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By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed government officials to speak the truth about raising fuel prices and other products, linking the skyrocketing costs with the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and the outbreak of COVID-19.

"We should tell our people what is going on globally; they should know the world commodities price trends. Tanzania has the lowest fuel prices compared to other countries in the East African bloc, but government officials have remained silent, instead of communicating to the public," said President Samia.

She gave the directives at the Chamwino State House yesterday shortly after receiving a report from the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

Samia added: "You should communicate to the public on what is causing the price hike. The Presidency is an institution. It is not necessary for me to talk on every matter raised by Tanzanians in social

Non-profit-making parastatals should be scrapped, says Samia



Controller and Auditor General Charles Kichere (R) moves to present to President Samia Suluhu Hassan the Government's Audit Report for Financial Year 2020/2021 at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has said all loss-making parastatals should be scrapped because they cannot be allowed to continue operating without recording economic benefits, saying resources should be directed to profitable entities.

Speaking yesterday after receiving reports from the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) for in Dodoma Region, the president said it does not make economic sense to continue pumping money into public entities that are not productive.

"There are parastatals that have been there for years and they are in charge of big projects but if you look at their productivity you find nothing," she said.

"Entities like NDC (National Development Corporation) are a liability to the nation because the projects it oversees are among the worst in decision-making; they have endless discussions. Let's be serious on this," she said.



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The president then directed Chief Secretary Hussein Katanga to work with the relevant bodies in reviewing the list of parastatals and decide which should be maintained and which should be shelved.

The directive came after the CAG's report showed that a whopping 34 parastatals have been operating without boards of directors for years.

The president also demanded the overhauling and restructuring of the Medical Stores Department (MSD) to make it more effective.

She said MSD had reached a level of winning a tender to supply medicines and medical equipment within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) but questioned whether it would manage to supply drugs to the regional bloc if it had

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EU firms happy with reforms, offer billions in investment

By Getrude Mbago

VARIOUS companies from European Union (EU) member states have expressed commitment to offer Euros 250 million (over 640bn/-) in Tanzania in the next five years following major reforms undertaken by the government.

A report issued yesterday by the EU shows that the Union is a major trade and investment partner for Tanzania where Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from companies of the ten most active EU member states in Tanzania was



The report has also acknowledged the various efforts that the govt has taken to improve investment and business climate

Euros 1.5 billion between 2013 and 2020.

EU head of Delegation to Tanzania, Ambassador Manfredo Fanti, said the survey conducted in 2021 with about 100 EU companies showed that they have combined stock of investment of around Euros 685 million due to conducive investment environment offered by Tanzania.

He made the statement in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the EU Investment in Tanzania 2022 Report.

He said following major efforts made by

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networks. You are entitled to assist me in the specific sectors."

According to the President, Tanzanians are now concerned with rising prices of various commodities including petroleum products and edible oil.

The head of state noted that the outbreak of COVID-19 contributed to rising prices of various supplies around the globe due to limited production. She said manufacturers are now recovering from the effects of the pandemic, and have started production.

She said the increasing price trend for fuel started mid last year whereas the government, for the time, took initiatives to reduce levies to control pump prices, but the product's prices have maintained an upward trend.

Samia noted that recently, fuel prices increased by 156/- per litre, in response, the energy minister removed a 100/- fuel levy per litre of petroleum, diesel, and kerosene to provide relief to local consumers. But he overlooked the matter because similar decisions were already authorized by the Parliament when endorsing the 2021/2022 budget.

"There was confusion; we consulted and resolved to reinstate the scrapped levy to avoid loss in revenues as Russia-Ukraine on-going conflict is set to make those prices skyrocket even more," asserted President

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives the Prevention and Combating Corruption Bureau's report from PCCB director general Salum Rashid Hamduni at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: State House

PCCB detects misuse in 222 dev't projects

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) has identified 222 development projects valued at 79.14bn/- that had indicators of embezzlement and had launched investigations.

Submitting the Bureau's performance report to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday, PCCB director general Salum Rashid Hamduni said for the period 2020/21 the Bureau had monitored 1,188 development projects in the construction, water, education, health and agriculture sectors with a total value of 714.17bn/- according to their contract

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango speaks at the World Government Summit 2022 in Dubai yesterday. Photo: VPO

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failed to meet domestic demand.

"As of June 30, 2021, MSD had only delivered 34 per cent out of a total of 43,180 products ordered by customers, leaving 66 per cent unfulfilled," the CAG report said.

The president directed the Health ministry to restructure MSD by introducing new faces into its various departments, including procurement.

"Just like what we did to Tanesco (state-run Tanzania Electric Supply Company), the process should apply in almost every department including the top management and the procurement department," she said.

She however noted that SADC still has faith in Tanzania and still wants to give MSD the tender to supply medicines and medical equipment in the region.

"That is why I want us to go and shake up things to make it the MSD we want," she said.

In 2018, MSD signed an agreement to sell medicines, medical and laboratory equipment in the 16 SADC member-states.

With the signing of the contract, MSD was

tasked with nine major responsibilities, including receiving orders from 16 SADC countries, administering statistics and information as needed, administering the database, and monitoring the buying process.

The president meanwhile also issued executive orders to the Prime Minister and Chief Secretary to coordinate the performance of government entities and advise on the parastatals that would benefit from restructuring.

She said the report by the CAG had shown that there is noticeable recklessness in the operations of some public sector entities.

"For example, there are companies and other entities which do not submit monthly deductions to pension funds, which makes the schemes funds fail to operate to satisfaction," she said.

The president meanwhile questioned the rationale behind inspecting vehicles imported into Tanzania being inspected on arrival at ports in the country.

"We do not manufacture any vehicles in Tanzania, so why don't we have an agency at

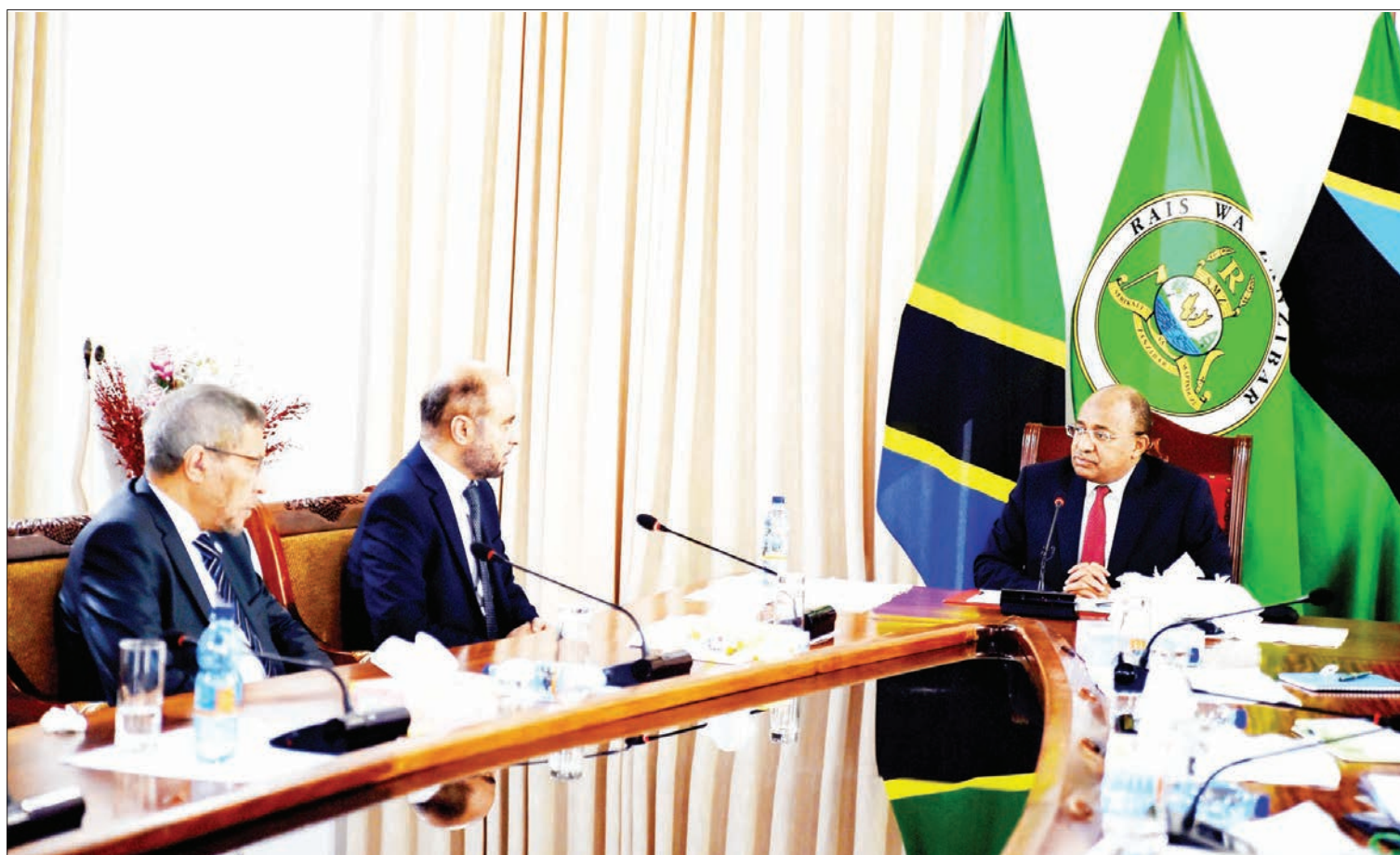
their point of origin instead of bringing that task (inspection) here as, even if you inspect them here, you are not the manufacturer," she said.

She said the inspection causes unnecessary delays for ships that would like to offload cargo "because the very same area that is supposed to be for offloading is where the vehicles are being inspected".

The president instructed Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to check where it is really necessary for imported vehicles to be inspected in Tanzania instead of in the countries of origin.

"In Financial Year 2020/2021 we issued 999 audit certificates, of which 185 were for local government authorities, 195 for public bodies, 308 for the central government, 19 for political parties and 292 development projects," CAG Kichere said.

He said during the (2020/2021) financial year, his office conducted 56 special audits, 37 being for local government authorities, 12 for the central government, six for public entities and one for ICT systems.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi in talks with the OPEC fund director Dr Abdulhamid AlKhalifa (2nd L) and his delegation at State House in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: State House

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the fifth phase government to improve business environment, several EU companies are now willing to increase investment in Tanzania.

He said the report highlights the scope, scale and reach of investments from the EU in Tanzania, showcasing their impact on the national economy, as well as trends and opportunities for further investments.

It has a specific focus on developments that have taken place in the past five years, mapping in detail eleven key sectors of the economy: agriculture; banking and finance; construction and real estate; energy; Information, communication and technology (ICT); manufacturing; mining; retail and trade; transport and logistics; tourism; as well as oil and gas.

The report shows that the European Union is a major trade and investment partner for Tanzania with a total trade volume of 856 million Euros of exports from the EU to Tanzania and 456 million Euros imports from Tanzania to the EU in 2021.

It says the contribution to the Tanzanian economy has been substantial. It is estimated that EU companies currently provide 151,000 jobs, of which 38 per cent are women while the largest companies alone paid \$1.45 billion taxes between 2015 and 2021.

EU companies are long term investors, the majority have been active in Tanzania for over 10 years with the main sectors being agriculture and tourism. The outlook among EU investors is positive with an increasing focus on extending their activities from the local to the regional and international markets.

The report has been jointly prepared by the European Union delegation and the European Business Group (EUBG), and supported by numerous stakeholders from both the private sector and the Tanzanian public administration. It was developed following an extensive survey of European companies.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula said: "This report is positively received and it will be used to add value to the ongoing business environment conversations and it will be a useful tool for dialogue and collaboration. It is satisfying to note that the Report in page 11 and 12 has acknowledged the personal commitment of the president and that of her government in ensuring the investment and business environment in the country is improved. The Report has also acknowledged the various efforts that the government has taken to improve investment and business climate."

She said in 2020, the European Union ranked fourth in imports from Tanzania and its investors made major contributions to the Tanzanian economy.

In addition, 10 per cent of exports had been exported to European Union countries and 12 per cent of imports into Tanzania are from EU countries (IMF report).

Between 2015-2021, investors from the

European Union paid \$1.45 billion in taxes and 151,000 jobs were created with 98 per cent locals and 38 per cent women. Over subsequent five years, it is estimated that, investment from the European Union are going to be worth Euros 276 million.

"With the utmost need to grow the business sector and realize its impacts, the government strives to ensure there is a favorable environment for investment and trade in Tanzania. As part of these initiatives, necessary steps have been taken to enable the private sector to grow and ease of doing business," she said.

She said the government in collaboration with the private sector is working closely to formulate policies that are geared to achieve that objective. Major reforms have been undertaken in the legal, fiscal and public service sectors to ensure ease in doing business in the country.

The recent reforms undertaken by the government include the adoption and implementation of the blueprint for regulatory reforms to improve business environment. The implementation of the Blueprint has resulted to the removal of 154 nuisance taxes, rationalizing and harmonizing duplicating roles and functions of some regulatory authorities that were inhibiting effective participation and engagement of the private sector in both productive and commercial undertakings," she noted.

Amb. Mulamula further said the government reckons with appreciation the EU for the Financing Agreement worth Euro 23 million to support Business Environment, Growth and Innovation (BEGIN) programme in Tanzania. The implementation of this project will promote inclusive economic growth, employment and innovation and improve Tanzanian business environment, in line with the Tanzania government blueprint for regulatory reforms.

As we continue with efforts to enhance business environment and promotion of investment in Tanzania, I wish to take this opportunity to invite more investors from the European Union member states to invest in Tanzania. Tanzania is a peaceful and stable country and is endowed with many investment opportunities especially in strategic areas including oil and gas, minerals, industry, tourism, blue economy, agriculture and livestock. Equally, Tanzania is a member of the EAC and SADC community and has recently ratified the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market," she explained.

She noted that the report demonstrates the continued outstanding bilateral relations that exist between the two sides. Tanzania and the European Union share the goal of achieving economic prosperity and long-term growth. This report will serve as the benchmark for the unleashing potentials of European Union investment in Tanzania as well as a catalyst for European investors' continued commitment to the country.

The minister said Tanzania remains committed to strengthening the existing ties with the European Union.

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agreements.

He said in making the follow up, 960 projects valued at 635bn/- were found with minor deficiencies and advised the stakeholders on how best to implement the projects.

"Out of the projects assessed there are 222, valued at 79.14bn/- which had indicators of embezzlement and investigations were ongoing," said the PCCB boss.

"We also made assessments of revenue collection systems in 141 local councils countrywide, on the HESLB loan repayment system and the system in issuing permits in 102 local councils," he added.

In regard to legal services, Hamduni said

29.3bn/- was rescued by the Bureau and finalised investigations on 1,054 corruption cases including nine cases of big corruption, those above 1bn/-.

"We have also finalised investigations on 28 case files stemming from CAG reports and 503 cases were finalised in courts whereas the republic won in 347 cases or 68.9 per cent and lost in 156 cases," he said.

"In collaboration with the National Prosecutions Services (NPS) the PCCB had been able to confiscate various properties valued at 1.2bn/-, and frozen 495.5m/- in various bank accounts."

However, he said the institution communicated with employers of 257 public officials who had court cases so that disciplinary measures are taken in accordance with Public Service Regulations.

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Samia, urging the ministers concerned to relay the message to the public.

The increase in fuel prices affects charges for other products including transport fee. Currently, the cost of shipping a 40 feet container from China to Tanzania is between \$8,000 and \$9,000 compared to the previous cost of \$1,500.

"Importers will definitely raise the price of goods to compensate for the increased shipping cost. Citizens must be told the truth to stop blaming the government," she said.

On edible oil, the head of state directed Finance and Planning Minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba to come up with strategies to protect local edible oil manufacturers, saying that the strategies should be included in the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023

budgets.

She however raised concerns that most of the edible oil manufacturing factories are not functioning. She said decisions to ban importation of edible oil should be revised since its implementation has not provided relief to Tanzanians.

"I am suggesting a review of the importation ban; you should lift the ban to allow importation of the product. It is better to have the product in our markets regardless of its prices," the President insisted.

She added: "People are complaining about rising edible oil prices; but local manufacturers are not producing enough to meet the market; you should look at how to control the rising prices."



Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, ambassador Liberata Mulumula addresses at the launch of the European Union (EU) investment report in the country in Dar es Salaam yesterday aimed at contributing to growth and development in the agriculture, industry, tourism and minerals sectors. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

President Mwinyi decries politics of hatred

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on political leaders to inculcate a habit of discussing existing challenges with a view to building rather than attacking each other.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks while speaking to reporters at the Zanzibar City Hall, an arrangement he set to speak to the press at the end of each month.

He urged politicians to put patriotism first and focus on the broader interests of the nation to unite people and decry politics of hatred and hostility.

According to Dr Mwinyi, peace and stability was the first priority in his government after the political crisis, citing hatred caused by the effects of political tensions, which came at a time

when people were losing their lives as a result of violence and some were divorcing due to political differences and Zanzibar to provide refugees.

He said the only way out of such challenges is for leaders to stay together and find solutions and never refuse to go back to where they came from.

"Dear Citizens, my commitment to unite the people is there ... when politicians face such challenges we sit down and talk about them for solutions and this is not the time to argue," he said, stressing that there is no economy and investment without peace where the issue is the main priority of the Zanzibar government.

Dr Mwinyi said political and economic tensions in Ukraine and Russia have largely led to rising prices for various products

including cooking oil and wheat flour, stating that the two countries are the major producers of these important products, as a result of which economies in some countries, including the continent, have collapsed.

"I want to tell the people that the ongoing war in Ukraine and Russia which are the major producers of oil and wheat flour has led to a rise in prices on the part of Zanzibar because we are not producers of those products," he said.

He also mentioned that the government's current efforts include the removal of taxes on certain essential food products including oil and sugar.

Dr Mwinyi urged traders to stop raising the prices of locally produced goods including cassava during the holy month of Ramadhan to help ease burden on

people.

He noted that these were under the control of the government, but there are issues beyond the control of the government, including rising food and fuel prices.

Addressing the issue of twin citizenship and its procedures, President Mwinyi said the issue is being worked on because it is in the Union matter.

He said on the part of Zanzibar it already appreciates the significant contribution of the diaspora who are free to come to the country and work including in professional activities with the aim of supporting the development and economy of Zanzibar.

He said Zanzibar government has opened the door for the group to come to the country and make its significant contribution to nation building and development.

CAG Kichere highlights problems facing PSSF

By Guardian Reporter

CONTROLLER and Auditor General (CAG) Charles Kichere has identified problems in the Public Sector Social Security Fund (PSSF) which for three consecutive years, pension benefits has exceeded income from contributions.

Kichere made the remarks yesterday while presenting the audit report for the financial year ending June 30, 2021 to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the State House here in Dodoma.

He said despite the government increasing the capacity of the PSSF fund to 30 per cent, the rate was still below the recommended 40 per cent.

"Social security funds have various challenges for three consecutive years, social security pension benefits for the public sector exceeded the proceeds from contributions for the year," he said.

He said in the financial year 2020/21 benefits increased by 767bn/-, in 2019/20 increased by 232bn/- and 2018/19 increased by 307bn/-.

"As of June 30, 2021 this fund had a debt of 323.98bn/- from government institutions and other agencies," he said.

Meanwhile, the national private sector social security fund (NSSF), he said, has provided loans of 1.17trn/- to 10 government institutions that have not been repaid since

2007.

He also said government debt has increased from 56.76trn/- last year to 64.52trn/- by June 30, 2021.

He said there is an increase of 7.76trn/- equivalent to 13.7 per cent.

He however said the measure of government debt, which is based on GDP, shows that the debt is still sustainable.

Kichere also said in an audit of state-owned banks he found the rate of non-performing loans to the development bank (TIB) increased from 41.5 per cent in 2019 to 51.5 per cent in 2020 contrary to the Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) target of five per cent.

He said the level of non-performing loans to TCB Bank (Tanzania Commercial Bank) increased from 5.87 per cent in 2019 to 15.1 per cent in 2020 contrary to the BoT target.



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APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

Notice is hereby given that,
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Whose photograph is provided above is applying to the Minister for Home Affairs for Tanzania Citizenship/His/Her Nationality at present is KENYA. The country of origin is KENYA. Her occupation is TEACHER. Her employer's Business Address is She has been in this country since 2006 apart from ARUSHA Region, she has also resided in ARUSHA Region.

That any person who knows any reason why citizenship should not be granted to the applicant, should send a written and signed statement of facts to the Commissioner General of Immigration Services, P.O. BOX 512/DAR -ES-SALAAM. Using Ref. No. AR/DW/18989

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GRANTS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF COVID-19-RELEVANT MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, the European Union (EU) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany are jointly supporting the "COVID-19-relevant Medical and Pharmaceutical Products" (CMPP) Component.

The CMPP Component is now calling for project proposals from private companies, state-owned companies and institutions (including universities and research centres) located in the SADC region. These project proposals shall increase local production capacity of affordable and innovative COVID-19 relevant medical and pharmaceutical products. Specifically for this call, these project proposals shall focus on any of the following: (i) items relevant for COVID-19 vaccine administration (e.g. syringes, needles, plasters, gloves); (ii) items relevant for COVID-19 vaccination management (e.g. cold chain equipment, dry ice, vaccine carriers, deep freezers, vaccination monitoring tools); and (iii) items relevant for COVID-19 clinical management (antivirals such as molnupiravir, COVID-19 tests, dexamethasone, oxygen concentrators, oxygen flasks, nasal cannula; (iv) items/machinery relevant for COVID-19 vaccine production (e.g. production machinery, adjuvants, stabilisers, preservatives, vials, stoppers, packaging). The CMPP Component will allocate grants ranging from EUR 50,000 to EUR 200,000 to selected eligible proposals. Eligible companies and institutions are expected to finance at least 25% of the project's total costs and to complete the project within twelve months, which must be reflected in the proposal. The detailed call for proposal, which has a link to the application form, can be found on the SADC website: <https://tinyurl.com/SADCSIPSCall2>. The submission of applications deadline is 25th of April 2022 18:00hrs (Botswana time).

