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## Dar watersheds uplift: TBL, WWF team up

By Correspondent Millicent Mwololo

Climate change is one of the most pressing global challenges of the moment. And beer brewing is closely tied to the natural environment, agricultural products and water being the key ingredients.

It is therefore no surprise that Belgian multinational brewing company, Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) - the parent company of Tanzania Breweries Limited - has invested in a two-pronged water management project that focuses on water use efficiencies inside the brewery and watershed protection on the outside.

AB InBev and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) have partnered in implementing the Dar es Salaam Water Security Project, which seeks to restore the city's watersheds through bankable nature-based initiatives.

The Dar es Salaam Water Security Project is an integrated water resources management, with particular emphasis on catchment conservation.

The project will contribute to the achievement of the Tanzania's Development Vision 2025 and Africa's water vision for 2025, which is about attaining, "an Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio-economic

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# 'Tanzania an excellence centre in census conduct'



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured in Zanzibar yesterday addressing a symposium held to welcome the Islamic New Year. Photo: State House

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA expects to continue with its record of conducting a successful census each time it has to do so, above what other countries in sub-Saharan Africa have usually achieved, the top statistician has declared.

Dr Albina Chuwa, the government statistician, told a press conference here yesterday that some countries have not carried out the census exercise for decades while others had their census results rejected by various parties in the specific countries.

"Tanzania has a record of conducting a successful census each ten years and the past five ones were successful," she said, noting that there is no fear that the coming census will be poorly conducted.

She affirmed that preparations for the nationwide event were at a high stage, with the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) completing the training of clerks, supervisors and other officials at the national and regional levels. The bureau was now training census officials at district and ward levels, lasting from July 31st to August 18th which is five days ahead of the census exercise, she said.

Upwards of 205,000 people across the country who applied for census clerk positions were shortlisted for training, the third phase of training after national and regional training

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## Ludewa power cuts to end by next February

By Guardian Correspondent, Ludewa

MADOPE Power Co., carrying out a 12-hour power rationing on 12 villages in Ludewa District from its 1.7MW hydropower station, will now sell its power to the government controlled utility, TANESCO, to end the rationing.

Energy minister January Makamba said the government has decided to buy all the power generated by the company to enable the people to get reliable power supply. At present only 0.3MW is supplied out of the 1.7MW generated, he said, underlining that the company will also get its revenue. The purchase is a solution in regard of the rationing by the power firm set up by the Lugarawa power user community and the Ludewa District Council.

The power rationing arose from the low tension cable for supplying power compared to actual power needs by consumers using electricity for various economic activities. These include sunflower oil processing plants and grain milling.

Addressing Lugarawa village residents, the minister said Tanesco officials will be dispatched to the area later this week to assess power transmission and sign an accord enabling that by next February Ludewa residents will be

getting reliable power supply.

The power station at present has 3,200 consumers, with the power being supplied to health centres, five secondary schools, 19 primary schools and one orphanage centre.

Madope hydropower project stakeholders include the Rural Energy Agency (REA) who provided 4.1bn/- for it to take off.

Meanwhile, residents of Makete District in Njombe Region are happy with start of implementation of the 1.4trn/- hydropower project signed in 1998 on the Rumakali water course.

They told the minister during the visit that they had already despaired about the project but now their hopes have been restored. Pastor Edna Mwihalagila, a resident of Makete, said women engaging in social activities are in a difficult spot without light or heat.

With adequate electricity, we will be able to preserve the environment as we will no longer use wood fuel for cooking."

Nehemia Sanga, a resident of Kipagalo ward where the power station site is slated, said that people are used to hearing about the hydropower project but nothing was going on.

"With this news, the residents of the Kipagalo, Bulongwa and Inio wards are assured that benefits are on the way," she said, noting that many residents will now have an opportunity to employ themselves in various income generating activities.

Project supervisor Toto Sedekiah said feasibility studies were conducted back in 1998 by Fred Power, an engineering firm, along with Mwenzo Consult, targeting 222kilovolt intensity of electricity. "They recommended the construction of an

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By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A total of 182 victims of human trafficking were rescued from July 2021 to last month, mostly women and children.

Selestine Makoba, an official of the national anti-trafficking secretariat at the Ministry of Home Affairs, said this at the weekend when addressing delegates to a national dialogue on human trafficking organized by Courage Worldwide (Tanzania Chapter), where the government, international organizations and the United States embassy were involved.

## Trafficking: Victims were chiefly in Iraq, Botswana

Themed 'Learn more about fighting trafficking with trauma-informed, victim-centered approach,' the dialogue marked the first ever World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30.

