



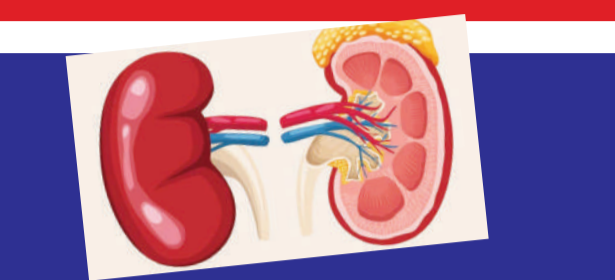
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CAG objects to 1.83trn/- govt debts to social security funds

This approach will ensure commitment from the members to settle the outstanding arrears in a structured manner

By Guardian Reporter

PENSION funds had outstanding loans amounting to 1.73trn/- issued to government institutions and other organisations in the last audited year, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Charles Kichere says in his 2022/23 annual report that the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) had outstanding loans amounting to 1.5trn/- whereas in 2021/22 unpaid loans stood at 1.17trn/-, a 330bn/- increase.

The Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) during fiscal 2022/23 had outstanding loans of 231.40bn/-, unchanged from fiscal 2021/22, he said.

The loans have been outstanding for periods ranging from one to 16 years, with the failure of the borrowers to repay them affecting the ability of pension funds "to exercise their core functions effectively and efficiently," he stated.

There is a long outstanding loan of 148.08bn/- borrowed as 40 percent of the total construction cost of the Nyerere Bridge project, where the government had committed to settle the balance via non-cash bonds, he said.

"I reiterate my previous recommendation that the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with government institutions which borrowed from pension funds make fruitful ar-

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has an aerial view yesterday - from a helicopter - of the devastation caused by floods induced by incessant heavy rains at Taweta, Masagati, Utengule and Malinyi in Mlimba and Malinyi districts, Morogoro Region. Photo: PMO

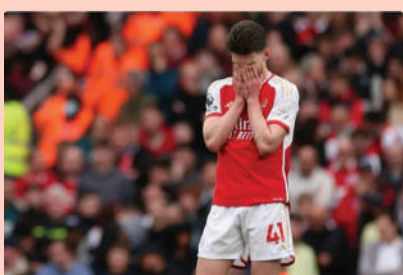
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'RCs must ferret out loans to fake groups of disabled'

The ministry will also undertake capacity building efforts for loan officers and recruit loan recovery officials for the special groups at the ward level

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

HEADS of regional secretariats who will tolerate approval of loans to fictitious special groups in the ten percent district council revenues account will be held accountable.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments

state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG), issued this caution when tabling the ministry's 10.125trn/- budget estimates for 2024/25 in the National Assembly here yesterday.

The ministry has in the current financial year set a target of collecting 43.77bn/- that is outstanding from borrowers in the special groups' loans, with

the minister cautioning that the government will not tolerate RCs who allow embezzlements via the loans.

Such practices occur with loans extended to ghost special groups for women, youth and people living disability when the funds are disbursed through economic empowerment schemes, he said, elaborating that verification reports show that negligence by RCs have led to issuance of loans to ghost groups.

He told MPs that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has accepted the resumption of the suspended ten percent loans to special groups during the next financial year. "We are going to hold account-

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Ministries to assess impact of floods on school outlays

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

A joint evaluation of the impact of floods on outlays of educational institutions is being conducted, the government has stated.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG) touched on this exercise in the National Assembly yesterday, tabling budget estimates for fiscal 2024/25

pegged at 10.125trn/-.

Education, Science and Technology ministry officials along with PO-RALG are working on this initiative, aimed at equipping the government with correct information for decision-making on intervention required.

The issue is to ensure students in flood-affected areas get back to school soon enough and resume classes, ready to sit for their final examinations in various instances, he said.

A team of experts will conduct an evaluation on the effect of floods on educational infrastructure for the government to determine the scope of intervention to be conducted, he said.

Pupils and students in the flood-affected areas plus disaster-stricken places need to be back to school or provided with alternative means to catch up their studies and sit for examinations, he said.

The two ministries are similarly working on implementation of the new education and training policy and curriculum review, he said, affirming that upwards of 100 technical education training schools will be built in the next

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Govt slates 17.7bn/- for civic polls in November

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has allocated 17.79bn/- for organizing this year's local government authorities' elections.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG), made this observation when tabling the ministry's 2024/25 budget estimates set at 10.125trn/- here yesterday.

He said that 5.1bn/- has so far been spent in preparations, while the government is pursuing the preparations with a view to conducting free and fair elections.

The funds had been disbursed since February, firstly to complete the verification of polling stations and election toolkits, he said, stressing that the government will en-

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National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson, currently also Inter-Parliamentary Union President, pictured in Washington, DC, yesterday opening a session on the impact of climate change on global development. It was at the ongoing 2024 Global Parliamentary Forum of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

PM: Govt to work on new retirement benefits formula

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has pledged to work on the comments raised by Members of Parliament, workers' unions, and employers concerning the new formula for computing retirement benefits.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa stated in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday after the discussion on the budget estimates for the Prime Minister's office for the 2024/25 financial year where 129 issues were raised.

Majaliwa said the government recognizes the importance of improving the pensions for retired workers, adding that it will continue with the evaluation with consideration of the law.

The premier added that the government will continue providing social security awareness for employees through various

means where the Ministry of Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities (PMO-LYED) will supervise and widen the scope of awareness creation for public servants and ensure enough understanding on the matter.

Majaliwa also said the government continued to improve the environment for teachers and provided new employment opportunities.

The government employed 10,505 teachers in 2023/24 FY and in the next fiscal year, it will employ 10,590 teachers.

He also stated that the government is open to receiving any recommendations and will implement them.

Majaliwa stated that the Universal Health Insurance Act of 2023 has initiated a fund to cover the health insurance costs for poor people and identified the revenue sources

of the conservation areas to adhere to the procedures to address the challenge of conservation area invasion, where he urged the public to respect the borders and trespass into the areas, grazing livestock, conduct agricultural activities within the conservation area, and illegal hunting," he said.

On human-wildlife conflict (HWC), Majaliwa said the government understands the effects caused by wild animals invading homes and farms and harming people living near conservation areas.

He said the government has continued to take various measures including awareness creation to combat destructive animals and security stations for wildlife officers.

"There is also a challenge of some people invading conservation areas hence causing conflicts with conservation rangers which has contributed to death and injuries," he said.

He also reminded the supervisors

of the conservation areas to adhere to the procedures to address the challenge of conservation area invasion, where he urged the public to respect the borders and trespass into the areas, grazing livestock, conduct agricultural activities within the conservation area, and illegal hunting," he said.

The National Assembly approved 532.79bn/- to be used in the budget of the office of the Prime Minister as well as the office of the parliament for the financial year 2024/25, whereas 350.988bn/- for the office of the Prime Minister and its institutions and 181.8bn/- for the parliament.

In the 350.988bn/- of the office of the Prime Minister, 146.393bn/- will be used for normal expenditures and 204.594bn/- for development matters whereby between 181.8bn/- for the parliament fund, 172.1bn/- is for normal spending.

Don: training for policymakers vital in managing water sources

By Guardian Reporter

VICE Chancellor of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) Prof. Raphael Chibunda has underscored the importance of training for policymakers on the impacts of unsuitable land use near water sources, rivers, and oceans.

This, according to Prof Chibunda, will enable them to make informed decisions when planning for the nation.

He made the call in Mbeya on Monday during the opening of seven-day training for senior leaders supervising water and environment issues from 10 African countries as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Catchment Management through Enhanced Environmental Flow Assessment (EFLOWS) project.

Prof Chibunda cited that the training should be given specifically to permanent secretaries and members of parliament to enable the group to have a deeper understanding of the environment, water sources, and their threats.

"Along with a big job which experts do and later submit reports to policymakers for them to work on, if the policymakers do not have a wider understanding of what you have recommended in the research, it will be hard for them to act, so it is important to train them," he insisted.

He said that there was a good number of research conducted in various countries including Tanzania to address challenges facing the society but at the end of the day policymakers do not consider the recommendations.

He noted that freshwater ecosystems like rivers and estuaries help sustain life in the Western Indian Ocean region by providing a broad range of services.

He commended the good job done by researchers from SUA in collaboration with the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) for the implementation of the project which greatly helps restore natural vegetation in various

water sources.

The principal researcher of the EFLOWS project said the project aimed to determine the quantity and quality of water and sediment flows necessary to sustain freshwater and estuarine ecosystems and the human livelihoods and well-being that depend on them.

He said that now that the assessment has been conducted, it is important to disseminate the expertise to various countries to create good strategies to overcome environmental challenges.

"We have implemented the EFLOWS project for two years in Mbarali and Wanging'ombe districts in Mbeya and Njombe regions respectively, the research findings and recommendations will be shared with the ten countries that benefit from the project, today meeting is important because the participants will discuss and come up with resolutions to further ensure that our water sources are protected," he explained.

In addition, he said that many of the environmental challenges in the world are the result of human activities that affect various sectors.

"To reverse the situation, there must be joint efforts of all stakeholders in the sectors and that's why it is important for the capacity of experts to identify and set joint strategies to address the challenges.

Wankyo Mnono, an advocate from the Vice President's Office said the training was important to ensure that experts have a wider understanding of protection of the environment and water sources.

He said the successful implementation of recommendations from the assessment can have profound changes on communities living near rivers and oceans.

"It is important to ensure that as countries, put robust strategies to protect marine species such as fish and others as riverside communities depend on healthy river flows," he added.

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Western regions to be linked into national grid next FY, says Biteko

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE connection of Katavi, Rukwa and Kigoma regions into the national main grid is among the key priorities of the Energy ministry in its next 2024/25 budget.

The three regions and some parts of Lindi and Mtwara regions will be the most focused areas in consideration since the independence not connected to the main grid and ministry is set to bridge the gap starting with the next financial year.

Deputy Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko told parliamentarians yesterday at the launch of the energy sector week that the ministry will in the coming budget allocate specific funds for getting the plan done.

He said construction of new power transmission lines are expected to commence in the coming budget.

"For Katavi the power transmission line will be constructed from Ipole-Mlele to Mpanda. For Kigoma the transmission will be connected from Nyakanazi and on the other side from Tabora to Kidawe that links to the Rukwa region," said Dr Biteko.

Dr Biteko who also doubles as the Minister for Energy said the 5 megawatt solar power project in Kigoma region has been expanded to generate 20 megawatts.

He said another 400 kilovolt transmission line from Ibadakuli to Mbalala Uganda will be constructed covering 610 kilometers. It will improve the Tanga-Pemba line and the 132 kilovolt line from Dar es Salaam to Unguja will be expanded to 220 kilovolt.

He claimed that Kenya, Uganda and Zambia have shown interest in being supplied with natural gas to process for industrial and domestic consumption.

According to him, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and its partners have secured a license to conduct natural gas exploration

at the onshore Ntorya gas field in Mtwara region.

The DPM commended the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) for actively timely offering emergency services as many electricity poles in rural areas have been affected.

He directed the Tanzania Geothermal Development Company Limited (TGDC) to fast track implementation of the Ngozi exploration project in Mbeya region.

Dr Biteko said that with ongoing electricity generation projects including the Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Project (JNHPP) the country will have more extra power to serve for new established industries.

"Pwani region alone has registered new 37 factories whereas one factory requires more electricity than that can light a region;

For instance, Mwadui Mine alone requires 30 megawatts while the whole Shinyanga region requires 25 megawatts a day," said Dr Biteko.

Francis Ndulane, member of the Public Investment Committee (PIC) said that the committee would like to see the ministry fast tracking the rehabilitation of electricity transmission infrastructures especially in Mchinga, Ngongo, Matandu and Somanga in Lindi and Mtwara regions to contain power outages.

"To avoid routine maintenance, I would like to ask TANESCO to use concrete poles in areas that are prone to rainwater," said Ndulane.

Simon Songe, member of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was of the view that there should be a long term plan for production of sufficient power for future consumption.

For instance, he said that the JNHPP with 2,115 megawatts can be fully utilized in the next 15 years as annual growth in electricity megawatts stands at 150 megawatts.

"We need to come up with more new electricity generation sources," said Songe.



Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (L) pictured on Monday presenting to assistant regional administrative secretary (Economics and Production) Aziza Mumba - for implementation - a copy of a report on issues affecting private sector development in the region for implementation. The compilation of the report was facilitated by the Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) in collaboration with various stakeholders in the region. AMDT considers Dodoma one of the strategic regions in Tanzania and has worked there since 2017 in collaboration with a number of NGOs, other private sector stakeholders, local government agencies and farmers. Story on Page 6. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

African transport players urged to harmonise working procedures to safeguard ferry safety

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AFRICAN transport stakeholders have urged to come up with harmonized working procedures to ensure ferry safety across the continent.

Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed, Zanzibar Minister for Infrastructure, Communication and Transport made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the Regional Seminar on Africa Ferry Safety organized by the Ministry for Transport, International Maritime Organization (IMO) and inter-ferry to enhance ferry safety in Africa.

The seminar brought together officials from the government, regulators, operators of ferries, and maritime stakeholders from the country and abroad to debate how

to enhance ferry safety

The minister said that domestic ferry accidents are one of the big challenges facing most countries in the continent including Tanzania citing the previous ferry accidents that happened in the country

Dr Mohamed said that Tanzania, like other countries, has experienced domestic ferry accidents that led to killings, injuries, and loss of properties adding that it was time to work on the gaps in either laws or regulations.

"Together we can stop unnecessary and avoidable accidents that have lost the lives of our people such as MV Bukoba in MV 1996 and MV Ukerewe in 2018 all took place in Lake Victoria and MV Spice Islander in 2011 in the Indian Ocean," he said.

Dr Mohamed said that the seminar was an important platform for players to debate and come up with harmonized working procedures to ferry operators and regulators.

"The platform is very important to give opportunities to players to share experience to attain international standards for our ferry safety to end accidents," he said.

Mohamed Salum, Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) director general said that currently, there are 62 public and private owned vessels operating the country's water bodies.

He said the knowledge from other countries was very important to have harmonized working procedures for member states.

"The seminar is a catalyst for players to make some changes to enhance ferry safety and ensure sustainability for the African maritime sector

Mike Corrigan, CEO of Interferry-representing the ferry worldwide said that in most cases ferry transport is frequent and associated with accidents and fatalities.

Corrigan said that the organization was for the first time participating in Tanzania adding that it was very important to engage the African continent on how to manage safety for domestic ferries.

Abubakary Aziz, Azam Marine managing director said that the seminar was an important platform to self-evaluate weaknesses and come up with strong regulations and laws to protect ferry accidents.



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By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and the Prevention and Combating Corruption Bureau (PCCB) launched a four-day workshop to raise awareness and lead the fight against corruption. The workshop is expected to run until April 18th, 2024.

This is the sixth anti-corruption workshop organized by GGML and PCCB in the Geita region, allowing stakeholders to participate in various plenary sessions and discussions about law and company policies with the goal of preventing and combating corruption and bribery.

Geita's District Commissioner, Hashim Abdallah Komba commended GGML and PCCB for their continuous efforts to host workshops that highlight corruption-related issues that have been depriving people of their rights to various services, providing a positive example for other organizations.

GGML, PCCB to scale up anti-corruption crusade

"Our President, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, is leading the charge in the battle against corruption, which is a critical issue. By implementing anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies and standards into their business practices, GGML is aiding in these initiatives.

He added: "We must critically consider how the many projects that have been put in place in Geita can be successfully carried out while making sure that corruption is completely eradicated. It is crucial to remember that a nation free from corruption will draw more foreign investors, which will spur economic growth."

"I implore all those involved in this workshop to actively engage and to stand as advocates for the fight against corruption," he declared.

According to Ashraf Suryaningrat,

GGML acting managing director, corruption poses a serious threat to democratic stability and economic growth in many nations across the world.

He also emphasized that individual commitment was crucial if the fight against corruption is to succeed.

To bolster the fight against bribery and corruption and to better inform the Geita community about the risks associated with it, he stated, "This workshop is very integral to the development of our region and the nation at large."

He further added that the anti-bribery and anti-corruption training workshop will impart skills and knowledge to the participants coming from different sectors both private and public, on the importance of the fight against corruption and bribery.



