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Samia confirmed, outlines party reforms

By Augusta Njoi, Dodoma

CONFIRMED as national chairperson for the ruling party, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has outlined plans to renew the party in the next five years.

In a post-election address at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre here, the party leader said this will be done through major reforms meant to see its ownership taken back to the people.

The reforms include the employment of regional ideology and publicity secretaries to enhance effectiveness, replacing the practice where party members vie for the posts.

Opening the party's 10th electoral congress, she said that the reforms will also include enlarging National Executive Committee (NEC) membership, "to give the party a new face and facilitate smooth implementation of its plans."

Having more NEC members shall also expand the scope of democracy and leadership spread, consolidating the party's implantation ahead of the next general elections, she said.

"We have increased the number of NEC members from 15 to 20 for them Mainland and Zanzibar," she stated, with nominated NEC members rising from seven to ten.

Paying ideology and publicity secretaries will improve performance, while non-performing officials will have their contracts terminated, the party leader cautioned.

For a long time, the secretaries did some mobilisation work at rallies but the party has plenty of tasks including supervising government work, which needs to be publicised, she remarked.

Elections just conducted within the party are a clear indication of enhanced democracy, she said, noting that party leaders are working on complaints raised by contestants at division, ward and regional levels.

Disciplinary measures were taken against officials neglecting to properly supervise polls and in some cases, they were removed from their posts, she affirmed.

Party members and leaders need to observe the set regulations since CCM is the country's main political party and it has to lead the way for other parties, she declared.

She paid gratitude to those who have served the party for the past five years and will not be continuing, emphasizing unity among party members. "Electing new leaders for the party and its wings will help stimulate hard work and generate new enthusiasm," she emphasised.

"We have the local government elections in 2024 and the general election in 2025, all these need us as a party to be strong in all areas," she further remarked. Daniel Chongolo, the secretary general, said that the party was finalizing procedures for those recommended for positions of ideology and publicity secretary.

Apart from reviewing the party's constitution, the congress will also receive an implementation report for the past five years (2017-2022) and an update on the implementation of the election manifesto in 2020.



CCM national chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan casts her vote to elect National Executive Committee members at the tenth electoral congress of the ruling party in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

Motorists sigh at lower fuel prices

By Guardian Reporter

MOTORISTS will breathe a sigh of relief in the wake of a decline in cap prices by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) in response to a global oil price downturn.

Petroleum products for Mainland regions were reset in a statement yesterday, with pump prices of petrol for Dar es Salaam and Mtwara decreasing by 59/- per litre and 92/- per litre.

Tanga pump prices of petrol increased by 9/- per litre, while diesel pump prices for Dar es Salaam rise by 278/- per litre, Tanga by 422/- per litre and Mtwara by 416/- litre, it said.

To absorb the impact of diesel price rises as it takes a big chunk of transportation fuel needs, the government issued a subsidy for the December 2022 fuel prices.

The subsidy has reduced diesel prices by 83/- per litre for

Dar es Salaam, 247/- for Tanga and 243/- for Mtwara, it specified.

The price of kerosene in Dar es Salaam rises by 141/- per litre, the statement noted, explaining this as due to "relatively high weighted average FOB and premium."

"EWURA would like to remind the public that these cap prices can be accessed through mobile phones by dialling *152*00# and

then following the provided instructions," the statement underlined. "This service is free of charge and is available in all mobile phone service providers," it further noted.

EWURA was facilitating competition in the sector with cap prices, intended to enable stakeholders make informed decisions on petroleum prices at any particular time, the regulator intoned.

Sweet tables to fight AIDS being lined up for children

By Getrude Mbago

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that children living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or contracted AIDS will from next year start accessing sweet-flavoured tablets, thus strengthening treatment and fight parasitic illnesses. Dr Johnson Lyimo, the WHO country office specialist for HIV, tuberculosis and hepatitis, affirms that the new drug formula named DTG is set at 10mg with fruit flavour, making it more palatable to children, while



Children and youth are often left behind when it comes to HIV treatment, so the introduction of the new formula is evidence of global success in addressing the challenge, he elaborated

existing routine drugs are bitter and hard for children to ingest. In remarks at the World AIDS Day 2022 ceremony, he said that the new formula for children will take Tanzania a step further towards tackling inequalities in accessing usable HIV treatment services. The government approved the new treatment guidelines, with the new drug formula for children in adopting

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Forest agency initiates honey processing units

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

FIVE honey processing factories are being installed in Tabora, Katavi, Geita and Kigoma regions.

Deusdedit Bwoyo, the forestry and beekeeping director in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism upon completion, the facilities will enable the country to start exporting honey products abroad.

The factories are being built in Sikonge (Tabora), Kibondo (Kigoma), Melele (Katavi), Bukombe (Geita) and Nzeza (Tabora) with construction

well in progress. The Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), a government agency, expects that Tanzania will start to fully benefit from the vast market for bee honey and related honey products in China.

At a forum organised by the Beekeeping Value Chain (BEVAC) support project to scan the local beekeeping and honey production scene, he said the Tanzanian embassy in China is working to finalise protocols to start exporting honey products there.

It is vital to ensure that Tanzania reaches the required

international standards in beekeeping, including honey harvesting, preserving and processing, he said.

The agency and some stakeholders were working on effective monitoring of areas earmarked for beekeeping activities, he said, appealing to stakeholders to identify and help to set aside potential areas for beekeeping activities.

So far there are 11,235 hectares gazetted as bee reserves, while the agency sees this area as 10 percent of the intended 114,000 hectares reserved for beekeeping by 2031, he stated.

Eliamani Sedoyeka, the permanent secretary, said that TFS must put in place helpful systems for close monitoring of the quality of honey and honey products, from processing to the markets. Oversight of applicable legislation is essential to ensure that no one tampers with the quality of bee products by adding any items, appealing for information on anyone found to be doing that, he said.

Regulatory agencies need to set up a robust programme to roll out necessary education on beekeeping, he said, asking that the Tan-

zania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) work with like-minded institutions in research on the challenges facing the sector.

Statistics show that Tanzania holds the 14th position worldwide for beekeeping and is second in Africa, with a capacity for 138,000 tonnes of honey and 9,200 tonnes of beeswax annually at current estimates. Actual production stands at 31,179 tonnes of honey and 1,865 tonnes of beeswax yearly, with up to two million beekeepers engaged in the task, he added.



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new WHO global guidelines on HIV treatment, he stated.

WHO supervised determining the right drug quantities, clearing with the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) and training health care workers on administering the new formula so the drugs are being delivered in all regions, he explained.

Making available the new drug formula for children responds well to this year's theme of the World Aids Day theme of "Equalize," in addressing inequalities which limit progress, he said.

Treatment coverage among children living with HIV lags adult treatment coverage in most of sub-Saharan Africa, he stated, citing available data on the disease.

This medicine tastes better, enables faster viral suppression, is easy to take and has few chances of developing drug resistances, he asserted.

Children and youth are often left behind when it comes to HIV treatment, so the introduction of the new formula is evidence of global success in addressing the challenge, he elaborated.

The WHO country office assisted in the relevant procedures enabling the drug to be registered, assess the needs and train health workers to provide it to beneficiaries, the specialist noted.

Close to 90 percent of HIV-positive children worldwide and roughly two-thirds of all HIV-positive people live in sub-Saharan Africa, thus major efforts to roll out antiretroviral drugs have concentrated on adults rather than children, he said.

Children in Africa continuing to die of AIDS at high rates, because if untreated, AIDS kills 50 percent of children born with HIV before their second birthday, he added.



CCM national chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses the party's 10th general meeting in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

BAKITA, BAKIZA told to grab Kiswahili teaching opportunities in Burundi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE National Kiswahili Council (BAKITA) and Zanzibar Kiswahili Council (BAKIZA) are required to grab Kiswahili teaching opportunities in Burundi which has already begun the process of teaching the language in primary and secondary schools as well as universities. Addressing reporters here last weekend, Tanzania ambassador to Burundi,

Dr Jilly Maleko said this is another opportunity for the two councils charged with the task to develop Kiswahili language in the country to grab opportunities due to Tanzanians' ability to speak the language well as well as teaching it. She said Burundi has officially started teaching Kiswahili in schools as part of the implementation directives to EAC leaders to use Kiswahili language

in legislative bodies including legislative assemblies and other forums. Dr Maleko said there are high hopes for Burundi to do well in teaching and spreading the Kiswahili language because, within EAC countries, many Burundians speak Kiswahili well. She added that when she was appointed Tanzania Ambassador to Burundi in 2020, Kiswahili

was used when she presented her credential to late President Pierre Nkurunziza. Late President Nkurunziza was the one who suggested to use Kiswahili at the function as he was speaking the language fluently," Dr Maleko said. She called on Tanzania businessmen to grab trade opportunities by exporting various kinds of food to the country of 12 million people.

She noted that Burundi is in great need of food due to its small size saying that rice and beans are in great demand. Dr Maleko praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in speeding up the construction of the standard Gauge Railway direct to Burundi from Kigoma thereby opening up more trade and investment opportunities.



National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary Beng'i Issa (C) listens to a moderator (standing) during the launch of a mentorship programme to support youth and women in agribusiness for 2022/23. The programme was launched in Dodoma recently by Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) and other partners. Looking on is AMDT chief executive officer Charles Ogutu (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Conditions deteriorate for Somalis in Dadaab refugee camps - UNHCR

GENEVA

The U.N. refugee agency warns humanitarian conditions are deteriorating for tens of thousands of Somalis in Kenya's Dadaab refugee camps as unrelenting drought grips the Horn of Africa and funding dries up.

More than 80,000 Somalis fleeing conflict and drought have arrived in Kenya's Dadaab refugee camps over the past two years, more than 24,000 since September.

This is exacting an enormous burden on the local communities and refugees already living in the camps, which house an estimated 230,000 refugees.

The U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR, reports refugees, especially those who have arrived since the end of September are in urgent need of as-

sistance. It says shelter for the new arrivals is running out. This is forcing many to live in makeshift shelters, with limited or no access to clean water and sanitation.

To make matters worse, UNHCR spokesman Boris Cheshirkov said a cholera outbreak at the end of October has infected more than 350 people, mainly children. He said the spread of cholera is declining thanks to the efforts of health partners. However, the risk of further infection remains.

"UNHCR is providing new arrivals to Dadaab with clean drinking water and extending sanitation and hygiene facilities to the outskirts of the camps. We are also providing targeted protection services for the most vulnerable to ensure their needs are met. Malnourished children are be-

ing screened and admitted to stabilization centers," said Cheshirkov.

He notes the UNHCR also is assisting nearby host communities. It is rehabilitating boreholes, providing generators for water pumps, and trucking in water. While tending to the immediate needs of the refugees and local populations, he said the UNHCR, and the Kenyan government are seeking long-term solutions for this intractable problem.

Kenya has been hosting more than half a million refugees and asylum seekers in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps and urban areas for over three decades. This is the second largest number in Africa after Ethiopia.

Cheshirkov said neither voluntary repatriation to Somalia nor resettlement in third countries of

asylum are viable solutions currently.

"What we are focusing on now is to find ways for refugees to become self-reliant in Kenya. And that includes through education, through vocational training and through access to financial services so that people can access businesses. So that they have a prospect as a longer-term solution is found to their plight," he said.

In the meantime, the UNHCR warns its life-saving operations for more than 257,000 drought-affected people in Kenya is foundering for lack of financial support. It notes only half of an appeal issued in June for \$11.1 million has been met.

Meanwhile, At the same time, Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said Somali army troops and a local militia dubbed the Commu-

nity Defense Forces took the town of Adan Yabal from al-Shabaab without a fight.

The town, in the Middle Shabelle region, had been a base for the Islamist group since 2016. Somali people used to be summoned to the town and harassed, but Mohamud said al-Shabaab vacated it and they did not try to resist the takeover.

Security analysts say the capture of Adan Yabal was not only a victory for the Somali government, but confirmed that the collaboration between government forces and clan militia is working.

Matt Bryden, chairman of Sahan Research, a security and policy think tank focusing on the Horn of Africa, said seizing the town was key.

AGENCIES

Road accident kills court magistrate, motorcyclist

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

ROAD accident has claimed the lives of two people that involved a passenger bus Reg T 705 DFV owned by Happy Nation and a motorcycle Reg T 308 CLH in Bukoba municipality. One of them was a Maruku primary court magistrate, Tumaini John.

The accident happened on Tuesday after the motorcycle driver carrying bags of charcoal pushed another motorcycle driven by Geoffrey John (42) and lost direction and eventually rammed into the bus.

Kagera Regional Police Commander, William Mwampaghale said yesterday that the accident happened at around 11:30 in the morning in Ijganyondo area, Bukoba Municipality along the Bukoba-Biharamulo-Dar es Salaam road as the bus was traveling to Dar es Salaam.

He said the two deceased were on the motorcycle Reg T 308 CLH traveling from Maruku when another motorcycle carrying charcoal bags pushed it forward, lost direction and rammed into the incoming bus.

"The dead included Geoffrey John (42) a businessman and Tumaini John (41) Maruku primary court magistrate, all residents of Bukoba Municipality," said RPC Mwampaghale.

ARU receives 67.7bn/- from HEET to facilitate varsity's expansion scheme

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

ARDHI University (ARU) has received 67.7bn/- from Higher Education for Economic Transformation project (HEET) which is funded by the World Bank (WB) so as to facilitate the expansion scheme of the varsity.

Vice Chancellor, Prof Evaristo Liwa revealed this yesterday during the 16th graduation ceremony held at the varsity's premises in Dar es Salaam.

In the event, 943 graduates were conferred with Degrees, Masters Degrees and PhD by the university Chancellor retired Chief Judge Othman Chande, among them, 883 first degree, 52 Masters Degree, six PhDs and one Diploma.

Prof Liwa said the fund from HEET is a project of its kind to be implemented at the university since its establishment because it will change the size of the teaching infrastructures and various teaching facilities including a new curriculum to align with the expansion of the university.

Professor Liwa said within the HEET project, ARU concentrates on the implementation of eight

key areas including the construction of new infrastructures and a new campus in Mwanza Region.

He said they have also acquired 378 hectares of land for the construction of a new campus in Mwanza and the preparations of a strategic plan which include drawings have started adding that for the Dar es Salaam campus they have already completed drawings which involve four new buildings and they also have in hand building permit.

He said the construction of Dar es Salaam campus is scheduled to start by March 2023 after the completion of procurement procedures from the consultant and contractor of the project.

"The Dar es Salaam Campus project will be implemented in line with our strategic plan and we expect to be completed in 2024. As you all know that we are the only university that has experience in the construction industry so our internal experts have helped us a lot in the design work," he explained.

Prof Liwa said in the 2022/23 academic year, the university successfully enrolled 2,035 undergraduate students and 86

Masters students which is an increment of 1.3 percent compared to the enrolment done in the last academic year.

According to him, the increment is not huge compared to the university's target which is to increase the enrolment from the current 6,657 students to 11,000 students by the year 2029.

Ambassador Salome Sijaona, chairperson of the university's governing council said the university has continued with the implementation of its responsibilities to bring changes not only to the university but to the nation at large.

She said in all its undertakings, the governing council of the university has all the time considered directives and policies from the government.

"I would like to commend the Vice Chancellor and the whole management team for a tremendous job and will soon this university shine among the best university not only in Tanzania but the whole of East Africa," she said

Ambassador Sijaona said the university's firm management is the reason behind positive and quick results.



Ruvuma regional commissioner Col. Laban Thomas talks moments after inspecting Nakayaya secondary school construction in Tunduru district. The government through the secondary education improvement programme had provided 470m/- to implement the project. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya

Over 5,800 students from agricultural institutes benefit from practical organic farming training

By Getrude Mbago

A TOTAL of 5,853 students from various agricultural institutes (ATIs) in the country have benefited from practical organic farming training under the implementation of the Curriculum Implementation Support for Training Institutes (CISTI).

The project which commenced in 2020 and is expected to end this year, has also benefited a total of 117 garden attendants with practical training issued by the Tanzania Sustainable Agriculture (SAT).

This was said recently by Antuse Massawe, SAT programme manager, that the project has benefited 29 agricultural training institutes in the country. It has facilitated the review and approval of six new training modules for agriculture production on certificate and diploma.

She said that the implementation of the project was done by SAT in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture with a broader aim to support public and private training institutions to produce graduates with enough knowledge, skills and expertise in climate change, environmental management and organic farming.

"A good number of farmers were also reached through Farmers' Open Days in the 29 ATIs. But also principals from the colleges were trained on business and strategic plans development," she said.

She acknowledged that the project has helped stimulate organic farming in the colleges and surrounding communities.

"The project's purpose was to support public and private training institutions to produce graduates who are in line with the needs of the country through successfully integrating and implementing organic agriculture, gender, environmental

management, cooperatives and communication skills through the new training curriculum for agriculture on certificate and diploma levels," she explained.

She also said that the project also involved training tutors and garden attendants on organic garden management using natural botanical extracts so as to enable them to impart the knowledge to their students easily.

With support from the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED) and coordinated by the government, the project has helped integrate several areas such as

organic agriculture, gender, environmental management, cooperatives and communication skills that are based on the new training curriculum for agriculture at certificate and diploma levels.

Antuse said the long-term impact goal of the CISTI project is to have competent technical personnel who work effectively to meet the demand of Tanzania's agriculture sector, increase climate resilience and strengthen the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, thus alleviating poverty and food insecurity for sustainable development.



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ARDHI University Vice Chancellor, Professor Evaristo Liwa speaks during the 16th graduation ceremony held on Tuesday at university premises in Dar es Salaam where 943 graduates were awarded first degree, masters and PhD. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Curricula and education policy review completed for govt processing - govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PROF Adolf Mkenda, minister for Education, Science and Technology, has said the 2014 draft for the curricula and education policy review has been completed and were waiting to enter the government's processing while stakeholders' views on vocational training have been adhered to.

The minister made the comments here on Tuesday at the annual meeting for assessing the education sector development that involved education stakeholders including development partners.

He noted that at the meeting he explained the transformation being done by the government in the education sector in curricula and policy reviews to make sure various issues are incorporated including technical education.

"As you know, from the directives we received we are required to make sure that to a certain extent our education should include vocational training, now how it has been included will be announced later after the government's internal process is finalised," Prof Mkenda said.

He added that when development partners mobilise themselves to assist the education sector, they should start getting the direction of the transformation needed to be done by the government.

Earlier, opening the meeting, the ministry's Permanent Secretary Dr Francis Michael cited achievements attained in the education sector as including the construction and refurbishing of infrastructures including classrooms, dormitories, laboratories and pit latrines for primary and secondary schools.

"On infrastructures refurbishment of education institutions including universities, hiring 11,545 teachers, training of 402 teachers for students with special needs, Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE) has prepared guidelines in providing education using ICT for elementary, primary, secondary and teachers' colleges," he said.

For his part, faith Shayo from UNESCO who is the head of the education unit and chairman of development partners on education said the meeting has come at the right time when the world aims to make the transformation in the education sector.

Govt pledges to step up efforts to stamp out all forms of corruption, violation of human rights

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE government has vowed to continue stepping up efforts to stamp out all forms of corruption, embezzlement and violation of human rights in daily executions of public and private sectors to accelerate economic growth.

Speaking yesterday when inaugurating preparations for celebrations of this year's Ethics and Human Rights Day, to be observed at the national level in Dodoma, Minister for Constitu-

tion and Legal Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro said that corruption and violation of human rights remain among chief venom derailing efforts by the government to improve service delivery to the citizens, but also, in achieving the much-needed economic development.

He added that since 2016 the government has been celebrating International Anti-Corruption Day and International Human Rights Day each December 10, saying the day has been branded as 'Ethics and Human Rights Day.' "For six consecutive years now we have been observ-

ing the day. The ethics and human rights day, among others, is being used to create awareness and mobilize political will to promote respect for the rights and freedoms as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1948," he said.

He said since the main responsibility of the government was to bring about development to the people, management of ethics, human rights, accountability, transparency and the fight against corruption was a sustainable issue because it is the basis

of providing good services to the public. "In order for the government to patriotically serve the public it has the responsibility to properly manage the use of the country's resources for the broad interests of the people. For that reason, celebrating Ethics and Human Rights Day is a good opportunity to reflect on where we came from, where we are and where we are heading in the construction of our nation," he added.

Dr Ndumbaro said: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan has recently instructed the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to examine and monitor

the implementation of the country's mega-economic projects in order to weed out any forms of corruption."

He said during her visit in Arusha Region on November 23, 2022, President Samia promised that by 2025 the whole country will have 100 percent electricity and water service between 95 and 100 percent in urban areas and at least 85 percent in rural areas, saying the good vision will be achieved if every Tanzanian will come together to fulfill the constitutional duty of taking good care of the country's resources and prevent all forms of corrup-

tion and violation of human rights from across the country.

Different public institutions on management and human rights are ramping up efforts to coordinate observation of this year's ethics and human rights day. They include the President's Office -State House, President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, PCCB, National Audit Office of Tanzania (NAOT), Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) and Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, to mention a few.