Most people find themselves on illegal trafficking and smuggling acts where people

are dispatched to destinations they have not willed, or to occupations they have not sought, especially if they seek to leave their countries for 'greener pastures.'

Taylor Cofield, a US Embassy human rights officer, applauded the role played by the

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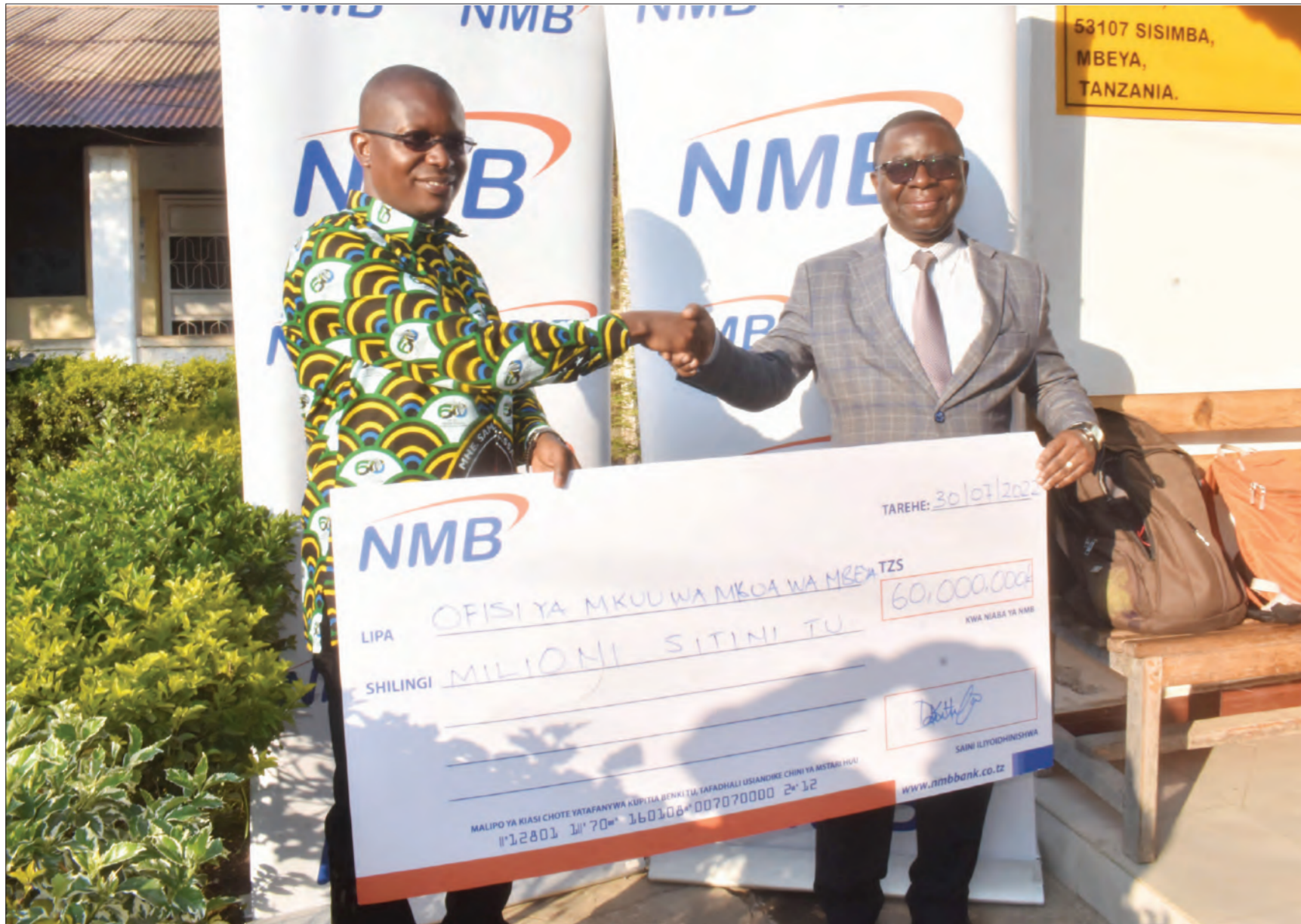


Residents of Mto wa Mbu in Monduli District, Arusha Region, 'welcome' Water minister Jumaa Aweso (R) with branches and empty water buckets and tree branches yesterday after forcing his motorcade to stop. Sources said they were protesting the long-running shortage of water in their part of the district. Meanwhile, the management of the Rural Water and Sanitation Agency in Arusha Region said more than 1.7bn/- has already been allocated to efforts to address the problem. Photo: Correspondent Thobias Mwanakatwe



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Mbeya district commissioner Rashid Mohamed Chuachua (L) receives a dummy cheque for 60m/- from NMB Bank Plc's Northern Highlands zone manager, Stratton Chilongola, at the weekend. The money is meant to support preparations for this year's edition of the agricultural trade fair, popularly known as 'Nane Nane' (Farmers') exhibition to be held this week, with the bank as the main sponsor. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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government and Courage Worldwide (T) in combating illegal human trafficking and smuggling.