Mkwinda Nyota Publishing Company general manager Tapiwa Muchechemera (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting various books to Jennifer Dickson, founder of the Martha Onesmo Community Library of Mwangi District in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Hospitals collaborate to offer modern diagnostic services to patients with chronic kidney disease

By Correspondent Joseph

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THE specialty kidney doctors from Yashoda Hospital of Hyderabad India in collaboration with the Baraka Dialysis Polyclinic Center in Dar es Salaam expect to provide modern diagnostic services and expert treatment for chronic kidney diseases.

The camp, which will be run in collaboration with Tanzanian doctors who specialize in the screening of kidney diseases and all kidney problems will be held for three days in early May.

The representative of Yashoda hospital in the country, Naima Mnola, said the doctors who will conduct the camp are also experts in kidney transplant therapy.

She said the camp will be held for three days from the 3rd to the 5th at the Polyclinic located in the Baraka Plaza Old Bagamoyo Road Kinondoni District Dar es Salaam adding that they also collaborate with TANLINK Medical Tourism.

She said the beneficiaries of the camp are all people who want to know their kidney status, especially those aged 60 years and above.

She said all people and even patients who are continuing with dialysis services, are welcome to undergo further examination at the camp.

She said that people who have

been tested and found that they need a kidney transplant will be an opportunity for them to get expert advice and treatment from those doctors.

She said the doctors will also examine people with chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes and urinary tract infection (UTI).

"This is a unique opportunity for Tanzanians with kidney problems and those who would like to be examined should use this opportunity to come to Baraka Plaza to register to see these specialists in May," she said.

The number of people with kidney problems receiving dialysis services in 47 centers that provide this service across the country has increased from 1,017 in 2019 to 3,231 in December, 2023.

The statistics were disclosed recently by the Minister of Health Ummu Mwalimu during the celebration of the World Kidney Day which was held nationally in Musoma Municipality in March this year.

Mwalimu advised people to protect their kidneys by setting up regular testing procedures, focusing on healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

"This is an increase of 68.5 percent while various studies show that 7-14 percent of Tanzanians, which is equal to 10 out of 100 people in the country, have kidney

problems and some of them need dialysis services," she said.

According to Mwalimu, 2,585 patients, about 80 percent of all patients suffering from kidney disease in the country are receiving dialysis services using the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) causing the fund to be burdened with high costs.

She said the treatment costs for a patient with kidney problems are between 31m/ to 46.8m/ for one year, not including the costs of tests and transportation for the patient and the patient's companions.



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AMDT hands over report on private sector development to Dodoma RC

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) has handed over a report of a study that aimed at identifying policy and non-policy issues that promote or hinder the development of the private sector in the Dodoma Region.

The report was submitted on Monday to Dodoma Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule by an official from the Trust.

The event was also attended by Dodoma Regional Administrative Officer (RAS), Kaspar Mamuya, Assistant RAS (Economics and Production) Aziza Mumba, and Assistant RAS (Investment and Trade) Mwajabu Nyamkoroma, among others.

The study covered all district councils of Dodoma and involved discussion with the District Business Council with the objective of gathering and analysing key impending and constraining issues

(policy and non-policy) at the district level that require in-depth dialogue for the betterment of business growth in each council.

Speaking after receiving the copy of the report RC Senyamule explained that AMDT and Dodoma Secretariat have done a big thing and it is a great milestone towards addressing the barriers for the Private Sector in Dodoma to flourish.

She said that the report is a working tool and urged the regional management team to read and use it, instructing Assistant RAS Economics and Production that she wants to see changes in the situation of small business owners in Dodoma since the study has identified the obstacles and put forward recommendations on what can be done so that they can prosper.

The RC also appreciated AMDT and was grateful for its readiness to work with Dodoma in improving the lives of its citizens.

RAS Mamuya said he was also proud of the report as it has highlighted other business opportunities in Dodoma that are not widely known.

According to him, Dodoma is leading the Region in different types of Minerals available while also having several tourist attractions and diverse opportunities in the agriculture sector.

Mary Kalavo, senior strategic manager of gender, youth, and business environment at AMDT highlighted that the Trust has footprints in all districts of Dodoma Region.

She said they are open to continuing to engage with the RC office to increase incomes, employment, and investment opportunities for the people of Dodoma.

Dodoma is one of the strategic Regions and AMDT has worked in the region since 2017 with different actors including NGOs, the Private Sector, LGAS, and farmers.

Cardiac institute out to reach all regions for health check-ups

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has promised

to reach all the regions in the country to provide expert heart treatment services to the citizens through specialized diagnostic and

treatment camps. Dr. Pedro Pallangyo, JKCI head of training and research unit disclosed this here yesterday when speaking

to journalists before the start of the specialized heart screening and treatment camp known as Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Services

“Through this outreach medical service, JKCI has so far been able to reach 13 regions and serve 11,254 citizens,” said Dr Pedro, stating: “This is the second year for the institute to hold special camp at the Iringa Regional Referral Hospital (IRRH) to put together a collective effort to serve the Tanzanian community in need of specialist heart treatment services.

Dr Pedro said that Tanzania is big and JKCI is the only government institutions specializing in heart treatment, so all citizens cannot reach the institution in Dar es Salaam.

“When we come to a camp like this, we know that five days is not enough, but we can at least provide services at the level we hoped to do, at least those who were unable to

travel are provided with services”, said Dr. Pedro.

Dr Scholastica Malangalila, IRRH acting Physician thanked the Ministry of Health and JKCI for delivering specialist services to the people of Iringa.

She said that according to the actual situation of the people of the Iringa Region, not all those with heart problems could come to JKCI to be treated, so through the camp, people get a chance to examine their health and those with heart problems get a chance to be treated.

Dr. Scholastica said that the response of the people has been greater than they expected, so she asked JKCI to continue to deliver such kind of services in the Iringa region regularly.

“We’ve seen ourselves when we arrived here in the morning, people were already full waiting to get services, and today is the first day. I believe the remaining four

days if the people continue to come like today will not be enough, so this service is still needed for our citizens”, she said.

One of the Iringa residents who attended the camp, Celestine Masele, thanked the government for bringing professional services closer to the citizens.

Celestine said the presence of health professionals who are experts in heart treatment provides an opportunity for citizens to screen their health and when they are found to have heart problems they start taking early treatment. “We thank you very much for your visit, we ask that whenever you get a chance, come to us so that we can build habits to check our health regularly,” he said.

The special cardiac treatment camp will provide diagnostic and cardiac treatment services including blood pressure testing and blood sugar testing.



Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority acting director general Daniel Malanga (standing) briefs members of the Communications, Lands and Energy Committee of the Zanzibar House of Representatives who toured the TCAA headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday to learn about aviation industry management. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE private sector has praised the government’s devotion to implementing the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms, the Chief Secretary, Dr Moses Kusiluka has said.

Dr Kusiluka was briefing reporters at the one-day 37th meeting of the committee which ended in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He said that in a formal feedback of private sector to the Executive Committee of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) the sector said it is happy with the government’s devotion and commitment to implementation of the Blueprint because there are vivid steps taken in past three years to create a good and solid foundation for doing business and attracting investments.

The committee, which is co-chaired by the Chief Secretary, is the second supreme organ to the national meeting of the TNBC.

CS says private sector happy with govt devotion to blueprint implementation

The committee meets to hear from the public sector and private sector because the private sector is deemed to be a strategic partner of the government in building the national economy.

“In this formal and positive feedback the private sector has admitted and endorsed the government’s efforts and commitment to implementation of the Blueprint. This has been a very welcome comfort to us because the feedback shows that the sixth phase government is all out to implement economic reforms, create a conducive environment for doing business and attract investments,” he said.

He said in the past three years the government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan has taken varied steps that have led to growth of the private sector. The co-chairman of

the committee, Angelina Ngalula, acknowledged government’s concerted efforts in implementing the Blueprint.

Ngalula is the Chairman of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF).

“We acknowledge the positive strides made. But we call on the government to further educate the public on the value of the Blueprint and its proper implementation to avert confusion and disagreements between members of the business community and the public sector,” she said.

Dr Godwill Wanga, TNBC Executive Secretary said the meeting, apart from other issues, paid serious attention to details of building a digital national economy in order to increase overall national productivity in producing goods and provision of social service.



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INVITATION TO TENDER

**Name of project: Sports for Development in Africa
Construction and Renovation of Gender-Sensitive and Inclusive Grassroot Sports Grounds in Unguja and Pemba, Zanzibar, Tanzania**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in collaboration with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, is currently implementing its Project Sport for Development in Africa (S4DA) in Zanzibar, Tanzania. As part of this project, GIZ intends to award a contract for the construction of gender-sensitive and inclusive grassroot sports grounds in Unguja and Pemba, Zanzibar, Tanzania. The scope of work includes:

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2. The new construction of one (1) multipurpose court for basketball, netball, tennis and volleyball with excellent concrete surface finish as per the drawings and bill of quantities.
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Location: **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

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Non-reliability of infrastructure: LNG connections merit rethink

ENERGETIC expansion of connection with piped liquefied petroleum gas (LNG) meant for household consumption has been in progress in parts of Dar es Salaam city for quite some time - and is lined up for more regions.

The plan is to fast-track LPG connections in households, where the focus for the past four years or so has been Dar es Salaam, Lindi and Mtwara regions.

Many will be unaware of the precise map of how the connections are done or the design of such outlays, but then it is evident that one needs a situation where disruptive redevelopment is minimal.

There is a preliminary issue that appears to have been resolved now that the energy shift from charcoal to natural gas has been adopted as national policy.

Of course, it takes fairly little in terms of investments for a neighbourhood to freely use waste chambers or dumpsites to generate household use electricity.

It would be much cheaper, with an option of coal dust and crop waste or wood sawing dust mixed to form equally cheap briquettes for cooking. All these options have been all but closed out at the policy level apparently because some natural gas sellers at times stand as policy advisers as well.

Yet, with the periodic fires and various other accidents that occur in market areas or business clusters, onerous dependence on natural gas leads to repeated disasters.

Electricity is easier to facilitate access as it is connected far above the ground and usually has an identifiable, movable link at a moment's notice. To the contrary, gas is more like water and much more complicated to hold.

A legislator once noted that households in his constituency have

been connected to electricity by over 95 per cent.

The Energy ministry wishes to do much the same thing for gas, while the MP talked of convincing the public to make a swift shift from charcoal to LNG and biogas. Hopefully, there is biogas in his area now.

Where the government needs to emphasize on the gas use shift is less at homes than in motor vehicles, starting with government ones.

It would help at least to lessen costs for the taxpayer and use the savings elsewhere - and, in the case of commuter traffic, to lessen fare levels.

Here all that is needed are orders to expedite the shift or alternatively allow private firms to set up the necessary outlays.

But, sadly, over-extended parastatals take a lot of time preventing other service providers from invading this sphere where 'national' agencies believe they are sufficient for the task.

The MP aptly noted that the problem in energy is mindsets, whereas the critical issue is bureaucracy. But how many care?

So the push to finish with households by mid next year may not be a viable proposition considering the probability of errors in handling continuous gas flow in skimpy or hurried construction of both public outlays and domestic facilities being prohibitively high.

Again domestic use is easily covered by cylinders, especially if they are to be freely handed to new users, instead of being sprinkled on communities as donations by vote seekers, among others.

The LPG lobby is frantic about the vast household market for gas, and battling with the cylinder people on who gets there first. This closes out free cylinders, biogas, solar or briquettes as pipes are being connected with full force.

Fiscal deficiencies rampant even with e-Govt methods!

REGIONAL secretariats and local government authorities (LGAs) have been tasked with developing a comprehensive action plan for prompt implementation of recurring recommendations to rectify identified fiscal deficiencies.

As head of the National Audit Office, the Controller and Auditor General (CAG), has issued this demand in an audit report on the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) - the mainstay of development projects at the local level and a mass of revenue collection obligations.

All these areas showed intense and recurring shortcomings, including where modern technology exists.

The CAG's remarks were directed at the local governments and regional secretariats while it is ultimately up to top authorities in the PO-RALG, who ought to look at the report critically and consult on what to do next.

The degree to which the appointing authorities above them will be observing the matter is unclear, partly because some systemic innovations just don't seem to be working. Therefore, those concerned will have to address systemic deficiencies first before due diligence issues.

The annual general report on the audit of regional administrations and local governments for fiscal 2022/2023 was just short of alarming.

The CAG demanded that stringent actions be taken against officials violating laws on procurement and revenue collection.

For once, the fact that a whopping 1.2trn/- was not released in overall allocations to those authorities shows serious limitations in officials' readiness to observe procedures. When auxiliary initiatives fail on how to run projects, starting with procurement, they stall and often the year ends without

anything being done, as officials sought for a way out to the cash.

The CAG however affirms that procurements billed at 4.22bn/- were conducted in 35 LGAs without inviting competitive quotations, where 16 LGAs opted for single-source and restricted tendering methods for procurement priced at 4.87bn/- without reasonable justification.

It is therefore possible that there is a mixture as it will be recalled that during that period emphasis was being laid on completing post-Covid-19 recovery funds for education and health sector projects. Yet it is likely this isn't what the CAG identified, as it wouldn't touch just 16 districts.

There was another element of stark impropriety in the audit, which is heard time and again with action seldom taken, relating to compensating people for projects that remove them from their original or previous habitats.

When an independent agent or company is conducting such payments, chances are that such people would be compensated.

However, when it is local government officials who are handed the money to compensate, some cash is turned into some form of allowances fund or funding for some amorphous project.

Noticeably, despite the introduction of the revenue portal that facilitates taxpayer access to services offered by LGAs on a self-service basis (TAUSI) and specific instructions to LGAs to register all point of sale (PoS) devices, plenty of defects were recorded.

The fiscal year saw LGAs instructed to reconcile defaulters from the previous Local Government Revenue Information System (LGRICIS) and make more comprehensive use of all modules within TAUSI.

A gap of 45bn/- was outstanding in revenue defaults within the LGRICIS system, implying that the cash was disappearing - phased out.

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What journalists have to say about press freedom in East Africa

By Karen McIntyre and Meghan Sobel

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A majority of the world's population has experienced a decline in press freedom in recent years, according to a United Nations report. In East Africa, the results are mixed and debatable.

In Rwanda, both international press freedom rankings and journalists on the ground say press freedom has increased over the past ten years.

In neighbouring Uganda, both international rankings and local journalists say media freedom has declined.

In Kenya, rankings reflect declining freedom over the past decade, but reporters acknowledge that they have more freedom than their counterparts in Uganda and Rwanda.

In our roles as associate professors in journalism and mass communication, we interviewed and surveyed more than 500 journalists in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya.

We learned that the evolution and current state of press freedom in the region is complex. In our book, *Press Freedom and the (Crooked) Path Towards Democracy: Lessons from Journalists in East Africa*, we provide an updated state of press freedom in these three countries.

We argue that much of the academic research that classifies global media systems has overlooked the world's most developing nations while those that have included developing nations have failed to consider their historical contexts.

They have worked from a misguided premise that nations develop in a linear fashion - from non-democracy to democracy - and from a restricted press to a free press. In reality, though, press freedom and democracy ebb and flow.

We examine the impact of social, political, legal and economic factors on media in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya to help with understanding media systems outside the western world.

We chose to study these three countries because they represent varying stages of development and democracy building.

Rwanda, which experienced a genocide in 1994, is in relatively early though fast-paced stages of reconstruction.

Uganda, which experienced a civil war in the 1980s and unrest in



the 1990s but arguably not to the extent of Rwanda's genocide, can be considered in a middle stage of development.

Kenya, which has remained largely peaceful, can be understood as being in a more advanced stage of development.

In Rwanda, despite 30 years of economic, social and media progress and development, lingering impacts from the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi permeate the country's media.

Multiple laws limit free expression there in the name of genocide prevention - and international press freedom rankings indicate that the nation is not free.

Yet, we found that many Rwandan journalists believe that they have a great deal of freedom and that outsiders don't consider the country's history when evaluating the media.

Outsiders, for example, hear that Rwandan journalists cannot criticize the president or high-ranking government officials and immediately assume that there is no press freedom.

However, local journalists say that they don't feel oppressed. They feel relatively free to choose their story topics. They don't want to publish critical stories because they want to foster peace.

Journalists believe that their role is to act as unifiers and right the wrongs of their predecessors who exacerbated the genocide.

Public trust in the media remains high, according to focus groups conducted with members of the public. In Rwanda, there appears to be a relationship between press freedom and distance from conflict.

That is, the more time that passes since the country experienced war, the more the press freedom of the country has.