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Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania is a new, three-year (2022-2025) cooperative agreement between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Program (CCP). The social and behavior change (SBC) activity aims to catalyze opportunities for Tanzanians to improve their health status by transforming socio-cultural norms and supporting the adoption of healthier behaviors. The activity will provide technical assistance to the Government of Tanzania (GoT) to improve the policy and implementation framework around SBC activities and design, implement and monitor specific SBC interventions at the sub-national level as required. Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania will promote integrated SBC approaches to support family planning/reproductive health, maternal, neonatal, and child health (including nutrition), HIV, malaria, TB, risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), and other infectious diseases as needed.

CCP is currently inviting job applications for qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies:

1. Senior Program Officer, Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) and Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
2. Program Officer, Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) and Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
3. Drivers (2 positions)

Please visit <https://ccp.jhu.edu/about-us/careers/> for full job descriptions and instructions on how to apply.

The deadline for application submission will be on December 18, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

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Blue economy sector attains great achievements under Dr Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

DR ABOUTD Suleiman Jumbe, Zanzibar's Blue Economy and Fisheries Permanent Secretary says in the two year's period of President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's leadership, the ministry has attained great achievements and boosting people's incomes.

Addressing reporters in his office here Tuesday this week, he said before the establishment of the ministry there were two licence holders for deep sea fishing, but now the number is 32, a thing to be proud of.

He said the ministry is well mobilised to make sure its goals are realised in time and so far the government has set aside 600m/- for

professionally empowering the people and harvesters of marine products.

He noted that these achievements have been realised via COVID-19 funds that totalled 36.5bn/- in assisting people, in particular producers of marine products.

He further said in caring for fishermen, especially small fishermen, the Zanzibar government has provided 1,077 boats to 577 of them and 500 boats to women seaweed farmers.

He said as for now many people have been mobilised to cultivate seaweed and fish farming and all these have been collaborating with the government by providing them with the fishing expertise.

For his part, Abdulhamid Mshangama, an expert on issues of politics and economy said the government has been a great innovator by establishing the blue economy ministry as it makes the sea as one of the sectors for investment that provides employment and increase the national income.

He said island nations, including Zanzibar must be at the fore front in investing its economy in the sea due to its great benefits to the people.

Adamu Natepe, Zanzibar resident said if the Isles invests in the blue economy, its economy will be like other island nations including Singapore which now its economy is so developed due to investment in blue economy.

Stakeholders set resolutions to enhance engagement of SADC integration issues

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

NON-STATE Actors (NSA) stakeholders in the country have set resolutions aimed to strengthen the engagement of the South African Development Community (SADC) integration issues at the national and regional levels.

The resolutions were made recently at a workshop in Dar es Salaam after stakeholders discussed the national status, challenges and solutions in engaging SADC at the national and regional levels.

Dr Ambrose Aheisibwe, regional director of the Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa (SDGCA) said: "Our way forward is to look at how we can bring the community together as we support the government as much as the government targets us, we are also targeting them," he said.

He also advised the stakeholders to prepare tangible ideas to present to the government for it to be ready

to support the resolutions.

Prof Mohammed Bakari, a lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam said one of the strategies towards SADC engagement is to provide input at the national level in the formation of regional policies, strategies and oversee the implementation of the programme at the national level.

"In order to achieve SADC engagement we can learn from other regional integrations like the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), European Union and the French Agricultural Union on Agricultural Subsidies and Tariffs and become capable of framing issues on tariff and subsidies," he said.

According to Prof Bakari, the available challenge towards SADC engagement is the poor knowledge of policy analysis associated with not knowing how to frame an agenda on critical issues hence suggesting that there must be people with

experience that can frame issues on policy engagement.

He also raised poor documentation as a challenge on a programme saying that having a lot of things which are not put on paper will obviously lack credibility.

The workshop engaged other NSA actors as well as the Cuts International, and Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF).



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'Reduce prices of chemicals used to process minerals, importers directed'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINISTER for Minerals Dr Doto Biteko has urged commercial licensed importers of chemicals that used to process gold minerals to set affordable prices for small artisanal to afford.

Dr Biteko made the call in Dodoma city yesterday after receiving resolutions from the importers, distributors and users of the chemicals which was organised by the Mining Commission in collaboration with Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA).

"There are reasons behind the licensed chemicals importers use to set different prices and the real price. We have seen and I am sure you will help us to come up with a resolution for the licensed dealers to sell chemicals at market price," he said.

He said the increase in price of sodium cyanide from 400,000/- per gallon up to 1.2 million has caused many small businesses to fail to afford and end up counting losses.

Dr Biteko said that minerals contribute to 41.9 percent of forex exchange in the country whereby gold alone contributes 90 percent. Also, 50 percent of exports comes from minerals whereby 90 percent of the

total sales are gold minerals.

He said the licensed chemicals importers have agreed that GCLA has to announce indicative prices of chemicals used to processing gold, sodium cyanide and review every three months purposely to control the market of the products.

They have also agreed to form a union like it is done for small artisanal that will help them to discuss different issues relating to their rights.

The importers have also agreed that the government should come with a task force to follow up the issue of ensuring the availability of sodium cyanide in the country.

Acting Executive director of the Mining Commission, Eng Yahya Samba said that a total of 39,564 tonnes of sodium cyanide was imported in the country in the period between 2019 and 2022.

GCLA is a number one centre for laboratory analysis of samples/exhibits related to forensic sciences in order to facilitate forensic investigations and hence assurance of justice and rule of law, samples related to agricultural and industrial produce to ascertain safety and quality, samples related to paternity or sex identification.



Drug control and enforcement authority Commissioner General Gerald Kusaya briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The authority had managed to seize a total of 16.643 kilograms of drugs including 15.19 kilograms of heroin, 654.73 grams of cocaine and 968.67 grams of methamphetamine. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

90 pc of Mt Mbeya Forest Reserve destroyed through human activities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

NINETY per cent of Mt Mbeya Reserve Forest in Mbeya Region has been destroyed through human activities including farming, charcoal making and livestock invasion, the situation that has resulted in the drying up of some water sources that serve residents of the City of and its environs.

According to Mbeya District Commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua, the history of the Mountain shows that it had more than 49 sources of water but now not more than 20 remain.

Due to the ongoing environmental destruction in Mt Mbeya ranges, Dr Chuachua has directed that all livestock introduced for grazing in the reserve areas should be seized and auctioned to stop the destructive practice.

"I also want all conducting human activities in the reserve, including grazing, farming and charcoal making to move out of the area at once, and legal steps will be taken against those who will ignore this directive," he said.

Meanwhile, Mbeya Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (Mbeya-UWSSA), Public Relations Officer Aminael Julius said the effects from the drying up of water sources in the area have contributed to water rationing for the people of Mbeya City as water production has dropped from 10,000 litres per day to only 4,000 litres.

Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) Assistant Forest Conservation Commissioner for the Southern Highlands Zone, Cosmas Ndakidemi said they have started enforcing the laws governing Mt Mbeya Forest Reserve.

He said the Reserve is managed by TSF and added that they have started planting trees in the area to restore its natural vegetation that had been destroyed by human activities.

Raphael Mwakalenga, resident living around the forest reserve area said farming inside the area is done by people living in the City of Mbeya who have been looking for farming area and found themselves invading the forest reserve.



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Govt to resolve border disputes involving villages surrounding Wembere Reserve

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

DEPUTY Natural Resources and Tourism minister Mary Masanja has said the government will form a team to look into border disputes of villages surrounding Wembere Basin Reserve in Iramba District, Singida Region.

She made the remarks yesterday as she was addressing villagers of the Ujungu Marshlands in the region.

Masanja (pictured) said the team will advise the government if there would be the necessity for changing demarcation lines and whether or not the area is fit for human activities.

"Beginning today, we shall form a panel that will involve experts from the ministry, regional and district levels that will review the border lines in collaboration with villagers aimed at solving the dispute," said the deputy minister.

She called upon the villagers to adhere to laws against invading reserve areas and become protectors of the area when the reevaluation exercise is complete.

Regarding the challenge posed by herders moving their cattle through the reserve looking for water to drink, she said the government will look into a better way to solve the challenge.

The deputy minister also called upon the villagers to stop the habit of wanton cutting of trees and supported the tree planting initiative established by Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) aimed at fighting the effects of climate change.

Meanwhile, Iramba west Member of Parliament, who was also the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba called upon ward and village executives to review the perfection of the beacons erected.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to conduct evaluation of the PAMOJA Women's Voice and Leadership Project under implementation by WFT Trust.

Location: Selected regions in Tanzania

WFT Trust is looking for suitable persons or firms to carry out an evaluation of the PAMOJA Women's Voice and Leadership Project.

Duration: One month

1. Background:

The PAMOJA Women Voice and Leadership (WVL) project is a five-year initiative (2018 - 2023) co-funded by the Irish Embassy and Global Affairs Canada and is implemented by Women Fund Tanzania Trust. This project has been in implementation for the past 3.5 years within a context that is challenging politically as well as socio-economically.

The project was designed to specifically address key constraints to the women's movement, by partly providing women's rights organizations and networks with direct funding.

Some of the key constraints identified at the design stage included:

- Limited conceptual clarity, articulation, and internalization of the feminist agenda and principles;
- Poor coordination that has led to fragmented actions, voices, and the operation of Women Rights Organizations (WROs) in silos with inadequate collaboration among them;
- Inadequate Women Rights Organizations institutional capacities, feminist leadership, and poor programming skills;
- Intergenerational gap within most women organizations and movement;
- Low number of platforms for popularizing transformative feminism at national and grassroots levels.

The support the project provides is intended to help WROs advance gender equality, empower women and protect their human rights by:

- Improving the management and sustainability of local and national WROs.
- Strengthening the capacity of WROs to program and advocate to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls
- Increasing the effectiveness of local and national women's rights platforms, networks and alliances to affect policy, legal and social change

Thus, PAMOJA WVL seeks to amplify women's voices, strengthens women organisations and the larger women's movement in Tanzania. It does so by brokering and facilitating partnerships between organisations, within the women's movement and beyond. These partnerships additionally build the resilience and impact in advancing gender equality and human rights for women and girls. To achieve the desired outcomes, the project is focusing on two major areas:

First is the strengthening of WROs and Women Organizations' programmatic capacity in the women's movement through better coordination, joint planning and implementation. Non-traditional actors and other marginalised groupings are purposefully included to join the mainstream movement for increased inclusivity and diversity. This deeply grounds the feminist agenda and is an approach that engages women more effectively in promoting social, policy, and legal changes for transformation.

Second is the oversight of WROs that receive funding and institutional capacity building from WFT-Trust to further support the realization of their objectives. The goal is to contribute to a robust and sustainable women's rights movement that is able to effectively deliver the mandate of these organizations through outreach.

Since its inception, PAMOJA WVL has invested in interventions that strengthen WROs and other non-traditional actors in Tanzania by supporting them to enhance their performance through collaboration and collective social action. Grants have been made available to support the work and agency of women in different spheres of women political leadership and in strengthening collective action, voice and agency of women across the country in order to leverage sustainable change.

Furthermore, much focus has been directed towards continued support to institutional growth and WROs financial sustainability. To achieve this the project has implemented interventions that focus on enhancing inclusivity, intergenerational and intersectionality of both the agenda and approaches to ensure maximum impacts and sustainable transformative changes that advance gender equality and promote women's and girls' rights are achieved.

2. WVL PAMOJA Ultimate Goal and Outcomes.

The ultimate outcome of the project is the increased enjoyment of human rights by women and girls and the advancement of gender equality in Tanzania. To achieve this, the project pursues three intermediate outcomes:

- Enhanced inclusive collaboration and collective social action across the women's movement of Tanzania to effect policy, legal and social change that advances gender equality and women's and girls' rights in Tanzania (1100)
- Enhanced performance of women's rights organizations' programming to advance gender equality in Tanzania (1200)
- Strengthened viability of local women's rights organizations of Tanzania to advance gender equality and the rights of women (1300)

3. Main objective of the review

The overall objective of this review is to assess the progress made towards attaining the stated results of PAMOJA WVL Project and its effects on targeted beneficiaries (Grantees) including but not limited to what are the measurable benefits based on the four implementation pillars (Capacity Building of WROs, Multi-Year Core Funding to WROs, Fast Responsive Funding and Strategic Alliance Building and Networking)

4. Specific objectives of the review:

I. Results Achievement, Areas of Improvement and Sustainability

- Review WFT Trust's grantees progress in delivering on the project outcomes for the 4 key implementation pillars: (Capacity Building of WROs, Multi-Year Core Funding to WROs, Fast Responsive Funding and Strategic Alliance Building and Networking)
- Assess WFT Trust grantees' focus based on rural urban funding distribution based on WFT Trust's approach of intersectionality, inclusiveness and intergenerational
- Assess how WFT grantees' beneficiaries have benefited from their involvement with WVL PAMOJA Project.
- Assess the results of WFT Trust movement building strategies and their effectiveness.

II. Lesson learnt and recommendations

- The consultant is expected to generate and document lessons learnt in the course of delivering the project, and provide relevant recommendations.

5. Scope of review

The consultancy is expected to use the OECD DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EvalNet) evaluation criteria - (relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability) will focus on the following key areas of inquiry:

- Reach: The review will cover 60% of peripheral grantees and 40% of national grantees funded by Irish Embassy (Annexed)
- Sample size: Proposed sample from 12 regions of Tanzania mainland and covering at least a sample of 15 - 20 grantees funded by WFT Trust.

6. Deliverables

- An inception report to detail how the consultant has understood the scope of the assignment and the terms of reference.
- A comprehensive review report highlighting all main aspects of the review i.e.: methods, findings, lessons and recommendations not exceeding 30 pages.
- A short document (2-3 pages) summarizing insights from the main report.

7. Confidentiality

All information (including the documents provided) concerning the assignment shall be considered as confidential and not to be released to any third party. The Consultant should maintain such confidentiality at all times, be it during the assignment or thereafter. The Consultant will also agree that all knowledge and information not within the public domain which may be acquired from WFT Trust or its employees by virtue of this assignment, shall for all times and for all purposes be regarded as strictly confidential, and shall not be directly or indirectly disclosed to any whatsoever, except with WFT Trust written permission.

8. Consultant qualifications

- Relevant academic qualification and experience in development studies, gender equality, social accountability and women and children empowerment agenda
- Strong experience with and knowledge of qualitative and quantitative evaluations with feminist analysis. The knowledge of the OECD DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EvalNet) will be an added advantage
- Excellent analytical skills and strong proficiency with data analysis
- Proven experience in conducting baseline and reviews, study surveys, and evaluations with a focus on transformative change
- Excellent communication and written skills in English and where possible, knowledge of local languages and the ability to present data concisely and clearly.
- Experience working on women rights agenda and gender equality frameworks.

9. Sexual Harassment Exploitation and Abuse, Anti-corruption and Child Safeguarding

The consultant agrees to adhere to WFT Trust's Sexual Harassment Exploitation and Abuse Policy, Child safeguarding and No tolerance stance on corruption.

10. Miscellaneous

The consultant is responsible for ensuring that appropriate arrangements, processes and procedures are in place for the successful execution of this assignment, considering the environment they will be working in and the level of risk involved in delivery of the contract.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES TO NYANKANGA UNDERGROUND PORTALS AT 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 ICT services to Nyankanga portal, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01574	PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES TO NYANKANGA UNDERGROUND PORTALS

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	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
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	5%
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 (GGME01574)	60%
Proof of experience of supplying and installing of at least 10KM Fiber cable infrastructure in complex environment such as mining, construction, or energy industries (Attach at least two copies of contract or completion certificate for the project done by your company)	30%
Proof of possession and availability of tools, machines and man power to execute big project of underground fiber installation within reasonable time frame	5%
Proof of copies of supplying CISCO Switches and DNA Licensing that your company have supplied to various company	5%
Must be class 1 Specialist Contractor in Telecommunications and ICT registered with CRB with at least five (5) years experience in supply, installation and maintenance of ICT infrastructures (Optical Fiber and Cisco Devices) Attach proof of registration copy.	10%
Must be registered with Regulatory Authority (TCRA) with license of importing and Installing of Electronic Communication equipment. Attach proof of registration copy	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01574) 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 23rd December 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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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01573	PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES TO STAR AND COMET

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PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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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	5%
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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 (GGME01573)	60%
Proof of experience of supplying and installing of at least 10KM Fiber cable infrastructure in complex environment such as mining, construction, or energy industries (Attach at least two copies of contracts or completion certificates for the project done by your company)	30%
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The Company is in the process of procuring Various capital projects and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment's as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01532	Supply And Delivery of HME Tyre Handler T3-S-2500

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01532)	60%
Availability of warranty terms for the supplied Tyre handler Attachment T3-S-2500 to fit on Valve L-120F.	15%
Proof of supplying similar Austin engineering brand of tyre handler attachment T3-S-2500 model.	5%
Proof of dealership with Austin Engineering on handler Attachment	10%
Proof of availability upon delivery of T3-S-2500 Tire Handler Attachment Catalogue/ Maintenance Manuals	10%
Proof of technical and qualification capability to Install and commissioning T3-S-2500 Tyre Handler Attachment including Operators/maintenance personnel training and certification	20%
Total	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF USED TYRES 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 Service of removal and disposal of used tyres and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of this 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
GGME01515	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF USED TYRES TO GGML

II. 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	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
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	5%
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 (GGME01515)	60%
Possess valid permit to collect and transport used tires	30%
Disposal facility(ies) compliant with all applicable legal requirements	14%
Relevant experience in similar work - evidence of successful provision of similar services in mining industry	8%
Presented approach (collection, transportation, and disposal) - in line with the scope of work as well as the waste management regulations	8%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01515)** 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 22nd December 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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Why transforming our food systems is a feminist issue

IN countries where women are most marginalised, discriminated under the law and where gendered norms prevent women from owning property and resources, people are also the hungriest. This is because gender equality and food systems are intertwined.

However, too often, we only focus on the roles that women play in production, processing, trading of food and in making decisions about consumption and purchase of food at household level.

A just and equitable food system will require the recognition of women as farmers, with rights to the land they cultivate, technologies that reduce the drudgery of agriculture and policies that ensure women can make a living wage from agriculture.

And while this is important, we must also focus on whether the food system as organized is just and equitable and whether it promotes the empowerment and livelihoods and health of women and girls.

The UN food systems summit, to be convened by the UN Secretary General 2021, provides the world with a unique opportunity to reframe the global conversation on gender and food and ask the hard questions of how the food system can be structured in a just and equitable way.

While there is recognition that food systems transformation is a political, economic and environmental issue, we must also recognise it as a gender justice issue; stark gender inequalities are both a cause and an outcome of unsustainable food systems, unjust food access, consumption and production.

Tackling gender injustice and truly empowering women is not

only a fundamental prerequisite for food systems transformation but also a goal. So, what should a gender just and equitable food system look like?

A gender just and equitable food system is one which guarantees a world without hunger, where women, men, girls and boys have equal access to nutritious, healthy food, safe food, and access to the means to produce, sell and purchase food.

It is a food system where the roles, responsibilities, opportunities and choices available to women and men - including unpaid caregiving and food provision - are not predetermined at birth but are developed in line with individual capacities and aspirations.

It is a food system where countries, communities and households and individual men and women are equipped to produce enough food for their own populations through environmentally sound processes, while also being able to participate in gender-equitable local, global and regional food trading systems.

So as food systems transform, the goal should be to ensure that they transform in ways that are equitable, that ensure meaningful engagement and benefits to all, women, boys, girls, men, indigenous groups amongst others.

A just and equitable food system requires a rethinking of the role of women as producers and consumers and a move from "what are women's contributions in agriculture" toward "how can food and agricultural systems transform in ways that are equitable and that empower women".

Achieving this will require systemic innovations in the food system and the use of a feminist lens.

There should be international attempts to address illegal immigration crisis

ILLEGAL immigration is the migration of people into a country in violation of the immigration laws of that country or the continued residence without the legal right to live in that country. Illegal immigration tends to be financially upward, from poorer to richer countries. Illegal residence in another country creates the risk of detention, deportation, and/or other sanctions.

Illegal immigration has evolved into a mounting crisis for a growing number of countries worldwide and governments appear to be at a loss on how to deal with the crisis.

Migrant destination countries are facing record high numbers of unlawful border crossings and unauthorised arrivals at their shores, thousands of visa overstayers, and millions of men, women and children residing unlawfully within their countries. In many of those countries illegal migration is viewed as a threat to national sovereignty. It is seen as undermining cultural integrity. Illegal migration is also creating financial drains on public funds.

Some officials as well as much of the public in those countries have described the continuing illegal immigration to their borders and shores as an "invasion", a "battle situation" and a "security threat". And some have called on their governments to "send'em straight back".

In addition, illegal immigration is also undermining the rule of law, threatening regional cooperation, challenging law enforcement agencies, eroding public support for legal migration, altering political equilibrium and add-

ing to nativism and xenophobia. In addition, the public's concerns about immigration are reflected in the growing influence of far-right political parties in such countries as Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Sweden and the United States.