CMPP Component is part of the joint action "Support towards Industrialization and the Productive Sectors in the SADC region (SIPS)." It is co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and is being implemented by the SADC Secretariat and the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.


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TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES

- National Bank of Commerce Limited has set aside funds for the procurement of various services during financial year 2022/2023, it is intended that, part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the various contracts.
- Request for proposal is open to all eligible service providers with proven experience and capacity to offer the required services. Interested eligible bidders are invited to apply for the provision of below list of services;
 - Electronic Statement Solution
 - Jasper Reports Solution
 - Enterprise Middleware
 - Batch Scheduler Solution
 - Corporate Digital Signature Solution
 - Outsourced Development Vendor Services
- Request for Proposal documents can be downloaded from the website www.nbc.co.tz and then click 'Procurement' to access the document.
- All Proposals in one original and one copy set properly filled in, and enclosed in sealed envelope marked as per service name written on the RFP Document and should be addressed to; **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, 6th FLOOR, and P. O. BOX 1863 DAR ES SALAAM.**
- Sealed applications and Bids must be submitted not later than **Tuesday, 19th April 2022 at 1600hrs**. Proposal shall be delivered by hand to the Tender Box located at reception of Head Office building, ground floor along Sokoine Drive / Azikiwe Street.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF TRUCK VOLUMETRIC SCANNING TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Truck scanning hardware and software for volumetric and density operations and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply and installation of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01432	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF TRUCK VOLUMETRIC SCANNING TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.52%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.6%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01432)	
Proof of technical capabilities to Supply & delivery a Volumetric Scanning System (TVS) able to interface with GGMLs Transcale system and RFID scanner and system automatically, without manual work required to manipulated data and ensure data integrity.	15%
Proof of experience and capabilities to Supply Truck Analyst Data Management and Reporting Software System and components automated with current Transcale system and proven to work other sites with Transcale scales	15%
Volumetric Scanning System Warranty and electrical components 1 year	10%
Proof of technical capabilities to do Commissioning - onsite and online Assistance to ensure availability and functioning of system for scanner specific	10%
Detail design provision for Permanent Gantry for Cat 785 trucks and Hitachi 4400 clearance	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01432) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 14th April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Tanzania and Israel sign agreement to collaborate in children heart surgeries

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA and Israel's Save a Child's Heart (SACH) have agreed to collaboratively improve cardiac services to children by sharing expertise and training of specialists.

The agreement was signed in Dodoma yesterday by SACH executive director, Simon Fisher and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Prof Abel Makubi.

Prof Makubi said they have agreed to collaborate in matters related to cardiac services to children in the country.

"Our conversation focused on how we can collaborate to increase the number of experts who will attend short and long-term training in Israel to become specialists and super specialists in the cardiac services to children," he said.

The PS acknowledged SACH for

conducting heart camps in Tanzania since 2015, adding that a total of 130 children with heart complications have been treated.

He called on SACH management to look at possibilities of scaling up the programme to zonal referral and regional hospitals to bring medical services closer to the community.

"I would like to commend SACH for prioritizing to offer cardiac services in Tanzania as well as provision of short and long term training to our medical experts. They have enabled the government to save huge amounts of money that could have been used to treat our patients abroad," said the Permanent Secretary.

Prof Makubi requested SACH to increase the numbers of training scholarships offered to local experts to produce more specialists in emergency and intensive care services.

SACH Executive Director, Simo

Fisher reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate with the Ministry of Health especially in the agreed areas.

Fisher visited Benjamin Mkapa hospital in Dodoma to get the actual demand for specialists and super specialization services in the area of cardiac.

SACH is an Israeli-based international humanitarian project, whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries who suffer from heart disease and to create centres of competence in these countries.

It is dedicated to the idea that every child deserves the best medical treatment available, regardless of the child's nationality, religion, colour, gender or financial situation.

By mending the hearts of children, regardless of their origin, SACH is contributing to a better and more peaceful future for all children.



Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Parliament) Kaspar Mmuya (R) speaks to members of the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) in Dodoma on Tuesday. Others are the Office's minister ambassador Dr Pindi Chana and the deputy minister Umy Nderiananga. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

'ATCL input to national economy immense'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Ministry of Works and Transport says the Air Tanzania Corporation Ltd (ATCL) input to the country's economy is immense as it has assisted to strengthen various sectors including tourism, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ministry's Permanent Secretary, Gabriel

Migire made the remarks when opening the second meeting of ATCL second workers council held here Tuesday.

He said ATCL has been acting in spurring development activities in various economic sectors that have been strengthening despite covid-19.

"We are all witnesses, we do not consider

ATCL incomes in regard to the country's economy, but its contribution in the growth of other sectors including tourism which is the third or fourth in contributing to the country's income," said the PS.

He added that in recognizing ATCL importance, it has given priorities for large projects, starting from JNHPP, SGR and the huge refurbishment of the national airline.

"There are some people claiming that ATCL does not operate profitably, but for us we do not consider income only, but its contribution to other sectors, because if you shut down ATCL, tourism will falter," he added.

Migire said apart from ATCL passing through many challenges, but the government has continued with its plan to provide it with more planes whose fleet will reach 16 planes by 2023/24.

He said planes that are expected to be bought include one Q400, two B737-9, B787 and B767 cargo plane that will also contribute to employment opportunities.

Earlier, ATCL chief executive officer Eng. Ladislaus Matindi said the existence of the airline has helped business people who import goods from China and India to benefit economically and befeed up national income.

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APPEAL NO. 4 OF 2022 BETWEEN

REAL PARADOX LIMITED APPELLANT

AND

VODACOM TANZANIA PLC 1ST RESPONDENT

THE INSPECTOR OF MERCHANDISE

MARKS ACT 1ST RESPONDENT
DIY LIMITED 2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Inspector of Merchandise Marks Act given on 7th March, 2022 in which 4900 bags of gypsum plaster branded "ANDIKO" belonging to the appellant were seized by the 1st Respondent for infringing "ANDIKA" trademark belonging to the 2nd Respondent contrary to section 3(1)(g) of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1963.

The appeal is based on the grounds that the decision was not based on evidence; there was an error in law in consideration of what amounted to counterfeits and trade mark infringement; there was an error in law and facts in basing the decision on irrelevant considerations; and the failure to consider that the goods were meant for Zambian market. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders allowing the appeal and set aside the decision of the 1st Respondent with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 31st March, 2022.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR LOADING AND HAULING BLASTED ROCKS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of improving its aggregate crushing production and, therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to submit Expression of Interest for the services as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01421	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR LOADING AND HAULING BLASTED ROCKS TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
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Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
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Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01421)	60%
Proof of previous experience in Load and Haul of materials using heavy machines/equipment in mining or related heavy industry such as Cement, Oil and Gas or Petroleum.	20%
Plants and Equipment availability related to road maintenance works at a minimum (Excavators (CAT/VOLVO, 5.16m ³ Bucket Capacity) 1Nos, 777G Cat C32 Haul Truck (4Nos), Loader (4.5m ³ Bucket Capacity) - 1Nos, Dozer – D8/9 (1Nos), Food Van (1Nos), 4WD Light Vehicle (2Nos) for supervision and 1 Nos Minibus) with PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, no equipment rental shall be accepted.	20%
Technical personnel availability and experience with CV's and related personnel's certificates [1 Nos full time Site Manager, 1 Nos Safety Manager, 2 Nos Safety Officers, 1 Nos Maintenance Manager, 1 Nos Registered Site Engineer, (CV's Must be stamped by the Tenderer).	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01421) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 14th April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Respiratory problems in children due to high level of Influenza A viruses – health ministry

By Guardian Reporter

THE Health ministry says the increase of patients with symptoms of fever, coughing, colds, chest and body pains especially in small children in Dar es Salaam Region is due to the presence of the high level of Influenza A viruses.

A press statement issued yesterday by the Government Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aifello Sicalwe said beginning March 22 to 25 this year, the Ministry sent a team of experts to the Dar es Salaam Region and visited various health centres to monitor respiratory diseases on children under 12 years' old who were admitted.

Dr Sicalwe said 123 samples were taken from children with the said symptoms and results showed that

16 out of the 123 samples, or 13 per cent of the samples had Influenza A viruses and that all the samples did not indicate Covid-19 infections.

"The 13 per cent level is very high compared to the country's normal five per cent average that has been in the country for a long time.

"Probably, it is due to this high level that has seen the increase of people, particularly children with the said symptoms at various health centres in Dar es Salaam Region," he said.

He explained that the situation has emerged when there are still Covid-19 infections in the country whereby statistics from testing results for the period of January to March 20 this year show the reduction of infections from the average of 138 cases per day to five in March 2022.

Dr Sicalwe further said the ministry continues to monitor the habits of Covid-19 variants and found out that there are no new variant other than the Omicron.

"The ministry continues to take appropriate steps and call upon health workers to strengthen the monitoring of all patients all patients suffering from respiratory problems," he added.

He also said health education should continue to be provided on diseases that affect the respiratory systems through various means including the media, social media and at health centres.

He advised all the people to continue coming up for vaccination against Covid-19 and complete the doses in order to get full protection.



Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) deputy commissioner Khadija Issa Said (2nd R) hands over a symbolic business insurance package plus comprehensive to LPG director Laura Johnson during the Women and Insurance awareness event in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on are Fortis Insurance Brokers CEO Maryam Shamo (R), production group (LPG) CEO Lilian Myaka (2nd L) and insurance general manager Tabia Massudi. The cover has being offered to sensitise the importance of insurance. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Ndejemi pledges good management of 7.8bn/- TASAF funds in Mwanza region

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has pledged to appropriately manage expenditure of 7.8bn/- provided through Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) for implementation of 104 Tanzania Poverty Reduction Project Phase IV (TPRP IV) launched in Mwanza aimed at alleviating poverty in poor households in the region.

President's Office - Public Service Management Deputy Minister Deogratias Ndejemi spelled out his pledge when addressing coordinators, accountants and TASAF monitoring officers in Mwanza Region at a task force meeting aimed at mobilising for better management of funds provided by the government for TPRP IV.

He said 7.8bn/- is a lot of money which the government sought from development partners to improve the

lives of poor households, hence, he added, people have high expectation that the money will serve the intended purposes.

He added that he will make sure to make close follow ups on officials coordinating the plan to make sure the money is well spent, and added that whoever will embezzle it, stern measures will be taken against them.

In the circumstances, Ndejemi said he will be making frequent visits to the Lake Zone to satisfy himself on how the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) for TPRP IV is implemented.

He also called upon TASAF coordinators in all local councils of Mwanza region to ensure they involve District commissioners and the defence and security committees so that transparency reigns in the proper monitoring of the projects implementation.

He said there are areas that have done well in the TASAF projects hence I decided that it would be better for me to come to the region to rally for good supervision in all areas.

On behalf of officials present at the meeting, TASAF Coordinator for Sengerema District, Malissa Ndugha thanked the deputy minister for reminding them of their responsibilities in the proper management of the money provided by the government.

He assured the deputy minister that they will fully implement his directives to make sure the funds provided by the government are well spent.

TPRP IV project in Mwanza Region was launched October 21 last year with a total of 104 projects valued at 7.84bn/- for implementation of all districts in the region - Kwimba, Magu, Misungwi, Ilemela, Nyamagana, Sengerema, Ukerewe and Buchosa.

Tanzania commended for implementing OPEC funded development projects through TASAF

By Guardian Correspondent, Arumeru

THE OPEC Fund for International Development is pleased with the implementation of the country's development projects through Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

OPEC Fund director Dr Alikhalifa Abdulhamid Saleh made the remarks yesterday when inspecting development projects implemented by TASAF III and IV at Oldonyowas Secondary School in Arumeru district, Arusha region.

He further said the fund will continue working together with the government of Tanzania to make sure all OPEC funded projects are completed in time and bring positive results to the community.

Dr Alikhalifa said: "We thank the government for working with us in implementing development projects to alleviate poverty in the health and

education sectors, I am pleased to see children learn in good environment, good classes and good school structures."

He said the aim of the government for the period of 2020/25 is to speed up development to the people to fight the abject poverty inflicting them as well as to increase families' incomes and the whole community in general.

TASAF managing director, Ladislaus Mwamanga said the delegation from OPEC countries came to conduct normal review and evaluate projects funded by OPEC Fund.

"OPEC Fund is working together with Tanzania government in development projects aimed at alleviating poverty, and after inspecting the projects they are satisfied with their implementation," said Mwamanga.

He further said when OPEC Fund officials met President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Chamwino State House in

Dodoma, they pledged to extend USD 50 million (120bn/-) for continuation of TASAF IV projects in five regions of Tanzania Mainland – Njombe, Simiyu, Mwanza, Geita and Arusha.

For his part, the chairman of Oldonyowas village Godfrey Ayo thanked OPEC Fund through TASAF for providing the funds for the construction of infrastructures at Oldonyowas Secondary School as well as poverty alleviation through TASAF.

He added that the village has benefitted from 747.7m/- funds provided.

He said the village has implemented six projects valued at 747.7m/- while 34m/- was spent in the poultry project, and 97.8m/- for the construction of classrooms and pit latrines.

He said another 76.7m/- was used for the construction of teachers' houses, 104m/- for the administrative building and 175m/- for two girls' dormitories.

Ruvuma built 500 classrooms during one-year of President Samia - RC Ibuge

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RUVUMA Region has successfully built a total of 500 classrooms, 448 being in secondary schools while the remaining 52 are for primary schools during a one-year term of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Ambassador Brig General Wilbert Ibuge unveiled this yesterday when speaking to reporters on President Samia's one-year achievements.

He noted that during that period the region has built primary schools at a cost of 10.24bn/- through project number 5441 TCRP, and out of that 760m/- has been used to build 5 offices in Tunduru, Songea Municipal, Songea, Nyasa and Mbinga councils.

The RC also unveiled that his office

received more than 13bn/- for the implementation of water projects in various parts of Ruvuma Region.

During the one-year period of President Samia, the region has successfully provided loans of more than 3bn/- to women, youth and people with disabilities economic empowerment.

RC Ibuge however urged business entrepreneurs outside and within the region to take advantage of investment opportunities as the region has many economic opportunities that require people to invest.

Ruvuma is one of Tanzania's 31 administrative regions, with Songea as capital municipality.

According to the 2012 national census, the region had a population of 1,376,891, which was lower than the

pre-census projection of 1,449,830.

In 2002-2012, the region's 2.1 percent average annual population growth rate was the twentieth highest in the country. It was also the 28th most densely populated region with 22 inhabitants per square kilometer (57/sq mi).

The region is named after the Ruvuma River, which forms most of its southern boundary with Portuguese-speaking Mozambique and is also bordered to the north by the Morogoro Region, to the northeast by the Lindi Region, to the east by the Mtwara Region, and to the northwest by the Njombe Region. Ruvuma has many different tribes, such as the Mpoti. The highest point in the region is Mount Lukukura at 1,769m.



Tanga Special Seats MP Husna Sekiboko (4th R) hands over 500 bricks and 50 bags of cement to CCM women wing in Muheza district, Tanga region to acting chairperson Mwanaisha Mhando yesterday. The donation is aimed at supporting the construction of the wing's district secretary residence at Genge area. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE average rainfalls that continue to pour in Mbeya Region have helped their bean crop to thrive compared to previous years when the crop was ruined due to inadequate rains.

Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)-Uyole centre director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki said the results were the efforts of food crop and commercial researchers from the institute who are focused on helping farmers by providing them with advice on how best to grow their crops.

Dr Bucheyeki said apart from providing them with better agricultural education TARI provided farmers with better bean seeds that are resilient to climate change including heavy rainfall.

"We're happy to see the bean crop in the field continues to thrive. We've visited several farms and experienced

Researchers predict bumper harvest thanks to continuing rains in Mbeya

the reality. We hope this year the harvest will be high because we advised them to use the best seeds we researched at TARI-Uyole center," said Dr. Bucheyeki.

The expert added that the decision to provide new bean seeds to farmers was reached after a meeting of agricultural stakeholders from the four southern highlands regions—Mbeya, Rukwa, Songwe and Ruvuma where they agreed to evaluate new bean seeds and other crops that have begun to be researched before starting to distribute them to farmers.

"Experts have come up with new seed innovations to help farmers cope with the current challenges. The programme aims to reach more than 3,000 farmers across the country with seeds that will be tested before being

distributed to other farmers," he said

TARI-Uyole bean researcher Catherine Mwakabungu also said the new bean seeds were designed with the help of climate change and that they were now happy to see more crops in the field.

She said the seeds will be able to withstand the weather anywhere and that every year 1000 farmers will be able to benefit from the seeds which he said have high yields.

One of been seed producers in the Southern Highlands Region, Padhili Kasubiri said the seeds have come at the right time and will help farmers get rid of poverty by getting higher yields.

Crop processor from Ikowo area in Rukwa Region, Remi Mariva said for a long time they have had a small harvest due to the type of seeds they use.

By Guardian Reporter

ABSA Group Limited has appointed Arrie Rautenbach as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective immediately.

The appointment follows a thorough recruitment and selection process completed by the board.

Arrie (pictured), who is currently Chief Executive of the Group's retail and business banking (RBB) unit, is the first internally appointed CEO since 2006. He has more than 25 years' banking experience, which includes serving as the Group's Chief Risk Officer, simultaneously providing executive leadership for the Group Separation Programme and Group Strategy Office. His extensive experience in the banking sector, his in-depth knowledge of Absa through several executive roles over the years, and his experience and strengths in strategy development and execution for the group, positions him ideally to lead the group at this time.

Previous Absa roles include Chief Executive of Retail Banking, Managing Executive of Absa Card Division and Managing Executive of Distribution. He began his career with Absa Group at Bankfin in the late 1990s.

Interim CEO Jason Quinn will resume his position as Group Financial Director with immediate effect.

Wendy Lucas-Bull, outgoing Absa Group Chairman, said: "On behalf of the board, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Arrie as our Group

Absa Group appoints new CEO



CEO. I am confident that his leadership will provide the continuity and stability necessary to consolidate our purpose and strategy. I know that the Group is in good hands under Arrie's executive leadership as I hand over the reins of the Board Chairmanship to Sello, who takes over on 1 April 2022. I would like to thank Jason and Punki for their significant contributions as Interim Group CEO and Interim Financial Director, respectively, during which time the Group's positive operational momentum was maintained. I am pleased to be handing over the chairmanship to Sello, with the Group in very good shape, having delivered record results for 2021 and with strong capital and liquidity ratios."

Sello Moloko, Absa Group Chairman Designate said: "Arrie's appointment will anchor our performance and growth, as we consolidate our position as a leading financial services provider on the continent. Arrie is aligned with the board on our organizational imperatives, including talent

management and transformation. The board looks forward to working with Arrie and the executive to ensure a Pan-African financial services group that creates sustainable value for all its stakeholders. Furthermore, I look forward to continuing to work with Jason and Punki and thank them and the Exco for such strong delivery over the last year, which has placed the Group on a solid footing for the future."

Arrie Rautenbach, Absa Group CEO, said: "I am humbled and honoured to lead Absa during challenging conditions locally and internationally. I am excited at the prospect of working with a talented and diverse team, leading an outstanding business that is positioned to seize the many opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to working with the board and the executive in consolidating our strategy and performance, driving organizational and cultural transformation, and delivering financial and social value for all our stakeholders, and sustainable future growth and returns for Absa and its shareholders."

Punki Modise will step down as Interim FD of Absa Group and Absa Bank and as an executive director of the boards, with immediate effect. She will take the position of Interim Chief Executive: RBB and remains on the Group Executive Committee.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF CORGHI HOIST TRAINING TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

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Training Provider will supply comprehensive training materials e.g. hard copies and soft copies to be kept by GGML	5%
Present a comprehensive CV of the certified trainer and assessor	5%
Training Provider must be accredited by a Nationally Recognized Qualifications Authority and provide proof of accreditation	10%
All Inspections, maintenance, repairs, replacements, and alterations must conform to the manufacturers' recommendations.	10%
Run the hoist through the full range of motions, all the way up and down.	5%
Confirm competency in line with the manufacturer's requirements as per the operators' handbook, other types of information source and the relevant regulations and legislation.	10%
Load chain inspection. Check for: nicks, gouges, deformation, flaws, heat damage, bent links, wear, stretch, corrosion, pitch elongation and proper lubrication. Inspect Hand Chain for deformation and pitch elongation	10%
Training Provider will be responsible for the Issue of certificates	5%
Total	100%

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Consuming vegetables play an important role in our health

HEALTH, according to the World Health Organisation, is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. A variety of definitions have been used for different purposes over time. Health can be promoted by encouraging healthful activities, such as regular physical exercise and adequate sleep, and by reducing or avoiding unhealthful activities or situations, such as smoking or excessive stress.

Some factors affecting health are due to individual choices, such as whether to engage in a high-risk behaviour, while others are due to structural causes, such as whether the society is arranged in a way that makes it easier or harder for people to get necessary healthcare services. Still other factors are beyond both individual and group choices, such as genetic disorders.

The World Vegetable Centre has called on residents in east, central and southern Africa to increase intake of vegetables in order to protect their health, especially children.

According to the centre there is concern on insignificant intake of greens and fruits in this part of Africa. People were unduly missing balanced diets.

Researches show that Africa produces a lot of starchy foods. The consequence is that our staple foods in this part of Africa are cereals because we grow a lot of them. There is too much starch in our diets while we do not care much about eating fruits and vegetables. We want urgent behavioural change in this aspect to improve health of millions of people.

