is, therefore, an agreement to use one's time for compensation, reflecting the belief that work is a measure of one's humanity.

Another level of relationship in business is the owner-associate relationship, characterized by the following features:

Cooperation in the business; in this relationship, an associate collaborates with the business owner rather than working for themselves. This represents a higher status in business relations.

Associates may hold shares in the business, giving them more influence over operations compared to employees. Some individuals transition from being employees to becoming associates through their efforts and contributions. Ambition is important, but one must be willing to work hard for the relationships and rewards they desire.

Flexibility in payment: unlike employees, associates may receive payments more flexibly and even before the scheduled time. This flexibility exists because associates are integral to the business's operations rather than merely working for it. As a result, associates enjoy greater financial freedom than employees.

Greater control over time; associates have more control over their time compared to employees. They typically work fewer hours, allowing them more time to rest and plan other projects. This increased freedom enhances their economic opportunities.

While many people aspire to be associates, aiming high is essential. However, one's efforts must align with the desired relationship. Desires should not exceed what is realistically achievable.

Striving for more is important, but so is accepting the outcome of one's efforts. Understanding your situation and planning for improvement based on existing circumstances is wise. Do your best within your current position.

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## Request for Bids

**Bid Number: PIT/CATERING SERVICE/10897835/FY25  
Provision of Catering Services**

### About Plan International Tanzania

Founded in 1937, Plan International is a development and humanitarian organization that works together with children, young people, supporters, and partners in over 80 countries to strive for a just world, where we are all equal. To do this we tackle the root causes of the challenges and inequalities that children and young girls face. We're there for children from birth until adulthood and we enable children to prepare for and respond to crises and adversity. Plan International Tanzania operates in eight regions with footprints across 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.

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Plan International Tanzania is therefore issuing this request for bids to interested suppliers for provision of the catering services for a period the period between **September 2024- June 2025** and renewable annually subject to satisfactory performance as indicated the below;

Lot No.	General Description	Location
4	Provision of Food and soft drinks (Catering) Service during seminars/ meetings and trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geita</li> <li>• Kibondo</li> <li>• Mwanza</li> <li>• Dodoma</li> <li>• Rukwa</li> <li>• Katavi</li> <li>• Ifakara</li> <li>• Country Office (Dar Es Salaam)</li> <li>• Kisarawe</li> <li>• Tarime</li> </ul>

Bidders may quote for one, two or all Lots, but for each Lot, bidders must quote for all items. Bids not quoting for all items and quantities in a Lot will be considered non-responsive and rejected for that Lot.

- Tendering will be conducted through the Locally Published Tender (LPTs)
- Plan International Tanzania invites sealed bids from eligible service provider for provision catering service. All eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to [tenders@plan-international.org](mailto:tenders@plan-international.org) att: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email or be collected at Plan International, Kibondo, Dar es salaam, Mwanza, Geita, Katavi, Tarime, Rukwa, Dodoma, Ifakara and Kisarawe office. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing of the bid documents.
- Bidders are hereby requested to submit quotation for any of the above service in plain wax sealed envelope by hand, before 10AM, Monday 16th **September 2024**, marked "the tender description, the RFP and Lot Nos above", not to be opened before 10AM, Monday 16th **September 2024**.
- Late bids and electronic bids shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.
- Bidders must submit their bids in a sealed envelope by hand at the following offices: -
  - ☒ Geita Plan International office, P.O.Box 448 Geita -Tanzania
  - ☒ Mwanza Plan International Office, P.O.Box 1452, Mwanza Tanzania
  - ☒ Kibondo Plan International Office, P.O.Box 40, Kibondo - Kigoma
  - ☒ Dodoma Plan International Office, Majengo Sokoni, Lawate Building, Restless Development Office.
  - ☒ Tarime Plan International Office, Nearby NIDA office Tarime
  - ☒ Kisarawe Plan International Office, P.O.Box 3517, Dar Es Salaam
  - ☒ Country Plan International Office, P.O.Box 3517, Dar Es Salaam
  - ☒ Rukwa Plan International office, P.O.Box 44, Nkasi - Rukwa
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## QUOTATION TO SUPPLY 18 METALLIC BUOYS

The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) mission is to protect the lands and waters upon which all life depends. In Tanzania, TNC collaborates with various stakeholders to promote sustainable community development through the sustainable and equitable management of fisheries resources.

The Lake Tanganyika project is focused on ensuring that established community fisheries and freshwater biodiversity are effectively managed and protected, thereby improving livelihoods of fishing coastal communities. To this end, TNC, in partnership with Nkasi District, has successfully mapped 13 designated community fish breeding areas and 14 temporarily closed areas. While mapping is a crucial step towards ensuring the health of these critical habitats, the effective protection of these areas is heavily reliant on the clear identification and marking of their boundaries.

The lack of clearly marked boundaries has led to misunderstanding between Beach Management Units (BMUs) and fishermen, who assert that the lack of clearly defined boundaries in these areas hampers effective management.

In light of this, TNC, through the Lake Tanganyika Program, is seeking a qualified vendor to manufacture and supply 18 non-rustic metallic buoys in Kipili, Nkasi District, Rukwa Region.

Interested and qualified vendors are encouraged to contact TNC for the complete Request for Quotation at the following email address: [procurement.lake@tnc.org](mailto:procurement.lake@tnc.org).

Note: The deadline for proposal submissions is set for September 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM EAT.

By Oritro Karim

# Gaza war: Displaced Palestinians struggle to access basic services

THE latest Israeli evacuation order on August 17 led to the displacement of over 13,000 individuals, Secretary-General Stéphane Dujarric told a press conference at the UN headquarters.

The briefing held on October 19, 2024 detailed the impact of the continuation of the hostilities since the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

The evacuation order was the latest in a series by the Israeli government that have exacerbated the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The conditions in the region are dire, with Palestinians facing a lack of access to food, clean water, fuel, and healthcare, as well as constant bombings, outbreaks of diseases, and displacement.

The number of Palestinians that have been killed during the course of the Israel-Hamas War this past year greatly exceeds that of any point during the entire Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While it is difficult to pinpoint the exact number of lives lost in the Gaza Strip, it has been confirmed to exceed 40,000.

During a press briefing at the UN Headquarters on August 14, 2024, the Secretary-General's deputy spokesperson, Farhan Haq, said, "Ongoing bombardment and hostilities in Gaza continue to kill, injure and displace Palestinians, as well as damage and destroy the homes and infrastructure they rely on... In the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Israeli settlers and forces killed five Palestinians between August 6 and August 12. Another 54 Palestinians, including 11 children, were also injured during the same period."

In addition to the deaths and displacements, Palestinians have been forced to relocate to refugee camps and reside in the remnants of children's schools and hospitals, which were bombed and are now nearly inhospitable.

Earlier in the month, the Secretary General's spokesperson, Stéphane Dujarric, said, "The ongoing hostilities, constant evacuation orders, and severe shortages of essential supplies are making it increasingly difficult for displaced families to access basic services at their place of arrival."

Dujarric added that severe fuel shortages interfere with the operations of healthcare facilities, as ambulances and essential surgeries are often halted or postponed. This is particularly concerning as Palestinians need widespread access to healthcare, with many of them suffering from disease, malnutrition, and life



Palestinians living in Gaza struggle to access humanitarian aid.

threatening injuries as a result of constant Israeli blockade, bombardment, and relocation.

There was also concern that humanitarian aid was being denied.

According to Haq, Israeli authorities have rejected about a third of aid missions to Gaza since August 1. The cumulative impact of these access constraints is to perpetuate a continued cycle of deprivation and

distress among affected people who are facing death, pain, hunger and thirst on a daily basis."

This built on an earlier statement from Dujarric that while 500 aid trucks were sent to the Gaza Strip every day, a daily average of 159 trucks were allowed in unim-

peded.

Israel denies blocking humanitarian aid.

The International Court of Justice earlier this year ordered that Israel halt its military offensive in the Rafah governorate. This followed an earlier order that Israel should

take all measures to prevent any acts contrary to the 1948 Genocide Convention. South Africa brought a case arguing that Israel's actions in the Gaza Strip during the Israel-Hamas war led to a humanitarian crisis and mass killings, potentially amounting to genocide.

# Link between aging and disease: A growing body of research says it is a faulty metabolism

By Melanie McReynolds

AGING is a biological process that no one can avoid. Ideally, growing old should be a time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Aging also has a darker side, however, often linked to disease.

Every second, your cells perform billions of biochemical reactions that fuel essential functions for life, forming a highly interconnected metabolic network. This network enables cells to grow, proliferate and repair themselves, and its disruption can drive the aging process.

But does aging cause metabolic decline, or does

metabolic disruption accelerate aging? Or both?

To address this chicken-or-egg question, you first need to understand how metabolic processes break down during aging and disease. I am a scientist and researcher, and my lab focuses on exploring the complex relationship between metabolism, stress and aging. Ultimately, we hope this work will provide strategies to promote healthier aging and more vibrant lives.

### Link between metabolism and aging

Aging is the most significant risk factor for many of society's most common diseases, including diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease and neurodegenera-

tive disorders. A key factor behind the onset of these health issues is the disruption of cellular and metabolic homeostasis, or balance. Disrupting homeostasis destabilizes the body's internal environment, leading to imbalances that can trigger a cascade of health issues, including metabolic disorders, chronic diseases and impaired cellular functions that contribute to aging and other serious conditions.

Disrupted metabolism is linked to many hallmarks of aging cells, such as telomere shortening, which is damage to the protective ends of chromosomes, and genomic instability, the tendency to form genetic mutations.

A dysfunctional metabolism is also linked to poorly functioning mitochondria; cellular senescence, or when cells stop dividing; imbalances in gut microbes; and cells' reduced ability to detect and respond to different nutrients.

Neurological disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, are prime examples of age-related conditions with a strong link between dysregulated metabolism and functional decline. For example, my research team previously discovered that in aging mice, the ability of bone marrow cells to produce, store and use energy is suppressed due to increased activity from a protein that modulates inflammation. This energy-deficient state leads to an increase in inflammation that's worsened by these aging cells' reliance on glucose as their main fuel source.

Experimentally inhibiting this protein in the bone marrow cells of aging mice, however, revitalizes the cells' ability to produce energy, reduces inflammation and improves plasticity of an area of the brain involved in memory. This finding suggests that some cognitive aging could be reversed by reprogramming the glucose metabolism of bone marrow cells to restore immune functions.

Repurposing drugs to treat Alzheimer's

In our newly published research, my team and I discovered a new connection between disrupted glucose metabolism and neurodegenerative disease. This led us to identify a drug originally designed for cancer that could potentially be used to treat Alzheimer's.

We focused on an enzyme called IDO1 that plays a

critical role in the first step of breaking down amino acid tryptophan. This pathway produces a key compound called kynurenine, which fuels additional energy pathways and inflammatory responses. However, excessive kynurenine can have detrimental effects, including increasing the risk of developing Alzheimer's.

We found that inhibiting IDO1 can recover memory and brain function in a range of preclinical models, including in cell cultures and mice. To understand why, we looked at the metabolism of brain cells. The brain is one of the most glucose-dependent tissues in the body. An inability to properly use glucose to fuel critical brain processes can lead to metabolic and cognitive decline.

High levels of IDO1 reduce glucose metabolism by producing excess kynurenine. So IDO1 inhibitors - originally designed to treat cancers such as melanoma, leukemia and breast cancer - could be repurposed to reduce kynurenine and improve brain function.


Using a range of lab models, including mice and cells from Alzheimer's patients, we also found that IDO1 inhibitors can restore glucose metabolism in brain cells. Furthermore, we were able to restore glucose metabolism in mice with both amyloid and tau accumulation - abnormal proteins involved in many neurodegenerative disorders - by blocking IDO1. We believe repurposing these inhibitors could be beneficial across various neurodegenerative disorders.

Promoting healthier cognitive aging

The effects of neurological disorders and metabolic decline weigh heavily on individuals, families and the economy.

While many scientists have focused on targeting the downstream effects of these diseases, such as managing symptoms and slowing progression, treating these diseases earlier can improve cognition with aging. Our findings suggest that targeting metabolism has the potential to not only slow neurological decline but also to reverse the progression of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and dementia.

Discovering new insights at the intersection of stress, metabolism and aging can pave the way for healthier aging. More research can improve our understanding of how metabolism affects stress responses and cellular balance throughout life.