"On July 19th the US government released a report on illegal human trafficking in the world that included research of 180 countries. Tanzania was among the 21 countries in the world that have shown efforts in fighting against illegal human trafficking," he stated.

Janne Williamson, founder and CEO of Courage Worldwide, said organizing

the dialogue involved collaboration with the government, the national organization against human trafficking (TANAHUT), and the Tanzania Relief Initiative (TRI), among others.

"We have Courage House in Tanzania, a long term residential program for minor victims of sex trafficking," she said, describing it as among the first of its kind in Tanzania and Africa.

"There are few resources dedicated to the aftercare of victims. Tanzania has strong laws against the trafficking of children, but the government is

just beginning to enforce the laws, identify victims and look for more strategic ways to prevent the crime," she asserted.

Hundreds of girls are being trafficked nightly in small, rural towns in the vicinity of Moshi in Kilimanjaro Region, where hard data is difficult to find on just how many children are being trafficked and how many are vulnerable to this type of exploitation, the top activist noted.

"Our team is working at this time to collect data. Recently, high level

government officials reported to us that 500 girls were recovered who were trafficked to India, with no safe place for them to go to begin the long journey of healing. We are working diligently to expand aftercare homes and services in this country," she elaborated.

The organization has been present in Tanzania since 2008, becoming a registered Non-Government (NGO) in 2009. In 2011, Courage House (T) was opened and was immediately a home to 10 girls and two babies, she added.



Prof Joyce Ndalichako (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), pictured in Mwanza city at the weekend having a feel of steel-based household items made by Nyakato Steel Mill Ltd. She was on an official tour related to workplace compliance with the country's labour laws. Right is Nyamagana district commissioner Amina Makilagi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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870-metre ridge from this side of the water course to the other side, holding water in a dam having 256m cubic metres capacity covering a 13.2 square kilometres area," he said.

The water will flow along a 7.4 kms gradient to the turbines built on a mountain with the water flowing through tunnels, he said.

"The water will be dropping at a

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depth of 1,294.5 metres that in turn will drive the turbines to produce 13.8 KV energy. But the produced electricity is small, hence we shall step it up with a transformer from 13.8 KV to 220 KV," he said.

Electricity would then be transmitted to a substation 65 kms away - at Iganjo

area where part of it will be transmitted back to the area's residents and the rest injected into the national grid, the supervisor noted.

To update the 1998 feasibility study assessment, another consultant has been hired to assess technological changes needed since that time, he

said.

Compensation relating to areas being taken over to pave way for the project is two portions, one covering the project site and another the road connection to Mbeya city.

Richard Muyungi, the TANESCO director of environment and

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sessions were concluded on July 26.

Those who passed the training are being accorded an opportunity to take up the temporary assignment, she stated, noting that elaborated.

After district and ward supervising officers training is completed, ward executive officers in the Mainland and in Zanzibar will undergo training from August 19th to 22nd.

Training local government officials is meant to equip them with knowledge on c-conduct of the census for them to help provide public education in their areas as well as rendering assistance to

census officials, she said.

Those selected for clerks positions will be required to attend the training of clerks and return to their place of origin for engaging in the work.

Those undergoing census supervisor training will be required to attend a census clerk training and return to their places of origin, she affirmed, cautioning members of the public who may opt to interfere with the census exercise to beware.

They will face serious consequences as such acts would be a clear violation of the law and the government will not brook any such stumbling block, she added.

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development, regional cooperation, and the environment."

AB InBev and the WWF have previously partnered in different ways on water issues, for more than a decade. In Tanzania, TBL has highlighted its interest to invest in the watershed of Dar es Salaam, particularly in Msimbazi River. TBL has significant challenges with water supply, as water provided by the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) from Ruvu River is not enough, while water from some of the boreholes is low in capacity and quality.

Generally, TBL receives approximately 70 percent of the total water required by the industry. The company recycles and treats wastewater before using it for washing and thereafter discharging to Msimbazi River.

The Dar es Salaam Water Security Project covers upper Ruvu, lower Ruvu, Kinyasungwe, Wami, Mkondoa, Ngerenge, and the Coast.

The Dar es Salaam watersheds include the coastal and lower catchment of Wami-Ruvu basin. The Lower Ruvu and coast catchments extend from Morogoro to the west of Dar es Salaam, covering an area of about 18,000 square kilometres.