Prioritising social good over media rights has helped Rwanda

unify and develop, but over the long term we see signs that the country's linear path towards increasing democracy and press freedom may not continue.

Rather, prioritising peace at the cost of press freedom could limit development and reinforce existing authoritarian power structures.

In Uganda, the relationship between press freedom and distance from conflict has been less linear. Some media restrictions have eased while others have worsened.

Despite a sustained period of peace after conflict with the Lord's Resistance Army in the northern part of the country that began in the 1980s, press freedom is not increasing as time passes.

Overall, journalists in Uganda largely agree with the international perception that they are restricted and that the situation is worsening the longer President Yoweri Museveni remains in power.

Journalists in Uganda perceive their press freedom to be lower than journalists in neighbouring countries. They also have a more pessimistic outlook.

Government interference, some of which stems from the conflict and some that is new, remains pervasive. Worn down by government intimidation and repressive laws, coupled with low pay and lack of necessary equipment, some journalists told us they had turned to unethical behaviour, such as acting as spies in the newsroom.

Kenya is meanwhile home to the freest media environment. It is also the only country in our study that has seen changes in presidential leadership in recent years.

But just because a nation regularly holds elections doesn't mean the path to democratisation and media freedom is smooth.

External measures indicate that Kenya has more press freedom than Uganda and Rwanda, and

journalists in the country perceive this to be true.

However, data point to ups and downs of media freedom that have mirrored varying political administrations and events, including spurts of post-election violence.

These ebbs and flows are largely due to politicians or powerful members of society who share ideological goals or have financial interests like owning major media houses and influencing coverage.

Despite the challenges, journalists attribute Kenya's state of press freedom to the vast international connections the country and its leaders have. An empowered civil society - which stems from both a space for dissent given by public officials, and the culture and spirit of Kenyans - has promoted the growth of human rights, including media freedoms.

But how and why does it matter? After a nuanced examination of the factors that affect the media in each of these countries, our book lists a set of factors that affect press freedom and democracy building.

Specifically, we believe that each country's distance from conflict, political benchmarks, international linkages and civil society strength are central to understanding its degree of press freedom, development and democratisation.

While these factors are not the only elements that influence media landscapes, they are a starting point for better understanding and theorising about press freedom environments.

A free and independent press allows the public to hold leaders accountable, make informed decisions and access a diversity of opinions. This makes it important to accurately understand how free varying media landscapes are, and why.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF VARIOUS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

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Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1%
Environmental compliance certificate	1%
Copy of Workers' compensation fund certificate	2%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	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%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01849)	60%
Inspector's qualification:	10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Mechanical Engineer with five (5) years' experience (5%) Certified API Non-Destructive Test Technician Level 2 (2.5%) Certified Welding Inspector level 2 (2.5%) 	
Tools and technology:	40%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide list of tools with calibration certificates (10%) Ultrasonic inspection using PAUT or Crawler scanning (30%) 	
Experience & previous history:	10%
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide CV of Three (3) Engineers and Four (4) technicians (5%) Provide the previous history related to a similar project (5%) 	
Total	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote "GGME01849-NON-DESTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION/INSPECTION TO THE PROCESS PLANT MILLING, CIL & PIPELINES" on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF AIRCONDITION & REFRIGERATION WORKS - GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying contractors for Installation, Maintenance and Service of Air Condition and Refrigeration Works and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01841	INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & SERVICE OF AIRCONDITION AND REFRIGERATION WORKS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of Annual Return.	3%
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Copy of NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	2%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
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A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
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Grievance Procedure	1%
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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	1%
Acceptance certificates / completion certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01841)	60%
Proof of key personnel registration with EWURA, ERB or IET (IET - Institution of Engineering and Technology)	10%
Proof of Electrical Contractor CRB registration Class Five or Higher	10%
Electrical and Air Condition tools, Test & measuring Instruments. (Must be able to provide list of tools/ equipment).	10%
Provide recommendation letter from previous client(s)	10%
Prior Working experience of electrical installation, electrical project including supplying of electrical tools, supplying of general material, equipment, and other electrical accessories	10%
Must be able to provide their own Transport (meet GGM Standard) to fulfil the service as required. At least one 4x4 light vehicle, 1x minibus.	10%
TOTAL	100%

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature), an international conservation organization, is seeking a competent and highly motivated Business Development Officer, to be based in Dar es Salaam.

Mission of the Initiative's Business Development and Partnerships: To ensure the Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) and Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) Africa Initiative are adequately engaged financially and have strong partnerships with governments and private donors, corporates and other stakeholders.

Major duties and responsibilities:

The BDO has as his/her principal responsibility, the forging of relationships with the business sector to:

- Build and grow this portfolio in support of pillar two of FLR Africa initiative, its goal and its work.
- The outcome being to source both unrestricted (core) and conservation programme and project funding.
- To encourage, support, and partner in the sector's transformation towards sustainability.
- Local business and pipeline development of bankable projects in following sectors: water, environmental protection, forestry and agriculture aligned with DFCD mandate, FLR in Africa Initiative and WWF national strategies.
- Project management, including coordination, planning, implementation and reporting of DFCD and FLR in Africa Initiative.
- Build relationships with relevant partner organizations.
- Regularly monitor the implementation progress and collect data on indicators and results.
- Ensure the project is delivering results and contributing towards the objectives and strategies of DFCD and FLR in Africa Initiative.

Required Qualifications and skills: The BDO must bring a combination of project management experience and a background in finance or business corporate sustainability. Tertiary qualification in Business Development and Management, Marketing, or related field e.g, Economics, Finance or Business. Minimum 5 years of experience in business development, private sector finance and/or impact investment. Proven track record of delivery in customer engagement, marketing and/ or sales in the corporate or Non-Profit sector. Prior charity/NGO sector and corporate experience is a benefit but not a requirement.

Additional information: Detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained via http://wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/jobs/. Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees with the subject line - 'BDO' and should be addressed to the Head of People & Culture, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by Tuesday, **30th April 2024 at 17h00**. Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted, and the interviews will take place in Dar es Salaam. Female applicants are encouraged to apply.

WWF is an equal opportunity employer and committed to having a diverse workforce.

WWF has a principle of zero tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for JOINT VENTURE IN COTTON AND PULSES PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING AROUND THE MANAWA GINNERY IN MISUNGWI, MWANZA

Expression of Interest is requested from interested parties to partner with Nyanza Cooperative Union (NCU) to design and implement an Integrated Cotton and Pulses Production and Processing Project around the Union's Manawa Ginnery in Misungwi, Mwanza. The project will involve rehabilitation of the Manawa Ginnery for cotton ginning and investment in oil milling and pulses processing; investment in a 600-acre farm for cotton and pulses production; development of an out-grower scheme for cotton and pulses; and the development of a mechanization center. The project's 4 components are summarized below;



COMPONENT 1: Investment and Operations of Cotton and Pulses Processing Plants

Activities under this component will relate to investment and operations of cotton and pulses processing plants at the Manawa Ginnery. These are;

- ✓ Conducting an assessment of the Manawa Ginnery to determine current status and the needed investments/rehabilitation;
- ✓ Developing and implementing a plan for reinvestment and/or rehabilitation of the factory; and
- ✓ Managing factory operations: production planning, production control and quality control in transforming resources into manufactured goods.



COMPONENT 2: Investment and Operations of the Ikoma Farm

This component will involve investment and operations of NCU's 600-acre Ikoma farm located about 11 kilometers from the Manawa Ginnery. Main activities will include;

- ✓ Conducting a feasibility study of the farm incorporating a soil study and geological study;
- ✓ Developing and implementing an investment plan for farm development; and
- ✓ Managing all activities related to farm operations.



COMPONENT 3: Development of an Out-grower Scheme for Cotton and Pulses

This component will entail the development of an out-grower scheme with activities such as;

- ✓ Conducting a sociological study to explore farmers' readiness to participate in the scheme among other things. Ideally, the scheme will prioritize enrolment AMCOS that form NCU.
- ✓ Developing suitable out-grower models for cotton and pulses preferably with direct interaction between farmers and the JV company.
- ✓ Managing all activities related to operations of the out-grower scheme.



COMPONENT 4: Establishment of a Mechanization Centre

The project will also establish a mechanization center designed to provide purchased services to the nucleus farm, farmers participating in the out-grower scheme and the farming community at large.

- ✓ Technologies available will include tractors, planters, harvesters, irrigation kits, transportation facilities and others as demanded.

For comprehensive Terms of Reference please visit www.ncultd.or.tz or send email request via info@ncultd.or.tz

Apply by Tuesday, April 30, 2024



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL WORKS - GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying contractors for Installation, Maintenance and Service of Low Voltage Electrical Works and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01843	INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & SERVICE OF LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL WORKS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA Search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	3%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN and VRN	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	2%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental Policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	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	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01843)	60%
Proof of key personnel registration with EWURA, ERB or IET (IET - Institution of Engineering and Technology)	10%
Proof of Electrical Contractor CRB registration (Class five or higher)	10%
Electrical normal & specialised tools for Low voltage, test & measuring Instruments. (Must be able to provide list of tools/ equipment).	10%
Provide recommendation letter from previous client(s)	10%
Prior Working experience of electrical installation, electrical project including supplying of electrical tools, supplying of general material, equipment, and other electrical accessories	10%
Must be able to provide their own Transport (meet GGM Standard) to fulfil the service as required. At least one 4x4 light vehicle, 1 x minibus	10%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01843 - INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & SERVICE OF LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL WORKS"** on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF HIGH-TENSION ELECTRICAL WORKS - GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying contractors for Installation, Maintenance and Service of High-Tension Electrical Works and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01842	INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & SERVICE OF HIGH-TENSION ELECTRICAL WORKS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA Search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	3%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN and VRN	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	2%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental Policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	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	1%
Acceptance Certificates /Completion Certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01842)	60%
Proof of key personnel registration with EWURA, ERB or IET	10%
Proof of Electrical Contractor CRB registration (Class Five or Higher)	10%
Electrical normal & specialised tools for Medium and Low voltage, test & measuring Instruments. (Must be able to provide list of tools/ equipment).	10%
Provide recommendation letter from previous client(s)	10%
Prior Working experience of electrical installation, electrical project including supplying of electrical tools, supplying of general material, equipment, and other electrical accessories	10%
Must be able to provide their own Transport (meet GGM Standard) to fulfil the service as required. At least one 4x4 light vehicle, 1 x minibus	10%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01842 - INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & SERVICE OF HIGH-TENSION ELECTRICAL WORKS"** on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO CATERPILLAR DIESEL GENERATORS, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for the Supply and Delivery of Caterpillar Diesel Generators and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these generators as detailed below.

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Scope of Supply

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01854	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO CATERPILLAR DIESEL GENERATORS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	4%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	4%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
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SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1%
Environmental compliance certificate	1%
Copy of Workers' compensation fund certificate	2%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
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Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients and value of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years	1%
Acceptance certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01854)	60%
Proof of Caterpillar Dealership	20%
Proof of Warrant of not less than one year	20%
Provide Aftersales Support Commitment Letter	20%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01854 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO CATERPILLAR DIESEL GENERATORS** on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO ATLAS COPCO AIR COMPRESSORS, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for the Supply and Delivery of Two Atlas Copco Air Compressors and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these Compressors as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01855	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO ATLAS COPCO AIR COMPRESSORS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients and value of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years	1%
Acceptance certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01855)	60%
Proof of Atlas Copco/Epiroc Dealership	20%
Proof of Warrant of not less than one year	20%
Provide Aftersales Support Commitment Letter	20%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01855 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO ATLAS COPCO AIR COMPRESSORS** on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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BUSINESS

Africa's millionaires' population to grow by 65pc by 2034: report

By Guardian Correspondent

THE total investable wealth currently held on the African continent amounts to US\$2.5 trillion and its millionaire population is set to rise by 65 percent over the next ten years, according to the 2024 Africa Wealth Report, published by international wealth advisory firm Henley & Partners.

Now in its 9th edition, the annual report reveals there are currently 135,200 HNWI's with investable wealth of US\$ 1 million or more living in Africa, along with 342 centi-millionaires and 21 dollar billionaires.

Africa's "Big 5" wealth markets – South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya, and Morocco – together account for 56 percent of the continent's millionaires and over 90 percent of its billionaires.

Volek, Head of Private Clients at Henley & Partners points out, currency depreciation and underperforming stock markets have chipped away at Africa's wealth compared to global benchmarks.

"The South African Rand fell 43 percent against the US dollar from 2013-2023, and even though the JSE All Share Index rose in local currency terms, it was down 5 percent in USD terms. Currencies in most other African countries also performed poorly over the past decade, with dramatic depreciations of over 75 percent recorded in Nigeria, Egypt, Angola and Zambia," he said.

Head of Research at New World Wealth Andrew Amoils adds that African nations are also losing large numbers of HNWI's to migration which is eroding the continent's wealth: "Approximately 18,700 high-net-worth individuals have left Africa over the past decade. There are currently 54 African born billionaires in the world, including one of the world's richest, Elon Musk, but only 21 of them

still live on the continent."

Despite a tough past decade, South Africa is still home to over twice as many HNWI's as any other African country, with 37,400 millionaires, 102 centi-millionaires, and 5 billionaires, followed by Egypt with 15,600 millionaires, 52 centi-millionaires, and 7 billionaires.

Nigeria sits in 3rd place with 8,200 HNWI's, followed by Kenya (7,200 millionaires), Morocco (6,800), Mauritius (5,100), Algeria (2,800), Ghana (2,700), Ethiopia (2,700) and Namibia (2,300) all making it into the Top 10 wealthiest countries in Africa.

Over the next decade (to 2033), the likes of Mauritius, Namibia, Morocco, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda are all expected to experience 80 percent+ millionaire growth.

Mauritius is projected to enjoy a remarkable 95percent growth rate, positioning it as one of the world's fastest-growing wealth markets.

At the city level, Johannesburg holds its place as the wealthiest in Africa, with 12,300 millionaires, 25 centi-millionaires, and 2 billionaires. Cape Town follows closely with 7,400 millionaires, 28 centi-millionaires, and 1 billionaire. Cairo (7,200 millionaires), Nairobi (4,400), and Lagos (4,200) also stand out as key African urban wealth hubs.

Cape Town, the Whale Coast, Kigali, Windhoek, Swakopmund, Nairobi, Tangier and Marrakech are all expected to enjoy 85 percent+ millionaire growth over the next ten years.

Cape Town also leads the way when it comes to luxury real estate at USD 5,600 per m², with Grand Baie in Mauritius close behind at USD 5,000 per m². South Africa has five contenders in the Top 10 Most Expensive African Cities and Morocco has three.

Commenting in report, Prof. Mehari



DSE brokers at work. File Photo

DSE indices drop on week's opening over decline in the NMB share price

By Guardian Reporter

THE Date s Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) indices declined during the opening of the week after the decline of NMB share price, despite an increase of DSE share price by 3.3 percent.

The daily market report shows that Tanzania Share Index (TSI) closed at 4,437 points, down by 3.24 points compared to the last trading session of last week, while the all share index (DSEI) closed at 1,782.37 points, a decrease of 1.03 points.

The Banking, Finance & Investment Index (BI) declined by 10.72 points after closing at 5,000.25 points during the opening of the week.

According to the report, the share price of NMB, which is the second largest listed company on DSE, closed at 4,740/- on Monday, which was 0.42 percent lower than the price recorded during the end of last week.

Top movers were CRDB Bank counter, which recorded the transactions of 265,942 shares valued

142.89m/-, sold at a price ranging from 540/- to 550/- per share in 141 deals, followed by TBL counter, which recorded the transaction of 200,100 shares valued 1.2bn/- in two deals, as 200,000 shares been transacted through pre-arranged block trade.

The report shows other active counters were NMB Bank, which transacted 20,906 shares valued 99.16m/- traded at a price ranging from 4,700/- to 4,780/- per share in 13 deals and TC-CIA Investment Company Limited (TICL), which transacted 5,072 shares valued 0.9m/- traded at a price ranging from 195/- to 200/- per share in 40 deals.

Other active counters which transacted small number of shares were Vodacom Tanzania (VODA), Swissport Tanzania (SWIS), Precision Air Limited (PA), TOL Gases, Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), NICO, DSE and DCB Bank.