## CWS

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Church World Service (CWS) is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Church World Service invites applications from qualified, competent, eligible, and interested firms for the Provision of unarmed security services as stated below: -

Item No	Tender Number	Description	Closing Date
1	CWS/RSC/TZ/KSL/004/FY24	Provision of Unarmed Security Services for various locations. i) Dar es Salaam Residential House - 2 Guards ii) Kasulu Office - 4 Guards iii) Makere Nzebele - 5 Guards iv) Nyarugusu - 4 Guards v) Mary GH, Makere - 4 Guards	September 06 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders are available through the link below: - <https://cwsafrica.org/tenders/>

Completed tender documents should be submitted through [Tenders@cwsafrica.org](mailto:Tenders@cwsafrica.org), clearly indicating the tender number and description being applied for.

For any questions or clarifications, reach out: [Procurement@cwsafrica.org](mailto:Procurement@cwsafrica.org)  
Late submissions will not be accepted.

Church World Service reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/proposals and is not bound to give any reasons for its decision.

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# Africa CDC warns of rising mpox cases, high death rate, limited diagnostics

By Special Correspondent

**T**HE Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has warned of the high burden of mpox cases, limited diagnostic capabilities, and the disease's high fatality rate as some of the pressing challenges hindering the continent's mpox response efforts as the number of cases surges across Africa.

Africa CDC Director-General Jean Kaseya, in an update on the multi-country mpox outbreak in Africa issued Friday, said the challenges are also related to the rapid spread of the disease to new countries and disparate attempts to address mpox amid the greater need to improve coordinated efforts.

Data from the Africa CDC show that from the beginning of 2024 to Aug. 23, a total of 21,466 potential cases of mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, and 591 deaths have been reported from 13 African Union (AU) members.

The 13 AU members that have reported mpox cases so far include Burundi, Cameroon, the Central Africa Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Gabon, Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, and Uganda, it was noted.

"The cases and deaths seen are

just the tip of the iceberg, given that mpox is mostly a mild condition and due to limited surveillance, testing, contact tracing, and reporting," Kaseya said in an update letter to African health ministers concerning the ongoing mpox outbreak in Africa.

He further warned of the high case fatality rate of mpox, which he said is mostly between 3 and 4 percent, adding that the disease's link to HIV is also of particular concern for Africa.

According to Kaseya, several previously unaffected African countries have recently reported their first imported cases of mpox, and there is a high risk that the virus could spread beyond Africa. "Even as I wrote this letter, Gabon has confirmed its first case, while Sierra Leone and Malawi are now testing their suspected cases," Kaseya said.

He also warned that the fact that a negative test result in the laboratory does not mean there is no mpox epidemic.

On Aug. 13, the Africa CDC declared the ongoing mpox outbreak in Africa as a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security (PHECS), citing "the clear and present danger that the onslaught of mpox is posing to the continent."

A day after the Africa CDC's declaration of PHECS, the World Health Organization (WHO) also



declared mpox a public health emergency of international concern, activating its highest level of global alert for mpox for the second time in two years, amid an increasing number of cases of a deadlier new variant reported across and outside Africa.

Kaseya said the AU's specialized healthcare agency, in declaring the PHECS, has consulted "African best epidemiologists and lab experts" as well as international experts and appropriate bodies, including the China CDC,

U.S. CDC, European CDC, and the WHO.

"The conclusion is that relying solely on laboratory test results for diagnosing mpox is not advisable. We need a holistic approach that integrates laboratory testing with clinical assessment and epidemiological data that is essential for accurately diagnosing and managing mpox. The diagnosis and management of mpox should involve a comprehensive approach," he said.

Earlier this week, the Africa

CDC disclosed that mpox vaccination could start "in the coming days" as the number of cases surges across the continent.

The Africa CDC chief said by working closely with African countries, the WHO, and various partners, as well as by leveraging the AU's political, policy, and advocacy capacities in responding to the outbreak, the agency is supporting African countries in their preparedness and response activities.

He further disclosed that the

Africa CDC is deploying around 200 epidemiologists and logisticians in all mpox-affected African countries. This is against the backdrop of the deployment of 24 experts to support the response in the DRC and other most affected countries.

Noting that a continental strategy for mpox was developed to mobilize resources and coordinate the outbreak response, Kaseya said an incident management team was established under the leadership of the Africa CDC.

# Execution of inclusive policies to make youth engage in agriculture

By Hussein Bashe, Vianey Rweyendela

**T**ANZANIA boasts one of the youngest populations in the world. According to the World Population Review, 2022, the median age of the youth and children account for 31 percent and 44 percent of the population respectively.

Moreover, the current UNICEF data shows that more than 50 percent of the Tanzania population are below 18 years of age. These numbers tell us that, more than 70 percent of the population aged below 30 years old.

Therefore, the Tanzania youth represent an immense potential for driving economic growth, especially in transforming the agricultural sector, which, accounting for 26.1 percent of the nation GDP, 30 percent of the total export earnings, employ 65 percent of the total workforce as well as contributes 65 percent of the industrial raw materials.

Unlocking this potential requires prolonged-inclusive innovative programmes and policy reforms, exemplified by the Building a Better Tomorrow: Youth Initiative for Agribusiness (BBT-YIA) programme, championed by Hussein Bashe in 2022.

This 8-year programme established in collaboration with stakeholders in the sector, including private organisations, development partners, the Tanzania Youth in Agriculture Association, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other relevant partners aims to increase youth employment by three million and achieve agriculture growth rate of 10 percent by 2030.

The BBT-YIA programme has four components namely: BBT-Block farms, BBT-Extension, BBT-Financing and BBT-Bole holes.

While programmes like BBT-YIA are crucial, we need to address key barriers that the youth face in agriculture and create a conducive environment for their participation.

One of the significant barriers young people faces is limited access to and ownership of land. Land ownership amongst the youth is met by various legal and fiscal challenges. Tanzania's legal frameworks give little attention to



youth land rights. The current framework regards youth as protected under the rights of adults, overlooking their unique needs concerning land access and utilization. To fully integrate youth issues into the national land policy, it is essential to apply a deliberate lens that recognizes youth as a distinct population category with specific land needs and challenges. This approach will ensure that the complex institutional and legal barriers are comprehensively addressed.

Another significant barrier apart from youth access to and land ownership is the lack of financing. Take Anisa, for ex-

ample, who graduated from university with a degree in business and has a keen interest in agriculture. However, the only land available to her is family-owned and controlled by her father, which limits her ability to fully utilize it. Additionally, she cannot secure financing from financial institutions due to unfavourable policies that require collateral for loans access. Many youths in Tanzania face similar, if not worse, predicaments.

As a result, the youth resort to farming on leased land on a seasonal or short-term basis. This situation restricts their ability to invest in long-term agricultural

projects, such as installing irrigation systems and investing in machinery, which are vital for modern, productive farming.

There is also a real issue of high interest rates, which restrict the ability of young farmers to make significant investments in agribusiness. This limitation hampers productivity and profitability.

Moving away from collateral-based lending to more inclusive financial policies is essential. By developing youth-friendly financial products and services, we can ensure that young farmers have the necessary resources to invest in their

agribusiness. This shift would include implementing policies to reduce interest rates on agricultural loans for youth, making financing more accessible and affordable. Young farmers should receive flexible repayment terms that accommodate the unique cash flow cycles of agricultural activities, and financial institutions should also create products tailored to youth needs, such as micro-loans.

NGOs and development partners can play a crucial role by offering different blended and supportive programs such as grant provision, venture capital investment and seed capital funding as well as targeted incubation programs. These programmes can provide much-needed financial support to young farmers without requiring repayment, thereby enabling them make initial investments in land, equipment, and other essential resources. These supportive programs can help bridge the financial gap for young farmers who lack access to traditional financing options.

Tanzania stands on the cusp of harnessing the potential of its youthful population. The agricultural sector, being a cornerstone of the nation's economy, presents a unique opportunity for driving economic growth through youth engagement. Initiatives like the BBT-YIA are vital steps towards this goal. However, the success of such programmes hinges on comprehensive policy reforms that address the specific challenges faced by young people in accessing land and financing to drive sustainable economic growth for the country.

The upcoming Africa Food Systems (AFS) Forum convening in Rwanda from September 2nd to 6th presents an ideal opportunity for partners to address these financial and policy issues that hinder youth participation in agriculture and discuss innovative solutions to bridge this gap. Tanzania will show case the progress made both from the launch of BBT-YIA and since the last AFS-Forum in Dar es Salaam September 2023.

**Hussein Mohammed Bashe is the Minister for Agriculture; Vianey Rweyendela is the AGARA Country Director in Tanzania.**



## BUSINESS

## DSE's largest listed companies change positions in 3 months

By Guardian Reporter

SEVEN largest listed companies on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) with market capitalisation of more than 1trn/-, have recorded major changes in positions during the last three months ended on 23rd August, with exceptions of two top positions.

The DSE market reports show that Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) has maintained the leading position as largest listed company, with the market capitalisation of 3.2trn/-, although it did not record any change of share price during the reviewed period.

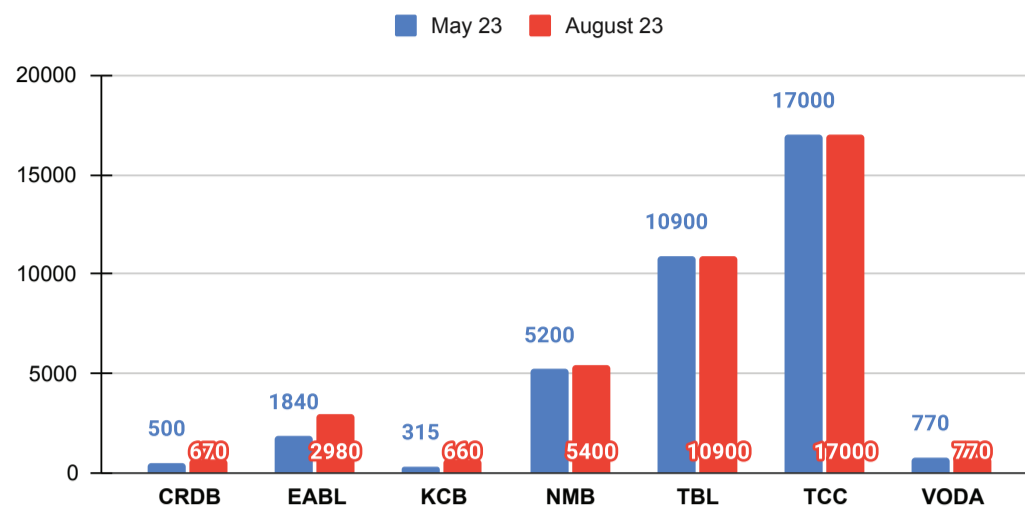
NMB Bank, the second largest bank in Tanzania in terms of market capi-

talization, also maintained its second largest listed company on DSE, with the current market capitalization been 2.7trn/-, the slight gaining from 2.3trn/- recorded on 23rd May this year.

The increase of the NMB Bank counter's market capitalisation resulted from the gaining of its share price as it closed at 5,400/- during the end of last week, from 5,200/- recorded on 23rd May.

The major changes in positions were experienced in the remaining five largest counters, which saw the rising of East African Breweries Limited (EABL), Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) and CRDB Bank jumping from the bottom lists.

Large companies' share prices in Shillings



SOURCE: DSE

The market reports show that the third position, which was been held by Vodacom Tanzania, was taken by cross-listed EABL, after its market value grew by nearly 30 percent to 2.3trn/- from 1.4trn/-, due to the sharp increase of its share price from 1,840/- to 2,980/-, in less than a year since the Kenyan beer producer was acquired by Diageo.

KCB counter, another cross-listed, which was ranked seventh three months ago, jumped to fourth position, previously being held by TCC counter, after its share price more than doubled

to 660/- from 315/- respectively, which also doubled its market capitalisation to 1.96trn/- from 935bn/- respectively.

Things did not end up there, as CRDB Bank counter, which was ranked 6th on 23rd May, jumped one position on top to fifth, after its market capitalisation increased to 1.74trn/- from 1.3trn/-, as a result of increased share price to 660/- from 500/-.

Vodacom Tanzania counter, which was third on 23rd May, 2024 dropped to sixth position, as its market capitalisation and share price re-

mained unchanged during the reviewed period, while Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) counter, which was ranked fourth, slipped to seventh position as its market capitalization and share remained unchanged.

However, TCC counter continues to maintain its position as the highest valued stock on DSE, as its share price is 17,000/-, followed by TBL counter, which its share price is 10,900/- and NMB stock is fourth.

The report show, seven largest listed companies have combined market capitalisation of 15.2trn/-, out of DSE's total market capitalisation of 17.3trn/-.

The reports show that the DSE's total market capitalisation grew from 14.9trn/- recorded on 23rd May, while domestic market capitalization expanded to 12.3trn/- from 11.8trn/- respectively.