The entire Dar es Salaam watershed ecosystem faces various threats. For instance, Ruvu River, which supplies water to Dar es Salaam city, is facing water availability challenges. The river has been affected by unsustainable agriculture and poor land use practices, livestock incursion, and unregulated water abstractions. Ruvu River is heavily polluted through mining and agricultural activities, and has been affected by deforestation and general catchment degradation.

The river is also under the threat of climate change, and monitoring systems for what has been happening on its waters over the years are inadequate.

On the other hand, both Msimbazi and Mzinga rivers are under the threat of sand mining, flooding, and high pollution, due to wastewater and solid waste disposal, and the subsequent blockage of water flows. Valley cultivation, lack of vegetation along the riverbanks, sedimentation, and infrastructure barriers, add to the challenges.

Also, groundwater abstraction in Dar es Salaam is not well managed. There are many unlicensed boreholes, putting water supply at risk.

AB InBev has flagged Dar es Salaam as one of the 'high risk' sites in Africa in terms of water supply. Dar es Salaam features a high demand for water against poor water infrastructure.

The water security project in the city is focused on capacity building, good governance, and finance, to address the quality and quantity of water, which is on an upward trajectory towards the 2025 goal.

The project seeks to establish the quality and quantity of water

in key rivers of the Dar es Salaam watershed, and engage both private and public stakeholders to explore bankable nature-based solutions by the end of 2022. It also purposes to select, manage, and finance scalable watershed management and restoration initiatives to improve water quality and quantity by the end of 2022.

Another key objective is to develop a large-scale bankable nature-based solutions business case to leverage on funding from private, public and development partnerships, for improved water quality and quantity, and restoration of ecosystems, by 2024. A bankable project is one that in many cases uses blended finance, has a positive environmental impact, and generates a positive return for certain stakeholders.

The funding required is \$600,000 to implement the project in a span of three years. In their strategy for a sustainable nature-based solution, the bigger water users - Coca Cola and TBL - have put together interest-free funds for grants and loans to environmental conservation groups and investors in environmental conservation. This is expected to improve the water quality and quantity in the Ruvu, Msimbazi and Mzinga Rivers.

The commitment that AB InBev has shown in this project further reinforces the fact that your favourite TBL brands have embraced sustainability to build a resilient environment for everyone to live in. Improving water availability in high stress areas in Dar es Salaam is one way of ensuring that there is a resilient natural environment, and healthy and strong communities of farmers and beer lovers.

Already, TBL and WWF have fabricated and installed concrete beacons in degraded water sources in the coast and lower Ruvu catchment. Re-vegetation through tree planting on about 200 hectares of land in the coast region and lower Ruvu catchment has been undertaken. Also, five cattle troughs have been constructed in lower Ruvu and eight environmental groups have been formed in the lower Ruvu catchment.

A mapping exercise has also identified the major water users from lower Ruvu and coastal catchments. Already, 15 private sector players have been promoted to create their own bankable projects. Two charcoal dams have also been constructed for water catchment and retention.

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area will be taken up.

Implementation of the project follows a directive from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, arising from intense pressure from Makete MP Festo Sanga.

"We shall start implementing the project using funds from loans that will be shown in government books in the following year," he said, underlining that this will not hinder the government from proceeding with the project.





Magu district commissioner Salum Kali (R) pictured at the weekend presenting a prize 'bajaj' to Mwanza city resident Hiana Ibrahim (L) for winning a 'Vodacom M-Pesa Imetitika' raffle, as Vodacom Lake Victoria zone marketing manager Ayubu Kalufya looks on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# SADR envoy wants media to invest in digital platforms

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Ambassador of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to Tanzania, Mahayub Buyema Mahafud, has tasked the media to continue informing the public accurately and realistically.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a familiarisation tour at The Guardian Ltd on Friday, the envoy urged journalists to ensure that they implement their roles effectively, which includes prioritising issues that face the voiceless groups.

"Public opinion is very important as far as the media role is concerned. It's your role as journalists to ensure that the untold information is portrayed," he said, noting that the media are a very important tool in promoting peace and development of any nation.

Mahafud said digital transformation in media has made curious to know what's happening in the world through social media platforms. Hence its time journalists utilize the digital world.

"Gone are the days when nobody

thought of buying a phone but for now it's part of our life. There is a generational change. Mass media has become part of our life."

Mahafud applauded the Tanzanian government for always supporting the SADR state since the late Julius Kambarage Nyerere regime.

The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a partially recognised state by 41 UN member states.

The SADR government controls about 20-25 per cent of the territory it claims. It calls the territories under its control the liberated territories or the Free Zone. Morocco controls and administers the rest of the disputed territory and calls the land its southern provinces.