Multinational migrant-smuggling networks are also contributing to the mounting illegal immigration crisis as well as generating substantial profits for criminal organizations. Those networks exploit migrants seeking to leave their countries, offering various services, including transportation, accommodations and critical information. Government programmes and plans to counter migrant smuggling networks have achieved limited success.

Also, international attempts to address illegal immigration, such as the Global Compact on International Migration of 2018, have not diminished illegal immigration nor the activities of smuggling networks.

A major factor behind the rise of illegal immigration is the large and growing supply of men, women and children in sending countries who want to migrate to another country and by any means possible, including illegal immigration. The number of people in the world wanting to migrate to another country is estimated at nearly 1.2 billion.

The billion plus people wanting to migrate represents about 15 percent of the world's population. That number of people wanting to migrate is also more than four times the size of the estimated total number of immigrants worldwide in 2020, which was 281 million.

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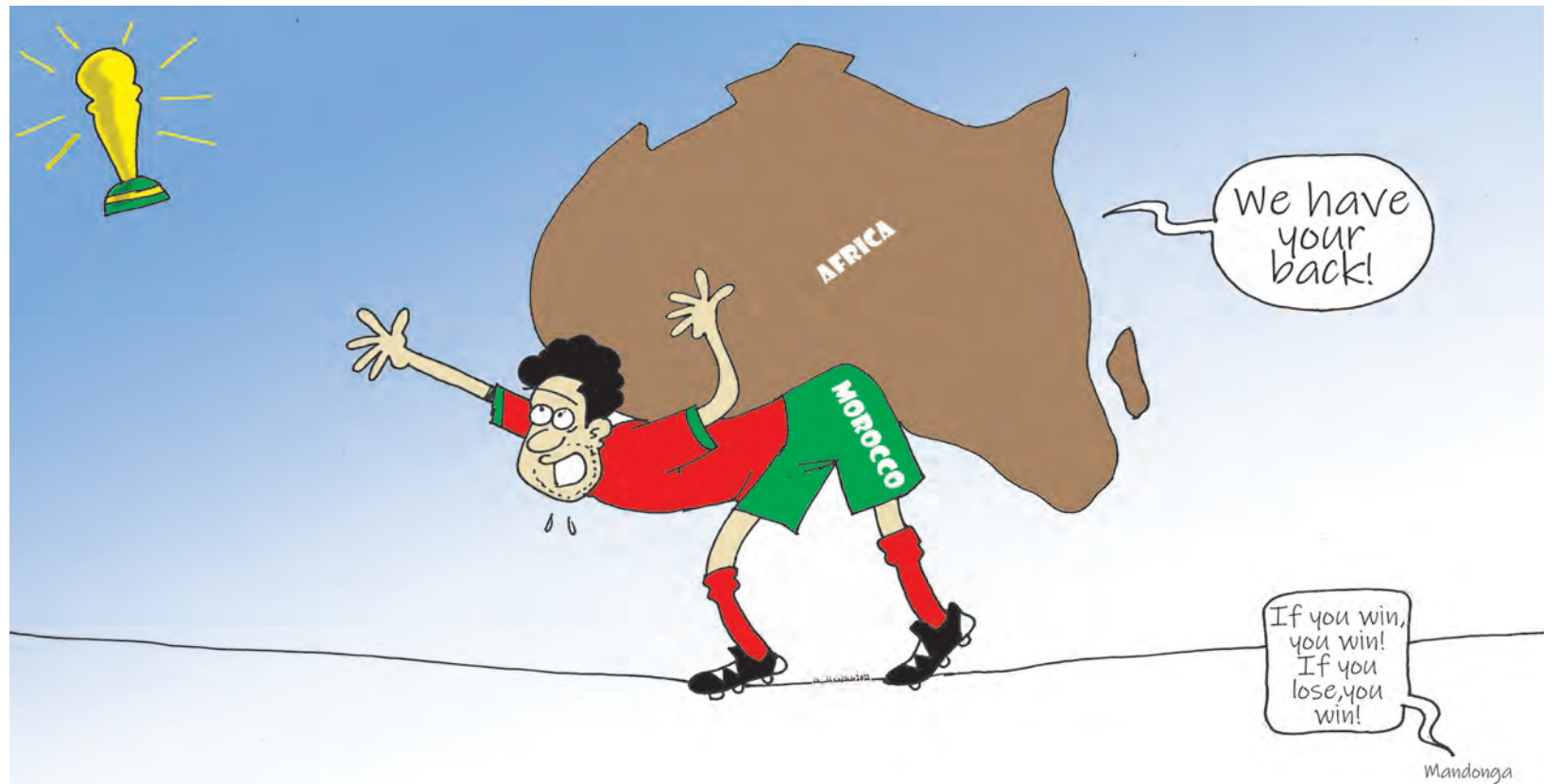
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The president we all need in Nigeria

By Sonnie Ekwowusi

The February Presidential election is a golden opportunity to break away from our iniquitous past. We can no longer leave the fate of our country and our lives in the hands of political misfits who don't have the foggiest idea that political leadership basically entails improving the welfare of the people. Almost everyone you meet these days in Nigeria says it, and, I dare join today in saying it: now is our chance to recover our stolen common wealth. To this effect, many Nigerian voters across the different divides (the Nigerian young inclusive) have, unlike in the past, irrevocably resolved to vote for a presidential candidate of their choice who will build a new Nigeria, all things being equal, on February 25, 2023.

The current President Mahmoud Buhari government is a waterless cloud, carried along by the winds; a fruitless tree in late autumn, a wild wave of the sea casting up the form of its suffocating smell; a wandering and wicked crescent for whom the nether gloom of darkness has been reserved for ever.

For nearly eight years the Buhari government has brought an unspeakable ruin to Nigeria and Nigerian families. For instance, the inability of President Buhari to defend and maintain Nigeria's territorial sovereignty as well as secure the borders of Nigeria from internal and external violation in consonance with sections 1 (2) and 2(1) of the 1999 Constitution.

Muhammadu Buhari, no doubt, has gone down the anal of Nigerian political history, if not the Guinness World Records) as the worst political leader in Nigeria. His inability, pursuant to section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution, to protect lives and property of the citizenry and to suppress internal insurrection, banditry, secession threats, murder, anarchy, tension, fear, suspicion and disorderliness has enthroned the reign of anarchy.

Nobody seems to be in charge of Nigeria at the moment. The Hobbesian bellum omnium contra omnes (war of all against all) characterized by barbaric bloodletting, communal bloody feuds, kidnaps, banditry, gun-running and so forth now reigns supreme in different parts of Nigeria. Uncertainty, confusion, fear and apprehension rule the lives of many in Nigeria. We now live in a free-for-all country where nobody seems to be in charge.

We go to bed and wake up itching to hear the sad news of another bloodletting abduction or kidnapping. In 2017, Nigeria was ranked as the third most-terrorized country in the world.

In the same year Nigeria Police was ranked as the worst Police in the world. In the same 2017 Nigeria was ranked by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a country with the 3rd highest infant mortality



rate in the world. In the same 2017 Northern Nigeria was ranked as the worst region in the world with the highest number of illiterates.

On July 25 2018 the BBC reported that "Nigeria has the largest number of out-of-school children, totaling 13 million, in the world." In the 2018 Global Rankings of "Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index" of the OXFAM and Development Finance International (DFI), Nigeria was ranked 157 out of 157 countries.

In the same 2018, Nigeria overtook India as the country with the highest number of under-5 deaths in the world. In the same 2018 Nigeria was ranked as one of the most dangerous places in the world to give birth to and the 4th country in the world with the worst maternal mortality death rate.

In the same 2018 Nigeria was ranked among the worst malaria hit countries in the world. In the same year, 2018, Nigeria was ranked by the World Bank among the seven worst countries on the World Bank Human Capital Index.

In the 2018 Global Hunger Index (GHI), Nigeria was ranked as the 103rd hungriest country in the world out of 119 qualifying countries. In the same 2018, Nigeria was ranked among the worst malaria hit countries in the world.

In 2018, the African Development Bank (AfDB) revealed that the World Poverty Clock named Nigeria as the poverty capital of the world. According to Mr. Constant Tchona, a representative of OXFAM in Nigeria: "The number of people that live below extreme poverty as at April 2018 was 91,501,377 thus reaffirming that Nigeria is the poverty capital of the world."

As if that was not bad enough, six months later, the number jumped

to 94, 470, 533 people meaning that 2,969, 158 Nigerians have been tipped into extreme poverty.

The latest is that the National Bureau Statistics (NBS) has revealed that no fewer than 133 Nigerians, representing 63 per cent of the Nigerian population, are currently living in multi-dimensional abject poverty.

At the moment the national currency is having its worst free fall.

For the first time in our political history we have now become a suicidal country. In 2018 Nigeria was ranked as a suicide-prone country. Today Nigeria is ranked the fifth in the world among countries whose citizens are prone to commit suicide. A bag of rice now sells for N45,000, the salary of many Nigerians.

What is most nauseating is that, amid these calamities, President Buhari keeps gallivanting from pillar to post, beating his chest in the euphoria of triumph and telling those who care to listen: "I am not a failure. I am a good man. I will not leave office a failure". Is this not laughable?

A President who had already failed is giving himself a pass mark. Anyway, two things, in my view, are deductible from Buhari's gloating. First: Buhari forgets the time-test aphorism credited to Sheikh Uthman Dan Fodio that conscience is an open wound and only truth can heal it.

Pricked by the pangs of his conscience, Buhari has been placating his conscience and telling those who care to listen that he is not a failure.

He forgets that only truth and justice can heal wound. Second: Mr. President is not in touch with reality otherwise he cannot be giving himself a pass mark. The Presi-

dent has refused to read the mene, mene, tekel, upharsin emblazoned on the walls of Aso Villa Presidential Building, Abuja.

He can't understand that his eight-year stewardship has come to a pathetic and ruinous end. He seems not to understand that about 99% of Nigerians had already judged him a failure and that there is nothing he can do to reverse their judgment against him.

Consequently, the February 25 presidential election is a golden opportunity to break away from our iniquitous past. To those regretting and sorrowing for committing a mortal sin in 2015 or 2019 by voting for Buhari, I say, February 25 2023 is the day of salvation. It is the acceptable time.

Therefore, they should make amends and atone for the sin which they committed in 2015 or 2019 by voting for candour, content, competence and character in 2023.

Let us make amendments today that grace may abound. We are the children of the light, not of darkness. Light has nothing in common with darkness.

There is no doubt that Buhari has endorsed a stooge to succeed him in 2023. Therefore let us resolve to make a complete break with Buharism. We should be aiming to breathe fresh air in 2023. Don't tell me it is impossible to break away from our iniquitous past. All things are possible to those who believe.

The Kenyans did it this year by electing William Ruto, 55, who ran for President for the first time. In fact Ruto fell out with political godfather Uhuru Kenyatta.

As a result, Kenyatta backed Raila Amolo Odinga to succeed him in office. But Ruto came from behind and won the election.

GRADUATION season is in full swing and people can be seen going around town wearing gowns and dazzling accessories hanging from their necks. They normally have family members with them who, for some reason, appear happier than the graduate. Social media is awash with their photos.

Perhaps, it is difficult to be joyful after spending the entire day waiting to be called out in a thick black gown under the hot December sun or following the celebration after you paid to hire a mini bus to bring your clan members. Shouldn't they think of more digital ways to graduate people, like sending an SMS to let you know that you now obviously have graduated?

Back in my days, graduation was a result of a laborious three years of exams, continuous assessment tests with targeted course works to reach, makeup exams, supplementary exams and long lectures.

Somehow, there was time in between these sessions for long nights of partying with cash obtained from God-knows-where. The village should have traveled to your town to see you bake in the sun while waiting to be called out if you had made it through this voyage alive.

The fact that I don't understand how the ability to read 26 alphabets and write the numerals 1 to 10 justifies a ceremony, much less graduation, makes me wonder whether these are just the ramblings of an old geezer.

Nonetheless, I salute this year's grads despite the craziness that surrounds graduation day. Congratulations for your recent graduation. A celebration is definitely in order. Earning a degree is no small feat. You've just joined a select group with fewer than 10 per cent of the world's population. You are privileged, to put it mildly. Don't let anyone convince you that earning a degree is a not a big deal. It is.

Being part of an elite club, we expect many things from you. I hope you have developed the requisite skills and mindset to make a difference in your family, community, country and the world.

You are joining the workforce at the best time in history. There have never been so many opportunities before you. The world is now a much smaller place. The internet has levelled the playing field. I hope you won't just use your data bundles to be on social media. If well leveraged, the internet can transform your life.

I hope they taught you how to seek out the opportunities before you. I hope you will not spend years walking down the streets looking to do something which fits your qualifications.

To be blunt with you, your qualifications don't really matter much anymore. Make something that people need. Help someone else. Make someone happy. You won't need a job if you do this. Do whatever job comes your way. If you do it well, it will be the stepping stone to better opportunities.

I hope besides your degree, you have been taught how to think creatively and independently. I believe your degree means you can now solve problems. I hope it means you can offer valuable service. I guess that you have become resilient and will not be overwhelmed by the challenges you are about to face. I

Congratulations to all 2022 graduates: Now make the world a better place



hope your learning has not stopped with your degree. Actually, this is the beginning of learning. Humility is the beginning of learning.

I doubt if anyone taught you about money. Don't wait to go broke to start learning about money. Please pay yourself first and set aside 10 per cent of every penny you ever earn. Try and avoid salary loans. Save up and buy your first car instead of getting a car loan. No need to borrow. Start investing early before you get many responsibilities.

I advise you to find someone you trust and respect. Follow them and do what they tell you to do. Use social media to find these people. There is no need to rush into starting a family. Prepare your-

self and make sure you are ready for the responsibilities that follow.

Realize that you are running your own race. Therefore, don't compare yourself with your peers. Some will get ahead of you. Some will look happier than you. Some will drive bigger cars. As long as you keep doing your best, you will be fine. Hold off on doing a master's degree immediately.

The nation is not in need of more degrees but more people who can solve problems; people who can make a difference and people who can think differently and ahead. The nation needs people who can make valuable things; people who don't conform.

Get some practical skills first. Learn

how to make and do things. Do a professional qualification first. Get the skills you need to become more valuable. Get your hands dirty. Don't allow your quali-

fication to be a blockade to your blessings. Now that the celebration is over, it is time to roll up your sleeves and get to work. Cheers to your new achievement.

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From the kitchen to the podium: Village women who changed gender roles

By Beatrice Philemon

IN some communities in Tanzania, there is no confusion about what women can do and cannot do. For, gender roles are clearly defined through customs and traditions handed down from one generation to another.

Civil society organizations that have been striving to achieve gender rights for decades now can attest that changing harmful cultural practices such as child marriage, female genital mutilation and many more is not a walk in the park. One of those hard nuts to crack is changing the position of a woman from the kitchen, house chores and the farm to other economic activities and especially leadership positions. Speaking in public which is crucial step towards leadership is a reserve for men in many conservative traditional communities.

Conserving Forests through Sustainable, forest-based Enterprise Support in Tanzania (CoForEST) is a project implemented by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group in collaboration with Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) with funding from Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

CoForEST is designed to contribute to Tanzania's development vision by supporting domestic value chains in forest products including sustainable charcoal and timber. It was implemented from 2019 to 2022 but was extended for one more year. The project seeks to achieve its goal through three inter-connected outcomes namely Scaling up Community Based Forest Management (CBFM), piloting a sustainable financing mechanism and dialogue on supportive policies and sustainable financing, research, monitoring and learning.

Elida Fundi, MJUMITA's Policy and dialogue officer, said in an interview recently that so far a total of 100,000 people have benefited from this project, including 99,000 from Morogoro District Council while the remainder 11,000 are from other four districts.

Highlighting on gender equality, she said a total of 704 people from different villages were trained on gender equality, including 429 women who have



Stamili Kisingeli speaks at a meeting held recently at her Msolokelo village in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region. She is one of housewives who have turned into entrepreneurs and leaders after a gender rights sensitization. Photo/Beatrice Philemon

since shaken long-held traditional gender roles. Stamili Kisingeli, a 50-year-old woman from Msolokelo village in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region, is one of the beneficiaries. She said before the gender sensitization, it was unimaginable for a woman to stand and speak before men in her community. "If a woman had something pressing to be said, the accepted practice was to share the same with a husband or any other male who could speak at a meeting," she said.

"But this has since changed as more and more women speak at meetings and men listen to them and actually implement their ideas. This is a big change and I think it worked because men were also involved."

The mother of two said women are now at the forefront of a number of economic activities in her village including forest conservation through village land forest reserve, sustainable charcoal

making, village community bank and bee keeping. "Through sustainable charcoal making I was able to buy 10 dairy cows, set up 60 modern beehives and I pay fees to my two children who are in secondary school.

"I have also ventured into agriculture where I cultivate sunflower and maize. I make my own money and that is something that makes me so proud." Aisha Saidi is a CoForEST beneficiary from Lulongwe in Morogoro District. She is now the treasurer of her village natural resources committee. She said the position of women in her village has changed tremendously.

From the sustainable charcoal making, she said women have diversified into commercial agriculture, poultry, animal husbandry, food vending and many other enterprises that earn them money. "I have educated my three children and built and modern house from the money I earned

through the project," she said.

"But in my opinion, the biggest and most sustainable success of this project is the change we see in men: they help with house chores, they involve in family income and budgeting of the same." Zainabu Majata from Lulongwe village also agreed that the change in men is the biggest benefit of the project. Before, although women were the most active in farming, the hardly saw money from the sale of produce which has now become history.

Another thing is women involvement in leadership which was not the case before. After the sensitization, the number of women in elected positions is historic.

"In the village council there are eight women and another four in the natural resource committee," she said. Hawana Zuberi from Nambinda village in Liwale District, Lindi Region said men

have bonded more with family, including their role caring for children. Before the sensitization, all things to do with children and house chores were left to women. "Nowadays it is common to see men fetching water, taking children to clinic and even preparing food and feeding children; it's unbelievable," she said.

"We have a total of five village community banks and women have more leadership roles than men because they are better than men at serving."

Under the project, beneficiaries were trained on gender and gender equality, forest conservation, good governance, financial management, record keeping, how to conduct forest assessment to identify which trees are suitable for sustainable charcoal production and timber harvesting.

Also they were trained on leadership, land ownership, land use planning, how to measure timber selling, how to prepare sustainable harvesting plan, how to develop forest management plan, how to formulate by-laws for forest management that prohibit anyone from cutting trees illegally inside the village land forest reserve for timber and charcoal production.

Through the knowledge gained from MJUMITA and TFCC, the villagers have been able to develop forest management plan and formulated by-laws that prohibit anyone from cutting trees illegally inside the village land forest reserve for timber and charcoal production.

They set aside special areas of village land forest reserve for Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) for sustainable charcoal production and timber harvesting and communities are now earning money from selling charcoal and timber to improve their livelihood while the village governments earn tax for implementation of various development projects.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
AT DAR ES SALAAM

COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 60 OF 2022

CRDB BANK PLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

GREENS CONSTRUCTION LTD 1st DEFENDANT

HAMIMU HUSSEIN BAKARI 2nd DEFENDANT

ERNEST SAMSON LAIZER 3rd DEFENDANT

HAMISI JAFARI LUZIGA 4th DEFENDANT

DECREE

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, CRDB Bank PLC, by way of a plaint, instituted this suit against the defendants jointly and severally praying for judgment and decree as follows;

- i) Payment of the sum of Tanzanian shillings one hundred twenty-four million eight hundred eighty-eight thousand four hundred ninety-eight and forty-eight cents (TZS. 124,888,498.48) the same being total arrears as of 23rd May, 2022 on account of the loan facility (First Deed of Variation) dated 30th September, 2021 advanced by the plaintiff together with interests.
- ii) Interest on (i) above at the rate of 20% per annum from 23rd May, 2022 to the date of judgment
- iii) Interest on the decretal amount at the court's rate of 7% from the date of judgment until full and final payment
- iv) Costs of the suit, and
- v) Any other reliefs which this honourable court may deem just.

This matter coming up for judgment on this 29th day of November, 2022 before Hon. A. A. Mbagwa, Judge in the presence Ms. Catherine Tibasana, Advocate for the plaintiff and in absence of Advocate for the defendants.

THIS COURT DOTH HEREBY ORDER THAT:-

The Defendants jointly and severally to pay the Plaintiff;

- i) The sum of Tanzanian shillings one hundred twenty-four million eight hundred eighty-eight thousand four hundred ninety-eight and forty-eight cents (TZS. 124,888,498.48) the same being total arrears and interest as of 23rd May, 2022 on account of the loan facility (First Deed of Variation) dated 30th September, 2021 advanced by the plaintiff to the 1st defendant.
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- iv) Costs of the suit.

Given under my hand and Seal of this Court on this 29th day of November, 2022.



A.A. Mbagwa
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In this Nov 9, 2022 file photo, South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa speaks to the media at State House in Nairobi, Kenya. (KHALIL SENOSI / AP)

S. Africa's Ramaphosa still seen as ANC's best hope despite scandal

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa is weathering the worst scandal of his presidency thanks to the backing of his party, which is keenly aware its best hope of retaining power at 2024 elections is to keep him as leader.