Other small valued counters which contributed to the increase of the market capitalisation were Afriprise (former TCCI Investment Limited), which its price closed at 230/- from 185/-, TOL Gas Limited (from 690/- to 800/-) and self-listed DSE which its share price closed at 2,460/- from 1,860/-.

## Tanzanians urged to protect domestic industries

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIANS have been called upon to protect and support domestic industries by prioritizing locally manufactured products.

This move is seen as vital to boosting production, increasing employment, and promoting economic growth.

The call was made over the weekend in the Kilimanjaro region by the Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Selemani Jafo, during his visit to various factories and meetings with traders and business leaders.

Dr. Jafo witnessed production processes firsthand, engaged with traders to hear their challenges, and assured them of government support in collaboration with relevant institutions.

He emphasized the importance of protecting industries through integrity, professionalism, patriotism, and ethical conduct.

He noted that significant in-

vestments have been made to revive and operate these industries, and care must be taken to avoid any harm to these efforts.

During his visit, the Minister toured several key industrial sites, including A One Products, Bonite Bottlers Ltd, Kilimanjaro Leather Products Factory, KMTC Spare Parts and Machinery Factory, the Serval Wildlife Park Investment Zone, and Moshi Sugar

Factory (TPC).

At the Serval Wildlife Park, Dr. Jafo encouraged Tanzanians to engage in domestic tourism to stimulate the tourism sector and attract more investment.

Speaking to business owners and industrialists in the Kilimanjaro Region, the Minister urged local civil servants to support the business community.

He also reiterated his commitment to working with various institutions to address the challenges faced by traders.

Dr. Jafo highlighted the need to implement Tanzania's Industrial Plan, which calls for each region to establish three large industries, five medium industries, 20 small industries, and 30 micro-industries, to boost employment and national revenue.

Roomba District Commissioner Raymod Mwangala affirmed that the Kilimanjaro Region authority would continue its efforts to revive dormant industries and establish new ones, further contributing to employment creation and regional income growth.

## Scramble for critical minerals stimulates African rail revival

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTHERN Africa's railways are suddenly getting global attention and attracting billions of dollars in investment, with a race to secure copper supplies needed for the energy transition at its center.

From Angola on the continent's west coast to Tanzania on the east, governments and investors are readying to revive decades-old rail lines that have fallen into disrepair and build new ones. Much of the new demand for freight comes from the central African copperbelt that Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo share.

"We're at a turning point - it's very historic," Babe Botana, executive director at the Southern African Railways Association, said in an

interview. "The rest of the world is developing interest to come and revitalize the railway industry."

Already, truck logjams clog routes out of Congo, which last year overtook Peru as the world's second-biggest source of copper used in electric vehicles and data centers that power the artificial intelligence boom.

Zambia has ambitious plans to catch up with its northern neighbor. From the US and European Union to China, there's a growing realization that rail must play a central and strategic role in allowing exports to flow.

The surge in interest was plain to see at the Southern African Railways Association's annual conference in Johannesburg this week. Attendance was up by about 50% from last year, with

many first-time delegates from around the world, according to the organizers.

During the week, a rail route from Congo to an Angolan port that the US is backing with \$553 million in development finance loaded its first copper shipment bound for Baltimore. Amos Hochstein, a senior adviser to President Joe Biden who has led the US efforts to develop the so-called Lobito corridor, called the event a BFD - short for big deal, with an expletive.

The Zambian government hopes to sign a deal with China next month that will see a \$1 billion refurbishment of a line connecting its copper mines with the Tanzanian port of Dar es Salaam.

In South Africa, which has the continent's biggest rail network, state-owned logistics operator Transnet SOC



Lobito railway runs from Lobito port, on Angola's Atlantic coast, to the DRC and Zambia.

Ltd. last month got a \$1 billion loan from the African Development Bank to help boost its rail-recovery plans.

Years of neglect and a lack of funding have left many of southern Africa's rail lines limping along despite growing demand for trade routes for critical materials used to produce electric vehicles. That's brought a \$10 billion backlog for maintenance and track refurbishment regionally, said Johny Smith, head of rail at South Africa-based logistics company Grindrod Ltd.

He estimates as little as 7 percent of cargo travels by rail in the region.

Yet securing investment to revive old lines and build new ones hasn't been easy. Many projects have been "stagnant for decades," according to Xoliswa Njokweni-Mlotywa, acting chief executive officer at Thelo Infrastructure Development in Johannesburg.

Development financiers need to help prepare projects to make them attractive, and someone needs to pull the various funding sources together to reduce risk and ensure projects are viable, she said in an interview.

"The private sector will not invest in projects without knowing that they will get a return," Njokweni-Mlotywa said.

## Fast, cheaper internet services help to spur business growth in Tanzania

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

SPEEDY and affordable internet services have been cited as the major tools that enable the growth of many international businesses to take place online and digital economy, thereby avoiding the costs of traveling abroad.

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) communication statistics for the first quarter of the financial year 2023/2024 have shown a significant growth in subscription and usage of communication services and healthy competition among market players, leading to the overall decrease in retail services tariff in this quarter compared to the previous quarter.

Notable achievement has also been recorded in terms of increased 3G and 4G services coverage to the largest population in the country, paving the way for future growth in the sector and digital economy.

Speaking on Friday in Dar es Salaam, Halotel business director Ab-

dallah Salumu said that interconnected businesses by having seamless communication and reliable internet access are crucial for businesses looking to expand internationally.

Salumu said that through globalization, the world has become like a village and when looking at rapid growth of international trade which causes business people to travel frequently, but having affordable and fast internet services has reduced or eliminated the cost of traveling, enabling meetings and purchases to be conducted online.

"With tailored packages designed to meet the needs of multinational companies, we provide secure and scalable internet services that support everything from video conferencing to data transfer. By bridging the digital divide across borders, our services make it easier for businesses to operate efficiently, reach new markets, and achieve global success," said Salumu during the launching of Data Datani promotion campaign.



Salumu added that Halotel Tanzania is making efforts to implement and investing more in technol-

ogy so as to improve its internet services to make them fast and reliable for Tanzanians, allowing them

to conduct international business and keep up with the pace of global trade.

"We are continuing to improve our network to achieve the best quality and affordable," Salumu said. "We want to ensure our customers get what is right and in line with digital advancements."

Commenting on the promotion, Roxana Kadio, Head of Public Relations and Communications, Halotel Tanzania, said that the company recognizes success is inseparable from its customers by using its network.

"We have a great responsibility to improve and add value to our services every day. Therefore, this promotion is one of our ways to show our appreciation for our customers as they continue to use our services. We invite as many customers as possible to use our services so they can benefit from the bonus MBs offered by this campaign make their businesses successful," said Roxana. She said that also Halotel Tanzania has officially introduced a highly renowned musician and actor Elias Inyasi allies as Barnaba Classic as an official ambassador represent the company in its various products and services to Tanzanians.

## Kagera farmers happy with increases in price of coffee

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

KAGERA Farmers have expressed their gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her endless efforts in raising coffee prices from 1,200 shillings per kilogram last year to 5,300 shillings per kilogram this year.

The commendation was made yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Managing Director of JJAD Kagera Farmers Limited, Dr. Albert Katagira, during the launch of the 21st Africa Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition.

The event, organized by the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA), is scheduled to take place in February 2025, attracting over 2,000 stakeholders from the coffee industry across Africa and beyond.

JJAD Kagera Farmers Limited, located in Kyerwa District in the Kagera Region, has been cultivating Robusta coffee on 100 acres of land.

Dr. Katagira emphasized the importance of coffee to the

people of Kagera, calling it a "savior" for the region's farmers. He also expressed his gratitude to AFCA for choosing Tanzania as the host for the upcoming conference, noting that it would provide valuable insights into modern coffee farming techniques.

Dr. Katagira urged the government to consider offering soft loans to coffee farmers, highlighting the high costs associated with preparing coffee plantations.

"Managing large coffee plantations is no easy task. We appeal to the government to see the importance of lending to coffee farmers to encourage more people to enter this crucial sector," he said.

Primus Kimaryo, Director General of the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), noted that the 21st AFCA conference will be a significant opportunity for Tanzanian coffee farmers as coffee production continues to rise. He emphasized that the event will provide a platform for farmers to showcase their coffee and find new markets, especially



given the improving global coffee prices.

"This is a golden opportunity for farmers to access new markets and improve the quality of their coffee. With the global coffee market becoming more favorable, they should seize this chance to expand their reach," Kimaryo said.

AFCA Board Chairperson, Amir Hamza, announced that Tanzania will host the 21st Africa Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition from February 26 to 28, 2025, in Dar es Salaam. He described the event as the largest platform for the coffee business in Africa, drawing over 2,000 participants annually,

including producers, traders, roasters, and both public and private sector representatives.

This will mark the second time Tanzania hosts the prestigious event, following its last appearance in 2016. Hamza praised Tanzania's vast po-

potential in the coffee sector, emphasizing that such conferences and exhibitions highlight the unique quality of African coffee while reinforcing African nations' commitment to fostering growth and cooperation within the coffee industry.

# Bank lifts digital inclusion in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Africa-Tanzania has embarked on a campaign to encourage Tanzanians to explore digital platforms when doing transactions.

Fortunatus Joachim, the bank's product & digital coordinator unveiled this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the second raffle draw for Ingia B-Mobile ukoke na iPhone 15 pro campaign conducted in the presence of the gaming inspector from the Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT), Neema Tatock.

At the event, bank's customer Samira Msangi emerged as the second lucky winner of the iPhone 15 Pro prize.

Joachim said that the campaign represents a means for Tanzanian customers to interact with the bank's improved mobile banking platform, which has been updated with robust features to meet customer's needs.

"The campaign reflects the



Fortunatus Joachim, BoA's product & digital coordinator (R) hands over the iPhone 15 prize to the second winner of the Bank's digital campaign raffle draw, Samira Msangi during a function held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

bank's strategic objective to digitize its products and services in turn promoting financial inclusion as well as ease for customers to access the bank's services," he said.

"As a bank, we are committed to providing excellent products and services that meet customer needs." The bank will continue to develop and bring forth innovative ideas to suit the growing digitization of the banking industry (banking on the Go!!) to further promote the financial inclusion agenda," Joachim remarked.

Nandi Mwiombella, the bank's head of marketing & communications explained: "Through the campaign, existing and new mobile banking users will enter directly to the grand raffle draw when one performs at least 10 banks to wallet transactions and at least one withdrawal via agent."

Ingia B-Mobile ukoke na iPhone 15 pro campaign kicked off on 10th June 2024 and will run for 3 months and one more iPhone 15 Pro to be

won by the lucky customers.

The bank's customers are required through their bank's mobile app (B-Mobile) to make as many transactions as possible and withdraw funds to qualify to enter into a draw that is conducted monthly.



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## Dangote's refinery begins testing petrol production

LAGOS

THE Dangote refinery, with a capacity of 650,000 barrels per day, is currently conducting test runs for Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) production, commonly known as petrol.

Full-scale operations are anticipated to commence by mid-September. This update was reported by Reuters, citing information from industry monitor IIR Energy.

The \$20 billion refinery, developed by Aliko Dangote, has so far only produced diesel and other distillate fuels.

Initially, the refinery had projected to begin petrol deliveries in May, with a later target set for July.

However, the expected start date has now been moved to September. "Further delays are possible," IIR noted in a client briefing. Once fully operational, the refinery is expected to significantly alter the Europe-to-Africa fuel trade dynamics and reduce Nigeria's dependency on imported refined products.

Earlier this month, the Federal Government's committee, tasked with implementing the sale of crude oil to local refineries in naira, finalized an agreement with Dangote Petroleum Refinery to begin petrol production in September.

The Federal Government also announced that the sale of crude oil to Dangote Refinery and other local refineries will commence on October 1, 2024. This was confirmed by the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Wale Edun, during a meeting with the Implementation Committee in Abuja.



At the same meeting, Dr. Zacch Adedeji, Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service and Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee, confirmed that the first PMS delivery from Dangote is expected next month under the existing agreements.

Nigeria's oil sector has been plagued with troubles for years now, pushing major oil interests to pull out of

the oil rich nation.

According to reporting from the US News & World Report, Shell's decision to sell off its Nigerian subsidiary for \$2.4 billion was due to the fact that the company "has struggled for years with hundreds of onshore oil spills as a result of theft, sabotage and operational issues that led to costly repairs and high-profile law-

suits."

Shell's decision to pull out of Nigeria comes on the heels of similar decisions from Houston-based Exxon Mobil, Italy's Eni and Norway's Equinor.