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# Speaker happy with Pemba programmes

By Guardian Reporter

SPEAKER of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson said she is pleased by the unity and solidarity in regard to MPs' programmes in Pemba that aim to solve challenges facing their constituents in regard to education, water and health sectors.

Dr Tulia expressed her pleasure at different times during her first official visit in Pemba at meetings held at Chwale

Madenjani and Kangagani Primary schools after handing one classroom and 1,500 out of 5,000 roofing sheets as well as school text books as part of "Kojani MP Week" celebrations, the items provided by Kojani MP, Hamad Omar Chande.

Chande also handed a fully furnished ambulance to be used by his constituents.

The MP also handed jerseys to 21 football teams in his constituency as

well as for neighbouring constituencies aimed at promoting sports and pledged to work together with Kojani residents in finding solutions to challenges they face.

Dr Tulia said the presence of MPs from other constituencies in the event is a clear sign of the existence of harmony and solidarity among them and added that this collaboration should be sustained.

She added that efforts being taken by the Kojani MP are solving challenges

facing his people aim at developing them.

"I am also an MP but I cannot compare myself with the efforts shown by this MP," the Speaker added.

She called on them to cooperate with their MP with to encourage him to do great things for them in regard to their development especially in meeting his campaign pledges.

Earlier, Kojani MP who is also Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning

listed his programme's strategies for his constituency including bringing in specialist doctors from Israel, US and India to look into the health of his constituents.

He said in his plan of "Rejecting Zero" in examinations he brought in teachers from the Mainland to assist Forms IV and VI students to do well in their examinations and ensure many students from his constituency pass their examinations.

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AT DAR ES SALAAM  
COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 80 OF 2022  
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VERSUS  
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HAMIS BAKARI LUZIGA 4<sup>TH</sup> DEFENDANT  
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TAKE NOTICE that the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you upon the claim the particulars of which are set in the plaint service of the summons in you has ordered by means of publication. You are directed to collect copies of the application documents from the court's Registry, P.O. Box 12533, Dar es Salaam. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Defendants are required to file Written Statement of Defence by 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by an Advocate or an agent duly authorized on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 10:00am before Hon. J.A. Haruma, Judge for Fina PTC. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that should you default to enter appearance as herein provided, the matter will proceed and decision may be given in your absence.  
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# Minister pleads with institute to publicise research findings in world-class journals

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has challenged the Institute of Finance Management (IFM) to come up with a strategy of ensuring its research findings are published in international journals.

In his speech read by the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Finance and Planning Amina Khamisi Shabani over the weekend at the IFM Golden Jubilee Inaugural (1972-2022) ceremony, Dr Mwegulu said the institute must also come with strategies to improve its curriculum to produce graduates who are competent in the labour market.

Nchemba said the decision to publish its research in the international journals was very important to promote the institute as well as its students. He said that in the same vein, the institute must be innovative and embark on research that can bring positive changes to country developments.

The minister said the research findings will help to improve curriculum hence enable the institute to produce graduates who are competent in the labour market.

"At this juncture, FM must focus to be a centre of excellence by ensuring that its research publications go beyond borders and being published in the international journal," he said.

"The government's target is to see that the institute's core function of conducting research brings positive changes to the country's development and the graduates become competent in the labour market," he said.

Prof Godwin Mjema, the IFM Governing Council chairman said that the institute has invested in improving infrastructure including establishing

a new campus and training its human resources.

He said that despite success achieved, the institute was facing a shortage of human resources, especially the lectures for its campuses of Simiyu, Dodoma and Mwanza region.

IFM Acting Rector, Dr Emmanuel Mzava said the institute has recorded a number of successes since its inception including an increase in the number of students enrolled.

He said up-to-date, a total of 53044 students have graduated so far, serving in government offices as well as in private sector.

Dr Mzava said the graduates were from different courses such as Insurance, Finance, Social Security, Business Administration, Computer Science and Information Communication Technology (ICT) to mention the few.

He added that currently, the institute is currently conducting 33 courses from the two courses in 1972 which were insurance and finance.

Also, the number of publications increased from 28 to 84 publications adding that for the past five years, it has published 332.

As one of the institute's core functions, it has earned 3.9bn/ from consulting services made to the government.

So far, the institute has 78 PhD holders while 29 others were in different stages of their studies within and outside the country.

The golden jubilee is also celebrated in its campus of Simiyu and Mwanza region. IFM is a public Institution in Tanzania established in 1972.

It stands as the oldest higher learning financial institution in Tanzania. The institute has been involved in teaching, research, and consultancy.