A total turnover of 1.49bn/- was recorded, following the transaction of 496,965 shares traded in

22 deals, dominated by local investors, who accounted for 100 percent of the value of total shares bought and 93.61 percent of total value of shares sold.

Throughout March, reports show the stock market witnessed a decline in activity, with market turnover reaching 18.137bn/-.

However, the overall market capitalization increased by 1.09 percent, signaling a rise in the aggregate value of market assets.

Additionally, domestic market capitalization, representing the worth of stocks from local firms, climbed by 1.38 percent.

This increase indicates an improved performance among local companies and a heightened sense of optimism among investors.

By Ruwaida Manji

INTELLECTUAL property (IP) is a crucial asset for businesses, encompassing trademarks, patents, copyrights, and trade secrets that bolster their competitive edge. Yet, unauthorized use or infringement of these rights can present substantial obstacles and hinder the success of the business.

This article provides an overview of legal remedies for intellectual property enforcement and litigation in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, helping businesses protect their rights and make informed decisions.

Understanding IP infringement

IP infringement occurs when an individual or entity wrongfully uses, duplicates, or exploits another party's protected intellectual property without permission. It is crucial for businesses to recognize various forms of infringement and safeguard their intellectual property assets.

Legal framework for IP enforcement

In Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, the legal framework for intellectual property enforcement is established by laws such as the Trademarks Act, Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act, and Patents Act. These laws serve as the cornerstone for safeguarding and upholding intellectual property rights.

One available legal remedy is a cease and desist letter, an initial step in IP enforcement. It notifies the infringing party of their unauthorized use and demands them to stop the infringing activities. This serves as a warning and can frequently lead to resolution without the need for court intervention.

Injunctions

An injunction is a court order that pro-

Guarding your gold: Navigating the complex terrain of IP rights



Former President Jakaya Kikwete opens WIPO conference in Dar-es-Salaam the stressing importance of protecting intellectual property rights. File Photo

hibits the infringing party from engaging in further infringement activities. This legal remedy is an effective way to promptly halt the infringement and safeguard the intellectual property owner's rights.

Damages and compensation

IP owners can seek damages or compensation for the losses suffered due to the infringement. This may include actual damages, which reflect the actual financial harm caused, or statutory damages, which are predetermined amounts established by law.

Seizure and destruction

In some cases, the court may order the seizure and destruction of infringing goods

or materials to prevent further harm and deter future infringement.

Enforcement through Litigation

Litigation is an option when other methods fail to resolve the IP dispute. It involves initiating a legal action in court to protect and enforce the IP rights. It is crucial to engage experienced IP lawyers who can navigate the complex legal procedures and present a strong case on your behalf.

Filing a complaint at the BRELA/BPRA registry

Preliminary investigation: Before initiating litigation, it is prudent to gather evidence and conduct a thorough investigation to substantiate your claims of IP infringement. This includes collecting rel-

evant documents, records, and any other evidence that supports your case.

Filing the complaint: Once the preliminary investigation is complete, you can file a complaint with the BRELA/BPRA Registry, specifically the Intellectual Property Department. The complaint should include detailed information about the alleged infringement, supporting evidence, and a request for appropriate action.

Review and evaluation: The BRELA/BPRA registry will review the complaint and supporting evidence to assess its validity. They will evaluate whether the alleged infringement falls within their jurisdiction and determine the appropriate course of action.

Mediation and settlement: In some cases, the BRELA/BPRA registry may encourage parties to engage in mediation or settlement discussions to resolve the dispute amicably. Mediation involves the assistance of a neutral third party who facilitates negotiations between the parties, while settlement discussions allow direct communication between the parties. These alternative dispute resolution methods can lead to mutually satisfactory outcomes and help avoid protracted litigation.

Court proceedings

Filing a lawsuit: If mediation or settlement attempts are unsuccessful, the next step is to file a lawsuit in a court with competent jurisdiction. The choice of court depends on various factors, such as the type of IP right infringed, the location of the infringing activity, and the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

Gathering evidence: Prior to the court proceedings, it is crucial to gather and organize all relevant evidence to support your claims of IP infringement. This may include documentation, witness statements, expert opinions, or any other pertinent information that strengthens your case.

Trial and judgment: The court will schedule hearings where both parties present their arguments and evidence. The judge will evaluate the evidence presented and render a judgment based on the merits of the case. The judgment may include injunctions, damages, and any other appropriate remedies to address the infringement.

Enforcement of court orders: Once a favorable judgment is obtained, it is essential to enforce the court's orders to effectively stop the infringing activities and secure appropriate remedies. The enforcement process may involve working closely with law enforcement agencies, customs authorities, or other relevant entities to ensure compliance with the court's orders.

Therefore, protecting your IP rights is vital for maintaining a competitive edge in the market. Understanding the legal remedies available for IP enforcement and litigation in Tanzania and Zanzibar empowers businesses to take appropriate actions against infringers.

By seeking legal assistance from knowledgeable IP lawyers, businesses can navigate the legal landscape and protect their valuable intellectual property assets.

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EPZA urges investors to grab opportunities in automotive industry

By Guardian Reporter

THE Export and Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) has urged investors to grab opportunities in automotive industry particularly in the manufacture of various car and machine parts that will help curb low quality spares parts in the market.

The call was made recently by the EPZA Promotion Officer Blandina Mwasamwene during their tour to make follow-up and

evaluation to over 20 industrial investors licenced by EPZA in Dar es Salaam Region to pursue investments in Export Processing Zones (EPZ) and Special Economic Zones (SEZ).

"There are immense opportunities in the automotive industry particularly in the manufacture of various car parts whereby currently motorists rely mostly on imported products," she said.

The EPZA provides licences and various incentives to invest-

tors seeking to pursue investments in EPZ and SEZ areas.

The Director of Spincast Engineering Yusuph Khalfan said the factory which is owned by local investors by 100 per cent engage in the manufacture of car parts using modern mechanical engineering technology.

He said also they have foundry machinery for making various equipment parts for machines and vehicles.

He said Spincast Engineer-

ing that employs 20 people is licenced by EPZA and is dealing with the manufacturer of various parts for vehicles and machines.

He said the factory is also providing skills development to Tanzanian youths on how to operate the modern machines for making various parts for vehicles.

"We are making all types of cylinder liners or sleeves that meet the international stand-

ards," he said.

He said most motorists currently prefer using the cylinder liners made by Spincast instead of imported.

He said the factory also makes spare parts as per customers request that are of high quality meeting the international standards. He said the factory is also targeting African market particularly in South Africa, Nigeria, Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

SB Plastics EPZ Limited Administration and Human Resources Officer, Gabriel Richard said the factory deals with recycling of plastic bottles.

He said after sorting them, the plastic bottles are shredded with a machine into tiny pieces called flakes for exports to different countries.

The factory that started its operations in 2013 employs 93 people as direct jobs where 87 are Tanzanians and the remain-

ing are foreigners.

The factory offers indirect jobs to many people who are engaging in the collection of empty bottles in different parts of the City.

"Since we are licenced by EPZA to operate in EPZ area, the factory's products are exported by 100 per cent in South Africa and Morocco, and in Europe are Germany, Turkey, as well as in Asia including China, India," he said.

Unlocking potentials: A foreigner's guide to acquiring interests in a domestic company

By Irene Gunze

TANZANIA'S legal options for business include sole proprietorship, where one person owns and manages a business under a specific name, and partnership, where two or more individuals collaborate, share responsibilities, management, and profits through a formal agreement called a partnership deed.

Indeed, there are diverse options for individuals or corporations looking to establish a business entity.

These include forming companies where two or more people/corporations forming a new entity with separate legal recognition from its members, this may either be a local or foreign, limited or unlimited and limited by either shares or guarantee.

On the other hand, there are cooperative societies, vol-

untary association formed to collectively meet a common need through democratic decision-making, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which are suited for nonprofit organizations.

Therefore, this article focuses on providing guidance for foreign investors looking to establish and operate investments in Tanzania, while ensuring compliance with legal and procedural requirements. It explores how investors can acquire interests in a domestic company through various methods.

Share subscription

Since, it is through shares we can ascertain the extent of authority and control of an individual or company in an entity. Subscription of shares is where the company agrees to sell a specific number of shares at a specific time and price, such that the subscriber becomes a shareholder.



Since shares determine the power and mandate one has over the company, an investor will be at a better position to venture in, after he has conducted a due diligence so as to ascertain the financial and legal status of an entity before investing. This will reveal the assets and liabilities of the company but also the commitments which members of the prospective entity have.

The same can be completed by initially spotting the potential company to invest, conducting due diligence, executing the share agreement. The same has to follow the due legal procedures like notifying the registrar of companies, paying the capital gain taxes in respect of the shares sold to an investor (to mention few).

Merger and acquisition

A foreigner may also be an entity desirous to invest in an already established business with the view of either revamping the nearly dead established business

or expansion of the already existing business.

Mergers take place when two companies decide to combine forces, often between companies of similar size looking to maximize sales, efficiency, capabilities, and shared assets. Acquisitions, on the other hand, involve one company purchasing another and integrating its assets and liabilities into its own operations.

Mergers and acquisitions involving privately held companies entail a number of key legal, business, human resources, intellectual property, and financial issues. For a foreigner to successfully navigate a sale of your company or acquiring interest over the company in Tanzania, it is helpful to understand the dynamics and issues that frequently arise so as to have certainty in what you are about to venture in.

Restrictions

Before one has invested or ventured in any industry, one has to bear in mind the restrictions available to various sectors so as to make sure that the desired investment complies with not only the legal restrictions but also the culture of business operation in Tanzania. Below are the sector restrictions worthy to be noted by a foreigner wishes to invest in Tanzania.

Foreign capital participation in the telecommunications sector is capped at 75 percent. This means that no foreign individual or entity is allowed to own more than 75 percent of the shares in a telecommunications company.

Tanzanian TV stations can be owned up to 49 percent by foreigners. This means that, majority of investment in TV stations has to be owned by locals and an investor can venture or acquire interests up to 49 percent.

Foreign investors are barred from ac-

quiring shares in nationwide newspapers while Telecommunication companies are required to list 25 percent of their shares on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

In mining, a foreign firm must have at least 5 percent from a local company (where 51 percent of shares are owned by Tanzanians and 100 percent of its non-managerial positions is held by Tanzanians. In addition, foreign firms are required to grant 16 percent of its carried interest to the government. foreign companies that provide goods and services to the mining sector must incorporate a joint venture company in which a local Tanzanian company holds equity of at least 20 percent.

Obligation to declare

A foreign company is not obliged to register with Tanzanian Investment Centre - mainland, however if registered they become eligible to incentives including VAT, import duty exemptions. Likewise in Zanzibar, a company may register with the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) to get investment incentives.

Requests for specific authorization

The Tanzania Investment Act No. 10 of 2022 categorizes the incentives into two categories: Strategic or Major Investment categories in order to qualify for incentives. The minimum investment capital to obtain "strategic investor" status is USD50 million for wholly owned foreign companies and joint ventures with Tanzanians. The thresh-

old is USD300 million for the "special strategic investor" status.

The status is granted by the National Investment Steering Committee (NISC). Foreign investors are barred from most tourism activities such as mountain guiding, travel agency, car rental and tour guiding are not open to foreigners.

Port services licenses are only granted to Tanzanian companies. Furthermore, there are various restrictions in fisheries such as foreign-owned ships cannot engage in local trade. Only Tanzanians can be licenses as shipping agents.

Fishing and fish export licenses cost three times more for foreigners as compared to the local company. It further excludes some operations and collection of specified fish and its products.

In gemstone mining licenses, these are granted exclusively to Tanzanians however in some circumstances the minister may waive this requirement.

For businesses requiring natural resources, the government of Zanzibar via the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) is strict on foreign investment in Zanzibar because priority is given to Zanzibaris.

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Govt plans facing a Ush3 trillion funding deficit

KAMPALA

THE government spending plans have fallen short by Ush3.337 trillion in the first seven months of this financial year, as revenue mobilization continues to be a thorn in government operations.

This failure to meet its spending targets, made it worse for project implementation, as even the little revenues collected, saw a big chunk of it go to interest payments which overshoot the planned amount by Ush46.9bn.

The higher-than-planned interest payment levels resulted from the high interest rates amid tight financial conditions.

"The combination of interest payments and external debt principal repayments places heightened strain on tax revenues," says Bank of Uganda (BoU) in its Economic Performance Report for March 2024.

Overall, by the end of January 2024, government expenditure was Ush20.68trn, out of the Ush24trn that the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development had planned to spend in the

period.

The main contributor to this was underperformance in development expenditure of Ush1.94trn, according to data at the BoU.

The shortfall in spending was mainly a result of the government failure to meet the targeted revenues, despite Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) having collected 12.4 percent more than what it collected in the same period of the previous.

Over the period, the government realized Ush2.6trn lower than budgeted, despite an increase of 12.4 percent in domestic revenue, with grants registering the highest "disappointment" By the end of January, the government expected grants worth Ush1.9trn, but just Ush350bn was realized. And the realized domestic revenue was Ush15.5trn, including non-tax revenues, of which net URA tax revenue amounted to Ush14.45trn, short of the budgeted by Ush1trn.

On the other hand, non-tax revenues, which comes from revenue collecting agencies like Uganda Registration Services Bureau, the Courts and Police, amounted to Ush1.07trn, recording a shortfall on Ush130.8bn.



Bank of Uganda headquarter. File Photo

Overall, these have, for the first seven months of Financial Year 2023/2024 resulted in a deficit of Ush4.82trn, which has to be mainly financed by borrowing from domestic sources.

An analysis of the URA performance shows that the less-than-expected revenues resulted from the lower collections in taxes on international trade, which underperformed by Ush722.5bn

and indirect domestic taxes, which returned a shortfall of Ush366.6bn. For indirect taxes, the underperformance was largely due to a shortfall Ush225.2bn in Value Added Tax (VAT), while the underperformance in international trade taxes was largely because of lower collections of VAT on imports.

On the other hand, direct taxes continued to

perform better than expected, by Ush196bn, mainly due to higher performance in collections of Pay as You Earn (PAYE).

In January, the Ministry of Finance revealed that the Government would spend up to Ush24.9trn servicing the public debt, which was estimated at Ush97.1trn by the end of June 2023, excluding loans totaling Ush7trn which parliament approved later in December.

Next Financial Year, several debts will be falling due and the ministry said that it plans to focus on payment of each debt as and when it falls due to avoid penalties, according to Stephen Ojiambo, Commissioner of Accounts in the Treasury Operations.

These mainly include the Ush950bn on the Karuma power project, Ush190bn on the Isimba dam and Ush108bn on Kabalega International Airport.

Others are Ush218bn which will go to Afrexim Bank's Budget support, Ush241bn to Standard Bank and Ush365bn on Diamond Trust Bank.

The government also plans to start repayment of Ush1.2trn in compensation to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as ordered by the International Court of Justice in 2022.

Ecobank Group scoops SMEs in Africa award

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ECOBANK Group has won the esteemed Best Bank for SMEs in Africa 2024 award in Global Finance's annual SME Bank Awards.

The win reflects Ecobank's unwavering commitment to meeting the specialised needs of SMEs across its diverse markets. The award ceremony took place in February at Glaziers Hall in London, UK.

Carol Oyedeji, Acting Group Executive, Ecobank Commercial Banking, said: "This award recognises the strength of Ecobank's support for Africa's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), enabling them to thrive and grasp the immense intra-African trade opportunities created by the AfCFTA's single market. In addition to our comprehensive suite of banking, payments, collection, and financing solutions, we also offer invaluable non-financial support, such as business leadership and skills training, and our innovative matchmaking platform connecting traders, buyers, sellers and suppliers across Africa."

In recent months, Ecobank has further expanded its lending capacity to meet the financing needs of SMEs through strategic initiatives, including a US\$200 million risk-sharing agreement with the African Guarantee Fund, and a US\$32.8 million loan facility from eco.business Fund and the SANAD Fund for SMEs.

Global Finance selected the winners for the 2024 Best SME Bank Awards based on entries submitted by banks and independent research, supplemented by



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insights from industry insiders, executives, and technology experts.

This latest recognition adds to Ecobank's growing list of accolades, including being

named Africa's Best Bank for SMEs in Euromoney's Awards for Excellence 2023, continuing the success from the previous year.

City traders close shops in EFRIS protest

KAMPALA

SHOPS in all parts of the city centre have closed as traders protest over the Electronic Fiscal Receipting and Invoicing Solutions (EFRIS) system.