In the wake of the West's exodus from the Nigerian oil sector, the industry remains in a state of heightened flux and uncertainty.

The country's energy landscape, which includes the 11th largest proven oil reserves in the world (just behind the United States), "has grappled with poor governance, weak institutions, deteriorating security conditions, spiraling economic decline, and uninspired leadership" according to an analysis from the Center for Strategic & International Studies.

The weakening of Nigeria's oil production capacity also comes at a time that the nation is preparing to bring the massive Dangote refinery online.

Once the plant is up and running at full capacity, Dangote refinery will become competitive with the United States' largest refineries and over 50 percent bigger than the largest refinery in Europe.

SHANGHAI

HAVING spent all year trying to put a floor under the tumbling yuan, China's central bank is suddenly faced with the opposite problem and is turning to subtle ways to stop the currency from appreciating sharply.

The usually restrained yuan has strengthened 1.3 percent against the dollar in August, recouping nearly all its losses in the first half of the year.

## China keen to avoid sharp currency gains

On Friday, it looked set for its fifth straight weekly gain, the longest winning streak in more than three years.

While none of the underlying drivers at home, namely a weak economy and capital flight, has changed, the yuan has been helped by growing bets for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts, which are weakening the dollar, and by a rally in the Japanese yen.

Meanwhile, Chinese authorities have worked behind the scenes to ensure the currency doesn't spike abruptly, which could rattle fragile domestic financial markets and hurt exporters. They have surveyed the market to gauge the pressure, and quietly relaxed restrictions on imports of gold and trading positions in the yuan for some banks.

"The government is probably less concerned about depreciation but remains wary of FX volatility," said Gary Ng, senior economist for Asia Pacific at Natixis.

"While the pressure on the yuan may ease as the Fed may finally cut interest rates, there may be sudden and significant movements in capital flows."

One big reason for the People's Bank of China

(PBOC) to be worried is the build-up of speculative short yuan positions during the currency's steady decline since early 2023, which could be unwound messily if the currency rises fast.

Foreign companies operating in China, domestic exporters and investors have swapped yuan for dollars to earn better returns in what is known in market circles as the yuan carry trade.

# Bank to raise 300m/- for supporting mental health

By Frank Monyo

In a bid to raise awareness and create meaningful change for those impacted by mental health in Tanzania, Exim Bank has organised a festival to raise 300m/- over the next three years.

The aim of the fund is to finance vital services and improve infrastructure at mental health centers across the country.

Stanley Kafu, Exim Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Communications, explained that the festival is more than just a celebration.

It is a call to action for all Tanzanians to raise awareness and support those facing mental health difficulties.

Kafu highlighted the event as a significant opportunity for individuals, stakeholders, and various institutions to come together and raise funds that will directly impact the lives of people affected by mental health issues.

The festival is part of the bank's 'Exim Cares' initiative, which focuses on raising awareness about the importance of insurance while improving access to mental health services throughout Tanzania.

Kafu emphasized the far-reaching impact of mental health issues, noting that they affect not only individuals but also families, friends, coworkers, and communities.

He called for a united effort to change the narrative surrounding mental health and enhance the well-being of Tanzanians.

The festival will feature a variety of entertainment activities for both adults and children, aiming to create an atmosphere of fun, games, and friendly competitions.

Attendees will also have the chance to participate in sports and recreational activities, all while contributing to a cause that seeks to improve the lives of many Tanzanians.

Kafu also addressed the growing mental health crisis in Tanzania, citing an alarming 82 percent increase in cases over the past decade. He pointed out the challenges facing the sector, including a shortage of mental health professionals, inadequate infrastructure, and a lack of medical supplies and drugs. Additionally, many mental health centers across the country fail to meet the required standards.

The bank's efforts are aligned with the government's mission to ensure that all Tanzanians have access to quality



healthcare, including mental health services. Tike Mwakyoma, Insurance Department manager, Exim Bank, acknowledged the contributions of insurance stakehold-

ers and stressed the importance of collective efforts in advancing the development of Tanzanians and the nation as a whole. Kauthar D'souza, General Manager of

the Marketing and Communications Department, encouraged everyone to support the cause by contributing through the special "Exim Cares" account.

# Bad weather, geopolitics to lift UK energy bills by 10pc

LONDON

BRITISH energy regulator Ofgem on Friday raised its price cap on household energy bills by 10 percent from Oct. 1 to an annual level of 1,717 pounds (\$2,250.64), a jump blamed on severe weather events and conflicts such as the war in Ukraine.

"Ultimately the price rise we are announcing today is driven by our reliance on a volatile global gas market that is too easily influenced by unforeseen international events and the actions of aggressive states," said Ofgem's CEO Jonathan Brearley.

"We know that this rise in the price cap is going to be extremely difficult for many households," Brearley said.

Friday's rise of 10 percent for a typical dual-fuel household was slightly above analysts' forecasts. Energy consultancy Cornwall Insight said on Monday the cap was expected to rise 9 percent due to gas and electricity wholesale market prices, which have rebounded over the past few months.

"While prices have stabilised somewhat compared to the previous two years, the market has not fully recovered from the energy crisis and the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine," the consultancy said.

Energy Secretary Ed Miliband said the rise was a direct result of what he described as a "failed energy policy" the Labour government had inherited from the Conservative Party.

He said the policy left the country "at the mercy of international gas markets controlled by dictators".

Cornwall Insight said measures should be introduced to protect the vulnerable from rising energy bills, and that in the long term a shift towards sustainable, home-generated energy was needed to reduce Britain's vulnerability to international shocks.

# Kenya's levies on cereals induces protest by traders

NAIROBI

TRADERS have protested Kenya's move to impose new levies on the sale of cereals, legumes, herbs and tubers, saying the move violates regional trade agreements.

The traders cited various East African Community (EAC) protocols and provisions of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) bloc.

Shippers and clearing and forwarding agents in the country have urged the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) to reconsider the imposition of a 2 percent levy on the customs value of grain imports and a 0.3 percent levy on exports.

In the new policy, the Authority has imposed a similar levy on legumes, while roots and tubers will be subject to a 1 percent import levy on customs value and a 0.3 percent export levy.

The notification follows regulation 37 of The Crops (Food Crops) Regulations of 2019. The Authority says it was due to impose the levy from July 1, but delayed it until August 12.

According to the AFA, the levy will be paid directly to the Authority's agents at the point of entry or exit of the country, as the levies imposed will enable small food growers to compete favourably with imported produce.

Traders who fail to pay the levy will be charged 25 percent interest on the outstanding amount for the first month of default.

Agayo Ogambi, CEO of the Shippers Council of East Africa, said the levies will hamper business and are an additional burden on farmers.

Ogambi said there was a need for further stakeholder engagement as the levies would definitely increase consumer prices of imported grain and introducing an export levy now would stifle the nascent recovery and undermine efforts by Kenyan farmers and exporters to regain lost ground.

"The levies and more taxes on exports will make our products uncompetitive in East Africa and in Comesa as already Uganda and Tanzania are up in arms against the imposition of the levies," said Ogambi.

"While AFA needs to raise revenues for the services provided, considerations must be made not to hurt consumers and also not to outprice our exports in the international markets."

The CEO said Kenya must take a decision to support its exports and reduce levies and charges as they are negatively affecting the import to export ratio, which has remained at 5 containers of imports to 1 container of exports.

Roy Mwanthi, the chairman of the Kenya International Freight & Warehousing Association (KIFWA), said rice importation has stopped since AFA imposed the levies on August 12 this year and it will affect households as the cost of rice is expected to increase.

"We anticipate serious shortage of rice and wheat due to the levies and those who import will have to pass the cost to consumers. Currently, rice from East African countries that would ordinarily be free are subject to high levies and is stuck in different border pints," said Mwanthi.

Mwanthi said the recent imposition of levies on imports and exports of all food crop products from Kenya is counterproductive and a huge non-tariff barrier to international trade in food crops.

The chairman said the imposition of higher taxes and levies on top of those already levied on basic food crops will lead to a reduction in the importation, resulting in high cost of such basic commodities.



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## WORLD

## Robert F. Kennedy Jr. ends presidential bid, endorses Trump

WASHINGTON

INDEPENDENT presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced on Friday the decision to drop out of the race and endorse former president Donald Trump, the Republican nominee.

During a speech in Arizona on Friday afternoon, Kennedy said that both the media and Democrats had conspired to impede his prospects of becoming a viable contender.

"Many months ago I promised the American people I would withdraw from the race if I became a spoiler. ... In my heart, I no longer believe I have a realistic path to electoral victory," he said.

Free speech, the conflict in Ukraine, and "the war on our children", he said, are the principled causes that persuaded him to leave the Democratic Party and run as an independent, and now to throw his support to Trump.

Kennedy, the nephew of former president John F. Kennedy and the son of former attorney general Robert Kennedy, gained recognition initially as an environmental lawyer and later as a prominent anti-vaccine advocate.

He had sought to run as a Democratic candidate in the party's primary. In October 2023, however, he decided to pursue an independent bid. For months, Kennedy's campaign faced challenges, casting doubt on his viability.

On top of that, the candidate was also making negative headlines, including reports that he staged a fake bicycle accident in New York's Central Park using a dead bear he found on the roadside.

Kennedy's decision to support Trump follows weeks of behind-the-scenes negotiations, according to US media.

According to NBC News, an individual familiar with the discussions revealed that Donald Trump Jr. had been actively



Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speaks in Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday. Kennedy dropped out of the presidential race and endorsed former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. (PHOTO / AFP)

engaged in efforts to secure Kennedy's endorsement for his father over a span of six months. Another source mentioned that Trump Jr. perceived Kennedy's participation in the race as detrimental to the GOP campaign.

Kennedy's announcement came just one day after the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, where US Vice-President Kamala Harris officially accepted the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

Kennedy's endorsement of Trump holds significance, considering the

close race between Harris and Trump in crucial swing states that could ultimately determine the election outcome.

Based on the most recent polling data compiled by Real Clear Politics, Harris holds a narrow lead of 1.0 percentage point in Wisconsin and a 2.0 percentage point lead in Michigan over Trump.

However, in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Arizona, Harris trails by margins of 0.2 percentage points, 0.9 percentage points, and 0.2 percentage points, respectively.

## Israeli army: 100 warplanes strike Lebanon

JERUSALEM/BEIRUT

ABOUT 100 Israeli warplanes struck and destroyed "thousands" of Hezbollah rockets and missile launcher barrels to be launched at northern and central Israel, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a statement on Sunday.

The strikes targeted more than 40 launch areas in southern Lebanon, which began before dawn, the IDF said, adding that most of the launchers were aimed at northern Israel, with some directed toward central Israel.

"Whoever hurt us -- we hurt them," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a video statement.

During the strikes, one person was killed in the town of Khiam in southern Lebanon, Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service reported that a woman in northern Israel was lightly injured by shrapnel. Video footage circulating on social media showed that a residential home in Acre was hit and sustained heavy damage.

IDF Spokesman Daniel Hagari said during a press briefing that the military had "identified extensive preparation by Hezbollah to fire toward the Israeli home front" and launched the strikes as "a self-defense act to remove threats."

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant has declared a "special situation on the home front" nationwide. New security guidelines were issued for residents from the north to Tel Aviv, banning large gatherings and urging people to stay close to shelters or safe rooms.

Ben Gurion International Airport was temporarily shut down for incoming and outgoing flights, the Airports Authority announced, adding that full operations would resume during the morning hours.

Hezbollah said on Sunday that it had fired more than 320 rockets at 11 Israeli army sites in retaliation for Israel's attack on Hezbollah's senior military commander, Fouad Shokor, the Lebanese National News Agency (NNA) reported.

The NNA further reported that a series of Israeli air strikes on Lebanon began



Smoke billows from the site of an Israeli airstrike on Zibqin in southern Lebanon on August 25, 2024, amid escalations in the ongoing cross-border tensions as fighting continues between Israel and Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip. (PHOTO / AFP)

in the early hours of Sunday, causing serious damage to property, crops, and infrastructure, especially electricity and water systems. It was the heaviest since the start of the Hezbollah-Israeli conflict late last year.

The attacks occurred amid escalating tensions in the region, including cross-border fighting between Israel and Hezbollah since Oct 7, 2023, as well as ongoing efforts to secure a ceasefire between

Israel and Hamas, aimed at preventing a broader conflict in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Royal Jordanian CEO Samer Majali announced on Sunday that all flights to Beirut are being suspended due to the volatile situation in Lebanon.

The company said in a press statement that "flights to and from the Lebanese capital, Beirut, have been suspended due to the current situation."