African families have no good

reasons for failing to eat vegetables because on the whole vegetables are readily available in this part of the world. The centre's paramount task is to research on, educate and encourage people to eat vegetables in order to protect health, especially children's health. Mere eating of vegetables in the right way and right amounts protects automatically people from getting many diseases related to food nutrients deficiency.

The centre which started in 1971, undertakes researches on different types of fruits and vegetables, especially eggplants, okra, roselle, amaranth, tomatoes and pepper so that quality seeds can reach farmers. When farmers will use quality seeds they will get bumper harvests of quality vegetables, flood markets with vegetables and finally families will get vegetables at competitive prices.

We are told that the centre is researching on spices so that farmers can get quality seeds and grow crops for local and foreign markets because the market for spices is big, in and outside Tanzania. Small and medium entrepreneurs ought to seize this opportunity and grow their businesses and that serious vegetable growing will inevitably create jobs for millions in the region.

The centre enjoys good cooperation from the government and the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) in encouraging people to grow vegetables.

Last year Sagcot and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) organised jointly a training for seed stakeholders in which the seed policy and farming laws were reviewed and recommendations made.

Policymakers, stakeholders must develop policies to reduce effects of drought

NEARLY, a quarter of the world's population does not have enough food for normal living and nearly 1 billion people become hungry every year. One of the reasons for undernourishment and hunger is drought, which reduces agricultural production leading to food insecurity situation. In half of the years of the twenty-first century, drought was the main cause of shortage in world grain production compared to its consumption, creating problem with food security.

One of the important reasons for undernourishment, malnutrition and hunger is global and regional drought, which reduces agricultural production. In addition to annual drought-related agricultural losses, long-term technology-increased global grain production, the principal indicator of food security, are currently growing slower than the population.

Looking back through the history of biological evolution and human civilisation, drought not only claimed lives of various creatures but also impeded the development of human civilisation.

According to statistics, five of the World Top Ten Major Natural Disasters happened in the 20th century are droughts; others are three earthquakes, one typhoon and one tsunami.

The severe drought in Africa (1968-1973) claimed 2 million lives, hit 25 million people in 36 countries and forced over 10 million victims to flee home. China is also frequently hit by drought and three out of the world five major droughts in the 20th century happened in China.

Yet due to the shortage of water conservancy facilities, Tanzania is still faced with severe water shortage which acted as bottleneck for social and economic development and the improvement of people's livelihood.

The population of Tanzania's central region, comprising Dodoma, Singida and Tabora, is exposed to a range of serious drought-related

diseases, in addition to the nutritional impact of lack of rainfall. Prevalent illnesses include malnutrition, trachoma (a sight-threatening eye infection), dysentery, cholera and diarrhoea. New research shows that by 2030, even if the drought frequency and intensity remain stable, 5 per cent of the region's population will go hungry. In addition, 5 per cent of the population will suffer from trachoma and almost 200,000 children under five from diarrhoea. This would be accompanied by many serious cases of cholera and dysentery.

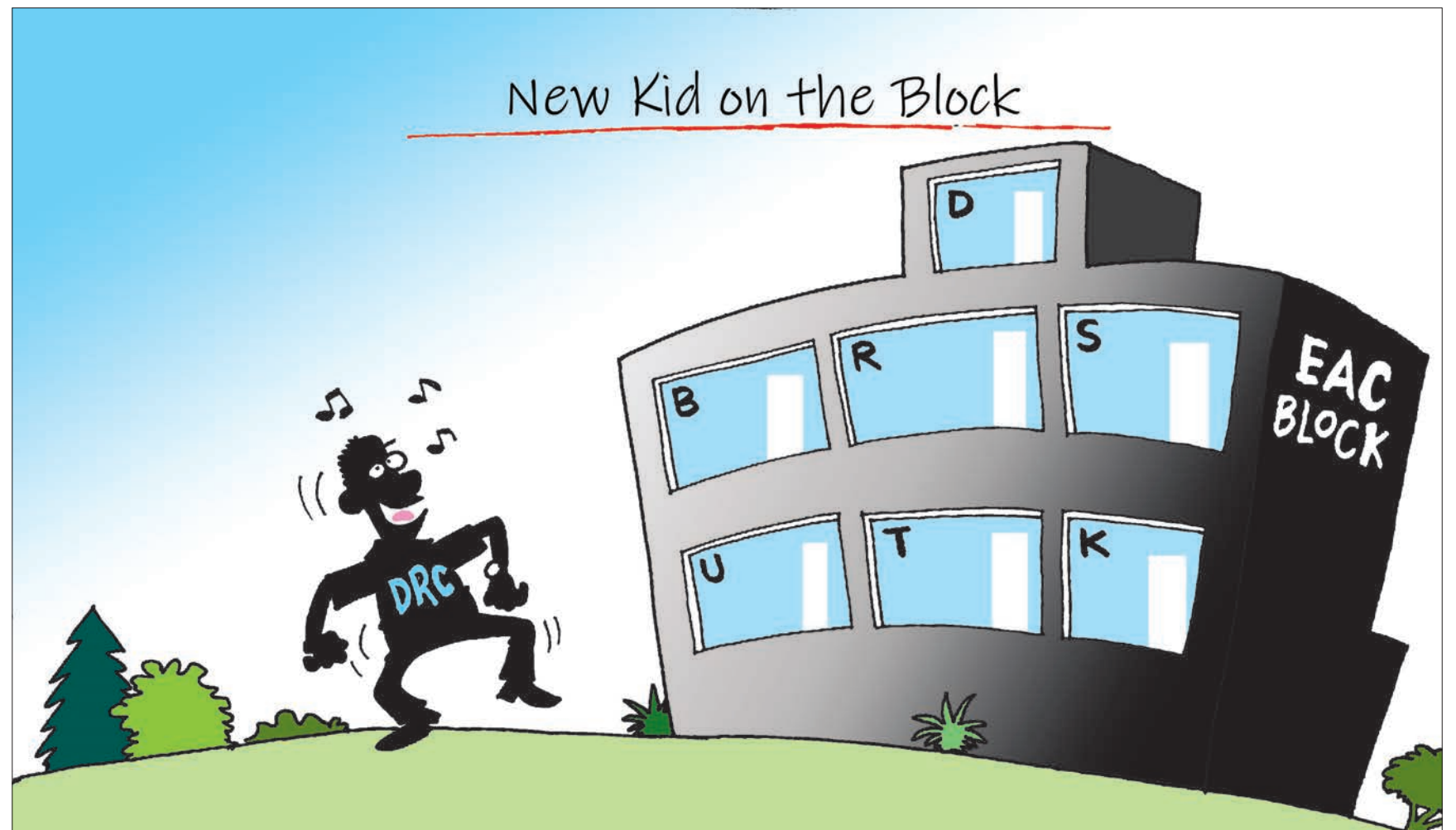
According to a study, Tanzania has witnessed six major droughts in the last 30 years. The latest numbers from the UN suggest that 24 million people are facing food insecurity in eastern Africa alone, not counting millions of people in the southern region.

The government should therefore urgently evaluate the impact of drought and make short, medium and long-term interventions to save people's lives. Measures should include supplying relief food to households worst affected by food shortages, supplying more food to the market to stabilise prices and restricting cereal exports.

Such an evaluation would make it possible to determine whether there was a need to import cereals or ask the private sector not to export grain and sell it domestically instead.

As for medium and long-term interventions the government should promote irrigation farming as that would guarantee good harvests even during periods of adverse weather. It is time Tanzania made the best use of the over 29 million hectares that is suitable for irrigation farming. This land is currently grossly under-utilised.

We also feel that the government should release food from the national reserve to stabilise skyrocketing cereal prices. Fears of famine were heightened when the Tanzania Meteorological Agency announced that the country received below-average rainfall in November and December, last year.



By Special Correspondent

PRESIDENT Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo this weekend attended two important events.

They were a three-day crunch cabinet retreat at Peduase in the Eastern Region and the 92nd Speech and Prize-giving Day of St. Augustine's College held on Saturday in Cape Coast, where he was the Special Guest of Honour.

The two events have become very significant in the affairs of the country because of the purpose of the Peduase meeting and remarks the President made at both events.

The Peduase meeting was for the President and his Cabinet ministers to review data on the effects of the COVID-19 on all sectors of the economy and reliefs to ease the hardships resulting thereof.

It is now public knowledge that apart from the health issues, COVID-19 has deprived a good number of Ghanaians of their livelihoods.

The situation is worse for people doing their own businesses, with the greatest strain on those who eke a living such that when they are not able to make some money in a day, only God knows how they survive.

Therefore, it is in itself a relief to hear President Akufo-Addo sanctioning some major reliefs as part of efforts to set the economy on the path of recovery and back to its pre-COVID-19 state.

The reliefs include opening of the country's land borders; easing of general COVID-19 restrictions and measures to arrest depreciation of the currency; measures to tackle the rising fuel prices occasioned by the global economic turmoil brought about by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict; and measures to address the persistent rise in prices of goods and services.

The opening of the country's land borders would first of all give solace to

Enough of the lip-service in fixing the economy!



President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

border communities whose members or residents engage in cross-border activities to make ends meet.

Then on the large scale, others can import goods by land such as the people who import goods from Nigeria.

Thus smuggling can be reduced for the government to accrue some import duty at the borders.

That said, the Ghanaian Times would like to point out that the unbridled rising fuel prices cannot be blamed on only the Russian-Ukraine conflict.

That approach can limit the scope of that problem, so this paper suggests that rather than go on that path, the government must look at the pre-conflict factors too.

The conflict is not one month yet, but the problem of rising fuel prices is age-old, so there is the need to address all the related factors and seek a holistic

solution.

The Ghanaian Times has the conviction that if the government can adopt measures to address the persistent rise in prices of goods and services, Ghanaians will have all the reasons to hail it.

Currently, prices of goods and services rise by day and what is worrying is the price differentials with regard to the same brands of goods and types of services.

Sometimes, one can only conclude that some traders price their goods in a way that smacks of sabotage. For instance, on the same lane in a market, the same brand of a mosquito spray sells at GHe17 in some shops and GHe19 in others. Why?

Every Ghanaian is waiting for the announcement of the details of reliefs in the coming days as promised.

In Cape Coast, President Akufo-Addo sort of gave assurance of the resilience of the economy.

Then he expressed his government's commitment to making technical, vocational and education training (TVET) as the bedrock for the country's socio-economic development.

To this end, he said his government was working to expand TVET opportunities at both secondary and tertiary levels, as well as strengthen the linkages between education and industry.

President Akufo-Addo indicated that enough lip-service had been paid to the TVET sector but his government would resolve the challenges.

The Ghanaian Times appeals to the government to address the lip-service in all the sectors of the economy for the betterment of the Ghanaian people.

Africa should seize fast-developing digital market space

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA should seize the fast-developing digital market space so as to boost access to goods and services across the continent, Monique Nsanabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, said Tuesday.

The AU Commission deputy chief made the remarks as the African continent joined the global community in commemorating the 39th World Consumer Rights Day, which is annually marked on March 15, under the theme: 'Fair Digital Finance'.

"Seizing the fast-developing digital market space is particularly important

in our African context where access to countless goods and services remain restricted for the vast majority," Nsanabaganwa said in her statement concerning the World Consumer Rights Day.

Noting that the African continent has an internet penetration rate of 43 percent, the deputy chief said innovation was transforming how people conduct financial transactions and live their lives throughout the continent, emphasising that digital finance and its implication on financial inclusion and financial stability was crucial for development in Africa.

Nsanabaganwa noted that the African continent was home to a

growing number of digital financial services deployments.

The deputy chairperson warned that digital finance consumers were increasingly exposed to scams, frauds, phishing and data malpractices, which were further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is necessary to explore solutions that will mitigate these threats while still making digital finance attractive as governments seek to expand access to digital banking services," said Nsanabaganwa, stressing it was vital to acknowledge the risks and enact strict consumer protections, especially for the most vulnerable people, such as those with limited educational attainment or financial

experience.

She said Africa's burgeoning youth population was integrating with the ever-changing digital world and it was necessary for the continent's decision-makers to harness this exposure in a way that was optimal for the continent's youth.

Nsanabaganwa, however, stressed that African women were still less likely than men to have basic formal financial services.

"Mobile money and the ability to easily and safely receive money from social networks has been found to be a drawing factor for them, and, thus, helping to shrink the gender differences across the continent," she said



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF AGGREGATE CRUSHING WORKS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of Procuring the Contractor for Aggregate Crushing works and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1441	PROVISION OF AGGREGATE CRUSHING WORKS TO SUPPORT GGML INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL OPERATIONS.

I.I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01441)	
Proof of previous experience in Aggregate Crushing works in mining areas or related heavy industries.	20%
Plants and Equipment availability related to crushing works construction works (Crusher Set (Jaw, Cone & Screen with < or equal 1000Hrs), Excavator(1Nos), Loader (1Nos) and Rock Breaker(1Nos), Loading Trucks 20m3 Capacity (5Nos), Supervision Light Vehicle (4WD) 1Nos – Preferably Landcruiser, Service Trucks (1Nos), Lighting Plant (1Nos), Fuel Bowser (1Nos), Minibus (1Nos), etc.) with proof of ownership, Equipment Rental shall not be acceptable.	20%
Technical personnel availability and experience with CV's and related personnel's certificates related to aggregate crushing works (CV's Must be stamped by the Tenderer)	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01441) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 14th April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR ROLLER RACKS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Conveyor roller racks and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01440	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR ROLLER RACKS FOR TRANSPORTING CORE BOXES (WITH DRILL ORE) INCLUDING CONVEYORS FRAME, RIGID SUPPORT, STEEL ROLLERS, GATE's, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COMPONENTS

I.I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.6%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01440)	
Availability of warranty terms for the supplied Conveyor roller racks	15%
Proof of supplying similar Conveyor roller racks used for Geology core shed tasks	15%
Proof of dealership with Geology Conveyor roller racks manufacture's	15%
Proof of availability upon delivery of Conveyor roller racks Catalogues/ Maintenance & installation Manuals	15%
Total	100%

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South Sudan: Oil underground, blood on the surface

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While several politicians and media have been viewing the ongoing armed conflict in South Sudan as a “civil war” between rival ethnic groups, so nothing to worry about, there are some key facts that should be considered for the sake of having a wider, more accurate panorama. One of them is that this country is rich in oil.

Many politicians and media have also been blaming the widespread corruption as one main cause of South Sudanese inhumane living conditions while ignoring the evidence that if there are corrupt it is because there are “corruptors.”

Meanwhile, the armed conflict in South Sudan has been having tragic consequences. Women and girls are taken as “war trophies,” subjected to mass rape, forced pregnancy, torture, slavery and a long list of brutalities. In the meantime, the country is rapidly bracing for a devastating famine.

A bit of background

South Sudan is the youngest State in the world. It was born in 2011, following accusations of war crimes committed by the then regime of Sudan’s Omar Al Bashir, who served as the seventh head of state of Sudan under various titles from 1989 until 2019, when he was deposed in a coup d’état.

This young State was an integral part of Sudan since the British Empire and European powers distributed the world between themselves during the long era of European colonialism which lasted from the 15th to the 20th centuries. During that period, European powers vastly extended their reach around the globe by establishing colonies in the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

There is oil down there!

Anyway, South Sudan is home to oil reserves, representing more than 80% of the total oil stocks of Sudan, to which it belonged until its precipitated declaration of independence in 2011.

The country ranks third in oil reserves in Sub-Saharan Africa with an estimated 3.5 billion barrels produced annually. However, it is also estimated that 90 percent of its gas and oil reserves are still untapped.

See what Alan Boswell, of ‘The International Crisis Group,’ an independent organisation working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world, reported on February 2022:

“Oil then laid the groundwork for South Sudan’s secession. A landmark 2005 peace deal granted Juba half of the South’s oil revenues, pumping billions into the new semi-autonomous government.

“But the sudden wealth gravely compromised the country’s stability. By 2013, only two years after independence, the elite scramble for South Sudan’s oil riches helped trigger a fresh war that may have killed 400,000 people while displacing millions.



Widespread sexual violence against women and girls in conflict is being fueled by systemic impunity, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan reports. Credit: Jared Ferrie/IPS

“Nowadays, despite a 2018 peace agreement and a government of national unity, Juba’s monopoly on oil revenue obstructs a broader political settlement the country desperately needs.

“South Sudan’s leaders siphon off the bulk of the petrodollars, leaving much of the population starved of basic services and, in some parts of the country, on the brink of famine.”

‘Hellish existence’ for women and girls

Meanwhile, widespread sexual violence against women and girls in conflict is being fueled by systemic impunity, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan reported on 21 March 2022.

The Commission’s report, based on interviews conducted with victims and witnesses over several years, describes a “hellish existence for women and girls”, with widespread rape being perpetrated by all armed groups across the country.

According to the UN Commission, sexual violence has been instrumentalized as a reward and entitlement for youth and men participating in the conflict.

The goal is to inflict maximum disruption of the fabric of communities, including through their constant displacement, the report continues.

Rape is often used as “part of military tactics for which government and military leaders are responsible, either due to their failure to prevent these acts, or for their failure to punish those involved”, the Commission advanced.

“There, women are taken as ‘spoils of war,’ a ‘trophy’ for armed men.”

On this, the UN Human Rights Council, in its 49th session (28 February-1 April 2022),

has included in its agenda the conflict-related sexual violence against women and girls in South Sudan.

Hellish situation

Conflict-related sexual violence against women and girls is widespread and systematic throughout South Sudan. Ongoing conflict across the country has created a perilous situation of great insecurity for women and girls, exacerbated by a lack of accountability for sexual and gender-based violence, says the Council summary document.

The Human Rights Council’s paper explains that sexual violence in South Sudan has been instrumentalized as a “reward and entitlement” for youth and men participating in the conflict.

“... The objective being to inflict maximum disruption and the destruction of the fabric of communities, including through their constant displacement. This scourge has had the most profound impact on victims, their families and communities.”

“Widespread and pervasive, conflict-related sexual violence against women and girls in South Sudan takes place in the context of persistent conflict and insecurity, drastic gender inequity, and prevailing impunity, which exacerbate its prevalence and contribute to its normalisation.”

The report concludes that conflict-related sexual violence in South Sudan’s conflicts takes many forms: “rape; gang rape and mass rape; abductions and sexual slavery; sexual torture, beatings and cruel and inhuman treatment; being forced to witness sexual violence; forced unprotected sex and unwanted pregnancies; and other forms of violence.”

Conflict-related sexual violence in South Sudan, it adds, has been instrumentalized to destroy the very fabric that binds communities, and as a strategy to displace, terrorise and humiliate civilian populations. This sexual violence is linked to the political and ethnic divisions at the heart of these conflicts.

“Sexual violence is used to humiliate and force opponents to leave a given territory, and thereby plays a critical role as one of the instruments of ethnic displacement.”

Pervasive poverty

Such brutal violence and injury, the study goes on, take place in a context of pervasive poverty and extreme gender inequality, reflected in high rates of sexual and gender-based violence outside of conflict, a lack of women’s participation in political and public life, high rates of girl children being subjected to early or forced marriage, the lack of access by women and girls to livelihoods, and poor health outcomes that rank amongst the lowest for women and girls globally.

“The experiences of women and girls subjected to sexual violence in conflict cannot be isolated from wider political violence, which typically involves brutal violations and abuses perpetrated by armed men against civilians, including killings, abductions, torture and forced displacement.”

Bodies reduced to ‘spoils of war’

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan report also adds that “It is outrageous and completely unacceptable that women’s bodies are systematically used on this scale as the

spoils of war,” as declared by Yasmin Sooka, Chair of the UN Commission.

Sexual violence survivors have detailed “staggeringly brutal and prolonged gang rapes” perpetrated against them by multiple men, often while their husbands, parents or children have been forced to watch, helpless to intervene.

“Women of all ages recounted being raped multiple times while other women were also being raped around them, and a woman raped by six men said she was even forced to tell her assailants that the rape had been “good”, threatening to rape her again if she refused.”

Bracing for ‘worst hunger crisis ever’

More than 70 percent of South Sudan’s population will struggle to survive the peak of the annual ‘lean season’ this year, as the country grapples with unprecedented levels of food insecurity caused by conflict, climate shocks, COVID-19, and rising costs, the UN’s World Food Programme (WFP) in 11 March 2022 warned.

While global attention is focused on Ukraine, said WFP, a “hidden hunger emergency” is engulfing South Sudan with about 8.3 million there - including refugees - facing extreme hunger in the coming months.

As the 2022 lean season peaks, food becomes scarce and provisions are depleted, according to the latest findings published in the 2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

“Particularly at risk are tens of thousands of South Sudanese who are already severely hungry following successive and continuous shocks and could starve without food assistance.”

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By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

New hope as sunflower project launched to boost better seeds accessibility, availability

THE government has launched sunflower project that aimed at achieving increased seed accessibility, availability, affordability and stimulate seed demand.

Funded by Agricultural Market Development Trust (AMDT), the project is an integration of public research institute and private seed companies on production of sunflower seed project.

Launching the project over the weekend, Morogoro regional assistant administrative secretary Rosalia Rwegasira said the increasing high prices of edible oil has forced the government to invest in production of sunflower to address the shortage of edible oil, whereby it contributes 87 percent of all edible oil produced in the country.

Other sources of edible oil are groundnuts, sesame, and oil palm, she said, adding: "I direct all stakeholders in this project to ensure training, best practices and good post harvest management."

Dr Rosalia also tasked the bold collaborating seed companies to make sure that they work hard to ensure the country's goals of edible oil self sufficient are achieved.

In turn, the project complements the on-going seed business research and development by concentrating on breeding, and production of pre-basic, basic and certified seed of sunflower for the targeted area.