Battered as his reputation may be by the "Farmgate" affair, Ramaphosa remains the most popular figure in the African National Congress (ANC) and the best placed to reverse last year's municipal polls that saw the party's share of the vote drop below half for the first time.

Ramaphosa's job had been hanging in the balance after an inquiry panel appointed by the speaker of parliament looked into accusations that thieves had stolen large amounts of cash stuffed into furniture at his private game farm in 2020, and that he had failed to report the crime.

The theft raised questions about how Ramaphosa acquired the money and whether he had declared it.

Ramaphosa has denied wrongdoing and has not been charged. He has said the money was much less than the \$4 million to \$8 million reported, and that it was the proceeds of game sales at the farm.

At one stage local media said the president was close to quitting due to the allegations, claims his office denied.

The scandal has shaken the credibility of a man who narrowly won the presidential post in the African National Congress (ANC) party in 2017 on a promise to clean up endemic graft after a decade of corruption scandals under former president Jacob Zuma.

Zuma has denied any wrongdoing.

ANC support, for now

In a show of support for Ramaphosa, the ANC said on Monday it would tell its lawmakers to vote against adopting the report alleging misconduct when it comes up for debate on Dec 13.

Before his ouster, Zuma had survived several no confidence votes in parliament after ANC's lawmakers were told to rally behind him. His resignation came only after he lost support within the ANC.

Ramaphosa has the party's backing, for now. ANC Treasurer-General Paul Mashatile said on Monday the decision was made in the best interests of the country and to secure stability, without elaborating.

A show of unity was needed ahead of the ANC's elective conference starting on Dec 16 to pick new party leaders in preparation for general elections in 2024.

Ramaphosa, seeking a second five-year term, received the most votes from branches of the ANC heading into the elective conference.

Trade union group COSATU, an alliance partner of the ANC, said calls for Ramaphosa to step aside were "premature".

"It is only fair and just for him to be given an opportunity to read and dissect the report with his legal team to ensure that in the end justice prevails," COSATU said.

Ramaphosa has challenged the panel's findings in court.

The rand currency and government bonds weakened sharply last week after the report was made public and rumours that Ramaphosa was to resign followed. Markets have since stabilized.

"The market is still willing to give him benefit of the doubt," Yvette Babb, an emerging market fixed income investor at William Babb, said, while independent Johannesburg-based analyst Marisa Lourenco said the bigger concern was that "someone could come in from the (Zuma) faction ... and derail some of the progress that Ramaphosa has made."

Retaining credibility

It seems likely Ramaphosa will contest the leadership of the ANC in national elections in 2024, which for the past three decades has decided who leads the country.

But he faces an uphill battle.

"Whatever happens to Ramaphosa ... he will find it increasingly difficult to retain that corruption-busting credibility," said Daniel Silke, director of Political Futures Consultancy. "Even if he escapes the worst."

South Africa's main opposition party, the liberal Democratic Alliance, has called for an early election while the far-left Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) party has said Ramaphosa should stand down.

"Ramaphosa is fighting as if he has not done anything wrong," EFF leader Julius Malema said on Monday.

Some analysts say Farmgate raises concerns only over his private business dealings: there has been no suspicion of the kind of public sector corruption that tainted Zuma.

The investigation into Ramaphosa's conduct began after Arthur Fraser, a former spy chief in Zuma's administration, asked police to probe alleged money laundering and corruption over the cash kept at his farm.

Political analyst Ralph Mathekga said the scandal had left many people confused as the probe is seen to have been orchestrated by Ramaphosa's critics within the ANC, which has members who belong to a faction loyal to Zuma.

Civil society has also been quiet, in contrast to public efforts to push for Zuma's ouster. This is "because by pushing for his resignation they will be completing the job started by a faction within the ANC," said Mathekga.

Political analyst Ongama Mtimka said while there were rumblings of discontent on social media platforms, Ramaphosa had yet to push South Africans' patience to the limit. "It takes more than the existence of grievances, discontent, for South Africans to take to the streets," said Mtimka.

"It always takes politicians who have their own agendas to mobilize people to take action."

UN children's agency appeals for 1 bln USD to help children in Horn of Africa in 2023

NAIROBI

THE UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Monday launched a one-billion-U.S.-dollar emergency funding appeal to reach millions of children in the Horn of Africa region in 2023.

UNICEF said it revised its emergency life-saving appeal across Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia from 879 million dollars in September to one billion dollars to cover 2023.

It said children in the Horn of Africa region are experiencing the most severe drought in recent history across the three countries, as well as the conflict in northern Ethiopia.

UNICEF Executive Director Cath-

erine Russell said the devastating impacts of climate change are an ever-present threat to children, "which is why we are prioritizing climate adaptation and resilience building as part of our humanitarian response."

"This will help us to reach children living through today's crisis while also helping them and their communities prepare for those yet to come," she said in a statement.

UNICEF called on partners to increase support for the life-saving humanitarian response for children, maximizing the flexibility of this funding, prioritizing climate-adaptive anticipatory action and preparedness efforts, urgently

adopting no-regrets approaches to preparedness and response, and ensuring equitable and principled humanitarian assistance.

In eastern and southern Africa, UNICEF said it will require more than 1.6 billion dollars in 2023 to deliver life-saving aid to more than 39.8 million people, including at least 27 million children.

The UN children's agency said it will also require 217 million dollars in emergency funding in South Sudan and 43 million dollars in Uganda to help children who are enduring drought, floods, and other emergencies and are in urgent need of increased humanitarian support.

Zanzibar to host international tourism conference early next

By Special Correspondent

ZANZIBAR is set to hold an international tourism summit early next year, aiming to pull more tourists and travel trade investors to its open investment areas.

Branded as “Z - Summit 2023”, this international tourism summit is scheduled to take place from February 23 and 24 next year and has been organized jointly by the Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors (ZATI) and Kilifair, the leading tourism exhibition organizers in Northern Tanzania.

Zanzibar’s high-level tourism and travel trade business and investment gathering has been organized with the aim of strengthening the growth of the tourism industry on the Island, displaying investment opportunities and to exhibit the Island’s tourism for investors and operators in the sector.

ZATI Chairman and the Mayor of Zanzibar Rahim Mohamed Bhaloo said that the Z - Summit 2023 will boost the growth of the tourism sector in the islands, targeting to raise the number of tourists booked to visit the island reach 800,000 by 2025.

Bhaloo noted that the Z-Summit 2023 will also expose the Island’s rich tourist resources combined with marine, culture

and historical heritages. The event aims to boost the Island’s aviation sector by attracting more airlines from Africa and the rest of the world to fly there.

Zanzibar had attracted Rwanda’s national airline, RwandAir to launch direct flights between its Kigali hub and the Indian Ocean Island to boost regional and intra-African travel and tourism. Zanzibar depends more than 27 percent (27 percent) of its annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on tourism.

Bhaloo said in Rwanda’s capital of Kigali last week that Zanzibar is currently developing into a tourist destination market in Africa and will take the Z-Summit 2023 to observe the opening of a new Airport Terminal.

He said that the main beneficiaries of the summit are tourism service providers, involving stakeholders from various countries in the world where so far ten countries have already requested to participate in the Z-Summit 2023 to be held at the Golden Tulip Airport Zanzibar Hotel.

Bhaloo said the forthcoming tourism investment gathering would also focus on ways to search then attract new markets that would increase the number of tourists and strengthen the tourist markets from



various countries around the world.

Participants to the Z-Summit 2023 including tourist hotels, resorts and lodges, tour Operators, excursion companies, watersports, tourism suppliers, airlines, commercial banks and insurance companies.

Other participants are hospitality and tourism Colleges, travel magazines and the media.

Zanzibar is a best destination for boat rides, snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, horseback riding, paddling board at sunset, visiting the mangrove forest,

kayaking, deep sea fishing, shopping, among other leisure activities.

The African Tourism Board (ATB) will be working jointly with Zanzibar government for the facilitation of the forthcoming Z-Summit 2023, aiming to strengthening tourism de-

velopment in Africa.

African Tourism Board is a pan-African tourism organization with a mandate to marketing and promoting all the 54 African Destinations, thereby changing the narratives on tourism for the better future and prosperity of the African continent.

Debt payments put biggest squeeze on poor countries since 2000 - report

By Guardian Reporter

POOREST countries eligible to borrow from the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) now spend over a tenth of their export revenues to service their long-term public and publicly guaranteed external debt—the highest proportion since 2000 since the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative was established.

A new World Bank report on new International Debt Report highlights rising debt-related risks for all developing economies—low- as well as middle-income economies.

At the end of 2021, the external debt of these econo-

mies totalled \$9 trillion, more than double the amount a decade ago.

During the same period, the total external debt of IDA countries, meanwhile, nearly tripled to \$1 trillion. Rising interest rates and slowing global growth risk tipping a large number of countries into debt crises.

About 60 percent of the poorest countries are already at high risk of debt distress or already in distress.

At the end of 2021, IDA-eligible countries’ debt-service payments on long-term public and publicly guaranteed external debt totalled \$46.2 billion—equivalent to 10.3 percent of their exports of goods and services and 1.8 percent of their gross nation-

al income (GNI), according to the report.

The percentages are up significantly from 2010, when they stood at 3.2 percent and 0.7 percent respectively.

In 2022, IDA countries’ debt-service payments on their public and publicly guaranteed debt are projected to rise by 35 percent to more than \$62 billion, one of the highest annual increases of the past two decades. China is expected to account for 66 percent of the debt-service payments to be made by IDA countries on their official bilateral debt.

“The debt crisis facing developing countries has intensified a comprehensive approach is needed to reduce debt, increase transparency,

and facilitate swifter restructuring—so countries can focus on spending that supports growth and reduces poverty. Without it, many countries and their governments face a fiscal crisis and political instability, with millions of people falling into poverty,” said World Bank Group President David Malpass.

Indermit Gill, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank Group said: “Poor debt transparency is the reason so many countries sleepwalk into a debt crisis. Complete, transparent debt data improves debt management. It makes debt sustainability analyses more reliable. And it makes debt restructurings easier to implement, so that countries can

return quickly to economic stability and growth. It is not in any creditor’s long-term interest to keep public debt hidden from the public.”

On the surface, debt indicators seem to have improved in 2021, the report shows.

As economic growth resumed following the global recession in 2020, public and publicly guaranteed external debt as a share of GNI returned to pre-pandemic proportions.

However, this was not the case for IDA countries, where the debt- to-GNI ratio remained above the pre-pandemic level at 25 percent.

In 2022, global growth is slowing sharply. Amid one of the most internationally synchronous episodes of mon-

etary and fiscal policy tightening the world has seen in 50 years, the risk of a global recession next year has been rising.

Currency depreciations have made matters worse for many developing countries whose debt is denominated in U.S. dollars. The 2021 debt-to-GNI improvement, as a result, is likely temporary.

Over the past decade, the composition of debt owed by IDA countries has changed significantly. The share of external debt owed to private creditors has increased sharply.

At the end of 2021, low- and middle-income economies owed 61 percent of their public and publicly guaranteed debt to private creditors—an

increase of 15 percentage points from 2010. IDA-eligible countries owed 21 percent of their external debt to private creditors by the end of last year, a 16-point increase from 2010.

The share of debt owed to government creditors that don’t belong to the Paris Club (such as China, India, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and others) has soared. At the end of 2021, China was the largest bilateral lender to IDA countries, accounting for 49 percent of their bilateral debt stock-up from 18 percent in 2010.

These developments have made it much harder for countries facing debt distress to quickly restructure their debt.

France commits to support EAC process in DRC

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE French Ambassador to Tanzania, Nabil Hahjlaoui has pledged his country’s commitment to support EAC-led Nairobi process, on restoration of peace and security in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Hahjlaoui made the disclosure when he met with the Secretary General of the EAC, Dr Peter Mathuki, who paid a courtesy call on him at his residence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Ambassador Hahjlaoui reiterated his country’s commitment to use its experience and help in any way necessary to bring peace back in Eastern DRC.

“It is high time now that all stakeholders involved in the peace-making process in Eastern DRC look at the big picture and put the interest of DRC people first rather than their own,” said the Ambassador.

He acknowledged the efforts of EAC Partner States in restoring security in DRC as huge and cannot be questioned; therefore, he said his country was prepared to provide support towards peaceful resolution of the war in Eastern DRC. “We are ready to join hands with EAC partner states in finding solutions of on-going conflicts in Eastern DRC,” he said.

The French envoy reiterated his country’s commitment to support the implementation of the EAC Summit directive to include French as a language of the Community in addition to English and Kiswahili.

The envoy said his country was more than willing to assist the EAC technically and financially in the operationalization of French as one of the official languages of the EAC.



Dr Mathuki hailed France her continued support to EAC programmes and projects, adding that EAC needed all assistance as it seeks to resolve the on-going conflicts in Eastern DRC.

“Let me take this opportunity to thank the people and government of France through your Excellency for the continued support on different issues of the EAC integration. DRC is part of the community, helping them is not an option rather a right thing to do”, added Mathuki.

The SG informed the Ambassador that region through the Summit of EAC Heads of States is determined to restore peaceful environment in Eastern DRC. A peaceful DRC is key to the development of our region, added Hon Mathuki.

On the support to include French as official language of the Community, Dr Mathuki said the assistance comes at a time when the Community was continuing to deepen its ties with the other French-speaking blocs.

The SG and his counterpart agreed to form a small committee to work on modalities of how the French Government can help to resolve some of the requirements including buying translations infrastructure at the EAC Secretariat and capacity building to the staff.

Dr Mathuki visited the French Ambassador to discuss priority areas at the EAC that could be supported by France and how to enhance the existing relations between EAC and France.

SADC conducts electronic Certificate of Origin workshop

By Guardian Reporter

A five-day training workshop for customs officers and customs brokers from four Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states—Eswatini, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia was recently conducted in Johannesburg, South Africa.

It was organised by the SADC Secretariat, Finance, Investment

and customs (fic) directorate with support by the European union-sadc trade facilitation programme under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF II).

Its objective was to equip border managers and key customs brokers from clearing firms that have a presence at the borders with the right skills and knowledge in handling clearance of goods which have been issued

with a SADC Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CoO).

Other training sessions for Customs officers and brokers will be conducted next year, and trainees are expected to cascade the acquired knowledge to other stakeholders in their respective Member States.

The e-CoO was officially launched in Blantyre, Malawi, in September 2022 as a modern trade facilitation instrument

which contributes to ease of doing business and promotes integrity and environmental protection, after the successful completion of the development and test of the e-CoO module of Eswatini, Malawi and Zambia.

Following the official launch of the SADC e-CoO to ensure smooth movement of cargo and better border cooperation, a series of training workshops were planned to capacitate

customs brokers, freight forwarders, exporters, and customs managers with a view to implement the e-CoO concept effectively in handling and facilitating clearance of cargo that is accompanied with the SADC e-CoO.

Since the beginning of the implementation of the SADC Free Trade Area in 2008, the Certificate of Origin for qualified goods for Duty-Free Quota

Free Market access was processed manually.

Over the years, it was noted this was creating some delays in the clearance of goods. A Certificate of Origin is a supporting document issued by Competent Authority, in most cases by Customs Administration/Revenue Authorities in exporting countries as documentary evidence for the qualifying goods to be presented in importing

countries for clearance.

It is against this background that the Committee of Minister of Trade (CMT) in 2019, during their meeting held in Windhoek, Namibia, approved the e-CoO Framework to enable Member States to develop their national e-CoO module in the Customs system, which will allow integration with other Member States’ systems.

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 NORTH MARA GOLD MINE Africa's favourite auctioneers

PUBLIC AUCTION

Best Group (T) Ltd and AUCOR will conduct a public auction of various spare parts of Toyota, Sandvik, and other mining equipment's spare parts, the auction will start on **Monday 12/ 12/ 2022 from 10:30 A.M.** at North Mara Gold Mine Limited .

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION: -

- Participants should adhere with all safety requirements and standards of Buzwagi Gold Mine including wearing of mask, reflectors, and safety boots.
- That interested customers are invited to visit the site for viewing and inspecting items to be auctioned from Tuesday, December 8, 2022 from 10:00 A.M up to 4:00 P.M.
- The bidding price is VAT exclusive, bidders will be pay VAT.
- Purchasers shall pay exempted tax items to the Tanzania Revenue Authority; TRA officers will be present for clarification and guidance.
- That the purchaser participation is subject to payment of entrance fees which is refundable to his/her account if will not purchase any items.
- The entrance fees will be TZS 5, 000,000/=(five million only refundable)
- All payments including the entrance fees will be paid through the following bank account.

BANK NAME	CRDB
BRANCH	NYAMONGO
ACCOUNT NUMBER	0150388386800
ACCOUNT NAME	NORTH MARA GOLD MINE LIMITED

- The highest bidder will pay a non-refundable deposit of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the bid price which shall be paid at the end of auction and the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) shall be paid within four days after the sale.
- Where the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) is not paid as specified, the bid shall lapse and the lot in respect of which the balance is outstanding shall be reoffered for sale.
- The Seller shall not give warranty on the quality, quantity, packaging condition or any other particulars of the assets / goods offered for sale as such an item is auctioned AS-IS and thus request for replacement or refund shall not be accepted.
- Goods purchased at an auction shall be removed from the warehouse/yard within ten (10) days and where the purchaser fails to remove the goods, he or she shall be liable to pay the warehouse rent and any other charges with effect from the date of sale up to the date of removal.
- Where the purchased assets/goods are not removed from the warehouse/yard, they may be re-offered for sale upon expiration of time for removing items.
- If the winner fails to pay within the prescribed time above, he/she will be blacklisted as a defaulter.
- For claiming items, the winner shall present; a) A valid copy of paid payment bill and bank receipt b) Power of attorney in case owner sends representative c) Provide proper identification such as Passport, National I.D or valid Driver's license. d) TRA confirmation release documents to confirm payments of tax e). Third party claims shall not be entertained.
- Sellers reserves the right to cancel/withdrawal the auction at any time, when need may arise, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations governing the auction process.
- Bidders are strictly warned of any malpractice which includes but not limited to feeding wrong information failing to pay bid amount upon winning the bid within the prescribed period. Failure to abide to this condition infringes the Economic and Organized Crime Control Act. Cap 200 and it amount to serious offense.
- Terms and Conditions of this auction are to be carefully considered by an interested person before registration.
- Bidders are advised to use registered tax consultants, Clearing & Forwarding Agents, Logistic Companies in transporting abnormal luggage, the auctioneers may recommend or assist to get the service providers upon request by the purchaser but exempted from any liability on their contractual obligations.
- Bidders are strongly advised to have valid licenses and permit for trading or transporting of any items they purchase if is required by the law.
- The auction will be live with webcast
- Sellers will not be responsible for any errors in description, all goods are sold with no duty to repair.
- The participation fees paid will be refunded with 14 days to client respective accounts

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Account Name	BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LTD
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Routine Code	670801

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Absa reckons on Tanzania's financial market steadiness

By Francis Kajubi

ABSA has commended Tanzania for emerging as one of the 19 countries in the continent that registered improvements in market transparency, tax and regulatory environment during the past 12 months thus attracting potential foreign direct investments into the economy.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the launch of the Absa Africa Financial Market Index 2022 at a national level from the index that came out mid-October this year, Esther Maruma director global markets Absa bank Tanzania, said that the country's financial sector also performed well in easing access to foreign exchange with openness of markets to foreign investments since last year.

"Tanzania has improved in financial markets transparency to number nine from number eleven in 2021. The improvement is supported by an increase in points from 67 to 75 at-

tributed to Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange favorable guidelines on financial market framework," said Maruma.

However, going forward, Maruma emphasized the importance of corporate credit rating among financial markets players to help investors determine the riskiness associated with investing in corporate bonds. The government is also advised to continue reviewing the taxation framework on financial assets.

Maruma asserted that access to foreign exchange grew to 64 points from last year's 58 points. She said the central bank has still a lot to do in encouraging more growth of interbank liquidity.

"We call upon the central bank to fast-track adoption of the FX Global Code so that to promote the integrity and effective functioning of the wholesale foreign exchange market," she said. She further commended the government for favorable policies towards environmental, social and governance (ESG) that has facilitated investors to assess the mate-



Deputy permanent secretary, ministry of finance and planning, Lawrence Mafuru (third right) and Absa Bank Tanzania Board Chairman, Simon Mponji (fourth left) display copies of the Absa Africa Financial Markets Index 2022 yesterday in Dar es Salaam. On Mafuru's left is Absa's finance director, Obedi Laiser and the bank's head of global markets, Esther Maruma. Photo: Courtesy of Absa.

rial risk the organizations can take alongside the organizations themselves to play their role as metrics for strategic and managerial purposes.

The index focuses on six key areas namely market depth, access to liquidity, capacity of local investors, macroeconomic environment and transparency, legal standards and enforceability

and market transparency, tax and regulatory environment. Jeff Gable, chief economist and head of fixed income and currencies research, Absa bank regional office, said generally Tanzania made it to a single point of improvement to 55 points from last year's 54 points.