Also on Sunday, Captain Haitham

Misto, chief commissioner and CEO of the Jordanian Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) said that the Jordanian airspace is operating normally for incoming, outgoing, and transit flights.

"We are monitoring regional developments and assessing the situation based on the available data to take any necessary actions if needed," he said in a statement published by the state-run Petra news agency.

## Morocco foils attempts by Polisario elements to infiltrate, with Algeria's collusion, TICAD preparatory meeting in Japan

RABAT

THE separatist Polisario Front caused uproar during the preparatory ministerial meeting for the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9), scheduled for August 24-25, 2024, in Tokyo, after some of its members infiltrated the meeting despite not being invited.

Japan did not invite the so-called "SADR" or the Polisario, and the official list of participating countries does not include any mention of the fictitious entity. Besides, Japan did not issue visas to the so-called representatives of this entity and categorically refused to accept visa applications or their alleged travel documents.

However, the Polisario elements managed to enter Japanese territory using false identities and Algerian passports, posing as members of the Algerian delegation, the Algerian embassy having submitted verbal notes to the Japanese authorities requesting visas for these separatists as Algerians, just like the rest of the Algerian delegation.

Japan did not plan for the participation of the separatists when preparing the meeting rooms, the nameplates of participants were those of African countries duly invited by Japan and members of the United Nations, with no mention of the so-called "SADR."

The separatists infiltrated the meeting room using Algerian badges and pretending to be members of the Algerian delegation. According to sources present at the meeting, and as shown by a video footage, one of the separatists secretly pulled out from his bag a nameplate bearing the name of the fictitious entity and placed it on the table.

This prompted a protest from the Moroccan delegation, which rejected this act and demanded the removal of the sign. The Japanese Foreign Ministry then intervened, affirming to those present that it had not extended any invitation to the Polisario to participate in the meeting and that it only invites states recognized by the UN.

The senior Japanese official chairing the meeting affirmed clearly and formally that his country does not recognize the so-called "SADR."

The incident is widely considered a breach of protocol, particularly in light of Japan's clear stance on the issue. The Japanese government, which is hosting TICAD IX in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank, does not recognize the SADR.

Japan's position mirrors that of the United Nations, European countries, and all permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, none of whom recognize the SADR as a legitimate state.

This infiltration again demonstrates, if need be, that Algeria is the sponsor and creator of the Polisario and that Algeria, which created and maintains the regional conflict over the Moroccan Sahara, is the main party, as recognized by the UN Security Council.

This deceitful new action on the part of Algeria and its puppet was relayed by Algerian media outlets in an attempt to circumvent the recent decision made by the African Union to prevent non-UN member states from participating in international meetings and summits involving the pan-African organization with its international partners such as Japan, Russia, and Korea.

The AU Executive Council decided to exclude the Polisario from participating in the international meetings gathering African countries and superpowers after some major international meetings, which were intended to bring in major investment to the African continent, were derailed into chaos and sparked a diplomatic crisis over the participation of a non-state entity which is becoming persona non-grata worldwide.

The Tokyo incident recalls one of the most prominent episodes of forgery practiced by the Polisario, following its leader's entry into Spanish territory with forged identity documents in 2021, which at the time sparked a diplomatic crisis between Rabat and Madrid, eventually leading the Spanish government to express clearly its support for the autonomy plan in the Sahara as the only solution to the regional dispute.

The incident also highlights the "photo diplomacy" mastered by the enemies of the Kingdom's territorial integrity and their repeated attempts to obscure the truth from the Sahrawis in the Tindouf camps and to convince them that the separatist project in the Sahara still resonates on the regional and international scene, as well as to cover up the diplomatic and military failures accumulated by the Polisario leadership.

Agencies

## UN relief agencies prepare for Gaza polio vaccination campaign

UNITED NATION

RELIEF agencies, facing a high risk of polio spreading in the wider Gaza region, have begun preparations for a vaccination campaign, UN humanitarian officials said on Friday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the UN relief agency for Palestine refugees, known as UNRWA, and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) are working with the Gaza Ministry of Health to administer in the coming weeks two rounds of oral

polio vaccine to more than 640,000 children under 10 years of age. Stephane Dujarric, chief spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, told reporters during a regular briefing that humanitarian teams moved refrigerated trucks into Gaza in preparation to maintain the cold chain necessary for the vaccine. Dujarric said the world body already has medical staff in place to administer doses. The vaccine has not arrived. He said the aim is for a humanitarian pause in the conflict so the staff and

children would be safe during the campaign later this month and in early September.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini warned that delaying a humanitarian pause will increase the risk of polio spreading among children. It is not enough to bring the vaccines into Gaza and protect the cold chain -- the vaccines must also end up in the mouths of every child under the age of 10. UNRWA medical teams will deliver the vaccines in the agency's clinics

and through its mobile health teams. OCHA said that following the Gaza Health Ministry confirming that a 10-month-old baby in Deir al Balah has polio, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed it is the first case in Gaza in 25 years.

WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the child is in stable condition but has developed paralysis in the lower left leg. The agency warns that disrupted water and sanitation systems in Gaza, including at hospitals, are increasing the

risk of infectious diseases. "WHO has procured more than 400,000 U.S. dollars of infection prevention and control supplies, including chlorine tablets, hygiene products, and gloves," OCHA said. "These items have already been delivered to five hospitals, with plans to reach two others in the coming weeks." However, the humanitarian teams said that repeated Israeli evacuation orders continue to severely disrupt aid operations in Gaza.

OCHA said three evacuation orders were issued on

Wednesday and Thursday, affecting 15 neighborhoods in Deir al Balah and Khan Younis.

Initial mapping showed the areas included nearly 150 displacement locations, mostly informal sites. The latest evacuation directives bring the total number of orders issued in August to 13.

The office said that humanitarian partners fighting hunger reported the amount of food assistance that entered southern Gaza in July was one of the lowest recorded in the past 10 months. They

warn that active hostilities, damaged roads, access constraints, and a lack of public order and safety have led to critical food shortages. "Children are paying the heaviest price -- with poor diet and the decimation of health-care services and water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure raising the risk of malnutrition and disease," OCHA said. "An assessment by UNICEF in July found that just 1 percent of children in northern Gaza -- and only 6 percent in the south -- received the recommended dietary diversity."



## Chinese video game 'Black Myth: Wukong' takes US market by storm

LOS ANGELES

THE Chinese video game industry made another significant leap onto the global stage with the release of *Black Myth: Wukong*, an action role-playing game that has become an instant hit in the United States.

Developed by Game Science, a startup headquartered in Shenzhen, this game has captivated players and garnered praise from critics, marking what many consider a "milestone" for the Chinese gaming industry.

*Black Myth: Wukong* is inspired by Wu Chengen's iconic 16th-century Chinese novel, *Journey to the West*.

Players step into the role of Sun Wukong, the legendary Monkey King, as they embark on an epic journey to vanquish a host of formidable monsters.

Released on Tuesday, it has quickly risen to prominence on major gaming platforms. On Steam, the leading gaming platform, it sat atop the global chart.

Within an hour of its official upload on Steam, the game claimed over 1 million concurrent players. By the following day, that figure had skyrocketed to 2.2 million.

The game's trailer amassed over 10 million views on YouTube.

The game's success is reflected in its impressive statistics across various platforms.

On Steam, it has received "overwhelmingly positive" reviews from 255,243 players as of Thursday afternoon.

Twitch, the popular streaming platform, reported 188,000 viewers and 31,700 followers for the game. Critical reception has been equally positive. On Metacritic, the PC version of the game has scored an impressive 81 based on 68 critic



Visitors queue for the *Black Myth: Wukong* game at the Game Science Interactive Technology Co Ltd booth at the Gamescom video game fair in Cologne, Germany, on Aug 24, 2023. (PHOTO / AFP)

reviews, while user reviews have given it an even higher score of 83.

Several prominent gaming outlets praised various aspects of the game. PC Gamer awarded it 87 out of 100, lauding its "eccentric cast of characters and expressive combat all wrapped up in the rich world of its source material."

Giving it an 8 out of 10, IGN said, "Despite some frustrating technical issues, *Black Myth: Wukong* is a great action game with fantastic combat, exciting bosses, tantalizing secrets, and a beautiful world."

Jonathan Liu, who works as an art designer at a game company in New York, has participated in the development of more than 20 games, including three 3A projects.

He told Xinhua in an interview Thursday that with his 10 years of work experience in the industry, the above data is quite amazing.

"Based on my experience, the game's art, including its rendering and optimization, has reached a world-class level," he said.

The game's visual aesthetics received widespread acclaim. The environments were described as breathtaking, blending stylized art with realistic graphics to vividly bring the mythological setting to life.

This meticulous attention to visual detail greatly enhances the game's immersive experience.

Liu said that 3A games have extremely high requirements for graphics and

image quality, which is equivalent to Hollywood high-tech blockbusters in the film industry.

Currently, there are no more than 10 countries that can independently develop 3A games.

Developed by a Chinese startup with only about 140 employees, *Black Myth: Wukong* has managed to compete with, and in some cases surpass, titles from more established companies, said Song Ye, a 35-year-old engineer used to work at Cryptic Studios in California.

"The game has exceeded my expectations in terms of quality, including graphics and programming. Considering the manpower invested, I believe the quality of this game surpasses those developed by similarly sized American and Japanese companies, based on my experience," Ye told Xinhua after playing the game for six hours.

Its success can be a potential catalyst for the Chinese gaming industry, inspiring more Chinese developers to create high-profile titles and attract more capital investment in game development, said Ye.

As the Chinese gaming industry developed rapidly in recent years, the overseas revenue of Chinese-developed video games has seen dramatic growth, rising from 1.82 billion dollars in 2013 to 16.37 billion dollars in 2023, according to data from Statista.

With its early success, *Black Myth: Wukong* is poised to contribute significantly to this upward trend.

In just two days, the game has sold 8.4 million units on Steam with an estimated gross revenue of \$405.2 million, according to VG Insights, a market research firm.

The game is available as a one-time purchase, priced at 59.99 dollars for the standard version and 69.99 dollars for the deluxe edition. **Xinhua**

## NASA to return Boeing's Starliner astronauts from space next year

LOS ANGELES

NASA has decided to bring Boeing's Starliner back to Earth in September, while the two stranded astronauts, Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams, are expected to remain at the International Space Station (ISS) until next February, the agency announced on Saturday.

"The uncrewed return allows NASA and Boeing to continue gathering testing data on Starliner during its upcoming flight home, while also not accepting more risk than necessary for its crew," NASA said in a release.

NASA astronauts Wilmore and Williams arrived at the ISS on June 6 aboard the Boeing Starliner. They were meant to return after eight days, but have been stuck in space for more than two months due to technical problems of the spacecraft.

NASA and Boeing identified helium leaks and experienced issues with the spacecraft reaction control thrusters on June 6 as Starliner approached the space station.

Since then, engineering teams have made efforts to review a collection of data, conduct flight and ground tests, host independent reviews with agency propulsion experts, and develop various return contingency plans.

NASA said Wilmore and Williams will continue their work formally through February 2025. They will fly home aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft with two other crew members assigned to the agency's SpaceX Crew-9 mission.

"The uncertainty and lack of expert concurrence does not meet the agency's safety and performance requirements for human spaceflight, thus prompting NASA leadership to move the astronauts to the Crew-9 mission," said NASA.

To ensure a docking port is available at the ISS for the Crew-9 mission, Starliner is expected to make a safe, controlled autonomous re-entry and landing in early September, before the Crew-9 mission's departure, according to NASA.

NASA and Boeing will work together to adjust end-of-mission planning and Starliner's systems to set up for the uncrewed return in the coming weeks. The Crew-9 mission, originally slated with four crew members, will launch no earlier than Tuesday, Sept. 24. **Xinhua**

## Russia, Ukraine each exchange 115 prisoners captured in conflict

MOSCOW / DUBAI

RUSSIA'S defense ministry said Saturday that 115 Russian servicemen captured in the Kursk region were returned from the territory controlled by Ukraine as part of an exchange deal.

"In exchange, 115 prisoners of war of the Ukrainian Armed Forces were transferred," the ministry said, adding that the United Arab Emirates provided mediation efforts during the swap.

All the exchanged Russian military personnel are currently in Belarus and will be sent to Russia for treatment and rehabilitation in medical institutions of the ministry, it said.

The UAE said that it successfully mediated an exchange of captives between Russia and Ukraine, resulting in the release of 230 people from both sides.