The protests were started last week by traders affiliated with the Federation of Uganda Traders' Associations (FUTA). On Tuesday, they were joined by other traders associated with Kampala City Traders Association-KACITA.

Most of the arcades and other businesses remained closed, as the traders stood outside their shops.

Different security agencies including military police, and field force unit (FFU) counterterrorism Police, were deployed in different parts of the city center.

On some roads such as Nakivubo, Namirembe, and Kiseka, police used teargas and bullets to disperse some rowdy traders who had started burning tyres in the middle of the roads.

Godfrey Katongole the Chairman of Kampala Arcades Association-KATA said they have closed their businesses after several attempts to discuss with the government have been futile.

"We're protesting against Electronic fiscal receipting and invoice solution which is being put on us, yet we don't know how it works, taxes like import duty which is at 35 percent, we want it reduced to 20 percent, and unfair taxes collection methods by URA," Katongole said.

He added that they will close businesses until Friday when they anticipate meeting the President.

"Most of the policies are passed after meeting the President, yet sometimes he never gets the truth on how these policies will affect the business community. We're hoping to meet the President so that we can explain to him our grievances too. Katongole noted"

On Monday, the Kampala Metropolitan Deputy Police Spokesperson, Luke Owoyesigiyire said that security agencies had realized that politicians were planning to hijack the protests by traders to cause riots in the city center.



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NOTICE OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman and Shareholders,

Notice is hereby given that the **TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of CRDB BANK PLC will be held on **Saturday, 18th May, 2024** at the **Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall**, commencing at **9.00 a.m.** and the following Agenda will be transacted:

- 1. Opening of the Meeting.**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda.**
- 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting.**
- 4. To discuss the Matters Arising.**
- 5. Adoption of the Report by those charged with Governance and Audited Financial Statements for year 2023.**
 - 5.1 Directors' Report
 - 5.2 Audited Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.
 - 5.3 Declaration of Year 2023 Dividend.
- 6. Approval of Directors Remuneration.**
- 7. Appointment of the External Auditors.**
- 8. Election of Board Members.**
 - 8.1 One (1) Board Member to represent shareholders owning shares above 1% and below 10%.
 - 8.2 One (1) Board Member to represent shareholders owning shares below 1%.
- 9. To deliberate on Proposals received from Shareholders.**
- 10. Any other business with leave of the Chair.**
- 11. To set the place, date and venue of the next meeting.**
- 12. Closing of the meeting.**

NOTE:

1. The Shareholders Register will be closed on 14/05/2024 and will be opened on 15/05/2024.
2. All proposals to be discussed under Agenda no. 9 must be received by the Secretary not later than **Thursday, 02/05/2024 at 4.00 pm.**
3. Papers for the meeting may be collected from CRDB Bank Branches from **08/05/2024** and will also be available in Arusha from **17th to 18th May, 2024** and on the Bank's website www.crdbbank.co.tz on **08/05/2024**
4. Costs for transportation and accommodation will be borne by shareholders themselves.

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS SEMINAR

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Shareholders Seminar on 17th May 2024, starting at 9.00 a.m. at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall. The following topics will be presented:

- a) Investment in shares.
- b) Kijani Bond Investment.
- c) Importance of making a will.
- d) Financial Inclusion.
- e) Insurance offerings.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

J. B. Rugambo
SECRETARY

17th April, 2024

Bank of America's profits drop as key lending revenue suffers

NEW YORK

BANK of America (BAC) said Tuesday that first-quarter profits dropped 18 percent from a year ago as a key revenue source weakened, offering the latest example of how even the biggest banks are increasingly challenged by high interest rates.

Net interest income at Bank of America fell 3 percent from the year-earlier period "as higher deposit costs more than offset higher asset yields and modest loan growth," the bank said in a release.

That measure captures the difference between what a bank earns on its loans and other assets versus what it pays out on deposits. It is a critical contributor to profits for all banks.

Three other giant banks – JPMorgan Chase (JPM), Wells Fargo (WFC), and Citigroup (C) – also disclosed challenges with this revenue source as higher-for-longer interest rates from the Federal Reserve continue to pressure lenders to pay more to keep their depositors.

One sign of how higher deposit rates are affecting Bank of America is that its non-interest bearing deposits fell 16 percent to \$520.6 billion. Another is the higher rate it paid on US interest-bearing deposits, which rose to 2.53 percent in the first quarter compared with 1.28 percent a year earlier.

Bank of America's chief financial officer Alastair Borthwick told analysts the company's expectation is that the second quarter will be the "low point" for net interest income and "we expect the back half of 2024 to grow" – repeating guidance it had provided previously.

Its net interest income did rise when compared to the fourth quarter and beat expectations. It expects



Bank of America Chairman and CEO Brian Moynihan. Photo: Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters

to earn \$14 billion from that source in the second quarter, which is more optimistic than what the bank implied in previous guidance.

If the Fed does in fact pull back the number of cuts it expects to make in 2024 from the current estimate of three, that could also help Bank of America since elevated rates would allow it to charge more for its loans.

"If we have less rate cuts we will benefit from that," Borthwick said, adding that "generally speaking higher for longer is better for banks." Bank of America's stock was up more than 1 percent in pre-market trading.

Deposit pricing pressure is also rising at Wells Fargo and Citigroup, which disclosed they are shelling out more for that funding than a year ago. That pressure is likely to intensify now that investors no longer expect a rate cut from the Fed in

June, due to hotter-than-expected inflation data this past week and a surprisingly resilient economy.

One bright spot for Bank of America was its Wall Street operations.

Revenue for investment banking, trading and wealth management all rose from a year ago and the previous quarter, outperforming analyst expectations.

Trading and wealth management rose more than 2 percent and 5 percent while investment banking revenue of \$1.57 billion was 35 percent higher compared with last year.

"Our wealth management team generated record revenue, with record client balances, and investment banking rebounded," said CEO Brian Moynihan.

"Bank of America's sales and trading businesses continued their strong 2023 momentum this quarter, reporting the best first quarter in over a decade."



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DIVIDEND DECLARATION NOTICE FOR THE YEAR 2023

Notice is hereby given that dividend of TZS 50 per share in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2023 has been proposed by the Board of Directors. Pursuant to this declaration, shareholders are advised to observe the following:

Dividend Declaration Date: 17th April 2024

Trading of Shares cum Dividend: 17th April 2024 to 08th May 2024

Trading of Shares Ex Dividend: 09th May 2024 onwards

Closure of Members Register: 13th May 2024

Dividend Payment Date: 05th June 2024

Shareholders are requested to submit and update their payment details at the Share Registry Office to enable the timely payment of their dividends.

The contact details of the Shares Registry Office are as follows:

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J. B. Rugambo
SECRETARY

17th April, 2024



Geng Shuang (front row, center), China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, speaks during a Security Council meeting on Colombia at the UN headquarters in New York, April 9, 2024. XINHUA

China urges restraint in Red Sea, calls for end to attacks on shipping

UNITED NATIONS

CHINA on Monday voiced concerns about rising tensions in the Red Sea, urging the Houthis to acknowledge the navigation rights of commercial vessels from all nations in the Red Sea and to promptly halt any related attacks.

During a briefing at the United Nations Security Council on Yemen, Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, highlighted the complex and daunting situation in Yemen. "All parties concerned should adhere to the general direction of political settlement," Geng said, emphasizing the need for a Yemeni-led political process.

He urged restraint and collaboration among all stakeholders to "create a favorable atmosphere for the political process".

"We call on the parties concerned to exercise restraint and refrain from actions that might exacerbate tensions," said Geng, underscoring the necessity for peaceful navigation and the immediate cessation of hostilities affecting commercial shipping.

Moreover, Geng reiterated China's position that "the Security Council has never authorized any country to use force against Yemen," and warned against the misuse of international law and UN Security Council resolutions by any country.

Addressing the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, Geng described the dire conditions resulting from the nine-year conflict, which has devastated critical infrastructure and plunged over 80 percent of the population into poverty.

"More than 4.5 million school-aged children are unable to attend school," he added, calling on the international community to "increase its investment in Yemeni humanitarian and development efforts".

The envoy also linked the tension in the Red Sea with the ongoing conflict in Gaza, criticizing the continuation of hostilities despite UN Security Council Resolution 2728's explicit demand for a ceasefire.

"Israel should fulfill in good faith its obligations as a member state of the UN," he said, urging Israel to cease its military attacks on Gaza and its collective punishment of the Palestinians.

In conclusion, Geng supported further actions by the Security Council in response to developments on the ground, stressing the global importance of stability in the region.

Dubai International named world's busiest international airport for 10th consecutive year

DUBAI

THE Airports Council International (ACI) today unveiled the highly anticipated preliminary top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2023, showcasing significant shifts driven by the resurgence of international air travel, where Dubai International (DXB) retained its title as the world's busiest international airport for international travel, for the 10th year running.

Acknowledging the achievement, Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths said: "While this milestone was greatly anticipated, its official confirmation instills us with great pride. DXB is proud to uphold its status as the world's foremost international airport for an unparalleled ten years."

"Throughout this decade, DXB has surpassed many records and attained numerous milestones, from welcoming our billionth passenger to introducing new terminals and facilities, collaborating with numerous airlines to broaden connectivity to diverse global destinations, all the while enhancing every aspect of the airport experience for our guests," said Griffiths in a statement on this remarkable feat.

"Our unwavering commitment to operational excellence has set new benchmarks, cementing DXB's position as a leading entity in global aviation.

This remarkable achievement underscores Dubai's collaborative ethos. Our success owes much to the collective efforts of all service partners within the airport community and the broader aviation, travel, and tourism sectors. Together, we have bolstered Dubai's reputation as the premier destination, offering unparalleled travel experiences worldwide."

"As we look ahead, our focus remains clear. We are determined to maintain DXB's dominant position for the next decade and beyond.

Through sustained collaboration and innovation, we are poised to shape the future of global aviation, ensuring DXB remains synonymous with excellence across every facet of the passenger journey," he concluded.

ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said, "Global air travel in 2023 was chiefly fuelled by the international segment, propelled by several factors.

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LAS VEGAS

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a key trend at the ongoing U.S. largest annual show for media, entertainment and technology, convened in the U.S. city of Las Vegas.

From content creation to delivery to revenue, AI is reshaping the broadcast, media and entertainment industry in the United States.

The annual show, running from Sunday to Wednesday, has attracted over 1,200 exhibitors and up to 70,000 attendees from the United States and around the world, according to

AI drives future of US broadcast, media, entertainment industry

the U.S. National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the show organizer. The show floor at Las Vegas Convention Center has seen an increase of 10 percent compared with last year, Kari Jacobson, director of sales at NAB, told Xinhua.

Now in its 101st year, the NAB show is the world's leading marketplace featuring advanced technologies and solutions from the latest gear to generative AI and beyond, exploring the impact of the

newest tech on storytelling, business models and society as a whole.

The annual show offers a platform for the media and entertainment professionals to showcase the latest innovations in media industry, including broadcasting, content creation, production and workflows, forge strategic partnerships and shape the future of content creation. AI, content creation, streaming and Next-Gen TV are the hot topics in

the conference halls and on the exhibit floor. Exhibitors unveiled new technologies and innovations harnessing AI and third-party integrations to accelerate production workflows, improve production efficiency and content personalization.

"AI is a leading trend at this year's show for sure. Also we've seen the creator economy really growing significantly. That's been another trend of this show," Jacobson told Xinhua.

Elodie Levrel, corporate marketing and communications director of Broadpeak, a French company that designs and manufactures video delivery components for content providers and network service providers, told Xinhua that AI has huge impact in content capture, content creation, and storytelling. The influence of AI in other areas such as content delivery, is also increasing, she added. A series of sessions and conferences are held on the

sidelines of the show, including more than 150 sessions focusing on AI technologies, according to NAB. The show offers dozens of unique workshops and discussions focused on generative AI, including real-world applications, potential legal pitfalls and the newest technology available. "The NAB show is the perfect forum for discussion and debate about AI - with the best and brightest in the business. The 2024 NAB show offers attendees a front-

row seat to explore the transformative power of AI on our industry," said Chris Brown, executive vice president and managing director, NAB Global Connections and Events.

A total of 126 Chinese exhibitors have registered to attend the show, up from 77 last year, Jacobson told Xinhua. Small-Rig, a leading brand of affordable expert-quality accessories for content creation headquartered in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, is among the Chinese companies at the show floor.

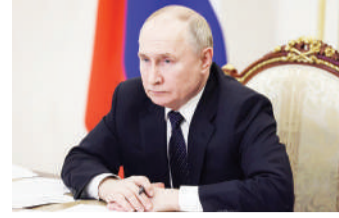
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Putin expresses hope for constraint in Middle East in conversation with Raisi

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and his Iranian counterpart, Ebrahim Raisi, discussed the latest escalation in the Middle East in a conversation yesterday, the Kremlin said.

On April 1, Israel delivered an airstrike on Iran's consulate in Damascus and on April 13, Tehran fired missiles and drones toward the Jewish state after warning regional players. Tehran said it had targeted military facilities only.



"Vladimir Putin said all parties would hopefully show a reasonable degree of constraint to avoid a new bout of tensions that may cause disastrous consequences for the entire region," the Russian presidential press service said.

According to the Kremlin, the

Iranian leader said that Iran's action was limited as he assured Putin that Tehran was not "seeking to escalate tensions further."

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said that together with the United States and Great Britain, Tel Aviv was able to neutralize 99% of the nearly 300 projectiles launched at Israel.

While Tehran said it planned no further actions after the April 13 attack, the Jewish state said it was preparing a response.

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Gaza cease-fire vital amid Israel-Iran tensions

HONG KONG

WITH the tensions between Israel and Iran threatening a broader regional conflict in the Middle East, experts are urging de-escalation and a continued commitment to achieving a permanent cease-fire in the Gaza strip.

They added that Israel's strategic maneuvers "represent a calculated policy of distraction" with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu becoming increasingly desperate for respite amid domestic upheaval, legal challenges, and dwindling support from traditional allies over Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza.

Israel's wartime Cabinet met for hours to discuss potential responses to Iran's "unprecedented" missile and drone retaliation over the weekend following killing of Iranian officers and bombing Iranian consulate building in Damascus on April 1.

Iran launched drone and missile strikes against Israel late on April 13, in response to the April 1 airstrike on an Iranian diplomatic building in the Syrian capital of Damascus. The Damascus attack killed at least one senior figure in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and several other officers.

Amid a meeting with pilots at the Nevatim Air Force base, which suffered minor damage from Iranian missiles, the chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces Herzi Halevi said on Monday that a response is imminent, Xinhua cited a report by Israel's N12 TV news.

Francesca Albanese, the



Israeli Iron Dome air defense system launches to intercept missiles fired from Iran, in central Israel, April 14, 2024. AP

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the West Bank and Gaza, said that she hoped Iran's military response to Israel's bombing of the Iranian embassy in Syria "doesn't escalate into a full blown war".

"At the same time I urge everyone to remain committed to stop Israel's genocide in Gaza and its brutal violence in the West Bank. This is the only path to peace in the region and beyond," Albanese wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Rasha Al Joundy, a senior researcher at the Dubai Public Policy Research Centre, believes that Albanese used the word "committed" to warn against using the Iranian response against Israel "as an excuse to drop support for a cease-fire in Gaza".

"Despite the fact that Iran executed a calculated response with no casualties on the Israeli side, there is always the risk of more escalation if Israel decides to also respond to the Iranians," Al Joundy told China Daily.

"This means a widespread conflict would be on the horizon in the region. As long as there is war in Gaza and the two-state solution is not supported, you cannot achieve ultimate peace," she added.

Israeli forces have carried out a large-scale offensive in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel on Oct 7, which saw about 1,200 people

killed and more than 200 taken hostage.

To date, the Palestinian death toll from ongoing Israeli attacks on Gaza has risen to more than 33,700.

Before the Iranian strike over the weekend, pressure had been piling on Israel over its defiance of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2728, which called for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza.

Israel has also been pressured by the international community to allow the flow of life-saving aid amid accusations it is using starvation as a weapon. International agencies have said that there is looming famine in Gaza.

Tel Aviv has also faced growing opposition over the Israel army's killing of seven aid workers from World Central Kitchen on April 1 after strikes hit their three-vehicle convoy despite being clearly marked with the charity's logos.