TARI Ilonga centre will implement the project with registered local seed company that have good footprint and ensure works with well established local seed company with clear marketing strategy to get seeds into the hands of the smallhold-



Morogoro regional assistant administrative secretary Dr. Rosalia Rwegasira speaks during the launch of sunflower project. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

er farmers. The three targeted pilot private seed companies are BioSustain Tanzania Ltd (Central zone), Highland Seed Growers Ltd (Southern Highland) and Aminata Quality Seeds and Consultancy Company Limited (Eastern zone)

Sunflower crop national coordinator, Frank Reuben said that the project goal is to strategically

enhance availability, accessibility and affordability of sunflower improved seed varieties including hybrid sunflower varieties among smallholder sunflower farmers for increased productivity and production.

"The project is geared towards increasing production and availability of different classes of sun-

flower seeds in the country by commercializing the currently available three varieties—2 new ones and record," he said, noting that the project is meant to maintain sunflower parental lines with specific traits such as oil content, disease resistance and seed yield potential.

It also meant to produce differ-

ent classes of sunflower seeds and distribute to partner companies for commercialization in Tanzania and other countries for the sustainability purposes, build the capacity of the local seed companies to be able to produce the basic seeds under the close supervision of TARI and importantly, the two newly released varieties are dem-

onstrated and popularized at all the project regions.

He said TARI is to undertake research and breeding program with the aim of establishing at least three hybrid sunflower seed varieties. Initial work has begun where the germplasm has been maintained and need to be planted. This will be an ongoing work and will take roughly about four years before we have the sunflower hybrid varieties in the country and parental lines owned by the Tanzania government.

TARI Ilonga will undertake production of currently available three varieties of sunflower (2 new registered in 2020 and RECORD) and produce enough basic seed to distribute or sell to the local seed companies. Local seed companies will multiply certified seeds

TARI Ilonga will ensure the seed produced by the local seed companies pass the germination tests and other requirements from TOSCI

Local seed companies and TARI Ilonga will establish the demand activation plan and marketing plan.

TARI will provide technical backstopping to the local seed companies to establish seed popularization and demonstration plan for all 3 varieties in all the project regions. Local seed companies will offer contract farming to farmers who will later buy grain and ensuring them will ensure postharvest handling; processing, packaging and distribution to farmers through farmer groups, organizations and individual farmers. The companies will also train farmers on good agronomic practices.

TARI Ilonga will work with local seed partner companies

in major zones initially focusing in Central, Southern Highlands and Eastern zones and then move to the other zones which are Northern, Southern, TARI official Dr Richard Kasuga said institute has been working to ensure it generate and promote application of knowledge, innovation and agricultural technologies as catalyst of change in achieving agricultural productivity, food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and economic growth.

AMDT Executive Officer Charles Ogutu explained that TARI project is a game changer - It accelerate the availability of improved sunflower seeds to farmers the trust's mission is to unleash large scale systemic change in agricultural market systems that are critical for the productive poor.

The AMDT is developing all markets relevant for productive poor, i.e. inputs, services and outputs markets. It is working with market actors that help to develop markets where productive poor, especially the farmers can gainfully participate in and it is a catalytic investor. Leverage, create incentives, and capacitate market actors in weak or failed markets to work better with the productive poor.

TARI Ilonga centre director Dr Lameck Makoye said TARI Ilonga has technical and human resource capacity to implement the project. TARI Ilonga has the mandate to conduct and coordinate crops research on cereals: low and medium altitude maize, sorghum and millets, grain legumes: cowpea, green gram, pigeon pea, soya bean, chickpea, and Bambara nuts. Others are oilseed crops such as Sunflower and post-harvest technologies.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

(Amounts in thousand shillings)	Current Year 31st Dec. 2021	Previous Year 31st Dec. 2020
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	615	2
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	-	-
3. Investments in Government Securities	3,601,639	2,542,147
4. Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institutions	945,171	8,921,407
5. Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-
6. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
7. Bills Negotiated	-	-
8. Customer Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9. Interbranch Loans Receivables	-	-
10. Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11. Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Expected Losses)	13,570,278	6,254,136
12. Other Assets	876,929	385,852
13. Equity Investments	1,622,000	-
14. Underwriting Accounts	449,612	247,025
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	20,765,244	20,172,574
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institutions	-	-
18. Customer Deposits	488,082	413,087
19. Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20. Special Deposits	-	-
21. Payment Orders/ Transfers Payable	-	-
22. Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23. Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	1,008,249	723,747
24. Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
26. Unearned Income, Other Deferred Charges & Taxes	41,070	41,070
27. Other Liabilities	-	-
28. Borrowings	1,010,680	1,010,419
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,548,091	2,188,383
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16:21:15)	18,217,153	17,984,191
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up Share Capital	21,800,000	21,800,000
32. Share premium	-	-
33. Capital Reserve	-	-
34. Retained Earnings	(3,911,640)	(3,424,009)
35. Profit / (Loss) Account	232,962	(487,571)
36. Fair Value Reserve	95,831	95,831
37. Minority Interest	-	-
38. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18,217,153	17,984,191
39. Contingent Liabilities	-	-
40. Non-Performing Loans & Advances	329,009	135,854
41. Allowance for Expected Losses	55,648	55,628
42. Other Non-Performing Assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets	87.73%	89.15%
(ii). Non-Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	2.99%	2.16%
(iii). Cash Loans & Advances to Total Deposits	283.77%	155.46%
(iv). Loans & Advances to Total Assets	65.35%	31.00%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	88.34%	82.06%
(vi). Deposits Growth	18.16%	0.00%
(vii). Assets Growth	2.94%	1.54%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

(Amounts in Thousand shillings)	Current Year 31st Dec. 2021	Previous Year 31st Dec. 2020
1. Interest Income	2,487,835	1,611,080
2. Interest Expense	(122,779)	(35,911)
3. Net Interest Income	2,365,056	1,575,169
4. Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-
5. Impairment Reversal / (Losses)	(17,041)	47,524
6. Non Interest Income	130,406	24,001
6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/ (Loss)	(1,464)	(2,622)
6.2. Fees and Commissions	93,781	7,654
6.3. Dividend Income	35,130	10,333
6.4. Other Operating Income	43,199	8,640
7. Non Interest Expenses :	(2,229,229)	(2,125,095)
7.1. Salaries and Benefit	(1,165,925)	(947,092)
7.2. Fees and Commissions	-	-
7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(1,063,306)	(1,178,003)
8. Operating Income/ (Loss)	249,392	(478,401)
9. Income Tax Provision	(16,430)	(9,170)
10. Net Income/ (Loss) after Income Tax	232,962	(487,571)
11. Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
12. Total Comprehensive Income/ (Loss)	232,962	(487,571)
13. Number of Employees	19	12
14. Basic Earnings/Per Share	1.07	(2.24)
15. Number of Branches	1	1
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i). Return on Average Total Assets	1.12%	-2.44%
(ii). Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	1.26%	-2.67%
(iii). Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	89.32%	129.97%
(iv). Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	12.89%	9.33%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

(Amounts in Thousand shillings)	Share Capital	Share premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other (Fair Value Reserve)	Total
Current Year (2021)							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	21,800,000	-	(3,911,640)	-	-	95,831	17,984,191
Profit / Loss for the year	-	-	232,962	-	-	-	232,962
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	21,348	-	-	21,348
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the year	21,800,000	-	(3,703,026)	21,348	-	95,831	18,217,153
Previous Year (2020)							
Balance as at the beginning of the Year	21,800,000	-	(3,424,009)	-	-	95,831	18,471,762
Profit / (Loss) for the year	-	-	(487,571)	-	-	-	(487,571)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	21,348	-	-	21,348
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the year	21,800,000	-	(3,911,640)	21,348	-	95,831	17,984,191

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

(Amounts in Thousand shillings)	Current Year 31st Dec. 2021	Previous Year 31st Dec. 2020
I. Cash Flow from Operating Activities:		
Net Income/ (Loss) before tax	249,392	(478,401)
Adjustments for:		
- Impairment/ Amortization/ Depreciation & Non-cash items	321,866	517,159
- Net Change in Loans and Advances	(2,376,039)	(4,215,845)
- Gain/ Loss from Sale of Assets	-	-
- Net Change in Deposits	75,000	-
- Net Change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	-	-
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	(50,276)	(60,932)
- Net Change in Other Assets	(44,042)	(75,121)
- Tax Paid	(12,917)	(8,137)
- Others (Interest paid & Adjustments for previous items)	(5,640)	(11,248)
Net Cash Used/Provided by Operating Activities	(6,842,656)	(4,329,025)
II. Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
- Dividend Received	35,130	10,627
- Purchase of Fixed Assets	(48,243)	(11,828)
- Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-
- Purchase of TMRC Securities	-	-
- Investment in Govt Securities	(1,059,492)	(2,542,147)
- Purchase of Intangibles	-	(2,028)
Net Cash Used/Provided by Investing Activities	(1,072,605)	(2,545,376)
III. Cash Flow from Financing Activities		
- Repayment of Long-Term Debt	-	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-
- Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-
- Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(95,154)	(146,222)
- Others (New Loan from TMRC)	-	1,000,000
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	(95,154)	853,778
IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash equivalents	(8,010,415)	(6,020,623)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the period	8,921,409	14,994,031
ECL on bank balances	34,792	47,983
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the period	945,786	8,921,409

The above extracts are from the Financial Statements of the Financial Institution for the year ended 31st December 2021, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Financial Statements were audited by Ernst & Young - Certified Public Accountants and received an unqualified audit report.

Name and Title :	Signature	Date
Sasa M. Chonza (Chief Executive Officer)	(Signed)	30.03.2022
Amulike Kamwela (Chief Financial Officer)	(Signed)	30.03.2022
Isambo Binde (Internal Audit Manager)	(Signed)	30.03.2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name :	Signature	Date
Vinod Rustagi (Director)	(Signed)	30.03.2022
Jackson Lohay (Director)	(Signed)	30.03.2022

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Joint ventures easiest way for local contractors to land big projects

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

ONE of the concerns raised by local contractors for decades is that they don't even get shortlisted whenever they apply for big construction projects that end up in the hands of their foreign competitors.

This has attracted nationalistic sentiments in some circles with hardliners accusing powers that be of lacking patriotism or even discrimination against indigenous contractors.

But big development projects that cost tax payers billions and trillions of shillings cannot be handed over to weak companies on the basis of patriotism. Ability to execute the project in condition is the mother of all conditions.

According to construction stakeholders, Joint Ventures (JVs) by local companies is the easiest way for them to pool resources—equipment, financial and skills—together and convince project owners that they can deliver on big projects.

Currently, there is only one JV project called Umoja Kilosa which is implementing a project from Rudewa town in Njombe Region to Kilosa town in Morogoro Region. It is a 24-kilometer project undertaken by seven local construction companies, a forum heard recently.

But all strategic projects



Consolata Ngmbwa, Chairperson of Contractors Registration Board (CRB) closes a two-day training on the importance of joint venture partnerships for Tanzanian contractors held in Dodoma recently. Right is CRB Deputy Registrar (Research and Development) David Jere and the board's Central Zone Manager Yunis Nyanda (left). Photo/ Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

including the Standard Gauge Railways (SGR) and Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project JNHPP are undertaken by giant foreign companies because of their muscles in terms of expertise, capital and modern technology.

Even big foreign companies with big muscles sometimes decide to go for JV to implement some huge projects especially when time is the main determinant. To finish a project in record time as required by the client, big companies come together.

But in Tanzania, evidence shows that everybody goes it alone and the result is self-defeat as they all lose to foreign bidders. Ultimately, they end up going for small projects with little returns and this one of the factors that hinder their growth.

Contractors Registration Board (CRB)

has been in the fore front to equip local contractors with training they need to build their capacity so that they can one day implement strategic projects like SGR and JNHPP.

In the joint venture partnership training in Dodoma organized by CRB recently, Director of Kings Builders Ltd, Thadeus Raymond presented a paper about challenges on joint ventures and how to overcome them.

Raymond who is a class one contractor has vast experience in construction industry said it is healthy for contractors to enter into JV projects because it is the only way to build their capacity to implement big projects but cautioned that they must know well each other before they sign such partnerships.

"First, ensure you partner with someone you know very well because otherwise you will be in trouble. There are

people who don't tolerate when payment delays and some of them will want to buy posh cars and do unnecessary expenditure immediately after getting advance payment and such behaviors turn out to be catastrophic," said Raymond.

He said it is better for a contractor to complete a project within agreed time and standards and get little profit to protect the image of their company for future benefit instead of being blacklisted because of poor performance.

Raymond advised contractors to find partnership with contractors who are able to finance the projects when there is delay of advance payment instead of joining with weak companies which cannot even manage small amount during financial crisis.

Leopold Raphael, Director General of Dar es Salaam-based Yeu Caravans

Investment, said some contractors fear JVs due to small capital they have and selfishness as they only think of how to divide profit after completion of the project.

"You may join and do JV with three people but the problem will come at the end of the project. That is where the problem begins because everyone will need to have a big share and sometimes even before the project starts, some partners might need to have their share so we need to be very careful in these JVs," he said.

CRB urged local contractors to be very careful and conduct due diligence when they look for partners for JV projects to avoid conflicts during the execution of construction projects and even after.

The board also urged them to find trustful and committed contractors who observe the industry's ethics and professionalism because the trend shows that many local contractors' JV projects fail due to selfishness among them.

The caution was made yesterday in Dodoma by the CRB's lawyer Salehe Njaa while presenting a paper on Joint Venture Aspect, Legal and Regulatory Framework during the two-day training for local contractors.

Salehe said JV projects are like marriage which requires one to undertake due diligence before signing the contract so that he or she can be comfortable during the implementation of the project, adding that contrary to that, it might become a disaster.

He said many clients prefer their projects to be implemented by JV models so he urged contractors to change their attitudes and start working in partnership with their colleague so that it become easy to get big tenders regularly.

"Joint Ventures are very good but you must be careful with people you partner with. You must understand their financial muscles, how committed and trustful they are, take time to know their background and don't rush because you can get yourself in big trouble," he said.

Salehe said it is very important for people who wish to go for joint ventures to be aware of ethics because experience shows that some of the contractors reallocate some of money meant for the signed project to their other businesses.

He added that some local contractors believe in shortcuts and they don't follow procurement or financial procedures something which at the end of the day results in contradictions

during implementation of the projects.

Salehe said it is not advised to enter into JVs with lazy contractors because experience shows that many of them abandon sites and continue with their personal business while their partners suffer alone to supervise the project.

He said the situation has resulted in conflicts among contractors and CRB has been receiving complaints from partners who want to remove others from their JVs due to laziness and misconduct amid implementation of projects.

"We have one case where three contractors entered into a JV and during the implementation of the project, two of them wrote a letter to CRB that they wanted to remove one partner. We interviewed that partner and realized that he was not committed and he never attended the work site for over three month and that's why you need to know each other first," he said.

In her closing remarks, CRB Chairperson Consolata Ngmbwa, urged local contractors to do away with selfishness and instead form one strong association to serve as their voice to highlight challenges in the construction industry.

She said it is sad to see repeated collapse of contractors' associations, saying those that are available are powerless to represent their grievances to the government and to their clients.

"We witness rapid establishment of contractors' associations and sometimes I ask myself where we have failed and I don't get proper answer. Even boda bodas riders have very strong associations and they collaborate very well. So what is wrong with us?" she asked.

"Inside the construction industry we see some of us throwing stones to each other, why? We are all looking for a bread to feed our families so please find a proper way to win a tender rather than throwing stones to your colleague."

CRB Deputy Registrar (Research and Development) David Jere said the two-day training was attended by 69 contractors of all classes.

He said the contractors were from Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Iringa, Morogoro, Katavi, Mbeya, Mwanza, Singida, Songwe, Tabora, Arusha, Njombe, Kilimanjaro and Rukwa regions.

Jere said CRB has been organizing regular capacity building trainings to local contractors to enable them win and implement big construction projects like their counterparts from abroad.

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

3 letters
4 letters
5 letters
6 letters
7 letters
8 letters

BUA, KAA, BEN, TRY, ONE, AIL, DUE, ADD
ROBE, NOUN, MAST, LEER DELE
ROGUE, ABEAM, AGENT, THANA
BEMBA, ENEMY, YOUNG, ASIDE
STAIN,
GRABBY, LUGGER, HOMAGE, BOTTLE
TAMALE,
GRABBLE, KATANGA, ONESELF,

CLUES: Across
1 First President of Kenya
5 Tripoli is her Capital
8 behave uncontrollably and disruptively
9 a fertile spot in a desert
11 set the value of a tax
13 assert to be the case
16 progress through life
17 the sixth month of the year
19 United Nations University
21 indicating the point in space or time at which a journey starts
22 someone who does surprise attack on people
24 a derogatory term for a white man
25 crush with a sharp blow from a flat object
26 matt

CLUES: Down
1 highest mountain in Africa
2 mountain where Moses saw the promised land from afar
3 gather
4 tempt sexually
5 a defeat in sport
7 a friendly form of address in India
10 the religion of the Muslims
12 direct vehicles in a correct side
14 listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from boredom
15 a brass musical instrument
18 give property to
20 Union of European Football Associations
23 mouse

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PADO, NREGI sign MoU for advocating more policies in the extractive industry

By Francis Kajubi

THE Policy Analysis and Development Organization (PADO) and the Natural Resources Governance Institute (NREGI) have signed a three years memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will see the two institutions collaborating in conducting research for more friendly policies in the oil, gas and mining sectors.

The MoU signed yesterday in Dar es Salaam targets at conducting scientific research that brings about useful and relevant policies in the country's extractive industry for the benefit of both the government, private sector and individuals employed in the sector.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Sufian Bukurura, PADO Chief Executive Officer said that the extractive industry still calls for more research that would guide policy makers for the benefit of the people and environmental conservation.

"Our common target is providing scientific driven comments on issues related to oil, gas and minerals for policy makers. The extractive sector is vulnerable to a number of challenges such as environmental and the welfare of the communities in areas with these natural resources;

Conducting more research will enable policy makers to come up with friendly policies that will address both challenges and ways to benefit



Janet Mbene PADO Chairperson (center) receives a signed MoU document from Sophia Rwegellera, NREGI Senior Officer Tanzania yesterday in Dar es Salaam. On the left is PADO-CEO Sufian Bukurura. Photo: Courtesy of PADO.

people with the natural resources," said Bukurura.

Janet Mbene, PADO Chairperson said that research that will be conducted during the three years period, will enable the government to save funds that it could have allocated in the oil, gas and minerals sector

for research.

"We do believe that the government and its institutions cannot afford to cover everything, especially in the extractive industry. The industry has a lot of opportunities that need well drafted policies for people to benefit from it. The

joint research by the two institutions will bring a difference in the current policies and pave a way for the best future" said Mbene.

On her part, Sophia Rwegellera, Senior Officer NREGI Tanzania, said that the MoU aspects will bring about transparency in the governance of the oil, gas and mining sectors.

"Our key business will be research, training and policy advocacy to law and regulations makers. Through this MoU the two partners aim at collaborating in bringing new scientific solutions for addressing extractive industry matters that will enable the government make decisions or approaches in the process of tabling new policies for the extractive sector" said Rwegellera.

Silas Olang, NREGI Africa Co-Director said that with a vast quantity of gas, minerals and oil that Tanzania is blessed with, good policies are needed in place to make all its people benefit with a deserved share.

"Good policies are those derived from scientific research. With this MoU both institutions hope for the best extractive policies that are friendly to the people's welfare, environment and on climate change resilience" said Olang.

Why you don't need to rush to borrow money

KAMPALA

THE saying, "If it is not broken, do not fix it," is sound advice for the timing of interventions in life, business, and finance. As a philosophy it is about efficiency.

I was thinking about the simplicity of this maxim, and how it could have saved many a dream from eventual ruin while looking back at several applications for loans that I have reviewed over the last 15 years.

In over 40 percent of these cases very little thought was put into why the borrowing was needed or why it is the best option at the time to grow the business.

In fact, it became apparent that rather the state of the business a common challenge faced by struggling enterprises are their owners and borrowers.

Here is why.

A loan application should be a long-term strategic decision and not an impulsive stopgap or tactical arrangement. This is evident from how successful, growing and thriving institutions go about arranging credit facilities.

These companies will usually have a view of the requirement to borrow up to a year in advance and follow a well-thought out plan to get there. This plan will lay out the cost and benefits of borrowing, the means to finance their needs and various scenarios and contingency plans from the activity.

The challenge with many growing enterprises is their expansion plans are heavily reliant on debt financing. Owners and promoters do not consider, for example, other cheaper sources of financing such as equity (including retained earnings over time), supplier credit, or even just phased expansion based on market developments and actual prospects for their product.

Borrowing pressure

In short, they borrow when they may not need to. This always results in borrowing requirements being urgent, a situation any business should avoid inflicting on itself, and the ensuing highly questionable decision leading inevitably to long application turnaround times. The pressure to borrow lends itself to making even worse decisions such as the diversion of facilities that can create a crisis for the business.

Consider this example. A client may use an overdraft to finance land acquisition. Now an overdraft is renewable annually and interest compounds monthly on the utilised amount on the understanding that the client will be trading and receiving payments with time while accessing funds to continue stocking and meeting recurring expenses.

By using this facility to buy land or machinery, you are tying up working capital. This lowers your potential to meet obligations in time or maintain adequate stock levels or pay utilities inevitably starving the business of cash.



Tigo Pesa Commercial Manager Fabian Felician speaks at the launching of the lottery game via mobile phone dubbed 'Dilipesa' in partnership with Dunia Investment and Axieva in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Banker Correspondent.

Tigo and Dunia Investment Limited partners for 'Dilipesa' programme

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TIGO Tanzania has partnered with Dunia Investment to launch "DILIPESA" an instant rewards and entertainment programme for its mobile money users.