This undated handout photograph released by Ukrainian Presidential Press Service on yesterday, shows Ukrainian prisoners of war wearing the state flags reacting after their exchange. Authorities said 115 Ukrainian servicemen of the National Guard, the Armed Forces, the Naval Forces, and State Border Service were returned to Ukraine. (HANDOUT / UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE VIA AFP)

The UAE's Foreign Ministry stated in a statement on its website that the latest exchange has brought the total number of captives exchanged through UAE media-

tion to 1,788.

The latest exchange, which follows a similar operation about a month ago, is the seventh of its kind since the beginning of 2024, according to the ministry.

In December 2022, the UAE also facilitated the exchange of two captives between the United States and Russia.

Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of Ukraine have attacked over 30 settlements in Russia's border region of Belgorod over the past 24 hours, Belgorod Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said Saturday.

The attacks targeted nine districts in the region, resulting in five people injured, Gladkov said in a Telegram post.

Russia declared a federal-level state of emergency in the Belgorod region last week as Ukrainian forces continued their offensive near the Russian borders.

Russia's defense ministry said Saturday the Russian forces continue to repel the attacks of the Ukrainian Armed Forces into its territory, adding that Ukraine has lost more than 360 servicemen and 29 armored vehicles over the past 24 hours.

## Netanyahu warns of further action after 'preemptive' airstrikes in Lebanon

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Hezbollah and Iran that Sunday morning's intense airstrikes in Lebanon are "not the end of the story."

Addressing the cabinet, Netanyahu stated that the strikes "destroyed thousands of short-range rockets intended to attack our citizens and forces in the Galilee."

He also claimed the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) intercepted all drones launched by Hezbollah targeting a strategic area near Tel Aviv, including the Mossad headquarters, according to state-owned Kan TV.

Before dawn, approximately 100 Israeli warplanes bombed "hundreds of armed launchers and thousands of launcher barrels, mostly aimed at northern Israel," IDF Spokesman Daniel Hagari said in a briefing.

Hagari described the operation as a "preemptive attack" intended to neutralize a broader threat. He

noted that most rockets and drones launched by Hezbollah were intercepted.

Hezbollah took responsibility for targeting several military sites in northern Israel with 320 rockets, calling it "the first phase" of its retaliation for the assassination of senior official Fouad Shokor in Beirut last month. The group also confirmed drone launches into central Israel, claiming to have caused infrastructure damage.

The IDF denied that any military base was damaged, and no casualties were reported on the Israeli side, except for one woman who sustained light injuries from shrapnel.

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## Building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future and a better tomorrow for China-DRC relations

By Zhao Bin

FOR more than half a century, China and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have supported each other in the struggle for national emancipation and in achieving their national development and recovery. The two countries have continuously strengthened their traditional friendship and engaged in fruitful cooperation across various fields. In May 2023, DRC President Felix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo paid a state visit to China, which was considered a great success.

During this visit, the leaders of the two countries jointly decided to upgrade the China-DRC relations to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. Under the joint leadership of the two heads of state, both sides have continually strengthened their exchanges and cooperation within the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), resulting in new advancements in China-DRC relations.

First, political trust between the two countries has become stronger. For over a year, the two heads of state have maintained close communication through various means and jointly outlined

the future of China-DRC relations. In the past year, the DRC has seen the re-election of President Tshisekedi and the successful establishment of new state organs. Special Envoy of President Xi Jinping and Vice Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Shen Yueyue attended President Tshisekedi's inauguration ceremony in Kinshasa, and Chinese state leaders sent congratulatory messages to their DRC counterparts upon their election or appointment.

This reflects the great importance China places on bilateral relations. The Chinese and DRC governments, political parties, and legislative bodies have worked to strengthen their ties and make full use of FOCAC, the most important platform for China-Africa cooperation, to strengthen the exchange of state governance experiences, enhance mutual understanding and trust, and pool efforts to consolidate and develop the China-DRC friendship.

Second, practical cooperation between the two countries has become more fruitful. Both sides have strengthened the coordina-



President Felix Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) meets with Shen Yueyue, Chinese President Xi Jinping's special envoy, also the vice chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jan. 21, 2024. (DR Congo's presidency/Handout via Xinhua)

tion of their development strategies and worked together to achieve high-level cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative and the Global Development Initiative.

There is a lot of positive news about China-DRC cooperation in infrastructure,

industry, trade, economy, and social welfare. Important projects completed last year, such as the Kinsuka Power Station, the Busanga Hydro-power Station, the Saphir Ceramics factory in Maluku, and the Sakania Dry Port, have injected strong momentum

into the industrial development of the DRC. This year, several major projects under the China-DRC "resource for projects" cooperation package have begun, from Kinshasa to Lualaba, passing through the Grand Kasai, providing considerable support to the DRC in strengthening its connectivity.

In the first half of 2024, trade between China and the DRC reached 12.34 billion U.S. dollars, and the DRC has become a leading destination for Chinese investment in Africa. Chinese companies in the DRC remain committed to the principle of shared benefits and actively work to support local community development, such as the construction of "demonstration rural development villages," so that local residents can benefit from the tangible achievements of China-DRC cooperation and, more broadly, China-Africa cooperation.

Third, people-to-people and cultural exchanges between the two countries have become more frequent. Under the Global Civilization Initiative, both sides have organized numerous cultural activities such as the "Chinese Film Week," where think tanks, scholars, and media

have increased exchanges and actively explored expanding their cooperation.

Since the beginning of 2024, China has provided over 200 training opportunities in China for DRC officials in various fields to support the DRC in talent development and youth growth. The Confucius Institute, jointly established by both sides, is becoming increasingly popular among DRC youth. I would like to highlight that the Central African Cultural and Arts Center, whose construction has just finished after five years, has become a new symbol of China-DRC friendly cooperation and will serve as an important platform for strengthening China-DRC and China-Africa cultural exchanges.

Fourth, mutual support between the two countries has become stronger. On the issue regarding the eastern DRC, China has consistently stood firmly on the side of fairness and justice. China actively works for peace by encouraging dialogue among the different parties. Chinese peacekeepers have notably fulfilled their mission within the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO), which has been highly praised by Congolese

authorities. For its part, the DRC has always resolutely adhered to the one-China principle. The two sides have maintained close coordination in multilateral affairs to jointly safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

Currently, China is committed to a new phase of deepening reform in all areas to promote Chinese modernization, while the new state organs of the DRC are working to realize the six "major commitments" initiated by President Tshisekedi.

China-DRC relations are at a new historical starting point with promising prospects. The new session of the FOCAC Summit will soon open in Beijing, where guests from various African countries will discuss China-Africa cooperation. I am confident that Chinese and African leaders will reach new consensus on the theme "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future" during this summit.

This will set new directions for the development of global cooperation and the China-DRC strategic partnership, and create new prospects for China and the DRC to develop and progress together.

# SPORT



Yahya Mohammed (R), CEO of Azam Television, presents the launch certificate for the television series *Welcome to Milele* to Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, Tanzania's Minister of Culture, Arts, and Sports (C). The launch commemorates the contributions of the Chinese medical team to the health sector and the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania. Applauding on the left is Chen Mingjian, the Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

## Tanzania strengthens cultural ties with China to boost film industry

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE government has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening ties with China, particularly in promoting cultural exchanges aimed at boosting Tanzania's film industry.

Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, Tanzania's Minister of Culture, Arts, and Sports, highlighted this commitment in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the launch of a Chinese-Tanzania co-produced television series, *Welcome to Milele*.

Dr. Ndumbaro emphasized that Tanzania and China have maintained a long-standing, amicable relationship across various domains—social, economic, political, and cultural. This special bond dates back to the era of the founding fathers of both nations, the late Julius Kambarage Nyerere of Tanzania and Chairman Mao Zedong of China.

"The cultural relationship has fostered vibrant exchanges in art, literature, and education, which has not only supported the co-production and distribution of films but also led to the establishment of the Confucius Institute in Tanzania. This institute plays a crucial role in promoting the learning of the Chinese language and culture," he said.

"We reiterate our commitment towards strengthening these relations in all aspects."

The minister further noted the Kiswahili version of *Welcome to Milele*, which features prominent Chinese and African actors. Filmed in both Tanzania and China, the series portrays the experiences of a Chinese medical team working in Africa and their close friendships with local communities.

"The ongoing collaboration has allowed for the co-production and distribution of films, enabling Tanzanian films to be shown in

China and vice versa," he added.

Reflecting on the six decades of partnership, Dr. Ndumbaro underlined that the deepening friendship between the two nations has yielded significant benefits. This cooperation has enhanced the skills and knowledge of Tanzanian film experts, managers, theatrical groups, and other film industry practitioners.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, noted that the launch of the series coincides with the 60th anniversary of China's first medical team deployment abroad and the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania.

During the filming in Africa, the crew received a warm welcome from Zanzibar's President Hussein Ali Mwinyi and President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Leading actor Jin Dong was even honored with the title of Tourism and Cultural Ambassador for Tanzania.

The TV series is currently being broadcast on Azam Television until November 29th.

"In 2022, President Samia Suluhu Hassan and President Xi Jinping announced the elevation of the countries' ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership, aimed at boosting all-around cooperation and setting a model for China-Africa cooperation in the new era. Additionally, with the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations, 2024 has been designated as the Year of Culture and Tourism between China and Tanzania," said Chen.

Yahya Mohammed, CEO of Azam Television, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership. "Choosing Azam is a significant recognition of our commitment to supporting the China-Tanzania partnership. We look forward to seeing the cultural ties between the two nations continue to grow."

## Golf Series launched in Dar with prizes and environmental initiatives

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2024 edition of the NCBA Golf Series kicked off on Saturday at the Gymkhana Golf Club in Dar es Salaam. This event follows the series' initial leg in Arusha on July 29, which was marked by the presence of Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, the Minister of Sports, Culture, and Arts.

This year's Dar es Salaam tournament promises to be even more exciting, featuring a diverse lineup of golfing talents akin to the standout performances of George Ogutu and Salim Sharif in the 2023 edition.

Participants will vie for a significant cash prize and an elegant golf bag valued at 3 million Tshs. The winner will also receive a fully-covered trip to Nairobi to attend the NCBA Golf Series Grand Finale in November, underscoring the bank's commitment to elevating golf on the international stage.

An NCBA representative stated: "Attendees at the Gymkhana Golf Club can look forward to an event of international standard. Our commitment to advancing Tanzanian talent and promoting golf as a sport is evident in our

efforts, and this tournament will reflect that."

The tournament will also feature the Maisha Ni Hesabu Na NCBA financial literacy package, offering valuable insights into managing, spending, and investing money.

Additionally, the event will support the Make Believe tree-planting initiative, where each golf achievement contributes to environmental protection. By correlating each accomplishment on the golf course with tree planting in Tanzania, the initiative embodies the principle: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second-best time is now."

The golf series in Dar es Salaam is set to be a must-attend event, showcasing exceptional golfing talent and contributing to meaningful environmental and financial causes.



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## SPORTS

## NBC Bank's crucial role in boosting Kizimkazi Festival's success in Zanzibar



Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Philip Mpango (C) presenting a dummy cheque of TZS 1.5 million to the captain of Kusini Secondary School team in Zanzibar after the team emerged as champions of the Kizimkazi Youth Soccer League known as the "Samia Kizimkazi Youth Cup" by defeating Muyuni Secondary School with a total score of 3-0. The match took place at the New Amaan Complex Stadium over the weekend. Looking on are the Minister of Information, Youth, Culture, and Sports in Zanzibar, Tabia Maulid (left of the Vice President), senior government officials of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, and the MD of NBC Bank, Theobald Sabi (3rd R). The competition was sponsored by NBC Bank in collaboration with TTCL.

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has played a significant role in the success of the Kizimkazi Festival, an annual event that has grown into a prominent hub for sports, entertainment, and tourism in Zanzibar.

The bank's active involvement in the festival was commended by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, and the Vice President, Dr. Philip Mpango, who attended the event over the weekend.

The festival featured a variety of exciting events organized by NBC in collaboration with the Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited (TTCL). One of the weekend's highlights was the "Bongo and Zenji Flavor Night," a grand music festival held in Paje and attended by President Samia. Before the music festival, the Kizimkazi Youth Soccer League, known as the "Samia Kizimkazi Youth Cup," concluded its thrilling final at the New

Amaan Complex Stadium. The Vice President, Dr. Mpango, led the final match celebrations and presented the trophy to the victorious Kusini Secondary School team, which defeated Muyuni Secondary School with a score of 3-0.

During the award ceremony, Vice President Dr. Mpango, along with senior government officials and league sponsors, including TTCL and NBC Bank, celebrated with the young champions.

In addition to the sports and entertainment events, NBC also played a key role in the inauguration of the 'Salaam Cave Aquarium' at Kizimkazi-Dimbani.