Bank of Africa managing director Adam Mihayo addresses the bank's Mwanza Region SME customers at an entrepreneurship capacity building seminar the bank hosted in Mwanza city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Uhuru Torch Race leader irked by ghost projects lined up for launch

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

THE Leader of this year Uhuru Torch Race, Sahili Nyanzabara Geraruma has castigated ghost water projects lined up

for inaugurating by his team.

He made the remarks at the weekend at Banhi village in Msalala district, Shinyanga region when inaugurating safe and clean water project that draws water from Lake

Victoria implemented by RUWASA.

Geraruma said he wants all water projects inaugurated by the Torch race to be sustainable and serve the people, and should not remain ghost projects only lined

up to be inaugurated by the Torch Race.

"I will not agree to be called liar of corrupt when after a water project is inaugurated, the people do not get water, all the areas I have passed I have left my mobile phone numbers, the Torch Race will not leave any person safe," he added.

He said the Banhi Water project is a good one and I have endorsed it for inaugurating and called on the residents to connect themselves to the network as well to protect the water infrastructure.

Kahama District RUWASA manager Magoli Maduhu said the project will benefit 2,950 residents and cost 233m/- and have installed five water drawing centres.

Speaking on behalf of the residents, Msalala special Seats Councillor, Flora Sangasanga said the safe and clean water project will be their saviour as in the past they used dirty water, sometimes even sharing it with their livestock.



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Organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. Email subject should be **REFERENCE NO. 10007446**.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified organizations (Companies or NGOs). Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

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  - Demonstrated experience in managing donor or international development organisation programmes with a committed value of US\$30 million or greater, including responsibility for grant management.
  - At least one of the proposed trustees must be a qualified accountant, or a professional attorney or lawyer.
  - At least five years' experience of the proposed Trustees in managing donor and international development programmes
  - Capacity to put in place professional indemnity insurance of US\$5 million.
4. Expressions of interest (EoIs) are sought for the supply of services from qualified providers with a presence in Tanzania, accompanied by a short capability statement of no more than four A4 pages that will include (a) an itemised statement of compliance under each of the skills listed above; and (b) a half page CV for each of the proposed trustees. The total responses must be no more than four A4 pages.
5. Expressions of Interest must be delivered online to the following email address: [juvinal.betambira@bdo-ea.co.tz](mailto:juvinal.betambira@bdo-ea.co.tz) at or before **10:00 hours on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022**.

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Plot No. 4,  
New Bagamoyo Road,  
P.O. BOX, 9912,  
Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

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## Conservation, sustainable use of oceans and marine resources decisive - govt

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PROTECTION of marine environment and the ocean remains among key government priorities, Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, Liberata Mulamula has said.

She was speaking over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the closing session of a workshop on the assessment of the state of marine environment including social economic aspects.

Ambassador Mulamula said the government recognises the workshop as an important event in strengthening scientific knowledge on marine environment as a basis for policy making and global ocean governance.

"We are determined to protect the ocean as we also address the issues of climate change. I am pleased to learn that the workshop was a success. There are a number of projects that are geared to protecting oceans and sustainable use of the oceans and marine resources," she said.

According to her, most of the projects are implemented by Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries in Zanzibar.

She said the workshop has been significant in developing innovations needed to address ecosystem stresses and other complex blue economy challenges such as pollution, climate change and overfishing.

"I am aware of the on-going negotiations in New York on the establishment of an intergovernmental legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction," the Ambassador added.

Mulamula said the instrument is important for ocean governance in high seas.

She said the government remains committed to constructive engagement and support towards the establishment of such an instrument, and reiterates its faith in multilateralism as a pillar in protecting marine environment and ocean governance consistent with the United Nations Conventions on the Law of the Sea.

She commended the UN through the Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea for accepting a government invitation to organize the workshop in Tanzania.

Ambassador Mulamula commended the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) Director, Dr Samuel Gwamaka for the efforts made to ensure the ten days workshop is held in Tanzania.

The workshop was opened by Vice President, Dr Phillip Mpango on July 19th 2022, who called for the world to work tirelessly to protect the ocean against pollution and avoid the climate crisis. He said if efforts are not taken, by 2050 the ocean will be full of plastics.

"We must prevent and reduce marine pollution of all kinds, both from land and sea-based sources; we need sustainable business models for the ocean economy to be in harmony with the marine environment," said Dr Mpango.

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## Gas firm launches carbon dioxide project in village

By Guardian Reporter

TOL Gases Limited has launched the fourth carbon-dioxide gas project at Ikama village, Rungwe District, Mbeya region, doubling the company's capacity to produce industrial and medical grade carbon-dioxide.