Speaking at the launching ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dunia Investment Limited, Head of Marketing Kumesan Pather said the aim of the service was to drive a higher level of engagement and penetration of financial services among its customers, using gamification route

"We are proud to introduce Dilipesa and bring to you all an unmatched experience of games, rewards and Winnings. Anyone using Tigopesa will now be able to engage with our service and enjoy the most

creative and gratifying game of fers," said Pather.

He said considering Tanzania's passion for Football & Sports, they had also packed Soka Live into their launch offerings.

Pather said there will be four packages 'Wapi, Dodo x36 (surprise 36) and Jackpot Leo, which is the Daily Jackpot.

"We believe more customers will experience this programme and those who are still not registered, will also join to enjoy the benefits" he added.

The Key Account Manager, Tigo Pesa Corporate, Fabian Felician, said "It is real fun for us to work with Dunia and Axieva to develop this exciting service," he said

"With Dilipesa, Tigo customers will now be able to enjoy unique incentives, rewards and surprise offers for engag-

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"Not just will they have chance to win Motorbikes, Laptops, Phones & Travel Tickets; but also will have options to encash up to millions of Shillings every day. It depends on a user, on how rewarding they want their experience with Dilipesa, which works on all Smart phone & Feature phone seamlessly" he added.

Gaming Board of Tanzania director, James Mbalwe; applauded the partnership and said "We are happy to see this innovative partnership by Dunia with Tigo and Axieva to drive engagement of financial services through blended Games".

Mbalwe said that was a smart initiative and Dunia has been a credible operator in the market. "We hope this launch will be well received by the customers and pave the way for the industry to follow and drive more such innovations" he noted.

He said the launch of the partnership has considerably relied on the technology, research and execution work done by Axieva; one of the leading Fintech platform companies in the region.

Director Sales at Axieva Africa, Avnish Bhatt said, "We are privileged to be part of this initiative. Today's launch with Tigo Pesa goes together with our vision of inclusive penetration of financial services.

Bhatt thanked the gaming board of Tanzania for their foresightedness, approvals and guidance

Top banks save Sh51bn from unpaid loan losses

NAIROBI

KENYA'S top eight banks cut their provisions against loan defaults by nearly half last year, helping drive the combined net profit by 80.29 percent to Sh132.41 billion.

The drop in loan loss provisioning, costs associated with unpaid credit, helped most of the banks to post triple-digit profits and usher in a dividend boom.

The cut in loan loss provision reflects the gradual resumption in debt repayment amid recovery from Covid-19 economic hardships that triggered layoffs, job cuts and business closures.

"While the industry provisions might have come down, we still do have some pressure on hospitality where we are well represented as well as construction. We have seen those sectors are taking a while to recover," KCB chief finance officer Lawrence Kimathi said on March 16.

"We have taken a prudent approach that let us downgrade those (sectors), take time to rectify them and do recoveries."

Reduced provisions have the effect of lifting the bottom line and ultimately dividends, which nearly tripled to Sh49.2 billion from Sh16.9 billion for the eight banks.

Beginning January 1, 2018, banks have been required to make provisions for expected loan losses rather than those already incurred following the adoption of the more conservative International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS 9).

This made provisions the biggest profit driver in Kenya's banking sectors since the onset of Covid-19 in March 2020.

Equity, which emerged top in profit standings for 2021, cut its provisions by the largest margin of 78.05 percent or Sh20.79 billion followed by KCB Group (Sh14.22 billion or 52.27 percent), Stanbic Bank (51.10 per-



Guests follow proceedings during a Kenya bankers meeting in Nairobi

cent or Sh2.2 billion) and Absa Kenya (47.83 percent or Sh4.32 billion).

Provisions at StanChart dropped 46.38 percent or Sh1.80 billion, NCBA 37.79 percent or Sh7.72 billion and Co-op Bank 2.25 percent or Sh182.57 million.

Diamond Trust Bank, however, bucked the trend amongst

top-tier lenders – which control about three quarters of the market share – with its impairments rising a modest 3.19 percent or Sh233.68 million.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data flagged motor vehicle owners and homebuyers as the top borrowers who struggled to service their loans on schedule last year in a recovering economy

after the Covid-19 restrictions were eased.

Non-performing loans (NPLs) in real estate (mortgages) jumped Sh13.3 billion or 14.1 percent in the year to last December to Sh74.7 billion followed by transport where defaults rose Sh4.1 billion or 10.8 percent to Sh42.2 billion.

Lenders have in the past two

years stepped up recovery of unpaid loans through asset auctions, particularly in real estate and transport.

Equity Group chief executive James Mwangi has, for instance, said that the bank – Kenya's largest by assets – was committed to reducing the net defaults by more than Sh10 billion this year, signalling an aggressive recovery strategy going forward.

"Let me announce what my team has committed to is now a public promise. They have committed to reduce net NPLs [non-performing loans] from Sh44 billion to Sh30 billion," Mr Mwangi said on March 22.

The ratio of non-performing credit facilities to total loans dropped to 13.1 percent at the end of December from a 14-year high of 14.55 percent in March 2021, the CBK data shows.

Analysts at US-owned credit rating agency Moody's estimates that the default rate for Kenyan banks will continue to fall over

the next one and a half years.

"Problem loans will likely remain high, a reflection of long-term issues such as corporate governance weaknesses in certain large family-owned conglomerates, government payment arrears and a high average lending rate (12.1 percent as of September 2021)," Moody's wrote in a report on Kenya's banking industry in February.

The CBK had at the height of the pandemic in April 2020 allowed banks a year-long loan restructuring window, largely by giving distressed borrowers whose debt was performing prior to the onset of Covid-19 repayment holidays and extended maturity period.

By end of December 2020, for example, lenders had restructured loans worth Sh1.63 trillion or 54.2 percent of the total Sh3 trillion loan book, with some lenders reporting up to 80 percent of the reviewed facilities were performing.

Mistakes companies make in branding their business

KIGALI

A brand is not a logo, it is an experience. It is not a product, but a story. In order to create a strong and unique brand, it is advisable to have a clear 'why' and have this communicated effectively through your set identity; this can be a logo or product packaging, among other strategies.

When you are building a brand, there is no right or wrong way, it's based on your own perspective and how you want your audience to feel about your business, according to Maurice Shyaka, a certified e-commerce advisor.

Branding should be at the core of any business. It helps you connect with the audience, create a reputation and differentiate your products from competitors.

However the advisor observes how some businesses fault the process when it comes to the building-brand process.

Shyaka says the biggest mistake he has seen Rwandan businesses make is not having a brand at all, or making minimal efforts towards building a brand story, logo and more. This affects the business as it becomes hard to differentiate from the competition, and hard to craft marketing messages.

So, I would say:

Not doing market research before going into business.

Not planning enough for marketing and branding efforts, instead diving in without a plan.

Trying to be everything to everyone. Not taking branding seriously and trying to be too unique, without being responsive to your target audience's needs, can all affect branding success.

He however mentions that there are four Facebook's proven components to a brand: Existence, Purpose, Identity and Connection.

"I want to walk you through each one of these and explain why they're so important to your business."

Brand existence

A strong brand has an original story that explains who you are and



what makes you different from your competitors. Next, you need to tell the audience where they can find you and what they can do with your product or service at any point in time.

Brand purpose

This is more about why the audience you target should care? This reflects why you do what you do, which can be identified through a set of values. For example, if you are building a brand that is environmentally friendly, you will attract people with similar interests.

Brand identity

This consists of the visual feels and looks of your brand; what people shall associate with your existence and purpose. This includes the brand logo, brand colours and brand typography.

Brand connection

This is how your brand connects to its audience; your brand tone of voice. If you develop a persona, it is easy to know if your voice talking to them is professional, friendly, fun or any other tone.

Why is branding relevant for business today?

Brand building is important to businesses more than ever before because it gives customers a reason to

choose one company over another. For example, if given the choice between two identical bags, customers may choose the one they perceive as having the better reputation.

Francine Igihozo a marketing manager says branding allows a business to build relationships with its audience.

It also increases visibility, given the outstanding competition in today's business world, she says.

With social media today, branding is more essential than ever before, as clients decide where to spend money after a quick google search or social media research.

"For a better digital presence, your brand needs to connect to your target audience. And the audience only connects to a story and they remember that story once they connect it to its visual looks. For example, when we see a yellow jacket on the streets in Kigali, we immediately know that they sell MTN mobile services, that's how MTN knows that it has successfully built brand awareness."

Ways to make successful branding

Creating a successful brand is no easy feat, but when done right, it can be one of the most rewarding and profitable

investments for a business.

Shyaka shares a few steps to take towards achieving that:

Decide on taking branding seriously. Start by building a brand identity first, have brand visual materials (brand colours, brand logo...), and be consistent with your story and brand visual feel.

Get yourself out there, to your identified audience; if it requires a signpost, have it. If it requires a digital presence, be active on social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, LinkedIn or any other. Remember; go where your audience is.

Connect with others, whom you share same values, business goals, by tagging them, inviting them and also remember to document everything that contributes to your brand story.

Get your audience involved, encourage them to provide feedback and consider their comments as an opportunity for improvement and growth.

Take advantage of free tools out there that can do a lot of your work easily such as canva which can help you to design a logo, presentations and social media posts.



Zambia deactivated two million SIM cards so far

LUSAKA

THE Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) claims to have disconnected over two million SIM cards across the country and said these were illegally registered.

ZICTA consumer protection and compliance manager Edgar Mlauzi said the organisation is "working tirelessly" to combat digital fraud.

He said the deactivated SIM cards belong to subscribers who had more than ten SIM cards under one name, and which the Authority believes are used to commit fraud.

Mlauzi said from the time the SIM cards were deactivated, the volume of spam or suspected scam messages had dropped. "The authority has received a number of complaints from people who have been defrauded but ZICTA is doing everything possible to address the situation. Scammers send unsolicited messages to members of the public using the SMS platform by using fraudulently registered SIM cards which compromises the safety of others users of electronic communication services."

Last month, the Authority said it was compelled to take action in order to combat mobile money fraud and would continue to deactivate SIM cards of people who have not complied with the rule of no more than ten SIM cards per person without just cause.

According to ZICTA, Zambia has continued to record increased use of digital financial services with mobile money transactions increasing to K105.6-billion by the end of last year from K49.6-billion in 2019, representing a 113% increase.

Bank of Zambia payment systems department manager Maria Katepe said the Central Bank is promoting digital financial services particularly mobile money services which she said "is the appropriate vehicle through which people can access financial services."

BANKING & FINANCE

Relief, concerns of traders as Ghana borders opened

ACCRA

GHANA's land and sea borders had been closed for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the reopening has brought relief to communities along the border, many still have health and security concerns.

Before the Ghana-Togo border was closed, Bright Tavi, a health worker in Aflao, a border town in Ghana's Volta region, would cross regularly to engage in small-scale trade to support his family.

But ever since Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo ordered the borders closed in March 2020, Tavi has struggled to survive.

"Two years later, he says the reopening could not have come at a better time.

"The opening of the border is great news, and it is something that we all have been hoping for, and the opening of this border, I believe is going to affect our lives positively," Tavi told DW.

As a side income, Tavi weaves kente cloth, a brightly colored and patterned fabric traditional to Ghana.

With the border open, he said, he "can easily cross now and sell my cloth [in Togo] without facing any challenge."

Since August 2021, residents and traders along the borders have staged protests to demand their reopening, especially after air traffic resumed in August 2020.

Still, the government had been reluctant to allow free movement in and out Ghana through land and sea.

Back to normal?

Health officials, however, say the rate of COVID infections has now significantly dropped, with about 738 active cases recorded as of March 28. In addition, no critical cases have been reported.

In a televised national address on Sunday evening, President Nana Akufo-Addo said now is the time to reopen all land and sea borders for the movement of goods and people. The reopening was part of several sweeping measures to return the country to "normalcy," he said.

According to the president, crossing the border will come with a few protocols in the coming weeks.

He explained that fully vaccinated travelers will be allowed entry through the land and sea borders without a negative PCR test result from the country of origin.

"Citizens and foreign residents in Ghana, who are not fully vaccinated, will have to produce a negative 48-hour PCR test result and be offered vaccination on arrival," he said.

Economic relief for residents

Abla Dzifa Gomashie, a lawmaker whose constituency Ketu South in the Volta Region is close to the border with Togo, told local radio station Starr FM that the news had brought a sigh of relief.

"The closure of the border for the past two years has been the most difficult period in my life in leadership," she said, expressing delight at the "return to normalcy."

Gomashie said residents are excited at the prospect of resuming work.

"Just the desire for the people to earn their own money, I am sure that alone is an injection of energy. They are waiting to fend for themselves so that in itself is good," she told DW.

Development worker Lois Asante Bota, based in the northern city of Tamale, some 180 kilometers (122 miles) from the border with Burkina Faso, told DW that "the reopening of the borders will help boost our economy."



Ghanaian traders are now looking to cash in on the cross-border trade.

According to the Observatory of Economic Complexity, Ghana exported products worth \$254 million (€231 million) to Burkina Faso in 2020. However, Ghana did not export any services to Burkina Faso in the same year.

A local journalist in the Volta region, Faisal Abdul-Iddrisu, who has been monitoring the ongoing activity along the Togolese border, told DW that many residents are now hoping their business activities will get busier in the coming days.

"They [residents] are of the expectation that business activities will pick up in the coming days," he said.

Faulting the government

However, Gomashie said the

government could have better handled the border closure to reduce the economic burden on residents.

"If any proper planning was considered, we should have had the necessary protocols specifically crafted for the border communities," she said.

There are reports that those wanting to cross over from Ghana into the neighboring countries face hurdles.

"When they [Ghanaians] cross from the Ghana side, the Togo side, the officials there say that their border remains closed," said Abdul-Iddrisu.

Togolese officials are reportedly charging a fee before allowing Ghanaians to cross into the capital, Lome. Despite these fees, travelers have

started thronging the borders to cross.

As members of the Economic Community of West African States, Ghana and Togo allow for free movement of their citizens.

"The president did not tell me whether as chairman of ECOWAS, he has told his colleagues, and they are all in agreement, and so now that our [Ghana] side is opened, the other side is also opened," she said.

Health protocols at the border

Ghanaian officials have explained that persons who are not fully vaccinated and do not have a negative PCR test

result can't be allowed to cross the borders.

The protocol has led to some people being turned back, but many people are getting their jobs to enable them to pass.

Health worker Tavi is worried about the potential spread of COVID-19 if people are not fully vaccinated.

"I am really concerned because many people are still in doubt of the existence of the virus. And with the border now opened, we have more work to do," Tavi said. Health officials have set up vaccination booths along the border, hoping to get as many people to vaccinate.

Ghana initially targeted vaccinating 20 million people against COVID-19 by the end of March, after missing out on an earlier target of December 2021.

It has now extended that deadline to June, due to what the president said was an insufficient supply of vaccines and, most importantly, vaccine hesitancy among citizens.

So far, the data from the Health Ministry suggest that only 13.1 million Ghanaians out of the estimated 30 million population have received the vaccine.

To my fellow Ghanaians who have not received the jab, I urge you to take it. It has been a year since my wife and I got vaccinated; it has not disrupted our physical well-being nor caused us to be sick. We are hale and hearty, like the other 13.1 million Ghanaians who have been vaccinated," Akufo-Addo in his speech.

Tavi hopes people will listen to the president and take the shots to prevent the spread of the virus, while enjoying the movement across the borders.

Need to remain vigilant

Rose Awinpoka, who lives along the northern border, told DW that Ghana must seriously take the health threats of reopening the borders.

"Economic activities will improve, but as the borders are opened, the people are free to move, and we can't just conclude that COVID-19 is over," she said.

She warned of other potential diseases. "There should be measures in place to ensure that no other strange disease enters the country," she added.

During the closure of land and sea borders, cargo traffic was allowed but giving access to people now comes with additional security risks.

"Now that the borders have been opened the inland checkpoints have been closed down," said journalist Abdul-Iddrisu.

Why private sector credit growth has been restrained

KAMPALA

PRIVATE sector credit growth has been subdued for several reasons. As economic conditions weakened due to negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, demand for credit declined as firms cut output and households reduced consumption, decreasing their need for credit.

Secondly, banks tightened lending standards in the face of greater uncertainty because some sectors of the economy remained closed longer than expected, and rising loan losses.

In the Monetary Policy Report August 2021, the Bank of Uganda said Private Sector Credit (PSC) growth moderated despite the accommodative environment, reflecting a combination of subdued demand for and supply of credit, largely attributable to heightened uncertainty related to the Covid-19 pandemic, increased risk aversion, relatively low level of economic activity and government's high domestic financing needs.

On a quarterly basis, annual PSC growth fell to an average of 6.8 percent in the quarter to June 2021 from 9.8 percent in the quarter to March 2021, with May 2021 registering the lowest growth rate of 5.4 percent.

In their analysis in the country report released on March 10 in Washington DC, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said over the five years to September 2021, the ratio of commercial banks' exposure to government debt and loans increased from 21.9 percent to 28.3 percent while the share of private sector credit to commercial banks' total assets dropped from 47.8 percent to 40.9 percent.

"Despite ample liquidity in the banking sector, the private sector credit remained subdued at 5.9 percent year-on-year in December 2021—mostly reflecting a rise in personal loans," the IMF said.

The IMF explains that although credit demand (proxied by value of loan applica-



Dr Michael Ating-Ego, the deputy governor Bank of Uganda

tions) and credit supply (proxied by loan approvals) has been increasing since last June until the end of last year, both have been declining in 2021, reflecting the crowding out effect of government debt, as well as weak demand and commercial banks' risk aversion on account of the slow and uneven economic recovery.

The IMF said asset quality risk is on the rise in view of the large share of restructured loans. NPLs rose to 6 percent of total loans in 2020, before declining to 5.3

percent in December 2021, lower than in other EAST African countries.

Slower economic activity, particularly in the services, construction and trade sectors, explained the deterioration in asset quality, despite the credit relief measures that restructured loans in those industries.

After peaking at 31.7 percent of total loans in June 2020, the stock of restructured loans amounted to Sh3.6 trillion as of September 2021. During the same period, provisioning increased so that they represent 46.5 percent of

commercial banks' non-performing loans (NPLs) by September 2021.

In the Monetary policy report of February 2022, the Central Bank said commercial banks' asset quality as measured by the ratio of NPLs to gross loans improved in the quarter to December 2021 to 5.3 per cent from 5.4 percent in the previous quarter.

"The ratio is, however, slightly higher than the pre-Covid-19 level, which could be an indicator that the Credit Relief Measures have so far helped. Although the industry NPLs ratio is generally low, some sectors of the economy such as mining, and real estate sectors exhibited increases in the NPLs ratios," said the central bank.

The IMF report states that the near-term aggregate risks to financial stability are elevated but manageable. Credit risks arising from non-performing loans remain the key risk to financial sector stability.

Test results indicate that most SFIs are resilient to the credit risk shock. While the aggregate core capital adequacy ratio (CAR) would decline to 19.5 percent and the aggregate NPL ratio would rise to 12.7 percent as of March 2022, nine of 25 SFIs, which account for 7.4 percent of the industry's asset base, would be in breach of the minimum CAR requirement.

Similarly, SFIs are little impacted by a foreign exchange shock. In this aspect, the IMF stated that given that the foreign currency denominated liabilities account for 36.2 percent of total liabilities by December 2021, Uganda's banking sector has a relatively high exposure to currency risks.

The IMF said Ugandan banks' capital buffers remain strong, boosted by increased profits. They are largely driven by a consistent revenue stream from fees and an increase in interest income from government securities.

27.4 percent for the year ended December 2021, which was higher than most EAC countries.

The IMF staff said deferred bonuses and dividends—which came about from a BoU directive trying to safeguard financial stability during the Covid-19 crisis—helped boost the regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets to 23.7 percent as of end December-2021, the highest among EAC

countries.

"The authorities plan to move towards Basel III by introducing new buffers and increasing capital requirements for all financial institutions. It is estimated that 10 out of the 25 banks in Uganda would require a capital injection to meet the new capital requirements," the IMF said.

The IMF Mission team for Uganda, Mr Amine Mati said: "The IMF said staff supports the authorities' commitment to proper loan classification rule and appropriate monitoring of restructured loans, particularly for the education and hospitality sector, where relief measures were extended for another year."

By end-December 2021, the industry aggregate liquidity coverage ratio and liquid assets-to-deposit ratio stood at 252.6 percent and 48.0 percent, respectively, well above the respective minimum requirements of 100 percent and 20 percent.

The ratio of liquid assets to short term liabilities and total assets increased respectively from 44.9 percent and 30.1 percent in March 2019 to 48.8 percent and 33.0 percent in December 2021.

Customer deposits, which are the main source of funding for banks, increased by 9 percent y-o-y in June 2021, reflecting increased deposit mobilisation through agent banking and digital platforms as well as the preservation of liquidity during the pandemic.

In his keynote address, Absa Economic Outlook and 2021 Africa Financial Markets Index on March 9, Deputy Governor Dr Michael Ating-Ego said BoU started implementing the Basel II banking regulations for banking supervision to enhance financial and operational risks management, among others.

"We also moved from reliance on cheque payments to advance payment platforms and advanced the implementation of the National Payments Systems Act including the use of a Regulatory Sandbox Framework for safe testing of innovations before full deployment, and concerted efforts are underway to develop a national payment switch to aid interoperability and reduce costs of financial transactions, among others."

European stock markets get mixed as Germany triggers emergency gas plan

LONDON

EUROPEAN stocks were mixed on Wednesday after Germany declared an "early warning" for gas emergency as a Russia deadline to pay for supplies in rubles looms.

The FTSE 100 was trading flat after pushing higher earlier in the day. France's CAC was 0.9 percent lower and the DAX lost 1.4 percent in Frankfurt.