Speaking at the inauguration, President Samia expressed her gratitude for the contributions of NBC Bank and TTCL to the Kizimkazi Festival, which has been a success since its inception nine years ago.

"Despite the efforts of many other stakeholders in making this festival a success, today, being a special day for NBC and TTCL, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and congratulate them for their efforts in making this festival a success since its

establishment," said President Samia. She also acknowledged the bank's role in organizing the football matches and the grand entertainment festival in Paje, promising to attend the festival later in the evening.

Theobald Sabi, Managing Director of NBC Bank, highlighted the bank's commitment to the Kizimkazi Festival, emphasizing their use of the platform to organize sports and entertainment events and implement various community development initiatives in education, health, tourism, sports, and financial services.

"Since the beginning of this festival nine years ago, we started with participating in the construction of classrooms. Later on, we donated a mobile clinic vehicle, which continues to provide quality healthcare services. Then we participated in the construction and procurement of furniture for the Kizimkazi Saccos. Furthermore, we continued to participate in the construction of a health center and other important development areas for the people of Kizimkazi," said Sabi.

Sabi further expressed the bank's commitment to promoting tourism in the country, noting that the success of the newly inaugurated Salaam Cave Aquarium at Kizimkazi-Dimbani will help create employment opportunities and boost national income through tourism. The bank also pledged to establish a special digital payment system to facilitate payments by tourists at Salaam Cave and other similar locations in Zanzibar.

The Kizimkazi Festival exemplifies the power of collaboration between the government, the private sector, and local communities, as demonstrated by the successful partnership between NBC Bank, TTCL, and the people of Kizimkazi.

This year's festival has once again highlighted Zanzibar's immense potential in sports, entertainment, and tourism, reinforcing its status as a premier destination in East Africa.

## Kopunovic still sees room for improvement despite Pamba Jiji's second consecutive Premier League draw

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

PAMBA Jiji FC's search for a home victory continues as they were held to a 0-0 draw by Dodoma Jiji FC at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday. This result marks their second consecutive draw in the Premier League, following a similar outcome in their season opener against Tanzania Prisons at the same venue.

Returning to the Premier League after a 23-year absence, Pamba Jiji have struggled to score at their new home ground, CCM Kirumba Stadium, having previously played at Nyamagana Stadium.

Despite their inability to find the net, Pamba Jiji's coach, Goran Kopunovic, expressed optimism about the team's performance.

"The match was very tough; Dodoma Jiji is a strong opponent. Although we didn't win, my players followed the technical instructions well. I'm confident that with time, we will secure better results and move up the league standings," Kopunovic (pictured) said.

Kopunovic praised the team's performance in the second half, noting their control of the game and the numerous chances they created.

"Being a new team, we need more time to train and for the players to build chemistry. I believe we will improve with time," he added.

Looking ahead, Pamba Jiji will face Singida Black Stars on September 15. Singida Black Stars have won both of their opening matches, posing a significant challenge for Pamba Jiji.

"We have three weeks to prepare for the next match. We will analyze our mistakes and address them. We're aware of the tough competition ahead," Kopunovic said.

The draw against Dodoma Jiji FC, who had previously lost 1-0 to Mashujaa FC, earned them their first point in the Premier League.

The game featured several key moments and crucial saves, particularly from Dodoma Jiji's goalkeeper, Mohamed Mohamed, who played a vital role in maintaining the draw.

A highlight for Pamba Jiji was the return of striker George Mpole, who made his Premier League comeback after nearly a year on the sidelines.

Mpole, who came on as a substitute in the 45th minute, made a significant impact with a powerful shot that hit the crossbar and another that was deflected by the goalkeeper, resulting in a corner kick.

His performance earned him the Man of the Match Award, presented by the Premier League sponsors, NBC Bank.

Pamba Jiji's upcoming fixtures will be crucial as they aim for their first win. Their next five matches include games



## Yamal gets the better of Spain teammate Williams in Barcelona's 2-1 win over Athletic Bilbao

BARCELONA, Spain

LAMINE Yamal got the better of fellow Spain star Nico Williams when Barcelona beat Athletic Bilbao 2-1 Saturday in the players' first matchup since the two young talents led their nation to European Championship glory.

Yamal opened the scoring before Robert Lewandowski provided the second goal to give Barcelona two wins in two games to start the Spanish league season.

The Barcelona teenager struck in the 24th minute with a curling shot that was reminiscent of Lionel Messi's favorite moves. Yamal controlled a deflected ball, took two touches to skirt along the outside edge of the box before he found the angle to unleash a left-footed shot. The ball found the net after a deflection on Athletic player Inigo Lekue.

Yamal and Williams chatted before and after kickoff. Yamal would not reveal in a post-game interview what they talked about, saying "we are just good friends."

But he did, perhaps half-jokingly, make a dig at his pal when he described his goal.

"I saw that Nico, who is not very intense while defending, was coming and I found the space I needed to shoot," Yamal said.

Oihan Sancet equalized in the 42nd by converting a penalty kick after Barcelona's Pau Cubarsi knocked down Alejandro Berenguer.

But Barcelona never let Williams get going in attack and kept up the pressure until Lewandowski rees-

tablished the advantage. The Poland striker had already headed off the bar when he was set up by a passing move involving Raphinha and Pedri to score in the 75th.

Lewandowski had netted a brace of goals in Barcelona's 2-1 win at Valencia in last week's Spanish league opener.

Hansi Flick, making his home debut as Barcelona's new coach, gave a second straight start to midfielder Marc Bernal, who along with Yamal and Cubarsi is 17 years old.

Barcelona was rumored to be interested in trying to sign Williams from the Basque club in this transfer window. Flick hugged Williams when the winger was substituted late in the game. The German coach said that he congratulated Williams for his performance at Euro 2024.

Athletic used its third-string goalkeeper, Alex Padilla, from its youth squad, after minor injuries to Spain goalie Unai Simón and backup Julen Agirrezabala.

The two teams provided seven members of Spain's Euro 2024 squad which won the continental title last month.

OTHER RESULTS

Take Kubo went on as a substitute and scored with 10 minutes remaining to give Real Sociedad a 1-0 win at promoted Espanyol, while Getafe and Rayo Vallecano drew 0-0.

Host Osasuna beat Mallorca 1-0 in the return of former coach Jagoba Arrasate in his first visit to Pamplona since changing clubs. Ruben Garcia scored in the 55th.

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## Fully rested Erling Haaland feeling a 'good vibe' after hat trick against Ipswich

MANCHESTER, England

A FULLY rested Erling Haaland could make it even harder for any Premier League rival to knock Manchester City off its perch this season.

Haaland (pictured) netted his seventh Premier League hat trick in a 4-1 win over promoted Ipswich on Saturday to take his tally to four goals in the opening two games of the season.

And according to City manager Pep Guardiola, the striker's early productivity is due at least in part to Haaland having the summer off after Norway missed out on the European Championship.

"Last season he struggled a lot, especially at the beginning," Guardiola said. "He felt tired and niggles most of the time. This time with the rest, with no Euros, he has arrived with a good vibe. The numbers are unbelievable."

Haaland has been the Premier League's leading scorer in each of the two seasons he's spent at City – which has won the last four titles – but his tally dropped from 36 goals in 2022-23 to 27 in the last campaign. He now has 10 hat tricks in all competitions for City.

After netting the opener in a 2-0 win at Chelsea last weekend, he got two quick-fire goals in the first half as City turned a 1-0 deficit into a 3-1 lead against Ipswich in less than four minutes.

Haaland first equalized with a penalty in the 12th minute and made it 3-1 in the 16th after running onto a perfect ball over the top from Kevin De Bruyne and going around goalkeeper Arijanet Muric. De Bruyne had scored the second into an empty net after City winger Savinho robbed Muric of the ball, and Haaland completed his hat trick from outside the area in the 88th.

There was also a warm reception for City midfielder Ilkay Gundogan, who came on in the 71st minute after returning to the club from Barcelona on a one-year deal.

"It feels like I've honestly never been away," Gundogan said. "It feels like home."

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## Ten Hag faces scrutiny after United loss while Haaland nets hat trick and Arsenal beats Aston Villa

LONDON

TWO games into the Premier League season, and the scrutiny is already back on Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag.

Joao Pedro scored in the fifth minute of injury time to give Brighton a 2-1 home win over United on Saturday in a game that showed that the inconsistencies that plagued Ten Hag's team last season still haven't been eradicated.

After United failed to clear a corner, Pedro headed home a cross from Simon Adingra to secure a second straight victory for Brighton at the start of its first season under 31-year-old coach Fabian Hurzeler.

The two leading title rivals also made it two wins out of two with shows of strength.

Erling Haaland scored his seventh Premier League hat trick in Manchester City's 4-1 win over Ipswich, while Arsenal earned a 2-0 win at Aston Villa – a team it lost to twice last season before losing the title by two points to City.

Like Ten Hag, Sean Dyche could also be feeling the early pressure after his Everton side slumped to another heavy defeat, losing 4-0 at Tottenham.

Also Saturday, West Ham beat Crystal Palace 2-0 away, Fulham earned a 2-1 home win over Leicester and Nottingham Forest won 1-0 at Southampton.

The defeat at Brighton will be extra tough for United to take as the visitors had a potential winner ruled out in the 70th minute for an almost comical offside.

Alejandro Garnacho's shot from a tight angle was heading into an empty net when it deflected off the knee of the sliding Joshua Zirkzee just before it crossed the line – causing the goal to be ruled out as the Dutch striker was in an offside position.

"We thought we scored the winning goal, and it's so bad luck that the ball is on the line," said Ten Hag, the Dutch manager who was under heavy pressure last season but was retained by United after leading the team to the FA Cup title.

The discussion about whether he is the right man to lead United will probably be rekindled after a loss that was the result of both missed



Thomas Partey added Arsenal's second goal to secure the points for the Gunners (Reuters)

chances and poor defending.

"You can't drop points so unnecessarily," Ten Hag said. "If you protect the goal like we do, you drop points."

Former United striker Danny Welbeck gave Brighton the lead in the 32nd before Amad Diallo equalized on a counterattack in the 60th when he cut in from the right and saw his shot deflected into the net by the sliding Jan Paul van Hecke.

"Quick-fire goals from City

For a brief moment, it looked like promoted Ipswich might pull off a major upset after new signing Sammie Szmodics put the visitors ahead early against Man City.

But three goals in less than four minutes quickly restored order at the Etihad Stadium.

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Haaland now has four goals in two games after netting the opener in a 2-0 win over Chelsea last weekend.

"Arteta beats Emery

Unai Emery was largely responsible for his former team missing out on the title last season, especially

as Villa's 2-0 win at the Emirates Stadium proved decisive in the title race. Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta turned the tables this time, though. Arteta sent on Leandro Trossard in the 65th minute and the winger scored with his first touch two minutes later after Bukayo Saka's low cross was deflected into his path. Saka then set up Thomas Partey for the second in the 77th.

Villa striker Ollie Watkins missed two great chances to give his team the lead – shooting wide in the first half after Arsenal turned the ball over, and then seeing goalkeeper David Raya pull off a spectacular one-handed save to stop his diving header in the second. Raya had scrambled to divert a deflected long-range shot that ended up hitting the crossbar but managed to get off the ground quickly to claw away Watkins' header from the rebound.

"I'm on the floor so I try to get up and I can't reach it," Raya said. "I just see Ollie going in there so I react as quickly as possible."

"Everton in trouble

Everton might be heading for another relegation fight unless Dyche can shore up his defense quickly.

Everton was under pressure throughout at Tottenham in a game where the scoreline easily could have been even bigger. Everton was beaten 3-0 at home by Brighton in its opening game, and the team's last season at Goodison Park could be a difficult one.

Yves Bissouma opened the scoring in the 14th minute with a strike from the edge of the area that went in off the underside of the crossbar. Bissouma was suspended by the club for its opening 1-1 draw at Leicester last weekend after uploading a video to social media of himself inhaling laughing gas. But he was back in the starting lineup, and thanked manager Ange Postecoglou by running up to the Australian and giving him a hug after his goal.

Son Heung-min scored twice for Spurs, while Cristian Romero added the other with a header from a corner.

Ball boy rescued

West Ham's Tomas Soucek and Jarrod Bowen had to cut short their goal celebrations against Palace to pull a ball boy out from underneath an advertising screen that collapsed.

Soucek had just scored the opening goal in the 67th minute and Bowen jumped onto his back as they celebrated in front of the away fans at Selhurst Park. But some of those supporters spilled onto the field when the advertising hoardings gave way, and a ball boy was left trapped underneath one of the screens.

Soucek then quickly hoisted the screen up while Bowen helped the boy to his feet and made sure he was unharmed.