The recently launched plant is the company's second carbon-dioxide plant in Ikama village and is expected to be commissioned in December 2022.

Speaking during the launch, the guest of honour, Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney said with the new development, the company will expand its market share in the local as well as foreign markets such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo and Malawi.

The plant with a total project value of 13.65bn/- has an estimated lifetime of 20 years with a capacity to produce 2 tonnes per hour.

Carbon-dioxide is used in various industrial and medical applications such as in production of beverages, both soft and alcoholic beverages as well as processing of food products. It is also a crucial element in production of firefighting equipment.

Dr Anney commended the company for the new investment and assured them of continued cooperation from the government.

"As a company that has had a great contribution to the industrial and health sectors for decades, we will work closely with the company to ensure its work continues to benefit the local community and the country as a whole," said Dr Anney.

Daniel Warungu, Managing Director of TOL Gases Limited said: "The carbon-dioxide gas produced by the company has a great contribution in the growth of the industrial economy and overall development of the country. The launch of the new plant which is the second plant in Ikama village is a step towards supporting the government's vision of an industrial economy through local manufacturing of goods."


Warungu stressed that the company continues to produce other industrial and medical gases at its three existing plants located in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, and Mbeya. He said the newly launched plant in Ikama will double carbon-dioxide production capacity and ensure reliable supply through a diversified resource base.

"We are expecting an increase in monthly revenue by 8.2bn/-, which is a 42 per cent increase in revenue from carbon-dioxide production alone. This will in turn grow our contribution to government revenue through tax payment and service charges to the local councils where we operate," added Warungu.



Janice Mpanju (L), a second year social work student at Dar es Salaam's Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, pictured at the weekend checking the blood pressure of one of the scores of people who attended the just-ended free health camp the hospital held in the city. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

### DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT




**Mzee Gilead M. Tenga**

Mr. Freddy Gilead Tenga of Arusha, is sad to announce the death of his father, **Mzee Gilead M. Tenga**, which happened on **Thursday at noon on 28.07.2022**, at Safi Medics hospital, in Tanga. Burial arrangements are being made at the deceased's home, Bombo Area, Tanga.

Burial will be held in Bombo Area cemetery, Tanga, on **Monday 01.08.2022**; after the service that will be held in the Church of .....at .....noon.

May the news reach all the children of the deceased, including Rose Gilead Tenga and Charles Gilead Tenga in the United States, Robert Gilead Tenga in Canada; grandchildren of the deceased in the United States and England; The entire clan of Ndorome Tenga wherever they are; All the clan of Mmbaga; The Family of the Late Elder Said El Maamry; Brothers, Relatives and Friends wherever they are. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away, may the name of the LORD be blessed.

Amen.



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) REFURBISHMENT AND RUNNING OF THE CLUB KITCHEN

Selander Bridge Club hereby invites interested parties to submit their expression of interest (EOI) to the Club Management Committee for the Refurbishment and Running of the Club Kitchen.

The interested parties /Person(s) should be willing to closely work with the Management Committee to carry out the required refurbishment. The interested parties /Person(s) are therefore required to submit their Expression of Interest indicating among others the following:

- Their experience in operating Restaurants and other Eateries
- Their terms and conditions for carrying out the necessary works, the projected costs and time frame for the task

Expression of Interest should be addressed and submitted physically to the following addressee within fourteen (14) days from the first appearance of this Notice in the Newspapers. After submission of the EOI, the parties will be invited to meet with the Management Committee for detailed information of the works to be carried out.

**The Chairman  
Selander Bridge Club  
P.O. Box 38609  
309A/310A United Nations Road  
POST CODE 29 United Nations Road Upanga  
Dar Es Salaam**



## Vacancy Announcement

# Chief Operating Officer



On behalf of Ifakara Health Institute, Empower is recruiting for a Chief Operating Officer who will be responsible for planning, directing, and overseeing institutional operational policies, rules, regulations, initiatives, and goals and will report to the Chief Executive Director (CED). The successful candidate will be expected to help the organization execute its long and short-term strategies by implementing sound judgement and vision, managing deliverables for all administrative and tactical activities which support the following functions: Human Resources, Finance, ICT and Supply chain (Stores, Procurement and Logistics) and Branches.

### Key Responsibilities

**Strategic Functions:** Assist the Chief Executive Director and Management Committee in developing and overseeing the implementation of long-term organizational strategies, provide leadership and strategic thinking on financial sustainability and institutional continuity and exercise leadership on bringing holistic institutional growth and operational effectiveness.

**Oversight and Operational Functions:** Provide leadership, guidance and support to department managers ensuring top quality performance and coordination within the organization's following functions: governance framework, operations management, IT management, HR management, financial management and legal compliance.