It comes as Germany activated an emergency gas plan as Russian president Vladimir Putin threatened to cut supplies if payments are not made in rubles, something which the G7 has rejected. Russia is attempting to prop up the currency after economic sanctions sent it crashing.

German economy minister Robert Habeck urged firms and consumers to reduce energy consumption wherever possible but said there was currently no supply shortage. Habeck said the country was monitoring flows with market operations.

The move could see the bloc's largest economy switch to biogas as it braces for ration supplies. Russia accounted for 55% of German gas imports last year, falling to 40% in the first quarter of 2022. Habeck said Germany will not achieve full independence from Russian gas before mid-2024.

Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) warned that the bloc faces slower growth and higher inflation as the Ukraine war saps confidence and pushes up energy prices.

President Christine Lagarde said that households are already becoming pessimistic and cutting back on growth while business investment is also likely to take a hit.

The warning came as Spanish inflation soared at its fastest pace in nearly 40 years to 10% as the invasion of Ukraine pushed up energy bills.

Neil Wilson, chief market analyst at Markets.com, said: "Equity markets clearly got a lift from the headlines suggesting that Russia was scaling back military operations around Kyiv and Chernihiv, we await to see what really happens on the ground."

While crude extended losses, prices clawed back heavy declines on Wednesday, amid tight supply fears and the likelihood of additional Western sanctions against Russia even as the latest round of peace talks between Moscow and Kyiv seemed fruitful.



A man hands out money. Your money mindset influences how you save and spend money.

Essentials for mapping your money mindset

KAMPALA

MANY people spend a lot of time thinking about making more money. Whereas some think about saving, others are constantly finding new ways to spend their money (consciously or unconsciously) as their income increases.

But taking control of your financial future requires you to have a good financial mentality. Just like the old adage, 'Old habits die hard,' this is true when it comes to bad money habits.

Psychologists and financial analysts believe that something you think about so often, something you want so badly, can have a negative effect on you. But you have to change the way you think about money.

Money and emotions

Ms Naome Kiwooma, a psychologist says acquiring a healthy money mindset involves steps and understanding take to finally get a grip on your 'out of control' money habits. "You can start talking about creating a healthy money mindset. This means you must answer the question of how is a money mindset formed? A number of our core beliefs about money are formed in early childhood by observing and internalising the money messages we learned from our parents, community, caregivers and friends," Kiwooma says.

She adds that your money mindset is your unique set of beliefs and attitude about money. This is the basis of the decisions you make about saving, spending and handling money.

"People who have a healthy money mindset believe things such as having the liberty to spend or not to purchase," she says, noting that the money mindset is your unique set of

core beliefs and attitudes about money and how money works in the world.

Bad money habits.

If you find yourself without savings and spending more money than you earn, it could be a sign of unhealthy money habits. It is therefore a wake up call to drop those bad spending habits and start working towards better financial habits.

"When you build good or healthy money habits, you can learn how to budget, save money, work towards your financial goals and increase your wealth which can in turn result in financial success," she adds.

Mr Elly Karuhanga, chairman, Private Sector Foundation Uganda, says there is need to have a complete change towards our attitudes to work if we are to have a healthy money mindset.

"The attitude determines your vision, the way you think and work and how to get out of poverty," Mr Karuhanga says, adding that it is a key factor that also enables you to be able to access finances that can be used to invest rather than wasting the financial resources.

Ms Lydia Mirembe, manager Corporate and Public Affairs, The Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (URBRA) says whereas the word "healthy" is subjective, let's say that a money mindset is the sum total of one's beliefs and attitudes towards money.

"Everyone may have a different view of what a healthy money mindset constitutes. But for purposes of effective management of one's money, a healthy money mindset is the one that enables you to make financial decisions that take you forward; decisions that enable you to attain your goals and aspirations. A healthy money mindset enables you to look at money as an enabler," Mirembe says.

Considerations

Developing a healthy money mindset involves several considerations.

Mirembe emphasises that you must understand and appreciate the value of money. This means you must understand how to make, invest and use money to take yourself forward.

"All this knowledge comes from your daily experiences with money. Do you use your money prudently or are you wasteful? Do you have a budget upon which you base your expenses? What company do you keep and how do they influence your money decisions? Where do you go when you need more information and knowledge about money? She asks.

She adds: "If you constantly check your money habits, you will realise a mindset shift. We are not talking about developing a mean streak and being stingy. We are talking about knowing your priorities and how they fit within your budgetary boundaries."

A money mindset

Mirembe elaborates that a healthy money mindset should motivate you to spend on the things you like and enjoy, without overshooting your limits. With a healthy money mindset, you work with the belief that money is meant to enable you to scale your aspirations - without necessarily making you self-absorbed.

"Nothing beats education and knowledge. Always seek more knowledge and understanding of how money works. That way, you will improve or change your money mindset."

There are a number of questions one needs to ask themselves weighing in on their beliefs and attitudes about money.



WORLD

UN chopper crash in eastern Congo kills 8 peacekeepers

KINSHASA

EIGHT peacekeepers were killed when a UN helicopter crashed in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday amid rebel fighting, the United Nations said.

The bodies of the peacekeepers have been taken to Goma and an investigation was underway into the circumstances of the crash, the United Nations said in a statement.

They included six crew members from the Pakistani military and two military personnel – one from Russia and one from Serbia, the UN peacekeeping mission in Congo, known as MONUSCO, said in a statement.

Pakistan's army said that all eight people had died, and gave the names of the pilot and

crew. Pakistan has deployed an aviation unit to the UN mission in Congo since 2011, it said.

The helicopter was on a reconnaissance mission when it went down in the area of Tshanzu, in North Kivu province, where there have been clashes this week between the Congolese army and a rebel group known as the M23, MONUSCO said.

Congo's army said the helicopter was shot down by rebels, which the M23's spokesman denied. MONUSCO did not state the cause of the crash and said investigations were underway.

The M23 group was driven out of Congo after an insurgency in 2012 and 2013 and chased into neighboring Uganda and Rwanda. Its fighters have since come back to wage



Peacekeepers rest after the installation of a new base in Rugari, 50 km from the city of Goma in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Jan 28, 2022. At the foot of the extinct volcano Mikeno, entire villages are deserted. Their inhabitants fled violent clashes between the army and the ex-rebels of the "M23". File photo

attacks, including one in the same part of Congo in November.

Heavy fighting started when the M23 attacked two Congolese army positions on Sunday night.

By Tuesday the rebels had moved into the city of Kabindi and were near the area's local administrative seat, the town of Rutshuru, according to a civil society coordinator.

"If these enemies manage to dislodge our forces, Rutshuru center will fall," Jean Damascene Baziya told reporters.

Uganda's army has also entered the fray and said it killed 14 M23 fighters near the border with Congo on Tuesday.

"This evening they (M23) attacked us,

they shelled the Ugandan side and some civilian houses were destroyed. Our forces responded and 14 rebels were killed, seven were taken prisoners of war," Ugandan military spokesperson Brigadier Felix Kulayigye said, adding one of its soldiers also died in the fighting.

There have been regional efforts in recent years to demobilize the M23, but its leaders have complained about the slow implementation of a peace accord and accused the Congolese army of waging war against it.

M23 spokesman Willy Ngoma said on Tuesday that the group was fighting only to defend itself.

Agencies

Chinese envoy warns of results of sanctions over Ukraine conflict

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Tuesday warned that indiscriminate sanctions over the Ukraine conflict will bring about new humanitarian problems.

"The ever-escalating sweeping and indiscriminate sanctions have hit global energy, food, economics and trade, and financial markets, and will continue to do so, affecting the lives and livelihoods of the general public, and giving rise to new humanitarian problems," Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, told a Security Council meeting on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

Developing countries, which make up the majority of the world, are not parties to this conflict, and should not be drawn into the confrontation and forced to suffer the consequences of geopolitical clashes and sparring among major powers, he said.

Right now, global food security is being seriously challenged, which warrants due attention. Sanctions and economic blockades will only artificially exacerbate food shortages and price distortions, further disrupt food production and food supply chain across the world, push up food prices,



A staff member prepares to check people from Ukraine at Palanca checkpoint, Moldova, March 2, 2022. File photo

es, and put burdens on developing countries, he said.

"We call for enhanced international coordination to stabilize food supply and food prices, refrain from unjustified export restrictions, keep the market working in a stable manner, and ensure global food security."

The United Nations, the World Food Pro-

gramme, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Trade Organization and other agencies should actively contribute to coordinating food production and trade among countries, and helping developing countries tide over the shocks, said Dai.

As the conflict in Ukraine is persisting, effectively protecting civilian lives and meeting their humanitarian needs is a must.

China calls for respect for international humanitarian law to avoid civilian casualties, protect civilian facilities, provide safe passage for evacuation and humanitarian access, and ensure a continuous supply of basic necessities. Protection of vulnerable groups such as women and children must be strengthened, he said.

If the crisis continues and escalates, further damage is on its way, a situation not in the interests of any party. The most conclusive way toward a cease-fire to end hostilities is dialogue and negotiation, he said.

The international community should encourage and support continued direct negotiations between Russia and Ukraine until a positive outcome is achieved and peace is restored, he said.

Security is indivisible. Seeking absolute security by pitting one bloc against another is the recipe for insecurity. The United States, NATO and the EU should also engage in dialogue with Russia, accommodate the legitimate security concerns of all parties, and build a balanced, effective and sustainable regional security architecture. China will continue to work toward and play a constructive role in easing the situation and resolving the crisis, he said.

Horn of Africa experiencing one of its worst droughts in recent history

NAIROBI

SCATTERED on the five-acre farm in Bandari village, Kidemu sub-location in Kenya's coastal Kilifi County, were withered maize crops.

"I planted the crops as soon as the rains started, but they stopped soon after. The crop has failed completely. We are facing hunger, I don't have anything to eat," Zawadi Msafiri, the farm owner told Xinhua at her farm recently.

"I had 40 cows, 32 of them died because of drought. I also planted maize and the crop failed. We are barely surviving. I don't know what my children will eat next or if I will be able to take them to school," said 45-year-old Caroline in Kilifi, adding her cows were the main source of income for her family.

Caroline observed that getting food has become harder, with her family mainly relying on relief food. "Most of the time we only drink porridge," she said.

For Eliud Karisa, another Kilifi resident, he lost three of his cows and several goats to the ongoing drought. "I now have only four goats."

There is neither food nor water. I can't even feed my children or take them to school," he said. If animal prices were good, he observed, he would sell the goats to cater to his needs but traders are buying at very low prices. "I can't sell, I better feed them some of the rations we receive hoping that it would rain and the price would increase once again," he said.

Adam Ndamunga, an officer with Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)

in Kilifi, said the drought situation in the region started in August 2021 and has been progressing due to inadequate rains. "We have lost some 9,500 animals due to lack of pasture and water. People require relief food."

The situation is getting worse, if it does not rain we might experience severe drought," he said. Ndamunga noted up to 219,000 people in the area are currently facing acute hunger, up from 145,000 people last year.

According to NDMA, the latest crisis has been fomented by failed October to December 2021 short rains, leading to poor crop production and low pasture and water resources for livestock.

Sunny and dry weather conditions prevailed over most parts of the country during February. "We are not receiving adequate rains to plant crops like maize, which

take seven months to mature. For the current forecast for Kilifi, we might get around 330mm of rainfall, down from 550mm in the past. We are, therefore, asking farmers to plant drought-resistant and early-maturing crops," said Ndamunga.

About 3.1 million people in Kenya were in need of urgent food assistance and at least 1.5 million livestock had died, according to Short Rains Food and Nutrition Security assessment released by NDMA in February this year.

To alleviate the hunger crisis, the Kenyan government has been distributing relief food, building water pans, trucking water for livestock and sending cash to vulnerable families.

The United Nations relief agency said the Horn of Africa is experiencing one of its worst droughts in recent history, with more than

13 million people severely food insecure in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia.

"This drought risks becoming one of the worst climate-induced emergencies seen in recent history in the Horn of Africa," the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned in its latest humanitarian update on March 23. It said families are taking desperate measures to survive, with thousands leaving their homes in search of food, water and pasture.

According to the OCHA, the October-December 2020, March-May 2021 and October-December 2021 seasons were all marred by below-average rainfall, leaving large swathes of Somalia, southern and south-eastern Ethiopia, and northern and eastern Kenya facing exceptional drought.

Xinhua

Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party buoyant after weekend by-elections

HARARE

DESPITE getting fewer seats than the opposition in the just-ended by-elections held at the weekend, Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party made some notable gains after wrestling two parliamentary seats from the opposition to further widen its two-thirds majority in the National Assembly.

A total of 28 parliamentary and 122 local council seats were up for grabs in the by-elections, which fell vacant due to recalls and deaths. In the 2018 elections, 20 of the parliamentary seats were won by the opposition MDC Alliance, seven by ZANU-PF and one by the opposition NPF.

In the weekend vote, ZANU-PF not only managed to retain its seven parliamentary seats but grabbed two more seats that were previously won by the opposition in 2018, to increase its total number to nine seats in the vote and 147 overall in the 210-seat National Assembly.

The opposition Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) led by Nelson Chamisa, a recently-established party after breaking away from the official opposition MDC-T, won 19 out of 28 parliamentary seats and 75 out of the 122 council seats.

According to the results, the ruling party maintained its tight grip on rural constituencies where it enjoys massive support, and made inroads in some traditional opposition strongholds, after snatching the urban seat of Epworth, a dormitory town of the national capital Harare and some urban council seats.

The opposition consolidated its historical grip in urban areas. Both the CCC and the MDC-T in their fractured nature failed to defend the 20 seats that they garnered in the 2018 elections under the MDC Alliance banner.

The MDC-T led by Douglas Mwonozora did not win any council or a parliamentary seat. "We did very well, the party did very well, candidates who wrestled seats from the opposition."

Most of the seats belonged to the opposition, but with their fractured nature, ZANU-PF managed to snatch two seats," ZANU-PF Secretary for Information and Publicity Christopher Mutsvangwa said Tuesday.

"We see 2023 as an opportunity when the fortunes of ZANU-PF will be sustained as the message resonates well with the people. The Saturday by-election was a warning that their (opposition) days of urban electorate supremacy are over."

Speaking Monday, CCC leader Chamisa defended his party's performance, saying it had entered into the elections starting from scratch. "We are only two months old."

This is our first victory, our first election and we have done so well. I have heard some people say no, you retained your seats. We had no seats, we were on zero, we are starting afresh and what we know is that we now have 19 seats and on a march to a two-thirds majority in parliament come 2023," Chamisa said.

WB freezes Afghan projects after Taliban bans girls from high school

WASHINGTON

THE World Bank has put four projects in Afghanistan worth \$600 million on hold amid concerns over a decision by the country's ruling Islamist leaders to ban girls from returning to public high schools, the bank said.

The projects, to be funded under the revamped Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, were being readied for implementation by United Nations agencies to support projects in agriculture, education, health, and livelihoods.

But the bank's guidance requires all ARTF-financed activities to support access to - and equity of services for - women and girls in Afghanistan, the bank said, citing its deep concerns over the Taliban's ban on girls attending high school.

As a result, the bank said, the four projects will be presented to ARTF donors for approval only "when the World Bank and international partners have a better understanding of the situation and confidence that the goals of the projects can be met." It was not immediately clear when that could occur.

US officials last week canceled planned meetings in Doha with the Taliban over the decision to keep girls out of secondary school.

The executive board of the World Bank on March 1 approved a plan to use more than \$1 billion from the ARTF fund to finance urgently needed education, agriculture, health and family programs that would bypass sanctioned Taliban authorities and disburse the money through UN agencies and aid groups.

The ARTF was frozen in August when the Taliban took power as US-led international troops departed after 20 years of war. Foreign governments also ended financial aid comprising over 70 percent of government expenditures, accelerating the country's economic collapse.

When it agreed to free up ARTF funds for new projects to be implemented by UN agencies, the World Bank had stipulated that it expected a "strong focus on ensuring that girls and women participate and benefit from the support."

Agencies

Rich ice and snow resources give boost to the development of sports in Tibet

"TM preparing for the next Winter Olympics. It's my dream to win honor for our country at the Olympics," said Yongqing Lhamo, a Chinese athlete born in Purong village, Wangda township, Zogang county, Qamdo city, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region.

The 18-year-old snowboarder once created Chinese players' best score at the FIS Women's Snowboard Cross World Cup and qualified for the same event at the Beijing Winter Olympics, becoming the

first-ever Tibetan athlete who has earned a Winter Olympic berth.

To boost the development of winter sports, Tibet selected talents for ice and snow sports from students at a local sports school and a mountaineering guide school in 2018. Yongqing Lhamo, who had been learning football, seized the opportunity.

It was in no way easy to switch from football to skiing, but Yongqing Lhamo managed it with an adventurous spirit and painstaking efforts.

Before she was admitted into Tibet's skiing training team, Yongqing Lhamo had never heard about snowboard cross. "During the event, competitors need to race past high jumps, sharp turns and steep slopes, and whoever reaches the finish line first wins. It was amazing when I skied for the first time, and I immediately fell in love with the sport," she said.

Since she practiced skiing, Yongqing Lhamo has participated in training and competitions in many places at home and abroad, and even competed in Winter Olympics.

"Athletes from the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau normally have good cardio-pulmonary functions, remarkable endurance, and other advantages," said Nyima Tsering, director of the Tibet Sports Bureau. Thanks to the selection mechanism of the General Administration of Sport of China that encourages athletes to take part in ice and snow sports regardless of their professional backgrounds, more and more athletes in Tibet

have competed in winter sports competitions, according to him.

Tibet's skiing team has competitive advantages in ski mountaineering and cross-country skiing, and has sent over 10 athletes to the national team, he said.

Rich in ice and snow resources including forests, mountains and glaciers, Tibet has become a world-class adventure and mountaineering destination.

Characteristic competitions held in Tibet, including the Trans-Himalaya International Extreme Cycling Race, the Tibet mountaineering conference and the Lhasa Half Marathon, not only intoxicate sports enthusiasts, but bring sports closer to local people.

As more residents of various ethnic groups in the region take pleasure in outdoor sports, mountaineering and skiing have increasingly become their first choices for enjoying ice and snow sports.

A number of characteristic towns featuring sports and leisure activities in Tibet, including Lulang township in Nyingchi city of the region, have witnessed robust development and driven local efforts to propel rural revitalization.

Statistics show that during China's 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), Tibet received 2,337 mountaineering enthusiasts from home and abroad, achieving an output value of 7764 million yuan (\$122 million) and generating an income of 30.69 million yuan for local people.

People's Daily

Madagascar commemorates 75th anniversary of uprising against French colonisers

ANTANANARIVO

MADAGASCAR commemorated on Tuesday the 75th anniversary of its uprising against French colonisers almost everywhere in the country with ecumenical worship, wreath laying ceremony in front of commemorative steles or at martyrs' cemeteries, as well as various festivities.

With the theme, "Ilo tsy very, tsy maty ao ampo, ny fanavotana ny firenena", widely translated into English as "the salvation of the country is an unquenched flame, alive in the heart", the commemoration events were notably remarkable in the capital of Antananarivo, in Moramanga (east) and in Manakara (south-east), where hundreds of Malagasy nationalists are buried in mass graves after being shot by the French.

Accompanied by youths and survivors of the 1947 insurrection, Malagasy President Andry Rajoelina laid wreaths at the Mausole Avaratr'Ankatso in downtown Antananarivo on Tuesday before flying to Manakara.

In Manakara, the centre of the celebration, the Malagasy president called for solidarity among Malagasy people. "Patriotism is the reason for the celebration of March 29 every year, it is the main message that we must transfer to our descendants," he said.

"The struggle continues, we need a lot of effort to have real independence, food independence, the fight against corruption and independence for real development," he added. For his part, Prime Minister Ntsay Christian was in Moramanga to lay wreaths at the cemeteries where hundreds of martyrs are resting.

"The struggle made by Malagasy nationalists is not in vain. The current government has done its best to fulfil the dreams of these nationalists. Despite the negative consequences of the COVID-19 and the crisis in Ukraine, the Malagasy government is making efforts to find solutions to the difficulties of Malagasy citizens," the Prime Minister said. On March 29, 1947, the uprising against France broke out throughout Madagascar. The most violent incident took place in Moramanga, where French soldiers shot hundreds of Malagasy demonstrators in a train. Madagascar was colonised by France from 1896 and gained its independence on June 26, 1960.

Russia offers to scale back operations as talks proceed

MOSCOW

Russia's military announced on Tuesday it will "fundamentally" scale back operations near Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, and a northern city, as talks brought a possible deal to end the grinding war into view.

Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said the move was meant to increase trust in the talks after several rounds of negotiations failed to halt what has devolved into a bloody campaign of attrition.

Fomin is leading the Russian delegation, which also includes negotiator Vladimir Medinsky, in talks with Ukraine, which began on Tuesday morning in Istanbul, Turkey. They are the first face-to-face talks between the two sides since March 7.

The Ukrainian delegation is being led by David Arakhamia, the head of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's political party in parliament.

Fomin said Moscow had decided to "fundamentally... cut back military activity in the direction of Kyiv and Chernihiv" to "increase mutual trust and create conditions for further negotiations". He did not spell out what that would mean in practical terms.

Ukraine proposed adopting a neutral status with international guarantees to protect it from attack. Turkey, which hosted the talks, said the measures marked the most significant progress yet. Ukraine's military said it had noted withdrawals of some forces around Kyiv and Chernihiv.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has demanded the "demilitarization and denazification of the country," and that Ukraine adopt a neutral status and recognize that the Donbass region in the east and Crimea are no longer part of Ukraine.

Ahead of the talks, Zelensky said his country is prepared to declare its neutrality, as Moscow has demanded, and added that compromise might be possible over "the complex



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (right) greets the Russian and Ukrainian delegations ahead of their talks, in Istanbul, Turkey, on Tuesday. AP

issue" of Donbass.