The seven killed were from Australia, Poland, the United Kingdom, a dual citizen of the US and Canada, and Palestine. The governments of the nationals involved have called for an independent and thorough investigation into the incident, with Australia hinting it could recognize Palestinian statehood.

Agencies

Xi puts forth four principles to resolve Ukraine crisis

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday proposed four principles to prevent the Ukraine crisis from spiraling out of control and to restore peace at an early date.

Xi met with visiting German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Beijing and the two leaders had an in-depth exchange of views on the crisis in Ukraine during their talks.

Xi emphasized that under the current situation, in order to prevent the conflict from spiraling out of control, all par-



ties should work together to restore peace as soon as possible. To this end, he proposed four

principles.

"First, we should prioritize the upholding of peace and stability and refrain from seeking selfish gains. Second, we should cool down the situation and not add fuel to the fire.

Third, we need to create conditions for the restoration of peace and refrain from further exacerbating tensions.

Fourth, we should reduce the negative impact on the world economy and refrain from undermining the stability of global industrial and supply chains," Xi said.

Xinhua



Their efforts will shape the future of our nation'

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the candidates who cleared the UPSC Civil Service exams and said those who could not clear should remember that this isn't the end of their journey, adding that there are chances ahead to succeed in the exams.

"I congratulate all those who have successfully cleared the Civil Services Examination, 2023. Their hard work, perseverance and dedication has paid off, marking the start of a promising career in public service. Their efforts will shape the future of our nation in the times to come. My best wishes to them," PM Modi posted X.

PM Modi also offered some words of encouragement to the candidates who did not clear the UPSC Civil Services exam.

"I want to tell those who didn't achieve the desired success in the Civil Services Examination - setbacks can be tough, but remember, this isn't the end of your journey. There are chances ahead to succeed in exams, but beyond that, India is rich with opportunities where your talents can truly shine. Keep striving and exploring the vast possibilities ahead. Wishing you all the very best," he added.

The Union Public Service Commission on Tuesday announced the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2023.

The written part of the Civil Services Examination, 2023 was held by the UPSC in September 2023 and the interviews for the Personality Test were held in January-April 2024.

Aditya Srivastava has secured the first position in the Civil Services Examination, 2023. Animesh Pradhan secured the second rank and Donuru Ananya Reddy stood third.

Others in top 10 include - P K Sidharth Ramkumar (4), Ruhani (5), Srishti Dabas (6) Anmol Rathore (7), Ashish Kumar (8), Nausheen (9) and Aishwaryam Prajapati (10). In recent years, women have demonstrated remarkable achievements in securing top positions in the UPSC examinations.

According to the official release, 1016 candidates (664 men and 352 women) have been recommended by the Commission for appointment to various services. Among the final qualified candidates, the top five comprise three men and two women.

In the General category, 347 candidates have been selected, from Economic Weaker Section-115, Other Backward Caste-303, Schedule Caste-165 and Scheduled Tribes-86.

ANI

US House speaker unveils plan to advance stalled aid for Israel, Ukraine

WASHINGTON

US House Speaker Mike Johnson unveiled a plan Monday evening to advance US foreign aid in his chamber by proposing four separate bills, among which two would address the aid for Israel and Ukraine, respectively.

According to the plan, which Johnson announced after huddling with the House GOP conference in a closed-door meeting, four individual bills will be presented on the House floor and voted separately as soon as this week.

One bill will provide funding for Israel, another will fund Ukraine's conflict with Russia, a third will support US allies in the Indo-Pacific, and an unspecified fourth bill aims to "counter our adversaries and strengthen our national security," Johnson said in a post on X.

The announcement marked the first concrete indication that the House speaker would try to find a path forward after resisting for months a Senate-passed 95-billion-US-dollar bill. This bill approved a sweeping supplemental budget request from President Joe Biden's administration, combining aid for Israel, Ukraine, and other allies.

"We won't be voting on the Senate supplemental in its current form, but we will vote on each of these measures separately in four different pieces," Johnson told reporters as he emerged from the meeting, adding that an amendment process will be allowed for the bills.



Speaker Mike Johnson speaks to the press following a House Conference meeting to discuss Iran's attack on Israel at the US Capitol in Washington, DC. AFP

As far as timing is concerned, the Louisiana Republican said he expected the text of the bills to be finalized as soon as Tuesday. If that is the case, the floor vote could happen Friday at the earliest, Johnson said.

What was notably missed out in the four measures, though, was a policy overhaul to address what Republicans considered a crisis on the US southern border. Resolving the broken immigration system was Johnson's main reason for delaying a vote on the

Senate-approved bill. Such a move is nothing short of a gamble for Johnson, not only because it would be nearly impossible for the four bills to pass with a simple majority, given the historically slim majority Republicans now hold in the chamber, but also because it could potentially result in the speaker being ousted by a vote called for by GOP congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia. She threatened to deprive Johnson of his speakership should he allow any more money for Ukraine.

Greene said on Monday that she had not

decided on when to trigger the process to vacate the speaker's seat. Nonetheless, she called Johnson's plan a "scam" and "another wrong direction".

"He's definitely not going to be speaker next Congress," Greene said, adding it was "to be determined" if he would even finish out this term.

Earlier in the day, the White House announced its opposition to a stand-alone bill from Republicans that provides aid only to Israel, doubling down on pressure for Johnson to pass the supplemental as it is.

"We are opposed to a stand-alone bill that would just work on Israel, as we've seen proposed. We would oppose a stand-alone bill, yes," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters at the White House's first briefing after Israel became the target of a large-scale retaliatory attack by Iran over the weekend.

"Time is not on anyone's side here in either case," Kirby said of Israel and Ukraine. "So (House Republicans) need to move quickly on this. And the best way to get that aid into the hands of the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) and into the hands of the Ukrainian soldiers is to pass that bipartisan bill that the Senate passed."

Johnson told reporters that he and his GOP colleagues discussed at the end of the meeting whether to merge the four bills into a single package and send it to the Senate. While the decision is yet to be made, the speaker said his "personal preference is to do it individually".

Why foreign leaders prefer other Chinese cities over Beijing as first stop of China trip?

BEIJING

WHEN foreign leaders plan visits to China, the destination of their first choice is not always the nation's capital, Beijing. It might seem surprising at first glance, given Beijing's status as the political heart of China. However, it is understandable if the purpose of their visit, its political or cultural symbolic meanings, or the message they aim to convey are taken into account.

CHONGQING

The booming megacity of Chongqing in southwest China is famed for its mountainous terrain and fire-breathing hotpot.

The Yangtze River winds its way through the city, painting a mesmerizing panorama. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz arrived in Chongqing on Sunday morning to kick off his packed three-day visit. He then traveled to Shanghai on Monday and is scheduled to conclude his visit in Beijing on Tuesday.

The various fields in which China and Germany enjoy promising cooperation are believed to have played a major role in determining his itinerary.

As an economic engine in the inland region, Chongqing has a strong industrial base and has reshaped its industrial landscape through innovation.

Accompanied by a large delegation of ministers and business executives, Scholz visited Sino-German joint venture Bosch Hydrogen Powertrain Systems (Chongqing) Co., Ltd. and experienced the assembly of hydrogen fuel cell power modules.

He is impressed by the cooperation between German and Chinese enterprises in the field of hydrogen technology, and Germany is will-



Federal Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz learns about a Sino-German cooperative scientific research project on water monitoring in Jiangbeizui, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, April 14, 2024. (Xinhua/Huang Wei)

ing to continue to deepen friendly exchanges with China and push bilateral cooperation to a new level.

Chongqing has been actively expanding its capacity in hydrogen production, creating remarkable potential for bilateral cooperation in the area. In December 2023, a major hydrogen supply center for vehicles in southwest China went operational in Chongqing.

As Germany faces challenges with its green energy push, it is expected that German automakers will take advantage of the visit to deepen collaboration with their Chinese peers, which have become leading global players in new energy vehicles, said Sun Yan-

hong, a senior research fellow at the Institute of European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Additionally, Chongqing serves as a pivotal hub for China-Europe freight trains. Observers said that Scholz's visit paves the way for future bilateral cooperation in infrastructure. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of the China-Europe freight train services in the German city of Duisburg. Soren Link, mayor of Duisburg, said that the demand for logistics between China and Europe is still high, and Duisburg is willing to maintain and strengthen ties with China while endeavoring to foster greater connec-

tivity between the two sides.

GUANGZHOU

Political and economic considerations also play a major role in foreign leaders' selection of cities, as exemplified by U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's China trip earlier this month.

She commenced her journey in the southern city of Guangzhou, and then visited Beijing amid ongoing tensions surrounding U.S. economic and high-tech restrictions against China and the issue of production capacity. According to Huo Jianguo, a vice chairman of the China Society for World Trade Organization Studies in Beijing,

Yellen's decision to choose Guangzhou as her first stop indicates the "pragmatic" nature of the visit that focuses on commercial issues and businesses.

"Choosing Guangzhou as the first stop appears to be downplaying the official tone ... Yellen was more pragmatic during this trip and willing to have contacts with companies so as to create a more relaxed atmosphere," Huo said.

Yellen's Guangzhou trip drew widespread attention both within China and worldwide. "Yellen's visit to China sent a positive signal, showing that China and the U.S. are willing to communicate," Huo said.

China, the world's third-largest country by territory with a population of over 1.4 billion and a rich history, is home to a myriad of vibrant cities.

From the political center of Beijing to the financial hub of Shanghai, the trade port of Guangzhou and the inland municipality of Chongqing, each city offers its unique characteristics.

By immersing themselves in different Chinese cities, foreign leaders can get firsthand experiences and develop a more comprehensive understanding of China's multifaceted geographical, economic and cultural landscape, thereby enabling them to refine their policy decisions and improve relations with China.

Xinhua

KHARTOUM

AS the war in Sudan persists for one year, the prospect for a political settlement remains bleak, as regional and international initiatives have failed to silence the guns.

Since the armed conflict broke out between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on April 15, 2023, regional and international powers have made mediation efforts to convince the warring parties to agree on a political path to ending the conflict.

Yet, no significant success has been achieved. On May 6, 2023, Saudi Arabia and the United States put forward a peace initiative in Jeddah as the first serious attempt to end fighting in Sudan, which was later known as the Jeddah negotiation platform.

Later last May, the two war-

One year on, Sudan war persists with no end in sight

ring parties signed the Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan and achieved a short-term ceasefire to facilitate emergency humanitarian assistance. However, the initiative failed to reach a comprehensive peace agreement.

To promote dialogue between the SAF and the RSF, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African bloc, adopted an initiative in Djibouti last June, including a roadmap for resolving the Sudanese conflict.

However, the initiative failed to bring together the two warring parties to a negotiating table due to the boycott by the Sudanese army delegation, who accused some of the bloc's countries

of supporting the RSF. Muhammad Khalifa al-Siddiq, a professor of political science at the International University of Africa in Khartoum, attributed the failure of these initiatives to the split between them.

"The split between initiatives to resolve the Sudanese crisis has complicated the problem, and it has become clear that regional and international competition has contributed to prolonging the war," al-Siddiq told Xinhua, underscoring the need to integrate the IGAD initiative and the Jeddah platform. He stressed that the success of any initiative for a political settlement in Sudan requires the political will of the two parties to end the war permanently.

Slightly disagreeing with al-Siddiq, Rabie Abdul Atti, a political analyst and former advisor to the Ministry of Information in Sudan, believes that the regional and international communities are part of Sudan's problem and cannot be part of the solution.

"At first, the Saudi-U.S. initiative constituted a suitable platform, but it failed to achieve a peaceful settlement due to the intersection of international and regional interests," Abdul Atti told Xinhua.

Stressing the need for a political solution that would spare Sudan from further devastation and destruction, Abdul Atti accused the RSF of being unwilling to achieve peace in Sudan.

"There is no clear goal for

the RSF in this war. It was unable to form a government in areas under its control, and I do not think it wants to do so," Abdul Atti said, considering the RSF just a tool serving foreign agenda for prolonging the war and preventing any political settlement.

Sharing similar sentiment, Al-Fateh Al-Sayed, former secretary-general of the Sudanese Journalists Union, considered regional and international initiatives would not succeed in ending the deadly conflict in Sudan.

The problem with the war in Sudan is that it is more associated with the outside than the inside. It is closely linked to the fast-growing developments in the region," Al-Sayed told Xinhua.

He added, "Under these

complicated conditions, it is unlikely for any initiative to succeed in ending the conflict in Sudan. We must not greatly depend on external solutions, and a national consensus is needed."

Former Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, in the meantime, warned that the continuation of the fighting threatens to inflict comprehensive collapse and devastation across the country.

In remarks on the occasion of the first anniversary of the war, Hamdok said, "Today we talk about the disasters and calamities that the war will bring onto our country, and we call for adherence to dialogue and peaceful means."

"The war which is tearing our country apart has completed its first year... Every

Emirates awarded certified autism centre designation for all check in facilities in Dubai

DUBAI

FURTHERING Dubai's commitment to accessible travel Emirates has achieved a Certified Autism Centre Designation for all of its Dubai check in facilities.

The certification, awarded by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) ensures that all Emirates facilities in Dubai have taken a significant step towards making travel more inclusive and accessible to neurodiverse customers, meeting criteria required for a comfortable and supported travel experience.

The facilities include Emirates City Check-In & Travel Store, Emirates Cruise Check In - Port Rashid, Emirates Cruise Check In - Dubai Harbour and Emirates City Check-In Ajman, in addition to the Emirates' dedicated hub in Terminal 3 at Dubai International Airport (DXB).

As part of the designation, Emirates employees at the various facilities have undergone specialized training on autism and sensory awareness, to equip them with the understanding and skills to address needs of autistic travellers or those with sensory sensitivities, along with their families.

Comprehensive facilities audits were conducted across the locations, measuring all sensory inputs in public areas such as sound levels, lighting, and potential sights and smells to develop sensory guides, empowering travellers to make informed decisions and choose the environment that best suits their needs and preferences.

This achievement builds on the recent recognition of Dubai International Airport as the first international airport to earn the designation from IBCCES and aligns with the Department of Economy and Tourism's (DET) vision of becoming the first Certified Autism Destination (CAD) in the Middle East.

Emirates' City Check-Ins across Dubai offer a seamless and stress-free pre-airport experience in convenient and easily accessible locations, where Emirates customers can check in for flights up to 24 hours in advance, drop off luggage between four and 24 hours before departure, and choose between agent-assisted check-ins, robot-assisted check-ins, or self-service kiosks, allowing a more relaxed travel experience.

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects how people communicate and interact with others and the world around them. It is lifelong-one does not grow out of it, Autism often co-occurs with other conditions and learning disabilities.

Emirates DSVP Airport Services, Mr. Mohammed H. Mattar, commented, "As a global airline, Emirates is committed to providing a seamless travel experience for everyone.

We recognize the challenges customers with autism and sensory sensitivities face in airport environments. That's why we've proactively partnered with Dubai's DET and IBCCES to certify all our city check-in locations across the UAE. This initiative is a crucial step forward in our ongoing mission to make travel inclusive and accessible for all."

Chairman of the Board for IBCCES, Mr Myron Pincomb, remarked: "Emirates is known worldwide for its exceptional guest service. Checking in for a flight is one of the most stressful segments of the whole travel experience.

With the completion of the facilities, audit and the addition of the new sensory guides, the check-in procedure at the Check-in facilities will be more accommodating for people of determination, and especially those with sensory challenges."

By working together - Emirates, Department of Economy and Tourism and Dubai Airports in collaboration with the General Directorate of Residency and Foreign Affairs, Dubai Police and Dubai Customs, are making travel more inclusive and accessible for all, reflecting Dubai's commitment to becoming a leading destination for travellers with diverse needs.

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day, the suffering of our people increases. Tens of thousands of civilians and military personnel have lost their lives, and millions have been displaced," he added. Since the conflict broke out, 14,790 fatalities have been recorded in Sudan, while the number of people displaced has reached 8.2 million, according to the latest report by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



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SPORT



Dar es Salaam's junior soccer players nurtured by Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park center train at the center's venue recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Kimimba Swimming Promotion ready for rescue operations in Coast Region

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM'S Kimimba Swimming Promotion Limited says it is ready to offer rescue services to people affected by floods in various regions in Tanzania.

The firm's director Geoffrey Kimimba disclosed last Monday at a function in which 12 students from its subsidiary, Agnes Kimimba Foundation (ASF), were dispatched to Rufiji and Kibiti in the Coast Region to help in the ongoing rescue operations. The 12 students are among 25 rescuers now under the Dar es Salaam Scout.