According to him, Tanzania lags behind in legal standards and enforce-

ability as it needs to align with international legal and contractual standards across financial markets such as International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) and the Global Master Repurchase Agreement (GMRA).

He also called for intensive evaluation on the capacity of international investors to drive capital

markets growth. However, the country needs to assess its macroeconomic environment and the transparency of economic data which underpins the development of the financial markets.

"In a general picture, I can see there are a lot of opportunities in Tanzania related to ESGs. The developed economies should start considering

bringing more investments," said Gable.

Responding to areas that the country's financial markets seem to be lagging behind, Lawrence Mafuru deputy permanent secretary in the ministry of finance and planning said the government for almost two years now has been working on improving the business doing environment of the country.

"There are reforms of laws and policies targeting at attracting foreign direct investments that paves way for hard currency liquidity and attract export-driven trade," said Mafuru.

According to him, focused on leveraging the digital economy, the Bank of Tanzania has since 2018 actively conducted projects related to distributed ledger technology (DLT) and central bank digital currencies (CBDC).

"The central bank has gone far to introduce the TISS Funds Transfer, a real-time gross settlement system (RTGS) to facilitate payment instructions between banks with real-time val-

ue to accounts. It has no transaction limit meant for high value and sensitive payments," said Mafuru.

Obedi Laiser, Absa Tanzania finance director said that the purpose of the index is to provide an overview of the state of financial markets in Africa, identify the impediments to their development and provide recommendations for governments, policy makers and international community on how to reconcile the need for increased flexibility with the necessary safeguard measures.

He said the 2022 index featured 26 countries under the theme 'Harnessing the power of African opportunities' which is equivalent to 78 percent of the continent's population.

"Absa believes the index is an important tool that can be adopted by policymakers and core financial market institutions to guide efforts in building a resilient and robust financial market that can drive inclusive growth across the continent," said Laiser.

UDSM organises investment forum

By Banker Reporter

OVER 600 participants are expected to attend the 3rd Banking, Finance and Investment Forum organized by the University of Dar es Salaam through Business School Department of Finance (UDBS) to be held in Dar es Salaam today.

UDBS head of finance department, Dr Tobias Swai told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the forum among other issues would promote and accelerate understanding of banking, finance and investment in Tanzania and beyond other productive sectors of economy.

"It is an undisputable fact that Tanzania and Africa as a whole is quite rich in the availability of local resources and relatively low labour costs. However, there is no much investment which has been recorded in the past decades," Dr Swai said.

Dr Swai said areas to

be covered during the forum include youth and employability, getting ready for the banking job market, health break and networking event, perspectives of digital banking, DSE scholarship investment challenge, youth and investment, youth and professional development, insurance sector (Market Report 2019-2021 Opportunities) and mortgage finance (Opportunities, issues and prospects).

"Exhibition and public forum will attract professionals and experienced experts in banking, finance and investments. The participants will be from academia, private sector, business associations, development participants, government, regional bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)," he stressed.

Dr Swai said preparations for the forum was on top gear, saying that UDBS through its finance department was committed to transform

banking, finance and investment sectors so as they could contribute significantly in all sectors of economy.

"We are going to have as more forums as possible for the year 2023 in February, May, August and November," Dr Swai, calling on Development Partners, Private Sector, Business Associations, NGOs and Individual sponsors to support the forums which are of paramount importance for different sectors of economy," he said.

According to Dr Swai the forum was designed to bring finance into practice and that the first and second similar platforms were useful and instrumental for players in banking, finance and investment sectors.

"We are optimistic that the forum will have more impacts on the said sectors. UDSM through its UDBS is well prepared to support the sectors growth and development," Dr Swai explained.

NAIROBI

ECONOMIC policies pursued in the later years of President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration helped benefit wealthy Kenyans the most, the World Bank disclosed Tuesday.

The Bank in the report capturing Kenya's economic health reckons that the gap between the rich and poor is unchanged from 2015, adding that it narrowed between 2005 and 2015.

It says the structure of Kenya's economy has lately failed to lift millions from poverty, turning the spotlight on the Kenyatta regime.

Kenya had delivered average economic growth of more than five per cent in the past decade

"Though economic growth contributed significantly to poverty reduction in Kenya, growth has become less pro-poor in recent years," the World Bank said in the report.

"Robust GDP per capita growth since 2005, along with growth in private consumption, saw the share of the population living below the international poverty line fall from 43.9 to 33.4 per cent (2015-2019)."

This echoes comments from analysts and the Central Bank of Kenya who have faulted the structure of Kenya's economy for delivering economic growth without creating jobs or an increase in incomes.

CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge in 2019 said that households have not felt Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, arguing that increased infrastructure spending has not spread the wealth among working Kenyans.

The comments come in a period when corporate Kenya has witnessed reduced profitability that has ushered in job cuts, freezes in hiring and near-stagnant wages as companies race to protect their profit margins.

Kenya has since 2013 embarked on major infrastructure projects to make up for decades of under-investment that stunted economic growth.

This is underlined by the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway from Mombasa to Naivasha using nearly Sh500 billion of Chinese loans in a borrowing binge that economists say is saddling future generations with too much debt.

Mr Kenyatta took over power in 2013 from the late Mwai Kibaki who turned Kenya's economy from negative to GDP growths in excess five per cent.

Mr Kibaki's landslide victory in 2002 was seen as a repudiation of Daniel Arap Moi's 24 years of corruption, oppression and



World Bank operational manager Camille Nuamah speaks in Nairobi on Tuesday during the Kenya-World Bank Group Country Partnership framework launch.

World Bank faults Uhuru's growth for helping the rich

economic failure.

The average monthly income for Kenyans rose at the fastest pace in six years to Sh20,123 last year following recovery from Covid-19 economic hardships in changes that reflect the growing pay inequality.

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) data show the country's annual gross national income (GNI) per capita grew 11.6 per cent to hit Sh241,467 (\$1,979) last year, up from Sh216,337 (\$1,773) in 2020.

The measure of average income—which captures money earned from both the formal and the informal sector—however, reveals the deep wealth and earnings inequality in Kenya that has left the country with a thin middle class and super earners with the majority remaining stuck in the lower income bracket.

But the World Bank reckons that income growth has been skewed to the advantage of the middle class and the rich.

"This trend reflected increases in national in-

come rather than significant shifts in resource distribution which remains too skewed for inclusive growth," said the World Bank. "Inequality in Kenya fell between 2005-2015 but has stagnated through 2019."

Kenya's economy has grown on average by 5.0 per cent annually over the last decade save for the Covid-19 contraction, but the benefits have not been equally distributed, and the gap between rich and poor is rising, say campaigners.

The number of super-rich in Kenya is among the fastest growing in the region.

Yet while a minority of Kenyans are accumulating wealth, the benefits of economic growth have not trickled down.

According to an earlier report by Kenya Fight Inequality Alliance, just 8,300 individuals in Kenya own the same wealth as the rest of the country's more than 45 million people, and the richest 10 per cent earn 23 times more than the poorest 10 per cent.

The majority of the 2.9 million individuals employed in the formal sector are domiciled in the lower wage brackets, with only 358,833 or 15 per cent earning more than Sh100,000 per month.

Some 1.18 million workers or 40 per cent are paid below Sh50,000 per month and at least 51,770 are earning below the national average of Sh20,123.

Data from Knight Frank's Wealth Report show that the country was home to 3,362 dollar millionaires at the end of last year, with the number expected to grow to 4,274 by 2026.

Out of these dollar millionaires, 88 have a net worth of more than \$30 million (Sh3.7 billion), placing them in the ultra-high net worth category.

This emerged in a year when the proportion of financially stable Kenyans more than halved in a period of five years amid runaway cost of living and stagnant pay, a Central Bank of Kenya-backed household survey showed.



University of Dar es Salaam.

Britam, mTek in a deal to cover SMEs against fires and burglary

NAIROBI

INSURANCE firm Britam has inked a deal with digital insurance platform mTek, to offer mobile-enabled business protection to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) against fire and burglary.

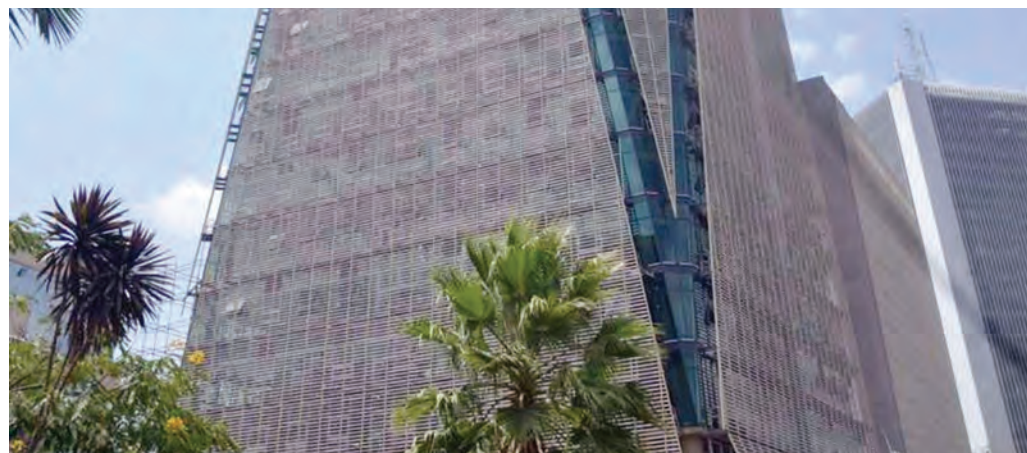
The cover, dubbed Britam Biashara, will also protect operators against loss of income in the event of business interruption due to hospitalisation or permanent disability caused by an accident.

Under the policy, business owners will have the leeway to choose either basic property cover with an additional personal accident cover, interruption due to hospitalisation cover, or even both depending on their requirements and affordability.

The programme seeks to net over 100,000 MSMEs spread across the country, who will access the service through mTek's mobile application.

"By [offering insurance to] the informal retail sector, we become business enablers of MSMEs. This is by improving their risk profile, which then enables them to attract financial credit and expand their value chains," said Britam Digital and Partnership Director Evah Kimani.

mTek chief executive Bente Krogmann



Britam towers in Nairobi.

noted that collaboration amongst insurance sector players in the development of customised products is key to increasing penetration among the uninsured.

"Small business owners can enjoy the seamless purchase of Britam Biashara and claims processing via the mTek platform which delivers convenience thus saving business people time to concentrate on more pressing issues," stated Krogmann.

A 'state of SME insurance in Kenya' report published in 2021 indicated that a bulk of small businesses rely on alternative coping mecha-

nisms other than insurance for protection.

These include owners' savings and goodwill from associates as fallback plans during times of crisis.

Generally, while insurance exists to mitigate unforeseen risks, uptake in the country has remained low even as the economy expands.

The industry trends are however experiencing a shift in recent months thanks to technology adoption and digitisation of the sector which has seen a rapid improvement in customer service.

Additionally, technology has helped in mini-

surance products. Through our partnership with MUA Insurance Kenya and Unisure, we will now be able to provide our clients with unique international health care and protection,

"With an overall annual limit of Sh540 million access to worldwide medical care, and unparalleled customer service, Umatter strikes the perfect balance between being cost-effective and providing top international benefits and services" said Ms Krogmann.

Since 2019, mTek has revolutionised customer experience through the elimination of laborious insurance paperwork.

Together with its partners, it has provided over 65,000 Kenyans with access to affordable comprehensive health care coverage for a monthly fee of Sh1,000.

The insurtech market has seen growth with the rise of connected devices to financial services even as more companies seek business efficiency.

Globally, the insurtech service market is expected to grow from \$8.07 billion in 2021 to \$10.42 billion in 2022.

"Our belief in paperless insurance has enabled us to provide our clientele with a wide range of personalized in-

Banks eye billions from mobile transaction fees

NAIROBI

BANKS are set to grow their revenue by billions of shillings once they reinstate charges on bank-to-mobile transactions at the start of next year.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) announced on Monday that lenders would resume charging on the transactions, adding that the fees would be reduced by a range of between 45 per cent and 61 per cent.

Retail banks with millions of customers led by Equity Group and KCB Group were the biggest losers in the fee waivers introduced on March 16, 2020, to offer financial relief to customers besides boosting the uptake of cashless transactions to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

Equity disclosed that it lost Sh1.2 billion in 2020 and Sh2 billion last year due to the removal of the charges, taking its cumulative revenue losses in the two years to Sh3.2 billion.

KCB meanwhile said it lost Sh1

billion each in 2020 and 2021, pushing its losses to Sh2 billion.

The banks are foregoing revenue once again this year. Before the financial reliefs were introduced, most bank-to-mobile transactions attracted fees ranging from Sh30 to Sh197.

Co-op Bank meanwhile said its bank-to-mobile revenue declined by Sh900 million in 2020. The lender was, however, authorised by CBK to reinstate fees on its MCo-op Cash platform earlier in April 2021 though at reduced rates than before.

The regulator said platforms such as MCo-op Cash offer unique and critical services to savings and credit societies (SACCOs).

The other banks will also soon resume charging but at lower rates as well.

"The revised maximum charges for transfers from bank accounts to mobile money wallets will be reduced by on average up to 61 per cent, and mobile money wallet to bank account by on average up to



A mobile money services consumer in Nairobi.

47 per cent," the CBK said.

The reinstatement of the fees is set to increase banks' transaction-based income which they have been growing aggressively over the years.

The Business Daily's analysis, for instance, shows that tier-one banks earned Sh52.89 billion from trading in currencies in the nine months that ended September.

This represented an 87.11 per cent surge from Sh28.27 billion a year earlier.

The CBK noted that following the removal of the charges the monthly volume and value of transactions between payment service providers like Safaricom and banks increased from 18 million transactions of about Sh157

billion to more than 113 million deals valued at Sh800 billion.

The CBK said the waivers resulted in significant benefits, with an increasing number of Kenyans suddenly getting plugged into the financial system.

However, the reintroduction of the charges is likely to hit consumers who had come to rely on the waiver as one of the coping mechanisms against the high cost of living that has seen the cost of critical services rise sharply.

As of July this year mobile money accounts hit a new record of 70 million in May, according to new Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data, underpinning the increased use of online transactions in payments.

The number surpasses mobile sub-

scriptions at 64.96 million as at March 2022, highlighting more than one account registered to an individual.

The registered mobile wallets have grown from 67.77 million in the same period last year.

Cash handled at mobile money agents also hit a new record in May, edging close to the Sh700 billion mark, according to data by the CBK, amid increased usage of mobile money services.

The value of transactions at the agents rose to Sh692.6 billion in May compared to Sh536.7 billion in May 2021 while the value of the transactions in the five months to May increased by 16.1 per cent to Sh3.2 trillion compared to Sh2.7 trillion in the same period last year.

The number of active agents under M-Pesa, Airtel Money and T-Kash mobile money services in May was 305,830.

The increased online transactions were accelerated during the Covid-19 period in 2020 under the government's order to reduce the handling of physical cash, a move that led to high adoption of transfer of money between mobile wal-

lets and bank accounts.

Mobile money platforms were, in the formative years, used primarily for person-to-person cash transfers but the growth has now extended to payment of services and goods, and payment of government services.

Data from the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) show transfers between business to business accounts held the largest share in mobile money services with a value of Sh2.2 trillion in the three months to March.

Customer-to-business transfers were valued at Sh1.4 trillion, ahead of person-to-person transfers at Sh1.1 trillion.

The CBK's data also shows the value of card payments through point-of-sale machines also increased by 32.2 per cent to Sh95.7 billion over the five-month period compared to Sh72.4 billion in 2021.

The adoption has contributed to the expansion in the ICT sector growth by 8.8 percent in 2021 despite a slowed contribution to gross domestic product slowed down to 2.4 percent from 2.6 percent in 2020 on rebasing.

Survey reports improved business growth optimism

KAMPALA

BUSINESS executives and purchasing managers have said they are optimistic of an improved business environment boosted by growth in new orders, output and an increase in employment.

In details contained in the Stanbic Purchase Manager Index, more than 73 percent of interviewed business executives expressed a positive outlook with hopes of expanded new orders being the central driver.

The index, which interviews business executives and purchasing managers to measure the status of the economy also noted that firms have predicted a moderation in price pressures due to a decrease in fuel prices, which have fallen to an average of Sh5,200.

Speaking during the releases of the Index in Kampala yesterday, Mr Mulalo Madula, the Standard Bank economist, said that whereas performance was still below previous measures, there were signs of improving business activity

for the fourth month in a row.

Specifically, he said, improvements were recorded in industrial and service categories, which reported higher output, while agriculture, construction, wholesale and retail reported declines.

"The improvement in demand has been a recurring topic and reportedly a major driver of growth, employment, and purchasing activity. Businesses continue to evaluate the future business situation positively. This is due to expected growth of new order and a moderation of prices," he said, noting that, however, the growing risk of a global recession could cloud the growth outlook.

Yesterday, Stanbic indicated that the November Purchase Manager Index expanded slightly to a score of 50.9 from 50 in October.

During November, the Index noted, business reported improvement in output, new orders and employment, signaling stability in the economy, despite various shocks.



Stanbic bank complex in Kampala.

This is the third time in the past four months that Stanbic has reported an improvement in the business environment even as the Purchase Manager Index is still below the average score.

Stanbic conducts a monthly score of the business environment, in which a less than 50 score signals a decline in economic performance while a score of 50 and above indicates a stable or an improved business activity.

During November, Stanbic noted that businesses had recorded an increase in output in the industry and services categories while declines were recorded in agriculture, construction, wholesale and retail.

The increase, the Index noted, encouraged companies to expand their staffing levels thus increasing employment for the second month running, which helped companies to keep on top of workloads.

The Index also reported renewed increase in purchasing activity, ending a two-month period of decline but also recorded an increase in staff costs with wages and salaries rising for the third month running.

However, suppliers' delivery times, especially for poultry feeds, lengthened due to scarcity, while input costs rose due to an increase in the cost of electricity and water.

New export orders rose due to return of new

business from abroad returned, ending a six-month sequence of contraction.

Respondents, among them business chief executives and purchasing managers reported a slight improvement in business conditions in August, according to a survey conducted by Stanbic Bank.

The survey conducted under the Stanbic Purchasing Managers' Index, pointed to a renewed improvement in business

activity, especially in the private sector, noting growth in both output and new orders.

This is the first time in over three months the survey has reported positive movement after business activity was dampened by a surge in inflation resulting from an increase in commodity prices such as food and fuel.

During August, the survey indicated, business conditions recovered to a score of 50.5, which was more than two points above the 48.2 that was scored in July.

The survey also returned a score above the 50 point mark, above which it is an indication of improvement in the health of the private sector, while a score below signals negative growth. However, the reading was still below the 52.5 point average, which is an indication that businesses are still struggling to shake off shocks resulting from inflation and a rapid surge in inputs.

Speaking during the release of survey findings in Kampala on Tuesday, Mr Ronald Muya-

anja, the Stanbic head of trading, said there has been renewed expansions in both output and new orders with some firms reporting that they had been able to secure new customers over the month.

This, he said, fed through to rising activity, although there were still some reports of demand remaining muted.

The survey also noted that four of the five monitored sectors saw output increase, supported by a rise in purchasing activity while suppliers' delivery times lengthened for a second successive month due to poor transport conditions, material shortages and high cost of transport.

Mr Mulalo Madula, an economist at Standard Bank, indicated that apart from the services sector, output growth was broad-based, with agriculture, industry, construction, wholesale and retail increasing output.

New orders increased in agriculture, industry, and wholesale and retail, but decreased in construction and services.

Shared agent banking service providers grow by 53 percent

KAMPALA

THE number of shared agent banking service providers has doubled, according to Bank of Uganda.

Speaking during the Financial Stability Symposium, Mr Andrew Kawere, the Bank of Uganda deputy director national payment systems, said service providers under shared agent banking increased in both value and volume, growing by 53.6 percent during the period ended November.

The shared agent platform, provided under Agent Banking Company, creates a convergence through which at least 22 banks provide formal banking service.

The platform seeks to take banking services closer to the people while reducing operation and administrative costs for financial institutions.

During his presentation, Mr Kawere said, the growth in agent banking represented a nominal increase of 9.225, the fastest since the shared platform was launched.

During the period, Bank of Uganda indicated that service providers under shared agent banking increased from 11,262 to 20,487, an indication of increased access and availability of banking services to customers.

Mr Kawere also indicated that deposits under the shared agent banking platform increased by 77.2 percent.

The Agent Banking Company indicates that there are about 22 banks registered under the shared agent banking platform, transacting more than Shs200b per day.

Bank of Uganda also indicated that the number of licensed payment service providers has grown to 21 as of November 1 with nine of these licensed under large fund service providers while six are classified as medium funds transfer providers.

In the small class license category three payment service providers are licensed while two are licensed under the third party category.

Mr Kawere also indicated that while Fintechs have eased financial inclusion, they remain highly susceptible to digital risk, among which include fraud and cyber-attacks.