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Zelensky, said there are "intensive consultations going on regarding several important issues, the key among those is an agreement on international security guarantees for Ukraine."

Before the talks began the Kremlin denied Putin had considered using nuclear weapons in Ukraine.

During an interview with the TV channel PBS, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "no" when an interviewer asked whether Putin had suggested in an earlier statement that he would use nuclear weapons if a third party got involved in the conflict in Ukraine.

"I don't think so. But Putin

was quite bold in saying: 'Do not interfere. If you do, we have all the possibilities to prevent that and to punish all those who are going to interfere'," Peskov said.

"No one is thinking about using... even about the idea of using nuclear weapons," he said.

The Kremlin said Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich is not an official member of the Russian negotiating team, but is present at the talks in Turkey to "enable certain contacts" between the two sides.

The Kremlin also dismissed reports that Abramovich, who played an early role in peace talks, had been poisoned, saying they were untrue and part of an

"information war".

According to The Wall Street Journal and the investigative outlet Bellingcat, which cited people familiar with the matter, Abramovich and Ukrainian peace negotiators suffered symptoms of suspected poisoning earlier this month after a meeting in Kyiv.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian forces have taken Irpin, a gateway to Kyiv's northwest, from Russian control, Ukraine's Interior Minister Denys Monastyrsky said on Tuesday.

Russia's Ministry of Defence said on Tuesday it destroyed a large fuel base near the settlement of Klevan in Rivne Oblast in western Ukraine using high-precision cruise missiles.

ROK says it successfully test-fired first solid-fuel space rocket

SEOUL

THE Republic of Korea's military said it had successfully test-fired a solid-fuel space rocket for the first time yesterday, a step it says will help eventually launch a constellation of satellites to better monitor threats.

The launch is the first such test since the ROK and the United States agreed last year to end decades of restrictions on the ROK's ballistic missile and rocket development, and comes less than a week after the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted its highest missile test yet.

"The success of the test launch of this solid-propelled space launch vehicle is an important milestone in strengthening the defense power of our military's independent space-based surveillance and reconnaissance field at a very critical time," the Ministry of National Defense said in a statement, citing last week's test of an intercontinental ballistic missile by the DPRK.

The defense minister observed the launch of the rocket, which was developed with "pure Korean technology", the statement said.

In October, the ROK conducted the first test launch of the Nuri liquid-fueled rocket, its first domestically built space launch vehicle. Nuri blasted off but failed to fully place a dummy satellite into orbit, delivering mixed results for a test launch that represented a major leap for the country's ambitious space plans.

In contrast to the Nuri's liquid-fuel design, a solid-fuel rocket such as the one tested on Wednesday would be simpler, less expensive to develop and manufacture, and faster to launch, the defense ministry said.

Yesterday's test verified the large solid-fuel engine, fairing separation, stage separation, and upper-stage attitude control technology, which are essential technologies for space launch vehicles, the statement added.

The ministry said it plans to eventually use the rocket to put a small satellite or a number of ultra-small satellites into low-Earth orbit in the future, and to later transfer some technology to the private sector to help revitalize the domestic space industry.

West's unilateral anti-Russian sanctions leading to crisis of historic scale – diplomat

UNITED NATIONS

THE West's unilateral anti-Russian sanctions are leading to a global economic crisis of a historic scale, Russia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vasily Nebenzia said on Tuesday.

"The actual causes threatening the global food market with serious turbulence are not in Russia's actions but rather is the unrestrained sanction hysteria the West has unleashed against Russia giving no thought either to the population of the countries of the so-called global south or to their own citizens."

The attempt to isolate Russia economically, financially and logistically from the years-long cooperation channels is already entailing an economic crisis of the historic scale.

It is clear even for an unsophisticated person that only the refusal from unilateral illegal restrictive measures can ease tensions in the transport and logistics, and financial ties, to ensure uninterrupted supplies and to stabilize international agricultural and food markets," he said.

International liabilities

Russia is strictly committed to its international liabilities and will guarantee security to those Ukrainian troops who will opt to surrender arms, Nebenzia said.

"Russian side fully upholds its international obligations and poses no threat to those Ukrainians who lay down their arms," he told a UN Security Council session on humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

The diplomat said that the Russian resolution, put to vote last week, con-



Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vasily Nebenzia

tained a demand to ensure "respectful and humane treatment of detainees." It was due to "videos of cruel treatment of captured Russian soldiers" posted by Ukrainian nationalists online, Nebenzia continued, asking other participants of the meeting whether they saw those videos.

On Monday, videos emerged on the Internet purportedly showing Ukrainian radical nationalists torturing captive Russian servicemen. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that those involved in the torture of Russian prisoners of war in Ukraine must be held accountable for their actions.

Humanitarian pauses

The West is demonstrating inconsistency and hypocrisy when it demands humanitarian pauses in Ukraine, Nebenzia said.

He noted that "many calls have been voiced [at the UNSC meeting] for a humanitarian ceasefire, for providing humanitarian access, for humanitarian pauses and humanitarian corridors." "[UN] Secretary General [Antonio] Guterres came out with the corresponding initiatives yesterday," he said.

"Colleagues, it is hard not to be astonished at your inconsistency," he went on to say. "Last Wednesday, the majority [of UNSC] turned down Russia's draft of a humanitarian resolution binding on all the parties with a concrete list of steps to be made to resolve the humanitarian crisis, first of all in eastern Ukraine. Bearing this in mind, today's statements, especially by the Western delegations, sound quite cynical."

UN vehicles' participation in Ukrainian military action

Russia is seeking explanations into why a UN vehicle with diplomatic license plates was used in combat near the Ukrainian city of Kharkov, Nebenzia said.

"Good thing the UN Security Council eventually recognized such violations in Kharkov and Mariupol," Nebenzia said. "We are expecting a response to our latest request, regarding a UN vehicle with diplomatic license plates DP210015 near Kharkov, which, according to eyewitnesses, took part in combat operations of Ukrainian nationalists."

"We have also been informed about use of OSCE vehicles by radicals," Nebenzia added. "It is important that both organizations give a fair evaluation of similar facts."

Medical vehicles

Russia sees the possibility of Western weapons deliveries to Ukraine, carried out with the use of vehicles with medical symbols, Nebenzia said.

"We cannot rule out that under the guise of vehicles of those organizations [UN and OSCE], or vehicles with medical symbols, nearby countries may import weapons, which the West promised to Kiev so generously," he said.

Kiev's crackdown on public activists Russia is concerned by reports of the Kiev government's crackdown on opposition journalists, politicians and public figures, Nebenzia said.

"In the context of Ukrainian radicals and special services' harsh treatment of their own citizens, we have serious concerns about the Kiev government's ongoing purge of public figures, who are out of their favor," he said.

Russian-Chinese cooperation in resisting hegemony has no boundaries – China's diplomat

BEIJING

COOPERATION between Russia and China in the sphere of security and regarding measures to resist the global hegemony has no boundaries, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Wang Wenbin said yesterday.

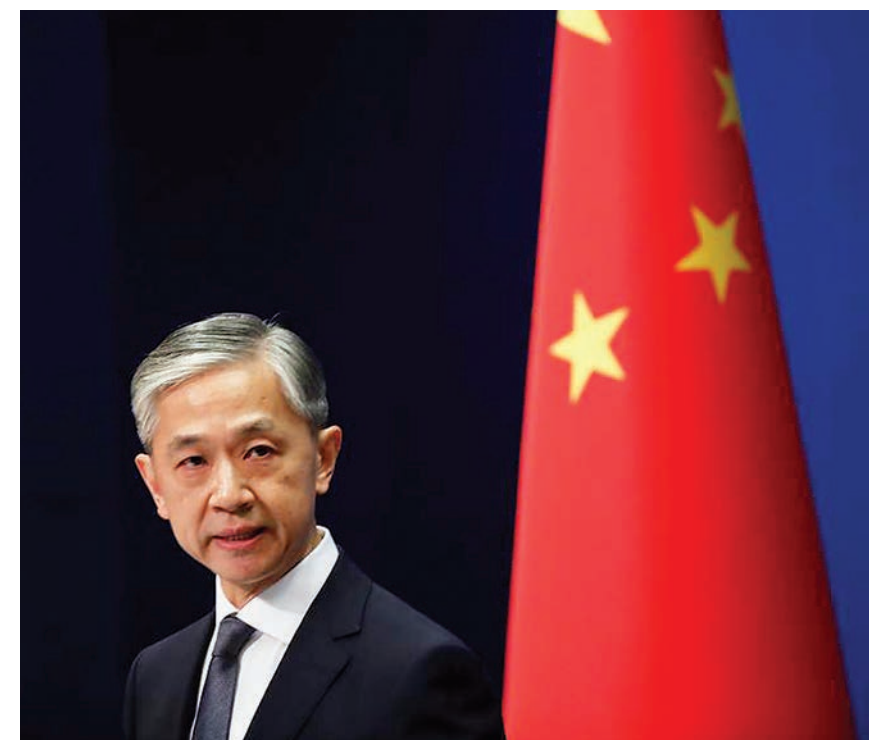
"The cooperation between Russia and China has no boundaries. It regards our bilateral measures on maintaining peace and security as well as joint steps to resist hegemony," the diplomat said at a press briefing in response to a question about how far the cooperation between Moscow and Beijing can go.

Commenting on the most recent round of negotiations between Russia and Ukraine in Turkey's Istanbul, Wang Wenbin noted "positive signals" demonstrated by both parties.

"We have always believed that a dialogue and negotiations are the only correct way to achieve the settlement of the Ukrainian crisis," he stressed.

The spokesman also said he hoped that Moscow and Kiev would reach a compromise soon, adding that the international society should provide assistance to efforts on behalf of Russia and Ukraine in the conflict settlement.

"It is necessary to stand against all actions, which may



Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin

add fuel to controversies and reinvigorate contradictions," the Chinese diplomat added.

The Russian-Ukrainian talks began on February 28 with several meetings between the two delegations held in Belarus. Then the negotiators continued contacts in an on-line video format. On March 29, a new face-to-face round of talks was held in Istanbul.

Russia's special military operation in Ukraine

President Vladimir Putin announced on February 24 that in response to a request by the heads of the Donbass republics he had made a decision to carry out

a special military operation in Ukraine in order to protect people "who have been suffering from abuse and genocide by the Kiev regime for eight years."

The Russian leader stressed that Moscow had no plans of occupying Ukrainian territories and the operation was aimed at demilitarizing and denazifying Ukraine.

When clarifying the developments unfolding, the Russian Defense Ministry reassured that Russian troops are not targeting Ukrainian cities, but are limited to surgically striking and incapacitating Ukrainian military infrastructure. There are no threats whatsoever to the civilian population.

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China aims to build complete hydrogen energy industry development system by 2035

ACCORDING to a development plan for the hydrogen energy industry released by Chinese authorities on March 23, China will build a complete hydrogen energy industry development system by 2035, when hydrogen produced from renewable energy will witness a significant increase in its proportion in final energy consumption and play an important role in underpinning the country's green energy transition.

The medium- and long-term plan for the development of China's hydrogen energy sector for the 2021-2035 period provided a scientific analysis of the industry's current situation, and set out development goals for the industry by 2025, 2030, and 2035, respectively.

The country plans to preliminarily build a hydrogen energy supply

system featuring by-product hydrogen from industrial processes and hydrogen produced near the point of end use from renewable energy during its 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), according to the plan, which was jointly formulated by China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and National Energy Administration (NEA).

The plan states that by 2025, the ownership of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in China will be increased to around 50,000; a batch of hydrogen refueling stations will be built across the country; and the country's annual hydrogen production from renewable energy will reach 100,000 tons to 200,000 tons, which is expected to enable an annual reduction of one million tons to two million tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

China is the world's largest producer

of hydrogen, with a hydrogen production capacity of about 40 million tons per year and an annual hydrogen output of about 33 million tons.

The country's hydrogen energy industry has initially acquired major technologies and production processes required for hydrogen energy production, storage and transportation, hydrogen refueling, hydrogen fuel cells, hydrogen energy system integration, etc.

The number of industrial enterprises above the designated size involved in the entire industrial chain has exceeded 300.

The utilization of hydrogen energy was an important embodiment of China's vision of green Games at the just-concluded 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The 2022 Winter Olympics torch, named "Flying," was fueled by hydrogen. In addition, a total of over 1,000 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles

were put into use at competition zones and more than 30 hydrogen refueling stations were built for the Games, which achieved full use of green energy in transportation during the sports event.

The plan focuses on various key links in the production, storage, transportation, and application of hydrogen energy, as well as hydrogen safety, public services, and other aspects of the development of the hydrogen energy industry.

It sets forth tasks including building an innovation system for the industry, advancing hydrogen energy-related infrastructure construction, steadily pushing forward with demonstration application of hydrogen energy, and improving relevant policy and institutional support systems.

While placing innovation at the core of the development of the hydrogen en-

ergy industry, the plan highlighted the importance of all-round development of the entire industrial chain, breakthroughs in key and core technologies, improvement in equipment's capabilities of autonomous and controllable operation, and in-depth integration of industrial chain and innovation chain.

Considering infrastructure construction an important guarantee for the development of the hydrogen energy industry, the plan stressed the necessity of ensuring rational distribution of hydrogen production facilities, building hydrogen energy storage and transportation system in a steady and gradual manner, and making an overall plan for the establishment of a hydrogen refueling station network on the basis of overall planning for the nationwide layout of hydrogen energy industry.

The plan placed great emphasis on the application of hydrogen energy in a

steady and prudent manner, as well as promoting demonstration application of hydrogen energy before large-scale application.

The application of hydrogen energy should be based on and driven by market demands, and its application scenarios in transportation, energy storage, and industry should be expanded according to circumstances and in a steady and prudent fashion, said the document.

The country will intensify efforts to promote the application of hydrogen fuel cell to medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, cultivate a new model of integrated application system featuring the combination of wind, solar, and hydro-power generation and hydrogen energy storage, and carry out demonstration of microgrid with hydrogen energy storage system, the document noted.

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James Kotei

Ghanaian midfielder opens doors for Simba SC, Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC has in the previous years and recently had good defensive midfielders but still, some of the outfit's fans continue to dream of Ghanaian James Kotei due to the competence he showed when he was at the club.

The midfielder made his debut for Simba three seasons ago and helped the team shine domestically and internationally before joining Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa in the 2019/20 season.

Despite playing regularly, when his contract expired he left the country and went to South Africa, and later became a target for Yanga.

Kotei currently turning out for Championship outfit, Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) FC, said even though his side is in the second tier, he has left the doors open for Simba, Yanga, and Azam FC, should they wish to secure his signature. The defensive midfielder also disclosed his plans for DTB FC and their ambition to secure promotion to 2022/23 Mainland Premier League and increase competition in the league that was established in 1965.

Simba fans were shocked to hear Kotei left the side for South Africa but the midfielder disclosed after his contract with Simba expired he did not receive any offer from the team's leadership and even when he decided to go home, he was not contacted by the leaders.

"I did not see the need to stay in the country, as it was clear I was not needed. I did not get an offer to extend my contract, so I thought it best to go home where I also did not get a team quickly," he revealed.

When the midfielder was in Ghana, he was approached by Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa and did not find it difficult to join the club.

"I did not have an offer from Simba. Also when Kaizer showed interest in me, I thought it was okay to leave, but after going there I faced many challenges," Kotei stated.

"When I was there the coach wanted to bring in a player of his choice, but Kaizer did not want the coach to bring in the player, so all he did was put me in a difficult position to make sure he did not give me time to play."

The midfielder that also turned out for Oman's Sohar SC said he missed the opportunity to play and Kaizer Chiefs officials said they could not interfere with the coach on players' selection.

"I went to Kaizer and was doing well, so they made it clear they did not want to interfere with the squad planning, but they told the coach if I was not used then he should let me go and we agreed," he disclosed.

Kotei revealed he was forced to play for a modest European club in Belarus, Slavia Muzyr, after a long absence.

Despite joining the outfit, he still found himself in a difficult situation due to injuries that sidelined him for six months.

"I got injured, but you know Slavia Muzyr don't usually focus on the player

who has been injured, so I decided to leave after failing to get my dues," he noted.

The former Golden Foot Academy player said when he left Kaizer Chiefs for Slavia Muzyr he accepted Yanga's offer, but his heart was hesitant as he felt that he would betray Simba given he lived comfortably in Tanzania and believed he could return.

He disclosed that when he was in Belarus, received another offer from Yanga and then Simba did not follow him, then he saw that it was the right time for him to join the Jangwani Street outfit.

He pointed out he had every reason to join Yanga but was surprised to see a state of silence, despite agreeing with the club's management and was waiting for a plane ticket to Dar es Salaam.

"When Yanga contacted me for the second time after Simba resorted to opt-out of communicating with me, I said let me go, but something akin to politics happened, it was alleged I played for Simba that's why they did not come back. In short, they were the ones who blocked the deal," the midfielder added.

"When I work for an outfit, my passion is there even though I was somewhere in the past. So the deal failed but it could happen."

Kotei noted after seeing the deal blocked after leaving Slavia, he joined Sohar SC but did not stay long and after that, he received an offer from DTB FC.

The midfielder pointed out after receiving the offer he followed up on the status quo and the famous players roped in by it impressed him.

"I looked and saw there were great players like Amissi Tambwe, Tafadzwa Kutinyu, and Nicholas Gyan and I said this team has good plans, so I have every reason to come even if there are not in Premier League," he said.

"Even when I talked to my wife she told me you never know what God has planned for you, so coming to Tanzania is like home, I could another trip while I'm here."

Kotei noted being at DTB FC this season in the Championship he has faced several challenges due to each of the competition's competitors battling to be promoted to the Premier League.

"You know this is the part that makes you go to the Premier League, so it's difficult because everyone is thinking about how to move up, it's dangerous, but we're fighting," Kotei revealed.

The combative defensive midfielder was adamant his first goal is to ensure DTB FC gets a promotion to the Premier League and after that, if he receives an offer from Yanga, Simba, Azam FC, or any other team, he can leave.

He noted the first thing he will do is listen to his current team's offer and then he can make a decision because he does want to go through a difficult time again.

"I would like to leave peacefully and not betray my leadership. I've been through a lot of hardships since I left Simba, so I can't do anything strange for someone who values me," Kotei said.

Moshi Khalsa defends Mapinduzi hockey tourney silverware

By Guardian Reporter

KILIMANJARO'S Moshi Khalsa has successfully defended the Mapinduzi Cup hockey tournament trophy, posting a 5-3 win over Dar es Salaam's TPDF side in the final in Tanga last weekend.

Kaushik Doshi, Tanzania Hockey Association's secretary-general, pointed out that the finals which started at 2.40 pm at Annadil Burhani ground saw Moshi Khalsa defend its title very well.

The final game started with a fast pace and both teams were looking for an avenue to score, it took Moshi Khalsa 12 minutes of the first half to open the scoreboard through Athumani Ibrahim.

After conceding the goal, TPDF mounted extra pressure on the opponents' goal which yielded them results as the army side equalized the goal through their striker Elias Samala in the 17th minute of the first quarter.

Till the opening period last whistle, the scoreboard read 1-1 despite both teams increasing the attack with missing many open chances.

However, both teams displayed classic stickwork and excellent footwork which kept the Tanga crowd & supporters on their toes for 60 minutes throughout.

After the final game ended in deadlock, thus both teams went for a penalty stroke competition to decide the eventual winner of the showdown which is as well termed the National Hockey Club Championship.

Moshi Khalsa utilized this penalty stroke competition very well and managed to convert their four penalties



Kilimanjaro's Moshi Khalsa hockey side's players pose for a picture with trophies shortly after emerging champions of this season's Mapinduzi hockey showdown in Tanga last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

into goals through Varinder Bhamra, Damas Paul, Steven Peter, Geoffrey Asulwiswe, whereas from TPDF performers who managed to convert two penalties into goals were Elias Samala and Machano Machano.

The army outfit two other players failed to convert the penalties.

The final scoreboard in penalties read 4-2 in favour of Moshi Khalsa, the final score being 5-3, which saw Moshi Khalsa win the national tournament title in a row.

The final was graced by the chief guest, Tanga District Commissioner Hashim Magandilwa, who inspected the line-ups of the finalists before the game.

Magandilwa briefed all players to play a fair game and wished both the team's best of luck.

After the finals, the district commissioner then

presented the awards and medals/trophies which were at stake and also congratulated both teams in his speech, the official further said to involve youths so that we can have a better national side.

The best player of the tournament prize went to Damas Paul of Moshi Khalsa, Best Upcoming Player prize was won by Bahati Kalebi of Black Mambaz of Dar es Salaam.

The best-disciplined team award went to Tanga Stars whose players did not get any cards.

Veteran Player of the tournament prize was presented to Balraj Soney Mudher of Moshi Khalsa.

Magandilwa awarded various tokens of appreciation to all the participating teams, the technical bench of the tournament along with the members of the organizing committee.

Meanwhile, the runners-up, the TPDF squad, was

awarded medals and a trophy which was presented to them by the district commissioner.

He further awarded the medals to Moshi Khalsa players and the team trophy to the champions.

The district commissioner was also presented with the tournament appreciation award by the THA leader, Doshi.

Shamu Msuya of Reliance Insurance that was one of the competition's sponsors' representatives, was present and graced the ceremony.

The official noted that he was impressed with the organizing of the tournament and his entity was happy to sponsor as it has been sponsoring in the past and also stressed that it will continue to sponsor in the future.

Mnonda Magani, the THA vice-chairman, appreciated the district commissioner for gracing the

prestigious occasion and at the same time appreciated all the participating teams for taking part in it.

He further thanked the sponsors Nas Tyres Services and Reliance Insurance Co. for sponsoring the National Club Championship.