AP

## Arsenal pass Aston Villa test and prove why they're Manchester City's main title rivals

By Pete Hall

TWO games are no barometer of a team's title chances but the early psychological signs are on point for Arsenal as they ended their Aston Villa hoodoo with a result the Gunners of a few years ago could not have hoped to claim.

Under a manager desperate to get one over the only club he hasn't excelled at, Villa had the chances to make it three consecutive victories over the Gunners, to once again do damage to a title challenge when one defeat can be the difference between a first league title in 20 years and further frustration.

Yet, having weathered an almighty Villainous storm, goals from Leandro Trossard and Thomas Partey left limbs flailing everywhere in the away end at Villa Park on Saturday, signalling an ultimate statement of intent, while putting a recent, damaging run of bad luck to rest.

Villa effectively cost Arsenal the title last season. This incarnation of Manchester City do not allow much margin for error, with the April home loss to Villa at the Emirates the difference between a first league title in two decades and another year of hurt.

The Gunners, however, are just there, mentally. Arsenal had won 17 of 19 games this calendar year coming into Saturday's contest; in Football League history, the most wins by a side in their first 20 matches

in a year is 18, won by Liverpool in 1982 and Man City in both 2019 and 2021.

On the road, they have been near perfect in 2024 winning eight of their nine Premier League away games so far, scoring 28 goals, conceding three and keeping seven clean sheets prior to their trip to the Midlands.

They appeared set to continue to be as unrelenting on the road as Elvis after making a blistering start at Villa Park, with Bukayo Saka denied by a superb save from Emiliano Martinez, who celebrated the stop against his former employers with typical gusto.

Villa are not the Gunners' recent bogey team without reason, however, and soon settled into the contest. The hosts should have taken the lead in the 24th minute, but England last-gasp hero Ollie Wat-

kins somehow contrived to miss the target with the goal at his mercy.

Morgan Rogers, playing in a free role off Watkins, was causing Arsenal all kinds of problems. He was bouncing off challenges like Jonah Lomu against bewildered Pacific Islanders, but lacked a killer end product.

Watkins's radar remained off course early in the second half as he headed too close to David Raya when reacting first to Amadou Onana's effort coming down off the crossbar. The Holte End rose as one, sure the net was about to bulge, but Raya's reflexes denied them.

The chances kept coming for Villa, with Ezri Konsa then just missing the post. Villa's moment had passed.

Any title-winning team needs something game-changing off the bench – where would Manchester

United have been without Ole Gunnar Solskjaer – and Arsenal found their salvation in Trossard once more. Six of the Belgium international's 14 Premier League goals for Arsenal have been as a substitute, the highest share of any player to score 10 or more goals for the club in the competition.

Partey's second was less emphatic, squirming a strike under the despairing dive of Martinez to seal the win 10 minutes later, but no less crucial.

The celebrations began in the Arsenal away end. Even this early in the season, the manner of the victory echoed title-winners of yesteryear. Villa will feel hard done by, but Arsenal's resilience, in the face of adversity is to be admired. They are going to go the distance, it is just whether Manchester City will stay with them.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## Azam FC assistant coach blames defeat on mentality after CAF Champions League elimination

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC assistant coach Bruno Ferry has attributed his team's failure to advance to the second preliminary round of the CAF Champions League to a lack of proper mentality.

The Chamazi-based team suffered a 2-0 defeat in the return leg against APR FC, held at the Amahoro Stadium in Kigali, on Saturday evening, and the Rwandan side advanced to the next round, overturning their 1-0 first-leg deficit.

The result came as a major disappointment, given that many fans and analysts saw this as a prime opportunity for Azam FC to secure a place in the group stages of the competition.

APR's attacking midfielder Bosco Ruboneka scored the opening goal in the 44th minute, followed by forward Gilbert Mugisha's goal in the 61st minute, sealing the victory and eliminating Azam FC from the tournament.

Azam FC qualified for the CAF Champions League after finishing second in the Premier League last season. Their elimination means that only Young Africans will represent Tanzania in the tournament, having progressed with a commanding 10-0 aggregate victory over Vital'O of Burundi.

Coach Ferry expressed frustration with his team's performance, citing a lack of the right mentality and attitude as key factors in their defeat.

"The elimination is a huge disappointment. We had all the chances to qualify, but we lacked the right mentality. The team did not approach the match with the necessary attitude, making it difficult to win. It's tough for a coach to manage," he said.

Despite the setback, Ferry remains hopeful about the future of Azam FC. He noted the team's youth and potential and criticized a referee's decision to disallow a crucial substitution, which he believes negatively impacted their performance.

"It was great to play in front of a full stadium, and the atmosphere was fantastic. I thank the fans for their support," Ferry added.

Azam FC will now shift their focus to the domestic league, with their next match scheduled against JKT Tanzania at Major General Isamuhyo Stadium on Wednesday.

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## Yanga earn 30m/- prize from President Samia after 6-0 victory over Vital'O

By Guardian Correspondent

YOUNG Africans have received a cash reward from President Samia Suluhu Hassan after defeating Vital'O of Burundi 6-0 in the CAF Champions League preliminary first round, earning a total of 30 million Tanzanian shillings as part of the president's goal prize initiative.

The match, a return leg of the preliminary round of the African Champions League, took place on Saturday night at Chamazi Complex in Dar es Salaam.

This decisive victory allowed Young Africans to qualify for the next stage of the tournament and collect the cash prize awarded by President Samia to Tanzanian teams that score winning goals in international competitions.

During the handover of the prize, Gerson Msigwa, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Sports, emphasized President Samia's commitment to honoring her promise to Tanzanian teams, including Young Africans, Simba, Azam FC, and Coastal Union, who represent the country in international tournaments.

"It's clear that if you score, you will receive your reward, as was the case with Young Africans, who today received 30 million shillings from our President.

"In the first match, Young Africans earned 20 million shillings for their four goals, so combining that with their six-goal victory, the team has now received 50 million shillings from President Samia," Msigwa said.

Young Africans' president, Eng. Hersi Said, praised the team and encouraged the players to continue their high-scoring performances.

He highlighted the financial incentive provided by President Samia, suggesting it could be used as part of a bonus for the players.

"I told our players to play vigorously to score more goals because the bonus is provided by President Samia, who has a good system of rewarding Tanzanian teams that perform well," Eng. Said stated.

Eng. Said also attributed the success of Tanzanian teams in various competitions to the steadfast support of President Samia, who has been instrumental in motivating and rewarding teams for their achievements on the international stage.

## Gamondi hails players as Yanga triumph over Vital'O to advance in CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans have advanced to the second stage of the CAF Champions League preliminary round with a commanding 6-0 victory against Vital'O of Burundi. The match, held at the Azam Complex in Chamazi, Dar es Salaam, capped off an impressive 10-0 aggregate win following their 4-0 triumph in the first leg.

From the start, Young Africans asserted their dominance, applying consistent pressure on Vital'O with relentless attacks. The breakthrough came in the 13th minute when star forward Pacome Zouzou converted a penalty after Vital'O defender Amedee Ndavyutse handled the ball inside the penalty area. This incident not only gave Young Africans their first goal but also reduced Vital'O to ten men as Ndavyutse was shown a red card.

With a numerical advantage, Young Africans maintained their intensity and executed their coach's game plan with precision. Head coach Miguel Gamondi praised his players after the match for their dedication and hard work, stating: "I appreciate my players for the hard work they put in. I think we very well deserved the qualification for the second round of the preliminary round."

When discussing the strategy behind their success, Gamondi emphasized the importance of discipline and a strong work ethic in training.

"Like I always say, we play like we train. In training, we are very serious, we try to respect the opponent, play attacking football, create chances, and score goals," he explained.

Addressing the impact of Vital'O's red card, Gamondi acknowledged that while it eased the game for Young Africans, his team had already established control prior to the dismissal.

"In this match, they were unlucky, honestly, to get the red card in the first half. It made it easier for us, but even before that, we controlled the game. Our team is hungry, we want to go forward, and we need to play like that. We need to make our fans happy, respect the badge of our team, and play 90 minutes at 100%. This is our mentality," he said.

Young Africans' attacking prowess was on full display in the second half, where they continued to dominate and added five more goals to their tally. Clement Mzize doubled the lead in the 48th minute, and just two minutes later, Clatous Chama made it 3-0.



Young Africans president Engineer Hersi Said (R), accompanied by Gerson Msigwa, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Sports, holds a cash reward of 30m/- from President Samia Suluhu Hassan after defeating Vital'O of Burundi 6-0 in the CAF Champions League preliminary first round, as part of the president's goal prize initiative. The event was held at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Courtesy of YASC

The introduction of Prince Dube in the second half injected fresh energy into the team, and he quickly found the net in the 72nd minute, scoring the fourth goal. Further goals from Stephane Aziz Ki and Mudathir Yahya completed the rout, with Yahya's goal in the closing stages sealing the 6-0 victory.

Despite the comprehensive win, Young Africans' attack faced some challenges. In the first half, while they created several opportunities through the efforts of Chama and Zouzou, they struggled to convert these chances into goals, as Kennedy Musonda and Mzize missed key opportunities.

However, Gamondi's tactical adjustments at halftime, including bringing on Aziz Ki, paid off, allowing Young Africans to capitalize on their dominance and secure a decisive win.

With this victory, Young Africans advance to the second stage of the CAF

Champions League preliminary round, where they will face Ethiopia's Commercial Bank team. The Ethiopian side secured their place in the next round with a 3-2 aggregate win over Uganda's SC Villa, following a 2-1 away victory in Kampala and a 1-1 draw in the return leg in Addis Ababa.

Young Africans will begin their quest to qualify for the group stage with an away fixture in Ethiopia, scheduled between September 13 and 15, followed by the return leg in Dar es Salaam between September 20 and 22.

As they prepare for the next challenge, Young Africans will draw confidence from their recent performances. The team's depth and attacking capabilities have been evident throughout the preliminary rounds, and they aim to continue this momentum as they seek to secure a place in the prestigious group stage of the CAF Champions League.

With the support of their passionate fans and the tactical expertise of coach Gamondi, Young Africans are poised to make a significant impact on the continental stage.

## Simba prepare for key CAF Confederation Cup clash against Al Ahly Tripoli

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA are set to face a crucial test in the CAF Confederation Cup as they prepare to go up against Al Ahly Tripoli of Libya. The first leg of this preliminary second-round tie is scheduled to take place between September 13 and 15 in Libya, with the return leg to be held in Dar es Salaam between September 20 and 22.

Al Ahly Tripoli advanced to this stage following a commanding 3-1 victory over Zanzibar's Uhamiaji FC, securing their place with an aggregate score of 5-1. They won 2-0 in the first leg of the preliminary round.

For Simba, this matchup marks their first competitive game of the CAF Confederation Cup campaign, having been exempted from the first preliminary round due to their strong performance in previous competitions. The winner of this tie will progress directly to the group stage of the tournament.

Simba head coach Fadlu Davids will play a pivotal role in guiding his team through this challenging fixture. Davids, who previously led Orlando Pirates to the finals of the CAF Confederation Cup three seasons ago, brings valuable experience and expertise to Simba's campaign.

Simba's recent history in CAF competitions has been a mix of highs and lows. Two years ago, they fell short of reaching the semi-finals of the CAF Confederation Cup after being eliminated by Orlando Pirates in a dramatic penalty shootout. The teams were tied 1-1 on aggregate, with Orlando Pirates emerging victorious 4-3 in the shootout following a 1-0 win in the second leg.

Last season, Simba reached the quarter-finals of the CAF Champions League but were ousted by Al Ahly. This year, the club is determined to advance further and make a strong impression in the CAF Confederation Cup.

In preparation for the upcoming clash, Simba has proactively sent a delegation to Libya to gather insights and develop strategies for their opponents. This approach aims to ensure that Simba are well-prepared for the challenges posed by Al Ahly Tripoli.

Domestically, Simba recently secured a 3-0 victory over Tabora United in the Premier League, with goals from Che Malone, Valentino Mashaka, and Awesu Awesu. This win marks a strong start for the club in the Mainland league.

Simba are not the only Tanzanian team competing in continental tournaments this season. Young Africans are also representing Tanzania in the CAF Champions League. Young Africans showcased their prowess by defeating Vital'O FC 10-0 on aggregate in the first round and will now face the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE SA) in the second round.

In contrast, Azam FC's journey in the CAF Champions League ended with a 2-1 aggregate defeat to APR of Rwanda.

As Simba prepare for their clash with Al Ahly Tripoli, fans and stakeholders are hopeful for a successful campaign and a return to the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