Kimimba said his firm's rescuers are well prepared to undertake any rescue and safety operation, only that it cannot send them to the areas hit by floods due to lack of finances and materials.

He appealed to well-wishers to fund Kimimba Swimming Promotion Limited's rescuers so that they could help rescue people and properties affected by the floods.

"We have rescuers who are ready for any rescue and safety operation anywhere in the country, we have experience, our rescue team was involved in rescuing people and properties during the previous floods in the Jangwani area in Dar es Salaam and the MV Spice in Zanzibar, we are always ready but we lack capacity, we thank the Dar es Salaam Scout for incorporating our rescuers in the team which is travelling to Rufiji for the rescue purposes," he said.

Amina Maulid, Commissioner for Scout Dar es Salaam, said they invited ASF rescuers given the firm has rescuers with what it takes to undertake any rescue operation.

"We have 25 rescuers from all districts in Dar es Salaam and 12 of them are graduates of ASF, we work with this body as it has competent personnel for any water rescue operation, and we hope their presence in our team will be of great value to people living in Rufiji and Kibiti," she said.

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The two areas and other parts of the country were last week hit by the floods which have claimed the lives of more than 58 people.

Recently, a team of ministers, led by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, visited the Rufiji and Kibiti districts in the Coast Region to assist in evaluating the floods' impact in the areas.

The team included Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination) Jenista Mhagama, and Permanent Secretary Jim Yonazi among others.

The heavy rainfall in Rufiji District has caused significant devastation, affecting over 88,000 individuals who urgently require shelter, food, and healthcare.

In its recent report, the World Health Organization (WHO) has put water calamities as a major cause of death in Africa, especially in East Africa, adding they occupy 10th position as the main cause of death in the world.

By Guardian Correspondent

KILIMANJARO'S TPC Club golfer Ally Isanzu and Dar es Salaam-based professional golfer, Hassan Kadio, now see the 'Road to Dubai' draw closer after their impressive performance in the second round of the Lina Nkya Pro-Am tournament which took place at Morogoro Gymkhana Club's course last weekend.

The 'Road to Dubai' is the theme of the Lina PG Tour as the showdown's best performers in both amateur and professional categories will grab tickets to play in a global-level tournament in

SPORTS

Monumental battle in store between Simba SC and Yanga



Yanga's left-back, Lomalisa Mutambala (down), challenges Simba SC's right-back, Shomari Kapombe, as the clubs locked horns in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam in April 2023. Simba SC notched a 2-0 victory. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

EXCITEMENT is mounting in the country as an epic contest is set to take place at the ultra-modern Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam this weekend between those two staunch foes Simba SC and Yanga.

Still smarting from their respective elimination from continental football's top-tier competition, the CAF Champions League, both Simba SC and Yanga have now redirected their focus on claiming silverware on the home front.

It should be noted, though, that Yanga are happier campers than Simba SC at the moment as the Jangwani Street side is presently sitting prettily atop the league table while, in contrast, Simba SC is placed third on the league standings.

However, that is not the only contrast that can be drawn between the two age-old rivals.

Indeed, following their distressing ouster from the CAF Champions League, Simba SC disappointingly lost 6-5 to the lowly Mashujaa FC in the CRDB Federation Cup's Round of 16, which had the effect of rubbing salt into the Msimbazi Street outfit's wounds.

That unforeseen setback means that Simba SC can only vie for top honours

on one front (the local premier league), which is why the Msimbazi Street club is now setting sights on cutting short Yanga's reign of dominance on the action-packed local football scene.

Meanwhile, apart from admirably being the pacesetters in local football's top flight, Yanga is also well on course to securing a third straight league and cup double as the squad is already through to the CRDB Federation Cup's quarterfinals following a rather comfortable 2-0 win against the lightweights Dodoma Jiji FC.

It is against this backdrop then that both teams will lock horns in the latest installment of their age-old and fierce rivalry.

And, with Yanga eagerly seeking to ensure that the wheels do not come off their campaign to reclaim the league title, one wonders if that will give Yanga a slight edge in the expectedly titanic battle between local football's biggest rivals.

Speaking of epic battles, American basketball's top league, NBA, is nearing the long-awaited playoffs stage, which naturally means that excitement is reaching fever-pitch. With only the best eight teams qualifying for the playoffs in both the Western and Eastern conferences, a bona fide battle royal is set to be on the cards in both conferences once the playoffs tip off.

Of particular interest to avid African fans of the NBA will be the form of the Sixers' Cameroonian towering center Joel Embiid and the Milwaukee Bucks' Nigerian power forward Giannis Antetokounmpo.

However, beyond the illustrious exploits of Embiid and Giannis Antetokounmpo, many basketball buffs on the continent will be keeping tabs on a whole host of African

American basketball icons who are set to take center stage once the regular season draws to an end and the playoffs commence.

Indeed, two such gifted basketball stars are the famously potent combo of the Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown who have been ruthlessly ripping defenses to shreds this season.

Moreover, African fans will also be keeping track of those two evergreen veteran all-time greats, who are the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James and the Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, who is frequently right on the money with his three-point shooting.

Therefore, as the race to qualify for the NBA Playoffs heats, we should be in for some cracking basketball duels once this perennially scintillating post-season championship tips off.

Isanzu, Kadio hold sway in 2024 Lina PG Tour

By Guardian Correspondent

KILIMANJARO'S TPC Club golfer Ally Isanzu and Dar es Salaam-based professional golfer, Hassan Kadio, now see the 'Road to Dubai' draw closer after their impressive performance in the second round of the Lina Nkya Pro-Am tournament which took place at Morogoro Gymkhana Club's course last weekend.

The 'Road to Dubai' is the theme of the Lina PG Tour as the showdown's best performers in both amateur and professional categories will grab tickets to play in a global-level tournament in

Dubai after the climax of the tour's fifth round, according to its director Yasmin Challi.

Isanzu was the brightest star of the second round of the tour, though Kadio was the competitor who grabbed the event's jackpot at the end of the thrilling 72-hole showdown. The TPC Club golfer pocketed a 2m/- cash prize while Kadio grabbed a 6.8m/- cash prize.

The tour is the unique golf marathon being staged in Tanzania at the moment, as besides honouring Lina Nkya, who spearheaded the success of the women golfers at the global podiums, it is also titled the Road to Dubai, especially for

the overall best performers of both amateur and professional categories.

Isanzu, who grossed 74,73.72, and 78 in his four-day onslaught, won the event with +9 followed by professional Kadio with a +12 score. Kadio fetched a 6.8m/- cash prize for winning the second round.

Abdullah Yusuf finished overall runner-up in the professionals' category after grossing +16 ahead of the third-placed Nuru Mollel who grossed +17.

Bryson Nyenza, who penned + 18, ended fourth ahead of the fifth-placed Isack Wanyache who grossed +22.

Other golfers who claimed the top

ten spots included Fadhil Nkya, Frank Roman, Salum Dilunga Ninja, and Athumani Chiundu.

For amateur golfers' class, Isanzu beat his closest opponent, Isiaka Daudi Mtubwi by 15 strokes after he finished with +24.

The third-place finisher was Michael Massawe, who grossed +30, as the fourth-placed Victor Joseph grossed +30 and the fifth, Seif Mcharo, walked with +32.

The third round, according to the tour's director Yasmin Challi, will be staged at Arusha Gymkhana Club course in July, this year.

African Amputee Football Nations Cup postponed to next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S national amputee football team has not travelled to Cairo, Egypt for the African Amputee Football Cup of Nations (AAFCON) as the championships have been postponed at the last minute.

The AAFCON, organized by the Confederation of African Amputee Football (CAAF), was scheduled to kick off this weekend.

Speaking on Monday- the day the squad, also termed Tembo Warriors, was required to make the trip- the team's manager Zaharani Mwenemti said the championships have been postponed to next month and will take place at the same venue.

The championships will be held from May 18-30 in Cairo. He said the postponement was due to the failure of some participating countries to submit their respective teams' details.

Mwenemti said due to the situation, the National Sports Council (NSC) has agreed

to take care of Tembo Warriors' training camp in Dar es Salaam.

The manager noted: "All was set for Tembo Warriors' trip to Cairo for the AAFCON finals which were slated to kick off this weekend but, while we were leaving Arusha- where the team was camping- and moving to Dar es Salaam ready for the trip, we were informed that the trip has been postponed."

"The good thing is that the government through NSC has agreed to take care of the team camp in Dar es Salaam, Tembo Warriors will enter camp soon and the venue will be announced soon, the good thing is that the Dar Es Salaam weather is similar to that of Egypt," he said

A release co-signed by CAAF president Leona da Rocha Pinto and secretary-general



Peter Oloo stated: "On behalf of the CAAF president and the CAAF Executive Committee, I must inform you that due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be able to organize the tournament this April as earlier scheduled." It added: "We have to

postpone the African Amputee Football Cup of Nations (AAFCON) organized by the Confederation of African Amputee Football (CAAF) to next month."

"In the last few days, we have had many discussions with the LOC, but it is impossible

to organize the tournament with the expected number of 16 teams."

"With few exceptions, putting into consideration that this is a World Cup Qualifier, the teams did not send their information in time - the first deadline was the beginning of February - and despite all efforts, it was not possible to get the visas for the teams before the start of some 'holidays' in Egypt after Ramadan."

"On the other hand, only a few teams paid their entry fees in time. We are now trying to organize the tournament from May 18-30, 2024."

"We are also aware that some countries including Gambia, Angola, Liberia, Morocco, and others have already purchased tickets for travel arrangements and we hope there is still an opportunity to make changes."

"We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by the postponement of AAFCON. However, we believe that this decision is necessary to

maintain the integrity and fairness of the tournament while prioritizing the safety and well-being of all participants."

"Should you require any further information or assistance regarding the postponement of AAFCON, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Thank you for your attention to this important communication."

This is the third time that Tanzania is competing in the AAFCON finals organized by the Confederation of African Amputee Football (CAAF).

It took part for the first time in Angola in 2019 and played host to the continental showpiece in 2020. Tembo Warriors secured the fourth spot in both tournaments.

Players making Tembo Warriors are Bashara Alombile, Hassan Ame, Ali Abdallah, Abdul Amiri, Anthony Manumbu, Richard Swai, Alifack Msomi, Juma Kidevu and Emmanuel Nakari.

Versatile Rodrygo Madrid's low-key weapon at Man City

LONDON

REAL Madrid visit Manchester City today bidding to reach the Champions League semi-finals and forward Rodrygo Goes may hold their key to success.

Rodrygo struck twice in a late blitz against Manchester City in 2022 to help Madrid knock the English side out and was on target again in the 3-3 quarter-final first leg draw last week.

While his Brazilian compatriot and strike partner Vinicius Junior and England international Jude Bellingham draw most of the attention, Rodrygo flies by under the radar.

Rodrygo's goals tend to come in fits and starts and with three in his last two games, the forward may have hit a new purple patch at a crucial moment.

In the first leg Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti deployed Rodrygo on the left of the attack, a position where he has been used sparingly, more often on the opposite flank.

The forward netted after 14 minutes to put his team 2-1 up, escaping into space down his wing, his shot deflecting off Manuel Akanji and past Stefan Ortega.

Content to play wherever and whenever the coach deems necessary, Rodrygo is a versatile weapon for Ancelotti.

"They didn't expect me to be on the left, we did it differently today and it went well," Rodrygo said after the thriller at the Santiago Bernabeu. "We have to win there, it's all open -- whoever makes the fewest errors will go through."

Madrid made several of those last season at City, thrashed 4-0 in the semi-final second leg which saw Pep Guardiola's side sail through to the final 5-1 on aggregate.

Los Blancos licked their wounds and have come back stronger this season, leading the Spanish top flight by eight points and looking sharper with Vinicius and Rodrygo backed up by Bellingham in attack.

Rodrygo has superb poise on the ball and dances slickly and effortlessly around defenders, with his movement making him hard to track.

Madrid will be looking to hurt Manchester City on the counter-attack at the Etihad Stadium and he is

one of their best tools in transition situations.

Ancelotti has kept faith in Rodrygo through dry spells at times this season.

After he failed to find the net in 11 appearances between August and October, he went on to score eight goals in the next eight games.

"If they say to you 'Think about any animal apart from the cat,' you only think of the cat," Ancelotti said in February. "To Rodrygo, I will not speak to him about goals, I'll never speak to him about goals."

Despite gaining revenge last season by hammering Madrid on the way to winning the trophy for the first time, Rodrygo's stunning late brace in 2022 still haunts City supporters.

The Brazilian pounced in the 90th and 91st minutes to force the semi-final second leg to extra time when it seemed City had booked their ticket to the Paris final.

Karim Benzema's penalty helped Madrid progress against a shellshocked City and Los Blancos went on to win the trophy for a record 14th time.

Rodrygo has won every trophy possible in club football at just 23 years old.

One competition Madrid have struggled in during the last decade is the Copa del Rey, but Rodrygo's double helped them to a 2-1 win over Osasuna to lift the cup in 2023.

It was Madrid's first Copa triumph since 2014 and Rodrygo's goal the quickest in a Spanish cup final for 17 years.

In the Champions League quarter-final second leg against Chelsea last season Rodrygo hit another brace to secure Madrid a 2-0 win at Stamford Bridge.

These decisive interventions make Rodrygo a pivotal man for Madrid on the big occasion and raise questions about how the team will set up if they capture Paris Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe in the summer.

Many predict Rodrygo would be the player to lose his place -- but Madrid will cross that bridge when they come to it, hoping to carry a record-extending 15th Champions League trophy.

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Wirtz and Xhaka 'staying' at Leverkusen next year, says Rolfes

BERLIN

FLORIAN Wirtz and Granit Xhaka will both stay with freshly-minted Bundesliga champions Bayer Leverkusen beyond the summer, sporting director Simon Rolfes said Monday.

Leverkusen clinched the first league title in their 120-year history with a 5-0 thrashing of Werder Bremen on Sunday, with Wirtz scoring a hat-trick and Xhaka also getting a goal.

The surprise title victory, which broke Bayern Munich's 11-year stranglehold on the German league, led to speculation that several players could leave, including 20-year-old Wirtz.

In an interview with Spiegel published Monday, the day after Leverkusen's title triumph, Rolfes said "Granit is staying, Florian too".

Wirtz, billed as a future star of world football, "is a figure people can identify with. With his grit and his willpower, he's a very special and important player for future successes."

Xhaka, who joined Leverkusen from Arsenal before the start of the season, played more minutes than any other player in the league for Alonso's side.

Leverkusen only had two major titles in the club's history before Sunday but are on track for a remarkable treble.

Xabi Alonso's side, still unbeaten after 43 matches, are in the German Cup final and have a 2-0 lead after the first leg in the Europa League quarter-finals against West Ham, with the second leg to be played in London on Thursday.

Rolfes ruled out big changes in the summer.

"If we make any big changes in summer, it would only be to bring in top people like Granit who are regular players," he said.

AFP



Florian Wirtz (L) and Granit Xhaka

Arsenal seek to silence doubters as Bayern Champions League test looms

LONDON

ARSENAL are preparing for a potentially season-defining Champions League clash against Bayern Munich today as familiar doubts simmer over whether they can handle the pressure after their damaging Premier League defeat by Aston Villa.

Sunday's 2-0 loss brought back uncomfortable memories for Mikel Arteta's side, who led the way for most of last season before buckling in the home straight, allowing Manchester City to overtake them.

Long-suffering fans fear the worst again, with City now top of the pile once more and favourites to seal an unprecedented fourth straight top-flight title.

Defeat at the Emirates -- Arsenal's first league loss of 2024 -- felt all the more galling after Liverpool's shock defeat by Crystal Palace earlier in the day put a huge dent in the Anfield club's title hopes.

Until Sunday's reverse, the Gunners had convinced many that they were the real deal, adding grit to style as they went on a rampaging run of 10 wins in 11 Premier League matches.