"We continue to engage the sector on strengthening risk management [by] focusing on operational risk and related exposures, financial literacy - with a bias towards digital literacy," he said, noting that overall customer funds remain safe while all payment system providers remain well capitalized and operational risk exposures are expected to stabilise in the medium term.

Emerging threats to payment systems providers, he said, were driven by lapses in operational risk management, cyber security, digital fraud and an increase in identity theft and sim swaps.

Bank of Uganda has in the past five years heightened adoption of e-payment, emphasizing safety, efficiency, accessibility and inclusive to promote social economic transfor-



The shared agent banking platform creates a convergence through which at least 22 banks provide formal banking service.

mation.

This has led to increased adoption of digital financial services, which has seen money held in trust account under payment service providers grow from Shs1.14 trillion to Shs1.67 trillion as of November 1.

Digital risks

Mr Kawere also indicated that while Fintechs have eased financial inclusion, they remain highly susceptible to digital risks, among which include fraud and cyber-attacks due to lapses in operational risk management.

Dickson Isabirye, a former banker, with Stanbic Bank, embraced the system because he understood the trade. Additionally, agent banking is an



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investment where one's money is intact - it simply makes more money.

"Akin to bank savings, it is an investment where your capital is not touched at all. That is save the fixed assets bought for the business such as the terminals (devices used to make the transactions) and setting up the structure to operate from," he shares.

Capital

The amount needed is premised on what one desires to do because agent banking is wide. You can do anything with it such as transfers, withdrawals, deposits, bill payments and mobile money transactions. For instance, an agent banker stationed near a URA office may have very few deposits save URA payments - a reflection of the needs of the people around.

On the other hand, one stationed downtown, like Isabirye, will have several risks management, cyber security, digital fraud and an increase in identity theft and sim swaps.

"Downtown is my community where clients make deposits and withdrawals, and seek float

and they pay me a small fee while the bank gives me a commission. Owing to the huge mobile money eco-system, my capital demand is big," he says.

Isabirye, who began with one branch and later had six branches started with Shs15m in 2021.

"Six months later, due to the lucrative sales, I

added another branch and sunk in another Shs10m. By the end of 2021, the total capital was Shs125m," he shares.

If one is starting,

Shs15m to Shs20m is sufficient depending on the services they intend to offer.

The first capital came from Isabirye's savings but due to the business boom, he enlisted the help of friends and family who added him some money.

"These were earning small interest rates off their bank savings so I was a better investment. It was more of a grant where they allowed me to use the money and will repay in future," he shares.

Turnover

While the current economic climate is one Isabirye terms as bad, he says earlier in the year, transactions were so many thus a turnover of between Shs200m and Shs300m in a day. However, when URA imposed more taxes on his clients' clothing businesses that greatly influenced his, the clients either scaled back on deposits or totally

closed their doors. Lately, he makes between Shs90 million and Shs100m.

The hard economic times also saw Isabirye merge and later close his branches one after another.

"I currently have one as it was not financially



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viable to have several branches, yet bills such as rent, and electricity must be paid. Additionally, employees could not take a pay-cut seeing they were also struggling. I had to

lay-off all the workers in other branches," he says. That also meant a capital reduction to just Shs30m.

Requirements

For one to start agency banking, they need to be a company. Fortunately, Isabirye had already registered one thus, saving him that cost. All he needed were the machines and each terminal is about Shs1m.

"Then, we needed machines for three to four banks because at that time, not all banks were fully integrated by Agent Banking Company (ABC). Therefore, one needed minimum of Shs3m. The situation is better because if I am using Centenary Bank, I can make the deposit without having a different machine. Nonetheless, not all have joined ABC so you need about two to three machines. Additionally, for each bank, you need about Shs5m every day to act as float," Isabirye says.

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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND TARIFFS

PRODUCTS/ SERVICES	BUSINESS CURRENT A/C	PREMIUM CURRENT A/C	PERSONAL SAVING A/C	SALARY A/C	MTOTO SAVING A/C	JIPANGE SAVING A/C	WEKEZA GROUP A/C	MALENGO SAVING A/C	FOREX ACCOUNT USD & EURO	JWEKEE SAVING A/C	MHB PAMOJA A/C	MSOMI ACCOUNT
Account opening	100,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	0	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	10	0	50,000.00	10,000.00
Minimum operating Balance	100,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0	10,000.00	100,000.00	10	10,000.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
Interest Payable	N/A	N/A	3.00%	3.00%	6.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2% < 10MIL 4% >= 10MIL	0.50%	2.00%	2%	3.00%
Interest bearing amount	N/A	N/A	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	500,000.00	20,000.00
Monthly Maintenance fee	20,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	Free	Free	Free	Free	2	Free	Free	Free
Deposit	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Monthly Statement	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Adhoc statement Per page	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

OTHER CHARGES

SERVICES	AMOUNT (TZS)
Certificate of Balance	30,000.00
Confirmation to the Auditors	30,000.00
Search for information above 5 years	15,000.00
Cheque book cost (Per Leaf)	600.00
Status report	30,000.00
Stop payment order	30,000.00
Dishonoured cheque for lack of funds or refer to drawer or effect not cleared	100,000.00
Dishonoured cheque due to the technical error caused by customer	60,000.00
Dormant Account Activation	Free
Account Closing on Customer Demand	10,000.00
Counter cheque per leaf (Within the Bank)	15,000.00
Salary Processing fee [per Transaction]	1,000.00
Customer ID	10,000.00
Pre-Mature breaking of Fixed Deposit on customer request	Minimum of 50% of the accrued interest
CCTV Camera footage searching request from Customer	30,000.00
Uncollected Cheque Book/Destruction	5,000.00
Visa Card Issuance-Classic	10,000.00
Visa Card Issuance-Gold	15,000.00
Replacement Visa Card-Classic	15,000.00
Replacement Visa Card-Gold	25,000.00
Umoja Card Maintenance fee	1000 per month
Visa Card- Classic Maintenance fee	3,000 per QTR
Visa Card-Gold Maintenance fee	5,000 per QTR
Uncollected ATM Card	5,000.00
PIN reset fee	5,000.00
Withdraw fee local (Umoja ATM)	1000-99,000=1500 100,000-400,000=1700
Withdraw fee other Bank (Domestic Banks)	3,500
Withdraw fee other Bank (International)	11,000
Balance inquiry Umoja ATM	300
Balance inquiry other Domestic Banks	950
Balance inquiry other Bank (International)	2,000
Decline Domestic [Insufficient fund]	1,000
Decline International [Insufficient Balance]	1,500
QR transactions	3% of Transaction Amt
POS transactions	3% of Transaction Amt
E-commerce transactions	3% of Transaction Amt

Cash Withdraw Over the Counter [TZS/ USD/EURO]

TRANSACTION AMOUNT	RATES
Wekeza/Jiwekezee	2,000.00
Bellow 10 Mil	3,000.00
Above 10Mil to 50 Mil	0.10%
Above 50Mil to 100 Mil	0.090%
Above 100Mil to 300 Mil	0.089%
Above 300 Mil	0.079%

Cash Withdraw Over the Counter Foreign Currency [USD/EURO]

TRANSACTION AMOUNT	RATES
Below USD/EURO 4,000	2
Above USD/EURO 4000	0.1% more than USD/EURO 40

AGENCY BANKING CHARGES

TYPE OF SERVICES	RATES
Deposit	Free
Balance Inquiry	500
Min Statement	700
Transfer of fund within MHB	2,000
Transfer of funds to other Bank	13,000

AGENCY BANKING WITHDRAWAL FEE

AMOUNT	FEE
	850.00
	1,000.00
	2,000.00
	3,500.00
	4,500.00
	6,000.00
	10,000.00

MOBILE BANKING CHARGES

WITHDRAWAL CHARGES			FUND TRANSFER CHARGES	
MINIMUM [TZS]	MAXIMUM [TZS]	RATES [TZS]	Transfer of Funds within MHB	Transfer of funds to other Banks
0	10,000	800	2,000.00	13,000.00
10,001	19,999	1,800		
20,000	49,999	3,500		
50,000	99,999	5,200		
100,000	199,999	7,200		
200,000	499,999	8,200		
500,000	999,999	10,500		
1,000,000	2,000,000	11,200		
2,000,001	3,000,000	12,000		
3,000,001	5,000,000	15,000		

EFT/SWIFT/TISS

EFT within the Bank (Incoming)	Free
EFT to other Banks	1,500.00
TISS Transfer	10,000.00
T.T. Transfer	-

STANDING ORDER

Instructions within MHB	FREE
Standing Order to other Bank	10,000/=

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WORLD

Argentina VP Kirchner given 6-year jail term in graft case

BUENOS AIRES

AN Argentine court sentenced Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner to six years in jail and disqualified her from holding public office in a high-profile corruption case on Tuesday.

The powerful vice president, who has temporary immunity due to her current role, will not face immediate prison time and is expected to appeal the sentence, with the case likely to spend years winding through higher courts.

Technically, she could run for office while the appeals are pending, but she said on Tuesday that she "would not be a candidate for anything" in next year's general election.

Fernandez de Kirchner, who served as president for two terms between 2007 and 2015 and commands rock-star crowds of supporters, faced charges of alleged corruption in the awarding

of public works during her presidency. She has denied the allegations and called the court a "firing squad."

In a livestreamed sentencing, judges from Federal Court 2 in Buenos Aires city found Fernandez de Kirchner guilty as the "criminally responsible author of the crime of fraudulent administration to the detriment of the public administration."

The court acquitted her on another count of "illicit association".

Prosecutors had alleged that public works contracts were handed to construction magnate and ally Lazaro Baez, who channeled money back to Fernandez de Kirchner and late husband Nestor Kirchner, also a former president. Defenders of the vice president maintain she is a victim of judicial persecution.

Baez was also sentenced on Tuesday to six years in prison.



Argentina's Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner speaks onstage during a party rally inside the Diego Maradona stadium, in La Plata, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Argentina Nov 17, 2022. File photo

Judicial mafia

"It is clear that the idea was always to condemn me," Fernandez de Kirchner said in a live video on her YouTube platform after the sentencing. "This is a parallel state and judicial mafia."

She suggested - though didn't say outright - that she would appeal the verdict, adding that the real impact would come from being disqualified for elected office.

"In 2023 I will not be a candidate for anything, I will no longer have privileges," she said, adding she would step down when the current government term ends in December next year. "My name is not going to be on any ballot."

Lawyers said that Fernandez de Kirchner would not go to jail any time soon due to a likely long appeals process and her immunity while serving as vice president. She would need to

leave or be removed from office before she could be sent to prison.

"She is one of the officials whose removal requires a political trial," said lawyer Alejandro Carrio, adding that higher courts could spend years going over appeals up to the Supreme Court. "I do not see the process with a case of this magnitude taking less than three years."

The country is on edge after a long economic crisis and inflation heading toward 100%. Supporters of Fernandez de Kirchner gathered in the streets after she survived an assassination attempt this year.

The ruling Peronist government of President Alberto Fernandez is facing a tough battle to fend off a challenge from the conservative opposition in the 2023 election.

Agencies

Israel's Netanyahu may seek more time to form coalition govt

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu was still one partner short of a coalition to secure a parliamentary majority yesterday after an ultra-Orthodox Jewish party signed up, with the deadline for forming a government looming.

The deal with United Torah Judaism (UTJ), announced late on Tuesday, promised Netanyahu control of 53 of the Knesset's 120 seats with his conservative Likud party. That left Shas, an ultra-Orthodox party with 11 seats, as Likud's last likely ally.

After coming ahead in a Nov 1 election, Netanyahu was given 28 days to present a coalition. Commentators predicted he would do so in short order,

given the strong showing of religious-nationalist parties. But negotiations have proven protracted.

The inclusion of far-rightists in the incoming government has stirred fear at home and abroad for the future of Israel's long-moribund talks with the Palestinians and fraught ties between its majority Jews and 21 percent Arabs citizens.

Netanyahu has said he will serve all Israelis but has not indicated any plan for reviving talks with Palestinians.

UTJ said in a statement on the Likud deal, which it agreed even though some details were pending, that talks needed to be extended beyond Sunday's deadline for a coalition agreement.

President Isaac Herzog can extend the mandate by 14 days.



Israel's Likud Party leader Benjamin Netanyahu makes a statement after Israel's President Isaac Herzog assigned him the task of forming a government, in Jerusalem, Nov 13, 2022. AP

Among issues dogging the coalition talks is a tax-fraud conviction of Shas leader Arieh Deri, a candidate for finance minister. Shas has submitted legislation that would enable Deri - who was spared jail under a plea deal - to serve in cabinet.

Netanyahu has yet to request an extension for coalition talks. But the centrist opposition has accused him of planning to use

any extra time he might get to push the Deri-linked bill through parliament before his government is in office.

Outgoing Justice Minister Gideon Saar said on Twitter that any request for extra time would be a "ruse (to enable) the passing of personalized and problematic laws, in accordance with the demands of (coalition) partners, before the government is set up."

United Arab List (UAL), a party that draws support from Israel's Arab citizens and which was part of the outgoing coalition, signaled it might be willing to join Netanyahu.

"I'm not ruling this out," UAL leader Mansour Abbas told 103 FM radio, saying he awaited word on the new government's policies.

Agencies

Trump Organization found guilty of tax fraud scheme

NEW YORK

DONALD Trump's real estate company was convicted on Tuesday of carrying out a 15-year-long criminal scheme to defraud tax authorities, adding to the legal woes facing the former US president as he campaigns for the office again in 2024.

The Trump Organization - which operates hotels, golf courses, and other real estate around the world - was found guilty of paying personal expenses for top executives including former chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg, and issuing bonus checks to them as if they were independent contractors.

The company faces up to \$1.6 million in fines after being convicted on all charges, including scheming to de-

fraud tax authorities, conspiracy and falsifying business records. Trump was not charged in the case.

Justice Juan Merchan, who presided over the trial in state court in New York, set a sentencing date for Jan 13.

While the fine is not expected to be material for a company of the Trump Organization's size, the conviction could complicate its ability to do business.

Weisselberg, 75, testified as the government's star witness as part of a plea deal that calls for a sentence of five months in jail. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, whose office prosecuted the case, called the verdict "very just."

"The former president's companies now stand convicted of crimes," Bragg said in the New York courthouse



after the verdict, speaking of the Trump Corporation and Trump Payroll Corporation, the two units of the Trump Organization which were convicted.

Asked if he regretted not charging Trump in the case, Bragg did not respond.

He has said that the office's investigation into Trump is continuing.

Appeal

Alan Futterfas, a lawyer for

the Trump Organization, said the company would appeal and that the criminal law governing corporate liability was vague.

"It was central to the case," he told reporters after the verdict.

The jury deliberated for about 12 hours over two days.

The case centered on charges that the company paid personal expenses like free rent and car leases for executives including Weisselberg without reporting the income, and gave them bonuses as non-employee compensation from other Trump entities like the Mar-a-lago Club, without deducting taxes.

According to testimony during the four-week trial, Trump himself signed the bonus checks annually, paid private school tuition for

Weisselberg's grandchildren, authorized the lease for his luxury Manhattan apartment and approved a salary deduction for another executive.

"The whole narrative that Donald Trump was blissfully ignorant is just not real, prosecutor Joshua Steinglass told jurors during his closing argument on Friday.

He said the "smorgasbord of benefits" was designed to keep top executives "happy and loyal."

Republican Trump, who on Nov 15 announced his third campaign for the presidency, said in a statement he was "disappointed" by the verdict but called the case a "Manhattan witch hunt." Both Bragg and his predecessor who brought the charges, Cyrus Vance, are Democrats.

Agencies

Morocco to spend nearly €12 billion on green investments over the next 4 years

RABAT

A New green investment program has just been presented by the OCP Group in the presence of King Mohammed VI.

Focusing on renewable energy, this program will run from 2023 to 2027 and opens up new opportunities for foreign specialized companies.

Having managed to triple its fertilizer production capacity in ten years, the OCP Group is now one of the world's leading producers and exporters of phosphate fertilizers. The Moroccan Group wants to continue its momentum. Its CEO, Mostafa Terrab has just presented Saturday, December 3 in Rabat, in front of King Mohammed VI, a new fundamentally green investment program.

Weighing 130 billion dirhams (11.7 billion euros), over four years, this new investment program aims to increase fertilizer production capacity with a long-term goal of carbon neutrality before 2040, according to a statement from the Royal Cabinet.

In this perspective, according to the same source, the OCP group plans to supply all of its industrial facilities with green energy by 2027 by investing heavily in solar and wind energy.

600 Moroccan industrial companies will be supported in this framework and will generate 25,000 direct and indirect jobs.

By strengthening this green ecosystem, Morocco's ambition is to supply the new seawater desalination capacity with low-carbon energy in order to meet both the needs of the OCP group and the supply of drinking water and irrigation to the riparian zones of the Group's sites.

As the world's largest importer of ammonia, OCP wants to eliminate these imports by investing in alternative energy sources, including green ammonia and green hydrogen. This is what will allow it to enter the market in green fertilizers and fertilization solutions adapted to the specific needs of different soils and crops.

OCP Group achieved a turnover of 56.018 billion dirhams (5.2 billion euros) in the first half of 2022, up 72% compared to the same period in 2021, due to the rise in global prices following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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Putin, UAE President discuss West's decision to cap Russian oil prices - Kremlin

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT of Russia Vladimir Putin and his counterpart in the United Arab Emirates Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan discussed the decision of Western countries to impose non-market restrictions on the price of Russian oil in a telephone conversation, the Kremlin's press service reported yesterday.

"[The parties] highlighted the effectiveness of joint work as part of OPEC+ to ensure the stability of the global oil market.

They noted with satisfaction that all participating states consistently implemented the agreed decisions. In this context, they touched upon the situation related to the attempts of a number of Western countries which contradict the principles of world trade, to introduce anti-market restrictions on the cost of Russian crude," the statement said.

G7 countries, the EU and Australia agreed to impose a \$60-per-barrel price cap on Russian oil supplied by sea starting on December 5. Beginning February 5, 2023, price limits for petroleum products will come into effect, the parameters of which will be set later.

The decision on the embargo on Russian oil supplies to EU countries remained in force and also came into effect on December 5, but it should not affect fuel supplies via the Druzhba pipeline to Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Agencies

UNHCR says over 80,000 Somalis flee to Kenya amid severe drought

NAIROBI

THE United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) said Tuesday more than 80,000 people have arrived in northeast Kenya's Dadaab refugee camps due to ongoing insecurity and severe drought.

The UNHCR said the majority of the refugees arrived over the past two years. "More support is needed not only in Kenya but also in Somalia and Ethiopia, where millions of people are facing dire humanitarian conditions as the rains continue to fail," UNHCR said in a statement.

Despite a recent decrease in the pace of daily arrivals, UNHCR and partners in Dadaab estimate that some 24,000 people have arrived since the end of September.

The UN agency said local communities and refugees already living in the refugee camps in Dadaab have been generously welcoming the new arrivals and sharing the limited resources they have. "Adequate space in the camps, where the newly arrived are sheltered, is running out, forcing many to reside in makeshift shelters along the outskirts where clean water and sanitation facilities are either grossly insufficient or non-existent. Xinhua

People's Daily

THE rapid development of the digital economy over the recent years in China has led to a tide of the construction of digital industrial clusters.

A batch of digital industrial clusters with international competitiveness has taken shape and grown strong across China, injecting fresh impetus into the high-quality development of the Chinese economy.

Digital industrial clusters, led by new development philosophy, include enterprises and relevant organizations driven by digital factors and engaged in digital product manufacturing, digital services, and digital technology application. They have strong core competitiveness.

According to China's 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) on the development of the digi-

Digital industrial clusters prosper in China

tal economy, the country aims to raise the proportion of the added value of core digital economy industries in its GDP to 10 percent in 2025, up from 7.8 percent in 2020.

The China Center for Information Industry Development (CCID) said over 60 percent of China's 25 advanced manufacturing clusters are engaged in the digital economy. The prospering development of the digital economy is driving the upgrade of industrial clusters.

China Speech Valley, an industrial base focusing on speech recognition technologies in Hefei, east China's Anhui province, reported revenue of 137.8 billion yuan (\$19.7 billion) from its main businesses last year.

Led by leading artificial intelligence and speech technology company iFLYTEK, the industrial base is home to 1,423 enterprises. The annual average growths in its output value and number of enterprises have both exceeded 30 percent over the past five years.

A digital security industrial cluster in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, is home to leading Chinese video surveillance product and solution provider Dahua Technology, top-notch manufacturer and supplier of video surveillance equipment Hikvision, as well as over 4,300 other innovative enterprises engaged in the industry.

The revenue of core businesses of the

cluster reached 272.08 billion yuan (\$38.9 billion) last year, up 17.2 percent year on year.

It has the world's largest two producers of digital video recorders and cameras, with a market share of over 50 percent.

Represented by global leading provider of optical products Yangtze Optical Fibre and Cable Joint Stock Limited Company and laser technology developer Huangong Tech, the Optics Valley in Wuhan, central China's Hubei province, has received total investment exceeding 200 billion yuan during the past three years and owns more than 15,000 optoelectronic enterprises.