Magani also appreciated the management of Annadil Burhani for allowing THA to use the premises and other facilities for this national hockey Tournament.

Doshi moreover also commended and praised his organizing team members Murtaza Dossaji and Deep Visram for their hard work and putting up tremendous efforts to make this tournament a success.

The TPDF squad reached the final after recording a 0-0 draw with Arusha Twigas and, in penalties, TPDF managed to convert their penalties into goals thus the final score read 4-1 in favour of the army side.

Moshi Khalsa progressed to the final after beating Black Mambaz 1-0 in the semi-final fixture.

Doshi further said that in this tournament, many youths featured for different teams and managed to display their stick work which won the hearts of the spectators.

He further commended the JMK Youth Park for fielding the team of youths for the first time in the tournament, a decision that also received many praises from the public.

Moshi Khalsa will now represent Tanzania in Africa Hockey Club Championship.

Dar boxing promoter calls for adherence to fights' contracts

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

DAR ES SALAAM'S PeakTime Media Sports Agency's Suleiman Semunyu has called on Tanzania's boxers to focus on training and adhere to bouts' contracts to avoid unnecessary claims.

Semunyu issued the call once the boxing promoter had hosted an eight-round fight for a vacant Universal Boxing Organization (UBO) African Super Middleweight title between Tanzania's Twaha Kassim and the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Alex Kabangu that took place in Morogoro last week.

Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission oversaw the bout which ended with the flamboyant Kassim emerging victorious by points.

Bout's three judges scored 78-72, 79-72, and 78-72 in favour of Kassim.

There were various undercard bouts in the day, which witnessed a section of fighters that lost the fights claiming their defeats were associated with unfair judgment.

Kabangu's coach as well complained about the judges' unfairness after his boxer's bout.

In response to the claims, Semunyu said boxers are required to be serious with fitness training.

The boxing promoter had associated Kassim's victory



Dar es Salaam's PeakTime Media Sports Agency's Suleiman Semunyu (sixth L) declares Tanzanian boxer, Twaha Kassim, as a champion after Kassim emerged victorious in an eight-round fight for a vacant Universal Boxing Organization (UBO) African Super Middleweight title between the pugilist and the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Alex Kabangu which took place in Morogoro last week. Kassim triumphed by points. Others are regional officials and Morogoro Regional Police Commander, Fortunatus Muslin. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

with a month of fitness training much as the pugilist experienced challenges because he observes fasting.

"Boxing is about fitness and not matter of talking much. Take a good example of Kassim, the pugilist is always a quiet person but he exhibits his competence in the boxing ring," the boxing promoter disclosed.

Semunyu pointed out boxers have been advised to respect fights contracts because the documents have enough details on the amount of cash the pugilists are to get, and their weight.

The official disclosed the documents further provide enough time for boxers' coaches to discuss with their boxers, finding out whether the pugilists agree

with the contracts or not. The boxing promoter replied to a claim by pugilist Juma Msumari who said his opponent was in a higher division, while the pugilists' contract indicated both were in the same weight, namely 76 kilograms.

Semunyu noted: "The same claims were issued by Junior Assoya, Kabangu's coach, who said judges

were not fair while both pugilists had agreed to sign a contract. That's a defensive mechanism."

Kassim's coach, Ilanda, said the secret of his pugilist's success was early morning and evening fitness training because Kabangu is a good boxer who compels his opponent to possess technical training to overcome him.

"Techniques and tactics were my priorities as the facts revealed in the sixth round when my pugilist's heavy punch pushed his opponent's gum protector out. The opponent had lost steam in the seventh round and last round because Kassim managed to escape body contact," he said.

It was Kassim's first fight this year. Kassim has participated in 27 bouts, notching a victory in 18, losing eight, with one being declared a draw.

Kabangu has taken part in 11 bouts, notching a victory in five, defeat in three, the other three were declared a draw.

Ibrahim Nyange, Kassim's manager, congratulated the regional authorities for offering moral and material support to the pugilist, adding the backing brought the victory.

The manager was adamant Kassim needs more support from other boxing stakeholders to excel in upcoming bouts.

FIFA, Qatar prepare for unprecedented World Cup finals draw

DOHA, Qatar

A WORLD Cup like no other in its 92-year history will take shape this week at an unprecedented tournament draw.

When FIFA and host nation Qatar stage the draw ceremony show Friday, three of the 32 entries will be placeholders because the three-year qualifying program was delayed and still ongoing.

A once-in-a-century global health crisis and the war in Ukraine made sure of that.

It means 37 nations will be involved on Friday, including five which will ultimately not play in November when the first "winter" World Cup kicks off.

The full lineup will not be known until at least June 14, when the intercontinental playoff round ends in Qatar. That is 74 days after the draw and the same date the 2018 tournament started in Russia.

Maybe FIFA got lucky seven years ago by moving the 2022 tournament to November and December to avoid the searing desert heat of Qatar's summer.

The later start created wriggle room to clear the match backlog after the COVID-19 pandemic wiped out almost every national-team game outside Europe in 2020.

It has also put uncertainty on stage at the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center, where the show Friday starts at 7 p.m. (1600 GMT) and lasts one hour.

One of the balls being drawn from pot 4 of low-ranked teams will represent "Peru or Australia or the United Arab Emirates." Another is "Ukraine or Wales or Scotland."

So it goes at this major World Cup milestone, in per-



Senegal's Sadio Mane, left, celebrates after scoring a penalty against Egypt's goalkeeper Mohamed El-Shennawy during the World Cup 2022 - Africa playoff soccer match between Senegal and Egypt at Stade Me Abdoulaye Wade stadium in Dakar, Senegal, Tuesday, March 29, 2022. (AP Photo)

haps its most unlikely host nation, on April 1.

Here's a look at this unusual World Cup draw.

FIRST-TIMER QATAR
One sure thing is Qatar will be the top-seeded team in Group A, taking position A1 in the schedule of 64 matches in just 28 days.

The privilege is given to all host nations even when ranked No. 65 in the world, as Russia was. Qatar is currently No. 52.

Still, the 2019 Asian Cup winner is the exception among modern World Cup hosts, having never before qualified for the finals. Qatar's debut opens the tournament on Monday, Nov. 21

at Al Bayt Stadium.

It means in the group stage Qatar avoids the world's top-ranked teams, from Nos. 1 to 7 - Brazil, Belgium, France, Argentina, England, Spain and Portugal.

Those countries will be the next seven drawn out of top-seeded pot 1 and allocated in turn to Groups B through H.

HOW THE SEEDING WORKS

Seeding pots are filled according to FIFA rankings which weigh results over several years and are officially updated Thursday.

The next eight highest-ranked qualifiers go

into pot 2, which is the second to be drawn. It includes Germany and likely the United States and Mexico after Wednesday's qualifying games.

Next is pot 3 with teams ranked in the 20s by FIFA and finally pot 4 including Canada, back in the World Cup after a 36-year gap. Canada is in pot 4 despite leading the North American qualifying group.

The simple format is now complicated by the three playoff entries delayed to June: The European bracket containing Ukraine, which cannot currently prepare a team, and the two

intercontinental playoffs.

FIFA weighted those entries downward into pot 4 according to the lowest-ranked potential qualifiers, such as Scotland, New Zealand and the UAE.

Higher-ranked playoff teams Peru and Wales face being seeded below their true level.

GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Geography also limits potential match-ups. Teams from the same continent generally can't go in the same group, except for some Europeans. Europe has 13 of the 31 qualifying slots and they cannot all avoid each other.

Five groups get two European teams, and the other three groups each get one. It means 2014 winner Germany from pot 2 can land with defending champion France.

FIXTURE SCHEDULE

Each four-team group is a round-robin of six games in total. The order each team plays the other is decided by another draw within the ceremony.

After each team is drawn, a subsequent ball - numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4 - is picked to place that country in the fixture grid.

This unpredictability means the two highest-ranked teams in a group could meet in any of the three rounds.

KNOCKOUT STAGE

The 32-team lineup is the perfect number for a knockout bracket. The top two teams in each group - where goal difference is the first tiebreaker - advance to the round of 16.

A team's path through to the quarterfinals, semifinals and final is set in the bracket. If Qatar advances as the Group A winner, it must then play the Group B runner-up.

Teams which advance from the same group cannot meet again until the final.

GOOD DRAW, BAD DRAW?

Is there a "good" or "bad" section of the draw to land in?

Maybe yes at this congested tournament, which will be four days shorter than the 2018 edition in Russia.

Landing in Group B means starting on Nov. 21 instead of Nov. 24 in Group G or H. That means three extra rest days.

The Group G winner would have to play seven games in just 25 days to win the title. That team also gets just two full days off before a round of 16 game on Dec. 5.

Why is the schedule so tight? This World Cup is jammed into an enforced break in domestic league seasons in Europe.

Reluctant to lose lucrative weekend broadcast slots, Europe's top leagues ensured they will play through Nov. 13 - just eight days before kickoff in Qatar.

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Nigeria fans storm pitch after missing out on WC

ABUJA

NIGERIA fans stormed the pitch as the fallout from their surprise failure to reach the World Cup finals started immediately after the final whistle of Tuesday's 1-1 home playoff draw with Ghana in Abuja that sealed the home team's fate.

Fans at the stadium reacted to the result, which saw Nigeria miss out on a trip to Qatar on the away goals rule, by throwing objects at both the small group of visiting fans in the Moshod Abiola National Stadium and the Ghana players.

Local security was slow to react to the violence, which included a pitch invasion on the final whistle, and the Ghana players were left to battle their own way toward the tunnel in scenes that will no doubt draw the ire of the Confederation of African Football and FIFA.

When police finally did get involved they started to beat the rioters with their batons, while it took tear gas on the pitch to disperse the unruly fans, who also smashed the dugouts.

Nigeria, who had appeared in six of the previous seven World Cups, had been expected by most of the 60,000 crowd in Abuja to book a place again after the first leg of their playoff tie finished 0-0 in Ghana on Friday.

But a goalkeeper error from Francis Uzoho allowed Thomas Partey to open the scoring for Ghana early in the return game.

William Troost-Ekong equalised from the penalty spot, but the home side limped out of contention with a tepid second-half display in which it rarely threatened the visitors' goal.

(Agencies)

Ronaldo in, Salah out: World Cup to miss some top stars

PORTO, Portugal

CRISTIANO Ronaldo is heading to Qatar, but Mohamed Salah isn't and neither is Zlatan Ibrahimovic, whose dream of becoming the first outfield player to bridge a 16-year gap between appearances at the World Cup fizzled out in a late, fruitless substitute rescue act for Sweden in Poland.

Every World Cup takes place with at least one leading player or major nation failing to qualify, but as the European and African sections came to a close (the conflict in Ukraine means that one spot is still to be assigned in the UEFA zone), the big names absentees are beginning to mount up.

Liverpool forward Salah, a potential Ballon d'Or winner this year, suffered his second penalty shoot-out heartbreak in less than two months as Egypt missed out on qualification by losing to Senegal - a repeat of their Africa Cup of Nations final loss to the same team.

And Ibrahimovic, who will be 41 when Qatar 2022 begins, can forget about returning to the World Cup stage for the first time - and probably last, but who knows with Zlatan? - since failing to score at Germany 2006 after his return from international retirement came to nothing. Robert Lewandowski's second-half penalty in Chorzow set Poland on the way to a 2-0 win and qualification for Qatar, ensuring that the Bayern Munich forward - for many observers, the best centre-forward in the game - will be at football's biggest party when the World Cup is staged in November and December.

Salah and Ibrahimovic will join Norway's Erling Haaland, who scored twice in a 9-0 win



Egypt's Mohamed Salah, left, reacts after failing to score his penalty kick against Senegal's goalkeeper Edouard Mendy during the World Cup 2022 - Africa playoff soccer match between Senegal and Egypt at Stade Me Abdoulaye Wade stadium in Dakar, Senegal, Tuesday, March 29, 2022. (AP Photo)

against Armenia on Tuesday, as World Cup absentees. Two of football's biggest stars right now and a player who has been at the top of the game for over a decade, none of them will be in Qatar. And we haven't even mentioned Italy, who have become the first European champions since Greece (winners in 2004) to fail to qualify for the World Cup.

FIFA can be thankful that at least Ronaldo and his star-studded Portugal team will be in Qatar. Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Lewandowski will all bring their celebrity and class to the tournament, but none of them could be described as the next generation, or even players at their peak. All three have been superstars of the modern game, but Qatar will almost certainly be their last World Cup.

The new wave could have been led by Haaland

had Norway qualified, but there are still enough stars heading for Qatar who can ensure that the spotlight doesn't automatically fall on the old guard of Ronaldo, Messi and Lewandowski.

Sadio Mane's penalty against Egypt sealed quali-

fication for Senegal, so the Liverpool forward will get the chance to do what Salah cannot by leading his country at the World Cup and potentially helping an African nation make it to the semifinals for the first time.

Kylian Mbappe, who con-

firmed his superstar status with his performance in the 2018 World Cup final for France against Croatia, will see Qatar as his opportunity to knock Ronaldo and Messi off top spot in football's elite rankings, while Harry Kane, Phil Foden and Raheem Sterling will also eye this World Cup as their chance to establish their global greatness.

Germany's Kai Havertz, Christopher Nkunku of France and Spain's Pedri are others who could emerge as World Cup stars in Qatar.

But while all eyes will be on Ronaldo when Portugal play in Qatar, their performance in playoff wins against Turkey and North Macedonia highlighted the quality within Fernando Santos's squad. Portugal are no longer a team solely reliant on Ronaldo.

Ronaldo's Manchester United teammate, Bruno Fernandes, scored twice

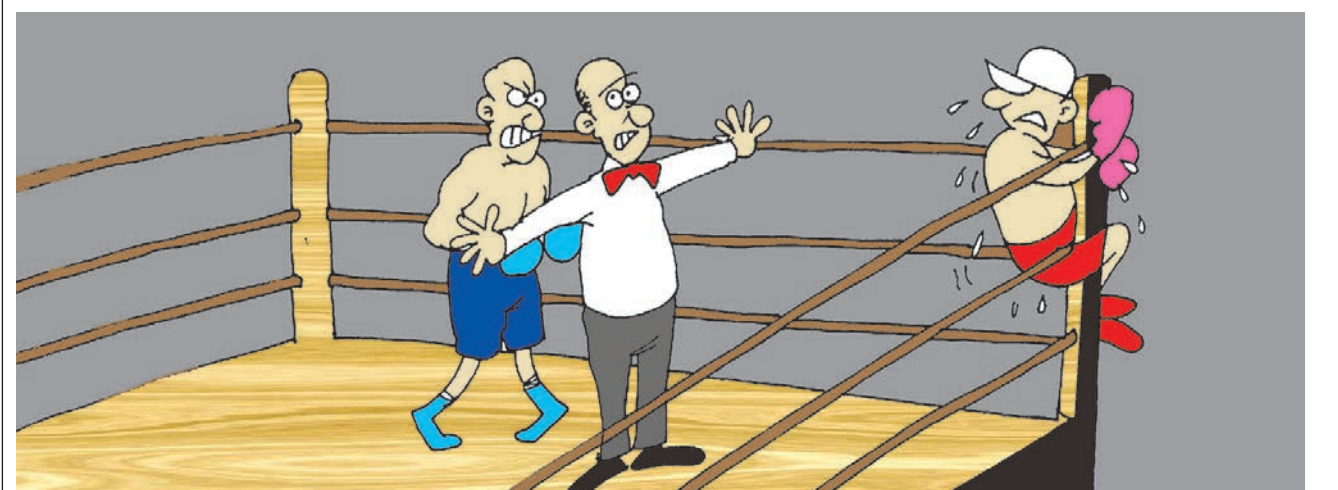
to seal victory in Porto against the North Macedonians, who had eliminated Italy in the play-off semifinal, and the World Cup will unquestionably be a better tournament for his presence and that of Bernardo Silva, Diogo Jota and the Porto winger Otavio.

Portugal can defend too and, while they have deep reserves of flair further forward, there is no shortage of quality at the back, where the 39-year-old Pepe still organises and defends brilliantly. He and Danilo were outstanding against North Macedonia.

But although Portugal will be one of leading nations in Qatar, the party would have been greater had Italy, Salah, Haaland and Ibrahimovic also made it to the World Cup.

In their absence, others will create the headlines, and one of them could be Ronaldo. Qatar 2022 just wouldn't have been the same without him. ESPN

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Simba SC denies reports on sacking of head coach



Simba SC's head coach, Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC leadership has denied reports which claim the club will sack its head coach Pablo Franco Martin if he fails to see to it that it wins against US Gendarmerie of Niger in CAF Confederation Cup's Group D clash which is to take place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Simba SC has denied the allegations after they were circulated on social media, alleging that coach Pablo will remain at the club, with the game against US Gendarmerie being the last test for the Spanish coach.

Ahmed Ally, Simba SC Information and Communication Manager, said the reports were fabricated and deliberately set up by some people who did

not wish the club well, to destabilize.

Ally said it was true they gave coach Pablo goals to reach the continental showpiece semi-fi-

nals but nowhere did they ever tell him that if he did not steer them to the stage they would fire him.

"The purpose of the allegations is to destabilize the club, especially towards that crucial match."

"We indeed gave the coach the goal of taking the team to the semi-finals, but we did not tell him we would fire him if we did not reach the stage," he said.

All added: "If we get there we will be happy because we will have managed to achieve the goals, but if we get stuck we will sit down with the coach, will ask him where he is stuck and he will give us his reasons, and the leadership will sit down and work on them, after which mutual interests will be decided."

"But at the moment he is still our coach, he is not worried and we trust him, he has brought great success to Simba for the whole team and players, what is the reason for putting pressure on him?" Ally queried.

Pablo said he is aware of the importance of the game, and

that was why he had focused his efforts on winning the game, which carries his team's fate to the quarterfinals.

The gaffer stated: "I understand the importance of our game against USGN, I am well prepared to achieve the goal of victory that will take us from the Group Stage to the quarterfinals."

"I hope the game will be very difficult, again, but my players will have to fight zealously to achieve the victory plan we have set for ourselves," he said.

"I urge our fans to come to the stadium, come and give us the strength to achieve our goal of winning at our home stadium," Pablo revealed.

The Msimbazi Street club will be without the injured midfielder Hassan Dilunga, with Senegalese midfielder Pape Ousman Sakho still a doubt after sustaining minor injuries in training on Monday.

Zambian midfielder, Clatous Chama, is to miss this match due to CAF rules after recently playing for Morocco's RS Berkane in the competition but should Simba qualify for the quarterfinals he will be present.

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2022's Tanga City Marathon organizers implement Regional Commissioner's order

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

ORGANIZERS of Tanga City Marathon Season 6 have implemented the seven-day ultimatum order issued by Tanga Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima, to make sure they are handing over medals to runners who did not get the prizes in the race that took place in the city last week.

The organizers have also raised concern over the alleged sabotage by some people, who were given the responsibility of handing over the medals to all registered runners.

At least 59 runners did not get the medals in the event, with the runners claiming to have been deceived.

Due to what happened becoming an unexpectedly shameful event, Tanga Regional Commissioner, Malima, issued a seven-day ultimatum, demanding race officials to make sure they are handing over the medals to all runners who did not get medals while the runners had paid the registration fee.

Ali Mang'oro, Tanga City Marathon's assistant organizer, said he already written a commitment letter to Tanga Regional Sports Officer explaining in detail what happened and when will the medals be issued to all runners.

"That was a sad event which happened to us, fortunately on Monday we wrote a commitment letter as per order from the regional commissioner to the regional sports officer with carbon copies to Regional Commissioner, Tanga District Commissioner, Tanga Regional Police Commander, detailing the time the medals are to be issued to all runners who didn't get them."

Mang'oro further explained the incident was sabotage done by people who were given responsibilities to make sure they are handing over the medals to all registered runners but unfortunately the prizes were issued to participants who did not deserve them.

The official pointed out: "Our investigation revealed that those who were issued with medals did not deserve them because we had 50 extra medals for two categories of 21 kilometers and 10 kilometers which means we had a total of 700 runners who deserved to be issued with medals and there were 750 medals."

"Actually, when that event happened it shocked us but I want to assure four runners of 21 kilometers race were to get their medals on Wednesday."

The official noted: "The rest of the runners totaling 55 that featured in 10 kilometers race would have their medals delivered to them after 35 days because we have already placed an order to a Chinese firm, One Way Craft Gift Limited, that made those medals and assured us to receive them within that time."

Government urges COSOTA to provide education on copyright to artists

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, Hassan Abbas, has called on the Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) to continue providing more education on copyright to domestic artists.

Abbas moreover urged sports editors in media companies to use the platform to achieve effective copyright education.

He made the statement in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday while opening a one-day copyright training course for the editors.

Abbas disclosed the whole concept of copyright is to protect the creativity of characters in copyright and non-participation.

He also urged Tanzanians to use their creativity and protect it legally so that they can benefit economically.

The official stated: "In developed countries, copyright has become a major source of income and part of improving people's livelihoods and increasing the incentive for people to continue to design various items that also enter the competition."

Abbas said the government has for the past year fulfilled its responsibility to



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, Hassan Abbas, speaks during the copyright training for sports news editors from various media companies, organized by the Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

continue to improve conditions to help Tanzanians benefit from copyright.

The official noted the government will provide royalties to designers every six months, with the exercise being expected

to begin in a month.

Abbas said the government has increased funding for the management and operation of COSOTA's institutional affairs so that they can also raise funds and those who should receive their

money should be provided with it.

Chief Executive Officer and Copyright Officer of COSOTA, Doreen Sinare, said the institution has been able to pay royalties to 1,123 artists.

According to Doreen, for the

first time, this is a large number since the institution's inception.

She said a total of 5,924 works which are artists' songs used in seven radio stations were used as samples to make royalties.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