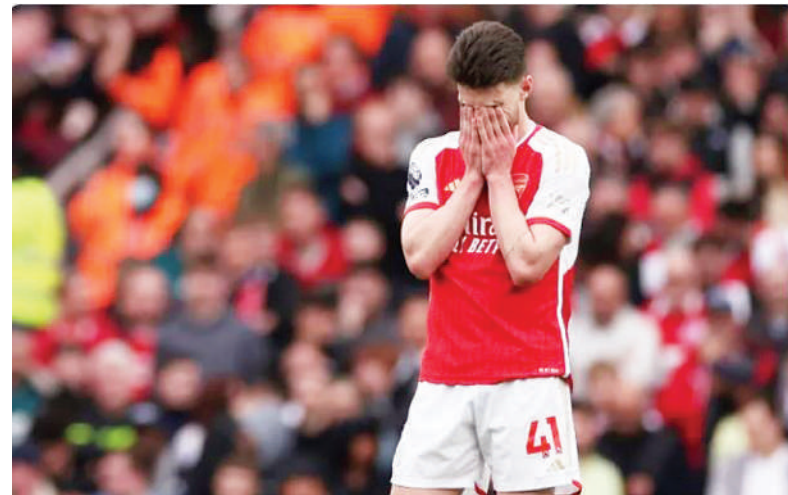
The only blip in that sequence was a hard-fought draw at City's Etihad Stadium, which in itself was seen as a sign of progress.

Now Arsenal, who have never won the Champions League, travel to the home of Bayern with little time to lick their wounds, targeting their first semi-final in the competition since 2009.

Last week's first leg at the Emirates ended 2-2. Normally, Arteta's team would be clear underdogs against the six-time European champions but Bayern are in an unusual situation -- coming to terms with the end of their 11-year stranglehold on the German top flight, dethroned by Bayer Leverkusen.

Declan Rice, hailed as a key cog in Arsenal's strengthened midfield this season, believes the high-profile game is the ideal stage for his side to show their mettle.

"It's the perfect game for a reaction," said the former West Ham player, who moved across London last July. "We need a reaction on Wednesday night and it is a great chance to show our character and



Declan Rice has been a key player for Arsenal since his move from West Ham. Agencies

leadership. It's time to go out there and hopefully get into the semi-finals of the Champions League.

"We have to park this to the side now. It's gone, it's a game of football. We've lost but we need to bounce back."

Arsenal were on top against Villa in the early stages but a sloppy second-half performance cost them dear, with substitute Leon Bailey and Ollie Watkins scoring late on.

Thousands of dispirited fans flooded out of the stadium before the full-time whistle, fearing Arsenal's push for a first Premier League title since 2004 could have been fatally undermined. But it is too early to draw definitive conclusions about a team that have looked robust until now, taking four points off both City and Liverpool this season.

Arteta urged his side not to lose heart, shifting the focus to today's match in Germany.

"We knew that this moment could come," he said. "Now it's about reacting and keep believing and doing what we can."

He added: "If you want to win championships, if you want to be there in the Champions League when you have these moments, you have to stand up."

"If not then that means you don't have quality that is very necessary and right now is a big test for us."

"We have a beautiful opportunity, an opportunity that hasn't happened at this club for 14 years to get to the semi-finals of the Champions League, so it cannot come in a better moment."

Meanwhile, Bayern Munich man-

ager Thomas Tuchel will seek to echo the spirit of 2021's Champions League-winning run with Chelsea in today's home quarter-final second leg against Arsenal.

Bayern put aside their domestic struggles in the first leg, returning from London with a 2-2 draw, another Harry Kane goal against his old foes and the knowledge victory in Germany will see them through to the final four.

With Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen already in possession of the Bundesliga trophy, the Champions League is now the only focus for Tuchel's Bayern.

Being able to concentrate only on Europe is a luxury few of the teams remaining in the Champions League have, particularly Arsenal who are in the midst of a tense Premier League title race.

Tuchel was free to make his focus on Europe obvious, making seven changes in Saturday's hard-fought 2-0 home win over struggling Cologne. Left out of the squad completely for the Cologne clash, captain Manuel Neuer and winger Leroy Sane were allowed to watch Saturday's win from the comfort of the grandstand.

Bayern will however face Arsenal missing several first teamers.

Canada defender Alphonso Davies is suspended, while forwards Serge Gnabry and Kingsley Coman are injured.

Tuchel would not be drawn on who would replace Davies on Wednesday, telling reporters after Saturday's win over Cologne he may "do something crazy".

Asked if one of Bayern's centre-backs could make the shift out to left-back, Tuchel said with a smile "no, we want to win."

Bayern veteran Thomas Mueller, who has two Champions League titles, wrote on social media the focus was all on Europe.

"Now, it's all about Europe. These nights, this pressure, this special atmosphere in the Allianz Arena: I'm looking forward to it."

While not quite at the level of self-described "overthinker" Pep Guardiola, Tuchel is known for his flexibility and a penchant for being tactically reactive, a perfect fit for knockout football. Despite winning leagues in France and Germany, Tuchel's teams have shone brightest in cup competitions. He announced himself as Dortmund coach by winning the 2017 German Cup, dispatching Bayern 3-2 in Munich in the semi-final on the way to the first major title of his career. His only Champions League season with Dortmund was impressive but failed due to circumstances beyond his control.

Tuchel's Dortmund were unbeaten in the group phase, finishing ahead of eventual champions Real Madrid.

Their campaign came undone in a quarter final against Monaco with the club forced to play a day after a bomb blast shattered the windows of the team's bus.

Dortmund's decision to play led to a rift between Tuchel and Dortmund which never healed and he was fired just days after his side lifted the German Cup.

At Paris Saint-Germain and Chelsea he made the finals of both the major and minor domestic cup competitions. In Europe, Tuchel took PSG to the Champions League final, where they lost 1-0 to Bayern.

The next season as Chelsea boss, he took over a side in disarray in January after the firing of club legend Frank Lampard.

He steadied the ship and took Chelsea to the Champions League final, where they beat Guardiola's heavily favoured Manchester City to win the title for the second time.

While plenty stands in the way of another Champions League triumph, including one more potential meeting with Guardiola's City on the way, Tuchel could be just four games away from Wembley glory.

Haaland out to hush critics as Man City aim to repeat Real Madrid heroics

LONDON

MANCHESTER City are closing in on a second consecutive treble, yet Erling Haaland is still facing criticism as Real Madrid visit the Etihad today aiming to exact revenge for their Champions League exit last season.

The 14-time European champions were humbled 4-0 on their visit to Manchester 11 months ago at the semi-final stage as City went on to win the Champions League for the first time, along with the Premier League and FA Cup.

Pep Guardiola's men are 12 games away from repeating that remarkable feat even without their prolific Norwegian hitting the form he did last season.

Haaland's return of 31 goals in 38 games this season is still impressive, but he has not scored in City's three meetings with Madrid in the past year and failed to find the net in 13 of his last 20 matches for club and country.

The 23-year-old has also been in the firing line for not offering anything other than goals.

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher labelled Haaland the "ultimate luxury player" who is yet to become "world-class".

Ex-Manchester United captain Roy Keane, infamously sent-off in a Manchester derby for a pre-meditated lunge on Haaland's father Alf Inge due to a long-running feud, went even further by claiming the City striker's hold-up play resembles that of a player in England's fourth-tier League Two.

The Spanish press have been just as harsh after Haaland failed to fire for a second consecutive year at the Santiago Bernabeu in a thrilling first leg that ended 3-3 last week.

His performance was described by Madrid sports daily Marca as "impotent", while AS called him "clumsy and desperate" in his attempts to get the better of Antonio Rudiger.

Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti will not repeat the same mistake of dropping Rudiger for the second leg as he did last season after the German had kept Haaland quiet in the Bernabeu.

City manager Guardiola has been protective of his star striker, pointing to both his record and the collective success of his side in Haaland's two seasons at the club.

The English champions have lifted the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup already this season with more silverware likely to follow.

City hold a two-point lead at the

top of the Premier League with six games to play and face Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-finals on Saturday.

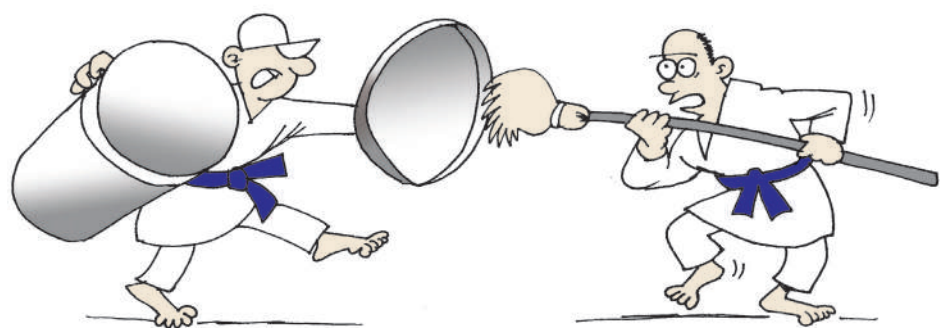
However, it is by helping to retain the Champions League that Haaland can make a global statement and further his bid to win the Ballon d'Or -- the annual award for the world's best player.

"The target is not the Ballon d'Or, the target is to win trophies and he did. Would we have won five trophies last year without him? Not a chance," said Guardiola when quizzed about Haaland's critics.

Guardiola also believes the forward's presence did have a telling impact in Madrid as Phil Foden and Josko Gvardiol were allowed space on the edge of the box to smash in stunning strikes as the Real defence tracked Haaland.

"He helps us to make more spaces in the areas and his contribution has been exceptional since the day he arrived last season," added Guardiola.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Arsenal seek to silence doubters as Bayern Champions League test looms

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Azam FC's coach Youssouph Dabo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC looks to close gap with Yanga

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TWO teams at opposite ends of the NBC Premier League table will lock horns at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam this evening, with both sides needing points for very different reasons.

The host, Azam FC, is sitting second having collected 50 points, five behind leaders Young Africans SC and four ahead of third-placed Simba SC.

With six games remaining post this fixture, victory is non-negotiable to keep pace in a heated title race.

A win would see them close the gap on Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, to two points albeit having played two more games.

They head into today's clash on the back of a 2-0 victory over Namungo FC. Thanks to Sunday's triumph, Azam FC is unbeaten in the squad's last 18 matches across all competitions, picking up 14 wins and four draws along the way.

Azam FC is also unbeaten in 15 league games, having claimed 11 wins and four draws since the team's last loss, with the last defeat coming five months ago against Yanga.

The probability of another positive result for Azam FC is high but coach Bruno Ferry insists his side will need to be at their best to grind another positive result against Mashujaa FC who are fighting for their lives.

"We have three games this week. We started with Namungo FC on Sunday. It was important for us to start with a good result so now we need to continue in that trend. We know it will be a difficult game tomorrow because this team has a lot of quality," Ferry said.

"They had a big game against Simba SC and we know they can repeat this kind of performance. What is important for us is to have a good recovery for the players because the trip was long. We need to be ready and concentrate because we know this team can cause problems if we don't do the job correctly."

"The biggest mistake we can make is to check the league table at the moment thinking that because of Mashujaa FC's position, it will be easy." "The most difficult game you can play at the moment is this kind of game, teams that are playing to avoid relegation are really difficult to play. They have motivation."

As for Mashujaa FC, this midweek match is not just a game- it is a trial by fire for the visiting side, who despite being caught up in the relegation battle have previously showcased a gallant fight.

Mashujaa FC's tenacity was on full display last week when they secured a precious penalty victory against Simba SC in the CRDB Federation Cup. That spirit will need to be summoned once more as they step into the Chamazi cauldron.

The army side cannot afford to slip yet again after losing 2-1 to Coastal Union last weekend.

The loss in the duel against Coastal Union sent them back to second bottom, just four points above a resurgent Mtibwa Sugar who picked a point in an away match between the side and Geita Gold FC.

Benchikha vows to fix Simba SC's finishing woes in clash vs Yanga

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

AHEAD of the highly anticipated Dar es Salaam derby between Simba SC and Young Africans SC, the former's head coach Abdelhak Benchikha has identified their biggest challenge- converting the scoring opportunities they create.

"We play well in every game, dominating large parts of the match, however, we consistently fail to capitalize on the chances we create," Benchikha acknowledged.

This inefficiency has translated into missed points in recent matches, but Benchikha remains resolute, noting: "We haven't given up on the championship fight, if we win all our remaining 10 games, that's 30 points, and we're still in contention."

Benchikha emphasized the urgency of improvement, stating: "Everyone knows it, we play well, we create many chances, but failing to convert them is a major problem."

Simba SC returned to training at Mo Simba Arena in Dar es Salaam on Monday, gearing up for the crucial league clash against Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, scheduled for Saturday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

According to Simba SC's Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ali, all players participated in the training session, including goalkeeper Ayoub Lakred. The Moroccan shot-stopper missed the previous two matches against Mashujaa FC and Ihefu SC due to family issues.

To intensify preparations, Simba SC recently embarked on a short training camp in Zanzibar before returning to Dar es Salaam for their final preparations before the clash with their archrivals.

The Msimbazi Street side, despite a somewhat underwhelming season so far, clings to the possibility of a dramatic turnaround. Currently sitting third with 46 points from 20 games, they find themselves nine points adrift of league leader Yanga.

The red and whites have managed 14 wins, four draws, and two losses, showcasing their resilience despite inconsistencies.

Their focus would hardly just be on the title- securing a coveted top-two finish and a place in the CAF Champions League is equally crucial.

Yanga, on the other hand, stands tall at the top of the table with a commanding 55 points from 21 matches. Their impressive form boasts 18 wins, a solitary draw, and just 2 losses.

The Jangwani Street side has been particularly dominant in attack, boasting the league's most prolific offense with a staggering 52 goals.

Spearheading this offensive charge is midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki, who sits atop the scorers' list with a remarkable 14 goals. Striker Joseph Guede's recent brace against Singida Fountain Gate FC further bolsters Yanga's attacking prowess, keeping him in a confident mood.

Recent history between these two giants suggests a tight contest. The last five league meetings have produced a balanced outcome, with each team securing a single victory while the remaining three encounters ended in draws.

Yet, Yanga's resounding 5-1 triumph in their most recent clash still lingers in their minds, undoubtedly fueling Simba SC's desire for revenge.

This fixture transcends the realm of a regular league fixture. It is a battle between pride, bragging rights, and ultimately, the coveted NBC Premier League title.

Both sides will be desperate to avoid dropping points, making for a highly anticipated encounter filled with tactical twists and turns.

Gamondi downplays pressure ahead of Yanga's crucial tie vs Simba SC



Yanga's players are pictured warming up before confronting Singida Fountain Gate FC in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League match at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans SC head coach Miguel Gamondi insists he is approaching the upcoming NBC Premier League clash against long-time rivals Simba SC with a cool head, despite the high stakes of the encounter.

The eagerly awaited match has been slated for Saturday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, with Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, currently leading the title race.

Gamondi downplayed any pressure surrounding the fixture, emphasizing his focus on meticulous preparation to secure victory and maintain his team's push for the silverware.

"It's a special game, but for me, it's like any other match. I have immense respect for all teams, and our preparation remains consistent," the Argentinian coach ac-

knowledged. Gamondi remarked: "We've concluded one stage of training and are now entirely focused on this game. Pressure? None whatsoever. My only objective is to prepare the team to win."

The gaffer attributed his team's success this season to a potent combination of talent, unwavering commitment, and tactical discipline displayed by his players.

"The biggest threat we pose lies in the quality, dedication, and tactical awareness of our players," he explained.

"They operate with remarkable unity and dedication, adhering to our game plan with discipline. It's this family spirit that truly matters."

This upcoming match promises to be a tense affair, with Yanga aiming to solidify their lead and Simba SC striving to close the gap.

Gamondi's unwavering focus and his team's strong showing so far suggest a thrilling encounter is on the horizon.

Yanga is, on the one hand, the league leader by a wide margin. The squad has been nearly unstoppable, racking up 18

wins and only losing twice in 21 games.

Their offense is on fire, leading the league with a whopping 52 goals. Midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki is the league's top goal scorer with 14 goals.

Simba SC, on the other hand, has had a less impressive season. They are currently in third place, nine points behind Yanga.

Despite some inconsistency, they have still managed 14 wins and are fighting for a top-two finish, which would qualify them for the CAF Champions League.

These two teams have a history of meeting in tightly contested matches. In their last five meetings, each team has only won once, with the other three games ending in draws.

However, Yanga's recent 5-1 thrashing of Simba SC is sure to be on everyone's mind, and Simba SC will be eager for revenge.

This game is much bigger than just three points because it is a battle for city bragging rights and, more importantly, the league title. Soccer lovers should expect a tense match with both teams being desperate to win.

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Simba SC head coach, Abdelhak Benchikha.