The industrial cluster has witnessed a

series of breakthroughs, such as the making of the world's first 128-layer 3D NAND flash memory chip and China's first 400G silicon photonics optical module.

Platform-based synergetic online development and production is one of the features of digital industrial clusters.

For instance, Chinese tech firm Xiaomi, establishing over 100 enterprises in its ecological chain in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta, has created more than 100 hot-selling products. So far, the Chinese company has gathered over 4,000 online development teams on its platform.

West's cap on Russian oil risks exacerbating Europe's energy woes

ROME

A price cap on Russian seaborne crude recently agreed by the European Union (EU), the Group of Seven (G7) nations and Australia came into effect on Monday.

Whether the move will prove effective largely depends on market response, observers have noted.

However, with opposition from Russia, the price cap could trigger growing instability in the market, slowing oil production and even further exacerbating Europe's pain inflicted by the energy crisis and soaring inflation, they said.

The price cap prohibits participating countries from providing the services that allow Russian oil to be shipped by sea if the price rises above 60 U.S. dollars per barrel, such as insurance and finance.

It is aimed at reducing the revenues Russia earns from oil and stabilizing global energy prices, the European Commission said.

The deal does not have an impact on crude oil that was loaded onto ships before the price cap came into effect Monday.

A further cap on refined petroleum products is set to kick in on Feb. 5, 2023, according to the European Commission. However, the immediate impact of the price cap was limited.

Crude oil futures surged and then retreated in unusually heavy trading Monday, and finished the day more or less even with Friday's close. Prices rose 2.6 percent during trading Monday to 82.64 dollars, but were down at 78.61 dollars at the end of the day.

"This move has been set in stone for the last several weeks, so markets were not surprised," Massimo Nicolazzi, a senior advisor for the Energy Security Program with the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), told Xinhua.

According to media reports, companies based in the G7 – Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States – insure a large share of the world's maritime cargo.

The 27-nation EU bloc and Australia also host many of the world's busiest cargo ports. "The main countries involved in the agreement already had an embargo against Russian oil," Nicolazzi said.

"At least for now, there is little additional impact from the steps being taken," Phuc-Vinh Nguyen, an energy pol-



Photo taken on June 28, 2021 shows the industrial estate of Saudi oil giant Aramco in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. (Xinhua/Hu Guan)

icy research fellow at Paris-based Jacques Delors Institute, was cited by media reports as saying that the reaction of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and buyers on the international market "will be crucial."

OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Sunday agreed to stick to its oil output target despite Western countries' announcement of the price cap on Russian oil, reaffirming its previous ministerial meeting's decision to cut production by 2 million barrels per day from November until the end of 2023.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak has pointed out that Rus-

sia would not supply oil to countries that would set a price ceiling, neither at 60 dollars per barrel nor at any other price, and that such restrictions are interference in market instruments.

The West's price cap increases the risks of Russia reducing its oil production, thus pushing prices of crude oil higher and creating instability in the markets, experts said. Russia is the world's second-largest crude oil exporter, after Saudi Arabia.

Novak was quoted by Sputnik on Tuesday as saying that Russia "may have situations related to periods of oil production decline," though not in large volumes.

Germany-based Commerzbank has re-

cently forecasted that the price cap combined with EU's import ban on Russian seaborne crude oil could lead to a "tightening on the oil market in early 2023," and that Brent oil price could jump back to 95 dollars per barrel, media reports said. Igor Yushkov, an analyst of Russia's National Energy Security Fund, noted that Russia has made it clear that it will not export oil to countries that enforce price caps.

With major oil producers' decision to maintain production cut targets, global supply will be further tightened, which will push oil prices to surge, possibly even to 120-150 dollars per barrel.

Konstantin Simonov, director-general of the National Energy Security Fund, said the price cap is a mechanism to fight suppliers. Instead of thinking about curbing energy hunger, the initiating countries have created pressure for the global energy market and risks of chaos, Simonov said.

Meanwhile, the move is seen by many as raising the stakes in an already tense situation surrounding the Ukraine crisis.

"This adds a new layer of pressure," Javier Noriega, chief economist with Milan-based investment bank Hildebrandt and Ferrar, told Xinhua. "One side says it's too much and the other says it's not enough."

While Europe is struggling with an ongoing energy crisis, surging inflation and risks of recession, there is also fear that the price cap against Russia might backfire on the European economy.

The European Commission's autumn forecast predicted falling economic output in the last quarter of this year and the first quarter of 2023, saying that most EU countries will be in recession in the fourth quarter this year.

"The West's proposed price cap on Russian oil is no magic weapon," The Economist magazine said in its recent issue. "Sanctions and embargoes are flawed weapons and they have a limited shelf life."

Lavrov expects Russia, Vietnam to boost strategic partnership

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and Hanoi are determined to further develop their comprehensive strategic partnership, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a message of greeting to participants in the Expo-Russia Vietnam 2022 Fourth International Industrial Exhibition, published on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website yesterday.

"Last year marked the tenth anniversary of the comprehensive strategic partnership between Russia and Vietnam, which is based on the traditions of friendship, mutual respect and trust."

The parties reaffirm their strong commitment to further boosting these ties through a regular trust-based dialogue at the supreme and highest of levels," Lavrov pointed out.

According to him, the two countries pay special attention to advancing bilateral trade and economic relations.

"In this regard, your business gathering is an important addition to joint efforts to enhance practical cooperation," the Russian top diplomat stressed.

The Expo-Russia Vietnam 2022 Fourth International Industrial Exhibition kicked off in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi yesterday. About 380 companies, including about 60 enterprises from seven Russian regions, are taking part in the event.



Agencies

London Administrative Court rejects petition against Morocco-UK Association Agreement

RABAT

THE administrative court of London rejected, on Monday, the petition of a British NGO (WSC), working on behalf of the "polisario", which challenged the association agreement between Morocco and Great Britain.

With this verdict, the British justice confirms the validity of the partnership agreement between Morocco and the United Kingdom,

which fully benefits the populations and the development of all the regions of the Kingdom, from north to south, without exception.

This judgment thus inflicts a new setback on the enemies of Morocco's territorial integrity, who are attempting to hide their repeated failures by trying in vain to convince the British justice to re-examine the post-Brexit trade agreement, signed and supported by the two Kingdoms.

As soon as the verdict became

known, the British government reaffirmed its commitment to continue the partnership with Morocco.

"We welcome today's verdict. We will continue to work closely with Morocco to maximize the £2.7 billion of trade between our countries," said a spokesperson for the UK Department for International Trade.

"We look forward to continuing our exchanges with our Moroccan counterparts through the Association Council next year," he assured.

The Morocco-UK Association Agreement, signed in London on October 26, 2019, entered into force on January 1, 2021.

The Agreement restores, within the framework of bilateral relations, all the effects that the two countries granted each other under the Morocco-EU Association Agreement. It thus ensures the continuity of trade exchanges between Morocco and the United Kingdom after December 31, 2020.

By allowing the two Kingdoms to settle definitively in a structured strategic partnership, endowed with operational and institutionalized co-operation instruments, and driven by a common ambition, the Agreement constitutes a guarantee for Moroccan and British companies undertaking economic and trade relations in all sectors of cooperation and covering the whole of the Kingdom.

Agencies

New professions give a boost to employment

AN updated directory on occupational titles released by China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MHRSS) will soon be printed.

Seventy-four new professions have been included in the directory in five batches, such as B&B managers, family education tutors, educational tourism guides and robotics engineering technicians.

These emerging new professions not only offer new job opportunities and choices, but also drive the development of relevant industries and reflect the trends in new technologies and demands. They are an indicator of China's economic development.

According to statistics released by the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, China's digital economy grew from 22.6 trillion yuan (\$3.24 trillion) in 2016 to 45.5 trillion yuan in 2021, accounting for 39.8 percent of China's GDP.

The prospering development of the digital economy catalyzes the emergence of digital professions. Half of the 18 new professions unveiled this year are related to the digital economy.

Yang Weiguo, dean of the School of Labor and Human Resources at Renmin University of China, said that the digital economy has become a part of people's lives and led to the emergence of new products and business models, thus boosting new professions.

As China is pressing ahead on a green transition path, green jobs, including carbon emissions managers, appraisers of carbon sink measurement and consultants for structure energy saving and emission reduction, have em-



A man competes in the Zhejiang division of a national new profession and digital skills competition as a IoT device commissioner, November 2021. (Photo by Gong Xianming/People's Daily Online)

braced a golden age of rapid development.

An official with the MHRSS said that carbon peaking and neutrality is necessary for China to achieve higher-quality and sustainable economic and social development. It is changing the energy and economic structures, promoting industrial upgrading and generating green jobs, the official added.

For instance, the B&B business, in just a few years, has developed into a large industry that involves millions of employees, including B&B managers, a new profession that emerged in recent years.

As urban rail transit systems are constantly put into use, the urban rail transit sector is seeing a massive demand for pro-

fessionals. The new profession of urban rail transit repairer exactly lays a solid foundation for ensuring a better life for the people.

Besides, a number of new professions are generated as people pursue a better life, such as beverage concoctors and educational tourism guides.

An MHRSS official noted that new professions are the professions not included in the 2015-version directory on recognized occupations, but already involve a certain number of jobholders and require a certain degree of professionalism.

The recognition of new professions is of great significance for the labor market. Li Chang'an, professor at the Uni-

versity of International Business and Economics, said the country's recognition and regulation of new professions, which are generated amid economic and social development, will raise the social recognition and credibility of new jobs and match more job-seekers with employers, thus contributing to the employment.

Wang Bo, an educational tourism guide, is quite glad to see such recognition. "I could only say that I'm a supervisor for summer or winter camps when I introduced myself in the past. Now I could use the new profession title to address myself and I hope I can be recognized by more parents and children in the future," Wang said.

According to the Tourism College of Zhejiang in east China's Zhejiang province, all of its 30 graduates majoring in B&B management have secured a job this year, which indicated a huge demand from the job market.

Today, there are nearly 100 million employees engaged in new professions across China, such as online delivery couriers, online marketing operators and online tutors, and the number keeps growing.

It is reported that human resource and social security authorities will set relevant standards for the new professions and launch training and evaluation programs.

"The recognition of new professions and the making of corresponding vocational standards will provide a basis for setting vocational education majors and training courses, and for the compilation of relevant textbooks, which helps better connect talent training with the market and society," said Li.

People's Daily

Wang urges joint efforts to make Sino-Japan ties fit for new era

BEIJING

CHINA and Japan should work together to build a bilateral relationship that meets the needs of the new era and jointly usher in a new era of development and revitalization for Asia, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said yesterday.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remarks in his video speech at the opening ceremony of the 18th Beijing-Tokyo Forum.

Noting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the normalization of China-Japan diplomatic relations and next year is the 45th anniversary of the signing of the China-Japan Treaty of Peace and Friendship, Wang said both sides should take the opportunities of these anniversaries to push bilateral relations forward in the right direction in a sustained and steady way.

Wang put forward five-point suggestions on strengthening bilateral ties.

He said China and Japan should honor each other with trust and stick to their political commitments.

Major and sensitive issues such as the history and Taiwan, which bear on the political foundation of bilateral ties, should be handled properly in particular and relevant commitments must be honored, he added.

China and Japan also need to support each other and pursue win-win cooperation, Wang said.

China will promote high-quality development, expand opening-up at a higher level and foster a new development pattern, Wang said, adding that Japan is welcome to share the opportunities brought about by China's endeavors so as to promote common development and prosperity of the two countries.

The two sides should treat each other with sincerity and strive for peaceful coexistence, Wang said.

"Differences between the two sides should be properly handled in accordance with the existing consensus and more new consensus should be constantly sought."

Wang also called for deepening the friendship between the two countries.

Since the beginning of this year, the two sides have carried out a slew of commemorative activities for the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic ties, he noted.

"We should build on this momentum to promote friendly exchanges and improve national sentiment," Wang said, urging the media of the two countries to play a positive role in this regard.

"China and Japan should adhere to principles and uphold fairness and justice," Wang said.

He noted that, as important countries in Asia and the world at large, the two countries should shoulder their due responsibilities, step up communication and coordination, practice real multilateralism, promote regional peace, stability and integrated development, and jointly address global challenges.

Wang pointed out that the 20th National Congress of the CPC has charted the course and mapped out a blueprint for China's development at present and in the future. Socialism with Chinese characteristics and Chinese modernization will surely inject more impetus into Asia's stability and prosperity and make a greater contribution to world peace and development, he added.

Fifty years ago, the older generation of Chinese and Japanese leaders showed remarkable historical vision and political wisdom, Wang said.

"Looking forward to the next 50 years, we should make the right choice that lives up to our forefathers, work together to build a China-Japan relationship that meets the needs of the new era, and jointly usher in a new era of development and revitalization for Asia," Wang said, adding that China is ready to work with Japanese friends from all sectors to make unremitting efforts in this regard.

Xinhua



Mbwana Makata

Makata returns to Premier League as RuVU Shooting head coach

Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

RUVU Shootings have named Mbwana Makata as their head coach after the departure of veteran coach Charles Mkwasa who resigned recently from the Tanzania Mainland Premier League side.

Mkwasa, who was the long-time coach of RuVU Shooting, terminated his service at the club on Monday, after writing a letter to the top leadership and confirming his resignation due to the pressure of getting bad results in consecutive games this season.

Ruvu Shooting Club has confirmed Makata to take the position, after completing the negotiations and two parties agreed to work together.

The Head of Information and Communications of RuVU Shooting, Masau Bwire, has said that they believe Makata will get them through and bring their team back to winning ways and survive relegation in the NBC Premier League this season.

"We believe Mbwana Makata has enough experience. He will get us from where we are and take us to the right direction that we deserve. He will have a task to restore the team's confidence.

"Makata is the right coach who has every reason to be at RuVU Shooting in this difficult period after Mkwasa decided to write us a letter of resignation last Monday.

"We, as the leadership, wish Makata all the best in his new work and our players have promised to cooperate with him to achieve our goals," said Bwire.

Before being suspended by the Ethics Committee last season, Makata was the head coach of Mbeya Kwanza FC that was relegated and now competes in the Championship.

Previously, Makata coached Dodoma Jiji FC, where he played big part in their promotion from the Championship, previously First Division, to the Tanzania Mainland Premier League.

Mimicking and updates: Boxing Day as a sporting festival in its own right

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

CRAFTY innovation is at work again, as promoters announce a full-fledged boxing festival at the tourist capital of Arusha on Boxing Day, creating a ready-made event where nothing was there to fill the yawning space.

Boxing Day has always been part of Christmas, but while revelers know what to do with Xmas Eve and the day itself, little is left for Boxing Day.

At that time people are tired, yawning at home as even attending Mass is strictly speaking optional, mostly.

In the usual sequence of commemoration, Christmas is followed by New Year exactly a week later, often with a Sunday in-between where church attendance is marked as usual.

The gap was December 26 as it is a British tradition that has little relevance for the cultural situation here, but admittedly there were times in the past where some families made efforts to send presents to one another but tended to dry out later.

Sending presents needs to occur in a situation of relative ease, both ways.

In similar manner, a proper Boxing Day attitude would presume that 'boxes' had already been bought in the household and there was plenty to spare, specifically that the clothing had been purchased for the children and the parents had their own new costumes as well.

Admittedly for families in the civil service in the early years of independence, this was largely the case, as Tanzania was part of value chains of cheap commodities.

Once we changed tack to fighting commerce, all this dried up.

Taking note of the fact that we edging towards 60 years of that event in five years, it is clear that there aren't too many families around who have habits of sending boxes of presents to one another on Xmas, which were then opened during Boxing Day.

As days went on, the relative proximity of lower-middle-class families in this or that profession - teachers,



Karim Said 'Mandonga'

nurses, medical assistants, clerks, magistrates, etc started to disappear.

Wages were marginal in enabling provisions, and clever people started to emerge in most sectors, cutting deals, being happy and aloof.

With this situation enveloping the breadth of society since the 1980s, the level of Christmas community spirit and common happiness among children and adults has admittedly been somewhat sparing.

People attend church and do what they can to make the situation lively, either have new clothes for kids or just presents, at least prepare charming dishes for lunch.

No one can afford a routine day on Xmas Day.

Now something is beginning to happen to shore up Boxing Day, partly because Xmas is becoming livelier again with cheap commodities being

more widespread, people becoming more stylish even with presentable second-hand clothes, and to be sure, tailors are more numerous in the streets now as local fabrics find a ready market.

The days of throw away second used clothing as the routine survival kit are being replaced, so people have new clothes for wedding uniformity, festivals.

As sports promotion is gaining pace by the day, and the number of youths inching into boxing to make a buck when a whole series of undercard fights are televised, it isn't surprising that one enthusiast discovered the need for Boxing Day to be a real pugilist festival.

The only somewhat exceptional aspect was that this event is being taken to Arusha rather than hallowed pugilist venues like Arnatouglu Hall or the Uhuru

Indoor Stadium, Leaders Club or other enjoyable sports in the city.

There is a plausible reason in the commerce, namely that it would be a novelty in the northern tourist capital which was likely to be an added attraction for entrances.

At the same time this will be an experiment for boxing promoters, as to how far inland venues can rake in as much money as city events, wherever they are located, as by comparison Dar es Salaam is like a series of major regional capitals put together.

The test is really on the taste on the one hand, how far they respond to boxing as a sport, and what purchasing power can be spared for a rare night out to see a series of bouts.

There are ways to estimate the likely turnout but as they say, 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating,' thus organizers expect precise lessons.

What is at any rate evident is that boxing is taking a higher profile in youth sentiments than it was the case earlier, plenty of which has to do with all round sports television.

Such reality creates new preoccupations and bring the youth around new types of 'fires' rather than the sort we see in old African Writers novels, celebrating village culture.

Indeed there is a bit of village life in the sense of traditional wrestling for instance, but boxing per se has its legends who helped to fire youth imagination, like Floyd Mayweather, Abdallah Pazi 'Dullah the Vicious', or definitely, the invincible Karim Said 'Mandonga', beaming in victory as in defeat

JKT Queens defeat a wake-up call for Simba Queens

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA Queens' defeat to JKT Queens in the opening match of the Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League was a wake-up call for the defending champions, said coach Charles Lukula.

The three time champions and CAF Women's Champions League semi-finalists at the last tournament in Morocco, looked flat and out of form as they were beaten 2-1 by a rejuvenated JKT Queens side led by Dionisia Minja.

A difficult afternoon at Mo Simba Arena saw Simba Queens take an early goal through a spot kick converted by captain Opah Clement before conceding an equaliser and succumbing to another in the first half, and coach Lukula suggested the game was one to learn from.

"It is unfortunate that we lost this game, it is a result of being unserious. We lacked seriousness because the players were taking it for granted that we are champions, we have just come from Morocco. We scored first and only played the first twenty minutes, out of that we were just chasing the ball.

"We got all the chances including the penalty. What do you want if you are a player? What can you do as a coach if you get a penalty and chances with only the goalkeeper to beat. It was a lack of seriousness but for me this is a wake-up call for the girls that if we want to retain the title we must play.

"We still have that problem of scoring goals and basically even in

Morocco it was the biggest issue. We can't register other players until December 16. We are going to juggle with the same players but I played my part. I know they will now wake up because they think they are untouchable but after conceding two goals against a mid-table team, then it is bad.

"I want to apologise to Simba fans because this is not the game we have been playing. You saw us playing well in the CAF Women's Champions League but today I am very disappointed with the attitude of my players," he said.

Lukula was also not happy with the absence of the injured defender Fatma Issa 'Fetty Densa' and slammed her replacements for underperforming.

He added: "No coach would like to miss Fetty Densa because she is an all-round player. It is a wake-up call to those ones if Densa is sick and I give you a game and you don't perform then it means you are not fit to be at Simba Queens.

"I am very disappointed with the attitude of the players because we would have got at least a point. I have no kind words for players who are lazy. I am going to change their attitudes. If not, maybe I will remain with few players.

"The most disappointing part of it is that now again, the goalkeeping. Any ball coming you think it is going to enter. I have no choice, I am going to juggle with the same players until December 16 when I get to reinforce. This attitude is unacceptable."

East Africa judo club championship shifted to Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Judo Association of Tanzania (JATA) has said the East Africa Judo Championship which was to be held in Moshi will now take place at Benjamin Mkapa Indoor Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

JATA secretary general Innocent Mallya said the change of venue has also affected the dates as now the championship, which was initially slated for this weekend December 10 -11 will now be held next weekend December 16-17.

He said the decision to shift the championship from Moshi to Dar es Salaam was reached after participating nations complained on logistical challenges to reach Moshi.

Mallya said hosting the championship in Dar es Salaam on the new dates will save JATA money, time and resources as the dates will run concurrently with the Tanzania Olympics Committee (TOC)'s high-performance event.

TOC high-performance event will involve athletes from athletics, boxing and judo, and the best performing athletes will be selected for camping organized by the committee.

The TOC funded camp is to prepare athletes for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"On Monday we had a zoom meeting where, among other things, member states agreed that the championship should be moved from Moshi to Dar es Salaam and also the dates should change from this weekend to next weekend, as many were complaining on logistical challenges to reach Moshi.

"Also to us (JATA) it is a good news as the new dates (December 16 to 17) will run concurrent-



Judoka in action during the East Africa Judo Championship held in Zanzibar in 2013. (Agencies)

ly with the dates of TOC's high-performance event which our athletes will compete. You know if the championship was to be held in Moshi it would have been costly for us to remove the Judo mats (Tatami) and other equipment from Dar es Salaam to Moshi and vice versa in a short space of time," he said.

He also noted that the judoka at the TOC-funded high-performance event are the same who

will compete at the Eastern Africa Judo Championship.

JATA will also use the Eastern Africa Judo Championship to select national team for next year's local and international events.

The championship has attracted clubs from Burundi, Kenya, Zanzibar, Uganda and Tanzania.

Local clubs which will compete in the championship are

TPDF, National Service, Police, Juyukai, Budokan and Prisons who are the defending champions.

From Kenya are Prisons, Police and Kiambu while from Zanzibar are Budokan, Jambian and Pemba. Rukonzo and Police will represent Burundi.

Uganda has confirmed its participation, but have not presented names of clubs which will compete in the championship.

Hakimi's 'Panenka' penalty advances Morocco at World Cup

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

THE sheer audacity. The simple execution. And then ... delirium.

Achraf Hakimi converted the decisive spot kick for Morocco with a little dink of a shot known as a "Panenka" in a penalty shootout win over Spain to make his team the first Arab country ever to reach the World Cup quarterfinals Tuesday.

Instead of using his full force to strike the ball, Hakimi instead waited for Spain goalkeeper Unai Simón to lunge to his right before lightly pushing the ball into the center of the goal.

"If you're brave enough to do it, then you can do it," Morocco midfielder Azzedine Ounahi said. "It doesn't matter how the ball goes in."

After watching the ball sail in uncontested, Hakimi performed a little celebratory dance and then added to the playful theme by faking out his on-rushing teammates in terms of which area of the field he was going to run to for more celebrations.

Eventually the team caught up to Hakimi and mobbed him.

The penalty kick technique that Hakimi employed is named for Czech player Antonín Panenka, who introduced it to an international audience during the 1976 European Championship final.

Hakimi, who plays for Paris Saint-Germain and is considered Morocco's most talented player, was born in Madrid to Moroccan parents and spent 10 years in Real Madrid's youth system. His mom cleaned houses in the Spanish capital and his dad was a street vendor.

"He's fast, he's skillful. He gives assists, he scores goals. A panenka in the penalty shootout," Ounahi said. "So he does everything. (And) he's a team player."

Hakimi is one of 14 members of Morocco's 26-man squad who was born abroad.

Goalkeeper Yassine Bounou, who was born in Canada and plays for Sevilla in Spain, saved two of Spain's penalties during the shootout, which Morocco won 3-0 following a 0-0 draw after extra time.

Morocco's quarterfinal opponent on Saturday will be Portugal.

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Twilight for Busquets, last of Spain's champs at World Cup

AL RAYYAN, Qatar

SERGIO Busquets stood in the center circle, hands on hips, a blank look on his face.

He reached soccer's top step with Spain and now had been stung by La Roja's third straight elimination from a major tournament on penalty kicks, this time 3-0 to Morocco after a 0-0 draw Tuesday in the round of 16 of the World Cup.

Spain has become a team of the past, its passing game passé.

"What we did was dominate the game but we lacked the goal, that is the reality," Spain coach Luis Enrique said through a translator, accepting defeat without anger or expressions of sorrow. "There is no point in punishing oneself."

Now 34, Busquets contributed to Spain's demise. Morocco had taken a 1-0 lead in the shootout when Pablo Sarabia put his attempt off a post, and Carlos Soler's effort was blocked by diving goalkeeper Yassine Bounou, keeping the Moroccans ahead 2-0. Spain goalkeeper Unai Simón saved Badr Benoun's effort, and Bounou leaped to his right and batted away Busquets' penalty. Achraf Hakimi followed with the winner.

"It's always a tossup. This time we got tails," Busquets said. "We missed the first three penalties, and then it's very difficult to go through."

Four years ago, Busquets didn't shoot in the penalty-kick loss to Russia, also in round of 16. Last year, he hooked a shot and hit a post with the opening kick as Spain beat Switzerland in the European Championship quarterfinals.

One by one, Spain's greatest generation has aged out of the national team, the defensive duo of Carles Puyol and Gerard Piqué, the steady superiority of goalkeeper "San Iker" Casillas and the dazzling duo of the midfield, Andrés Iniesta and Xavi Hernández. Of the 2012 European champions, only Busquets in defensive midfield and left back Jordi Alba remain.

Spain and its Barcelona core group made "tiki-taka" a style emulated around the globe and that style has lived on. Spain loves the ball, but the opponents have figured out how to neutralize.

If games were decided by passes or possession, Spain would be en route to another title. The Spaniards completed 988 of 1,063 passes to 238 of 331 for the Moroccans. They had 63% possession to 21% for Morocco with 16% contested.

Spain didn't look like itself even before the opening kickoff. Known for red jerseys, the Spaniards were the visiting team and had to wear alternate light blue jerseys because the Moroccans were in red.

Busquets wore the captain's armband, the leader and senior statesman. He came up through Barcelona's La Masia and made his league debut in September 2008, about 2 1/2 months after Spain beat Germany for its first European title since 1964. His national team debut was that April and he helped Spain win its first World Cup in 2010 and then another European Championship in 2012. Busquets was picked for the World Cup All-Star team and the Euro 2012 team of the tournament.

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Moroccans celebrate historic World Cup win against Spain

RABAT, Morocco

EXUBERANT Moroccans poured into the streets of their capital and in cities across Europe on Tuesday, waving flags and honking horns to celebrate their national soccer team's historic victory over Spain at the World Cup.

Morocco defeated Spain in a penalty shootout, making the Atlas Lions the only team from outside Europe or South America to make it to the quarterfinals in Qatar – and the first Arab team in World Cup history to make it to the last eight.

"We are so proud of our Lions, who fought hard to get us into the quarterfinals," said Niam Meddoun, a Rabat resident. "We are delighted to be Moroccans today, since we are the first Arab country that has reached the quarterfinals."

The King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, praised the national team and sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to the players, the technical team



Moroccans gather to celebrate Morocco's win over Spain in a World Cup match played in Qatar, in Rabat, Morocco, Tuesday Dec. 6, 2022. [AP Photo]

and administrative personnel, "who gave their all and blazed a trail throughout this great sporting event," according to a statement from the royal palace.

The king said the players represented "hopes and dreams of Moroccans in Morocco, Qatar, and all over the world."

Morocco is the only Arab – and African – nation left in the tournament, the first World Cup held in the Middle East. Its World Cup success has reverberated across the Arab world and among Moroccan and some other immi-

grant communities in Europe.

In Barcelona, Spain's second largest city, a crowd of youths waving Moroccan, Egyptian, Algerian and Palestinian flags gathered in the center, where fans of FC Barcelona traditionally celebrate big victories. People cheered to the sound of drums. Some were lighting flares.

In a Barcelona restaurant where viewers had congregated, people jumped on tables and lifted chairs in the air. Outside, cars honked and people lit firecrackers and red and

green smoke bombs.

Youssef Lotfi, a 39-year-old construction worker who was born in Casablanca but moved to Spain as a child and said he feels love for both countries, was brimming with pride.

"Today is a day of joy for Moroccans and all the Arab world," Lotfi said. "It was a heart-attack finish that could have gone either way."

He called the victory "once in a lifetime" experience. "Morocco is representing all the Arab world, all the African continent, that is beyond description, it is

and the Netherlands as

Morocco fans celebrated beating Belgium in the group stage in Qatar.

In central Paris, cars started honking almost immediately after Morocco's surprise win Tuesday, and crowds of people streamed toward the Champs-Élysées to celebrate. Men and women, in business suits or track suits, from teenage to middle-aged, cheered or raised their hands in victory. Cries of "Allez, allez!" in French rang out, and one woman asked strangers "Who has a Moroccan flag I can borrow?"

Spain fans were crushed by the loss. "They have been very unlucky in the penalties, but it seems to me that they have also made a mistake in the players who take the penalties," said 64-year-old Dionisio Sánchez, who was among a group of fans who trickled out of bar in Madrid. "They shot with very little enthusiasm ... little desire to score, but the penalties, it's luck, it's a lottery," he said. AP

Ronaldo a solitary figure after being benched at World Cup

LUSAIL, Qatar

CRISTIANO Ronaldo was a solitary figure as he walked off the field following a World Cup match in which he was not the center of attention.

He'd come off the bench in a 6-1 victory over Switzerland on Tuesday that moved Portugal into the quarterfinals. Ronaldo's 21-year-old replacement scored a hat trick in the win – a performance sure to raise questions over Ronaldo's future with his national team.

Ronaldo congratulated Gonçalo Ramos at midfield at the end of the game, then walked toward the Portugal section of fans and briefly clapped in their direction.

But as the rest of the squad had their moment of fan appreciation, Ronaldo left his teammates behind and walked off alone through the tunnel.

Ronaldo breezed through the post-match interview area with a huge grin on his face, only responding to one question: Was he happy?

"Of course, of course," the superstar grinned. "Portugal won."

Really? Fernando Santos expressed frustration with his 37-year-old star the day before he dropped Ronaldo from the starting lineup.

Santos said the decision was tactical and not disciplinary, but he'd acknowledged Monday he was bothered by Ronaldo's poor attitude after he pulled him late in a 2-1 loss to South Korea in the final game of group play.

"I think those issues have been solved. I said that in my last press conference and I repeat myself: This is something which is finished,



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, third from right, sits on the bench during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Portugal and Switzerland, at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. (AP Photo)

solved," Santos said. "I have a very close relationship with (Ronaldo). I have known him since he was 19 years old in sporting."

"I think Ronaldo and I never misinterpret the human and personal aspect with that of manager and player, and what we need to do during the match," the coach added. "That is what we will do. I will always consider he is a very important player to have in the team."

Santos instead started Ramos, a little-known forward who made his international debut three weeks ago. Ramos' first career start for his national team came as Ronaldo's replacement and he scored on just his fourth touch of the game in the 17th minute to give Portugal a 1-0 lead.

Santos added goals in the 51st – a goal Ronaldo celebrated as he warmed up on the sidelines with the rest of the substitutes – and again in the 67th.

Bruno Fernandes, who also played with Ronaldo at Manchester United, was the only member of the Portugal squad to indicate Ronaldo wasn't pleased with being benched. Fernandes seemed prepared for the controversy surrounding Ronaldo and stood firm in defending him as

a Portugal team representative tried multiple times to pull Fernandes away.

"We won the first two games with Cristiano in the first 11, and it could be that if Cristiano played, he could score three goals and no one would be speaking about Cristiano being on the bench," Fernandes said. "Cristiano is doing his job, he's doing his part, he's happy with the result because the goal for everyone is to go as far as possible."

"I don't think people should be talking about Cristiano and why he's not playing, because when Cristiano plays and the team wins, no one talks about that," Fernandes continued. "When Cristiano plays

and the team loses, everyone talks."

Fernandes called Ronaldo "the most famous player in the world. No one is more famous than Cristiano in sports, not in football, in sports." But when Fernandes was asked about Ramos' reaction to getting the start, he defensively turned the question toward Ronaldo.

"Do you think anyone likes to be on the bench?" Fernandes said. "I don't think Cristiano would be happy. If the manager put me on the bench in the next game, I would be angry."

The match marked the first time Ronaldo didn't lead his teammates onto the field as the captain in Qatar, with Pepe taking the armband. The

39-year-old defender then scored Portugal's second goal, with Ronaldo running off the bench to hug the veteran near one of the corners.

By the time Portugal had taken a 4-1 lead, the crowd at Lusail Stadium was loudly chanting "Ronaldo! Ronaldo!" for the star to enter the game. The cheers then turned to boos directed at Santos for ignoring the pleas.

Ronaldo, wearing a yellow substitute bib in the dugout, was expressionless as the crowd called for him. When he was finally sent onto the field in the 72nd, the crowd erupted. Pepe wrapped the captain's armband on Ronaldo's bicep before Ronaldo jogged onto the field.

This is expected to be Ronaldo's final World Cup.

Ramos, who has 21 goals this season for Portuguese club Benfica, made his debut for Portugal last month in a warmup game against Nigeria and scored his first international goal. He replaced Ronaldo late in the opening World Cup match against Ghana, and again against Uruguay.

Ronaldo opened the tournament with a goal against Ghana to become

the first player to score in five different World Cups. But he was ineffective in Portugal's final two games of group play and has been shadowed by distractions since arriving in Qatar.

Ronaldo cut ties with Manchester United before Portugal's first game, and he's reportedly being wooed by a Saudi Arabian team with the promise of an exorbitant paycheck. And, a poll in Portugal showed that fans in his home country wanted the superstar dropped from the lineup.

It's not unprecedented for Ronaldo to get less playing time, because the aging superstar has faded of late. He barely played in the Premier League for United through the first half of the season, and Santos dropped him from the Portugal lineup for a Nations League game against Spain in March.

With Ronaldo, Portugal has advanced to the round of 16 of the World Cup in four of his five tournaments, but he's never played in a final at the tournament. Portugal in 2006 lost to France in the semifinals – the deepest Ronaldo has ever reached at the World Cup.

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Hockey players set for 2022 Uhuru Cup tournament

By Guardian Correspondent

HOCKEY players from across Tanzania have once again been presented with an opportunity to make full use of their potential, with this year's Uhuru Cup competition having got underway in Arusha yesterday.

The Uhuru Cup, which is organized by Sikh Union Club of Arusha in conjunction with Tanzania Hockey Association (THA), is expected to climax on Sunday.

Kaushik Doshi, THA secretary-general, stated that eight sides are taking part in the showdown with the games taking place at Sikh Union Club ground.

Doshi noted that the participating teams have been put in pools A and B consisting of four squad's apiece. Outfits making Pool A are Arusha Twigas, Kili Vijana, TPDF, and Arusha Legends.

Pool B is made up of Black Mambaz, Zanzibar Nyuki, Tanga Stars, and Moshi Khalsa.

The THA leader revealed that in the opening day, Arusha Twigas had been slated to come up against Arusha Legends.

Four sides will grace the Sikh Union Club's ground on Thursday as Moshi Khalsa will lock horns with Zanzibar Nyuki from 3pm, followed by a duel between TPDF and Arusha Twigas from 4.30pm.

Five matches have been slated to take place tomorrow, as Kili Vijana will face TPDF in the day's opener which will start at 7.30am.

In the day's second match Zanzibar Nyuki will confront Tanga Stars from 10am.

Black Mambaz will later lock horns with Moshi Khalsa from 12pm, followed by a tie between TPDF and Arusha Legends which will start at 3pm.

The day's last encounter will have Kili Vijana coming up against Arusha Twigas from 5pm.

Four clashes will bring the tournament's league stage to an end on Saturday.

The showdown's knockout stage has been slated to take place on Sunday as Pool A's winners will confront an outfit which will end as runner-up in Pool B in the first of semi-final duels.

In the other semi-final clash Pool B's winners will play against a squad that will end as runner-up in Pool A.

The Uhuru Cup showdown's final is expected to take place from 1pm.

Doshi stated the Uhuru Cup showdown has been kindly sponsored by Yadav & Sons LTD, seeking to effectively put its weight behind hockey promotion at the domestic level.

According to him, Dar es Salaam's Black Mambaz clinched the top honour in the previous edition of the showdown after notching 2-1 victory over Arusha Twigas in a thrilling final.

Meanwhile, the THA leader noted that preparations for the national hockey governing body's election slated to take place at the same venue have been completed.

Shree Kutchi Leva clobbers Union SC in 2022 Gymkhana Shield tournament



Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) cricketers in group picture ahead of their recent match in this year's Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield showdown held in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB

By Guardian Reporter

SHREE Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) has kept on pushing for success in this season's Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield showdown as the squad beat Union SC by 32 runs in a Group A duel that took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The eventual winners of the tie have experienced cricketer Dinesh Rabadiya to thank for seeing to it they come out victorious with his batting virtuosity.

The SKLPSC cricketers went on to notch 168/6 in 20 overs once they were presented with the chance to start batting.

The batting outfit's intent on completing their innings with an imposing score was evident thanks to Rabadiya's resoluteness at the crease.

The opener went on to post 72 runs, propelling his squad to 145 runs once he returned to the pavilion in the 17th over.

Other notable contribution with the bat for SKLPSC came from Alishah Bukhari and Khalil Rehemtulla, with the

duo too ending with two-digit figures. Bukhari, deployed at number three, posted 38 runs that had SKLPSC keeping on repelling Union SC bowling unit's challenge.

Rehemtulla that is an equally experienced cricketer returned back with 12 runs.

Abbas Sayed was so far the bowler with significant contribution when Union SC fielded, having ended with two wickets in three overs.

In his three-over spell, Sayed gave away 18 runs and had an economy rate of 6.00.

Ahmed Virjee, Sameer Zaidi, Shahmeer Rizvi and Shabbar Rattansi took one wicket each for Union SC.

Union SC lost steam in the chase as the side managed to record 136/6 in 20 overs.

Although the experienced cricketers in the squad worked hard,

they could not get the better of the SKLPSC bowling unit by experienced spinner Athuman Siwa.

Opener Rehemtulla gave Union SC some hope with his batting showing that had the cricketer notching 36 runs.

He successfully helped his squad deal with an early wobble that witnessed the fellow opener Danish Unia facing an early dismissal.

Seif Khalifa, slotted in at number three, and Virjee that took the crease later on sought to push the total with some good knocks.

Khalifa made his way back with 32 runs, Virjee chipped in with 23 runs.

There was further an encouraging performance by top-order batsman Ayaan Shariff as the cricketer posted 17 runs.

Siwa led SKLPSC's bowling onslaught with his two wickets in

four overs, giving away 16 runs in four overs.

The skilful spinner was ably assisted by pacer Hassan Rahim, as the latter too we ended with two wickets conceding 29 runs in four overs.

Rabadiya was ultimately presented with the Player of the Match for his batting exploits.

The win has helped SKLPSC scale to second place in Group A which is led by one of the showdown's favourites Caravans Cricket Club.

Second-placed SKLPSC now boast victory in two outings, having played three games.

The outfits battling it out in this season's Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield showdown have been placed in groups A and B.

Group A consists of Caravans Cricket Club, GP, Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC), Pak Stars, Union Sports Club, and Gymkhana Cricket Club.

Aruti Aces, Upanga Sports Club, Aga Khan SC, Annadil Burhani Club, Dar Cricket Club (DCC), and Lions Cricket Club have been put in Group B.

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Cello/Ruby's Magic and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). Other sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and Pepsi.

Cello/Ruby's Magic and Co has moreover sponsored a special cash prize to be handed over to batsmen scoring centuries and wicket-takers posting hat-tricks in the showdown.

This year's edition of the tournament was officially launched at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club early this month.

The jerseys for clubs taking part in the showdown were handed over to the outfits' skippers in presence of various supporters and stakeholders.

The showpiece's organizers stated that exciting matchups made up of old and new rivalries are in store for cricket followers in the city that will watch the tournament's ties during weekends.

Geita Gold, George Mpole agree to part ways

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe



George Mpole

GEITA Gold announced yesterday that it has parted ways with striker George Mpole, adding in a statement that the departure is 'by mutual agreement, with immediate effect'.

Geita Gold released a statement in which they agreed on the mutual nature of the early end to their early contract with Mpole.

"Geita Gold Football Club has reached an agreement to terminate the contract with our former player George Enock Mpole from today December 7, 2022.

"The management arrived at this decision following talks with the player and reached the consensus for the wider interests of the club and the player himself. Mpole is now a free agent," the club revealed.

The termination of Mpole's contract follows his recent fallout with the club's management over issues ranging from allegedly

payment, indiscipline and injury treatment.

The club director, Zahara Michuzi, responded by telling Mpole, no player is above the club, and he should either toe the line or get out.

Geita Gold signed Mpole from Polisi Tanzania in December 2020, opening the Mbeya native's two year's stint with the NBC Premier League club. He helped the club to earn promotion from the Championship to the NBC Premier League.

In their debut top flight season, Mpole was instrumental in pushing the club to an impressive fourth place finish to earn a ticket to represent Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup.

He was consistent in scoring goals particularly in the second of the campaign to pip favourite Young Africans' Fiston Mayele to the top scorer award.

A tight race with Mayele saw Mpole emerge the winner after scoring 17 goals for Geita Gold, one more than

the Congolese international who had been in front for the better part of the season.

His good performance earned him a national team call up where he scored for Taifa Stars on his debut against Central African Republic in March this year. He also scored away to Niger in the 2023 African Cup of Nations Qualifier.

He was linked with Simba, Young Africans and Azam at the end of last season. However a deal could not materialise and was forced back to Geita Gold.

On the heels of a failed attempt to secure a transfer away from the club which cost him pre-season training, Mpole has looked sluggish and uninspired so far this season. He has found the back of the net twice in seven matches.

Mpole has previously featured for Mbeya City before moving to Zambia where he turned out for Real Nakonde.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