**Business Development and Fundraising:** Support the Chief Executive Director in leading fundraising initiatives, identifying other sources of core income within and outside the organization to spearhead innovation and business development and sustainability.

### Qualifications

- Post Graduate Degree in Management, Finance or Accounting.
- An MBA or similar advanced degree will be an added advantage.
- A track record of over 8 years within a senior management role (in a not-for-profit organization) successfully developing and managing large-scale projects.



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# Climate change biting, farmers go into fishing

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

CLIMATE Change not only changes weather patterns and its intensity, but for Manyara Region, its effect has changed farmers into fishermen.

That is the latest discovery in Babati District of Manyara, where it has come to light that two local Lakes of Burunge and Manyara suffer from influx of fishermen, most of them being new entries in the trade having ditched their previous land tilling occupation.

Benson Mwaize, the Secretary of Burunge Wildlife Management Area in Babati Rural says that there have been two excessive spells of weather in the area, all contributing to the destruction of crops and farming areas.

"First we experienced torrential rains that flooded most farms and grazing areas, forcing wild animals to invade households and destroying crops in nearby farms," revealed Mwaize.

As it happens farms were destroyed by excessive rains that submerged a number of farms and human settlements in most parts of Babati and Monduli Districts of Arusha and Manyara, Regions.

Human-Wildlife conflict episodes ensued on that animals' grazing area were submerged displacing the species that were driven to seek new abodes and pastures in farms and residential areas.

Local leaders in the precinct added that after the destructive rains there followed serious dry spells, which means it was no longer possible to farm, therefore most farmers decided to try their hands in fishing.

"It is not just local farmers from nearby villages, but of late we have been experiencing aliens from other districts, far off regions and even from neighboring countries coming to

fish in Lakes Burunge and Manyara," explains Hamisi Gyori of the Chem-Chem Association.

As a result, the two lakes are suffering from serious cases of pollution because fishermen from far-off lands do not adhere to the set guidelines of conducting such activities in and around the water bodies.

Representatives of various media outlets, members of the Environment Journalists Association of Tanzania recently visited the Burunge WMA which operates within the Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor linking Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks.

The journalists' environment study trip was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the "Tuhifadhi Maliasili," project.

Tuhifadhi Maliasili project addresses some of the key drivers and associated threats to improve conservation in Tanzania, particularly in six important wildlife corridors.

The wildlife passageways include Amani-Nilo, Kwakuchinja, Nyerere Selous-Udzungwa, Kigosi Moyowosi-Uvinza, Tarangire-Simanjiro Plains, and Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA).



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# Govt set to distribute tablets in all schools

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is set to distribute tablets in schools after the end of this year's Population and Housing Census (PHC), Education, Science and Technology Minister Prof Adolf Mkenda has said.

Prof Mkenda unveiled this in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when outlining the ministry's direction, priorities and strategic areas of work for the 2022/23 financial year.

The minister said the tablets will be distributed after the completion of this year's enumeration, which is scheduled for August 23.

The gadgets, according to him will reduce some of the costs that incurred in teaching and learning in schools countrywide.

"We believe that after distributing these tablets, they will help to a large extent to reduce some costs such as the use of papers," Prof Mkenda said, adding: "This will not be a challenge as we believe the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) will reach almost all areas including schools."

According to Prof. Mkenda, the distribution of these gadgets in schools will help increase the effectiveness of teaching and learning in schools.

The 2022 PHC is expected to be done on August 23 and will be done digitally and tablets are the devices that will be used to complete the task. According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the tablets needed for the entire country to achieve the task are more than 200,000.

Prof Mkenda also said that the ministry has prepared a special programme for to motivate and encourage novel writers in the country be it in Kiswahili or English.

The move is geared towards encouraging the detailed novel writing and those books be sold within and outside Tanzania and the writers earn good and sustainable incomes.

"There are good things that are going on now that have not been written

and if they are written, they will be providing a great lesson to the people, so we have started this program to encourage book writers," said Prof. Mkenda.

"There is a section that has been set aside for this competition, the main goal is that we want these good things that happen in our environment, in our country to be written in depth and based on high quality art."

He said that books that are well written will also be sent to be used in schools.

"We're not saying that the existing books will no longer be used, no, unless we want them to be written with other things that describe the current good environment that many do not know," he said, adding:

"Many of us here at school read novels that are told skillfully and are interesting to continue reading, so as we enjoyed reading others, we want them to be written by others, the goal is to ask writers to write in depth about the good things that happen and exist in the current environment."

"So this is another opportunity for book writers in the country to get excited about it and we believe through this program, it will encourage more book writing."

According to Prof. Mkenda, there is an opportunity in the world for books to be translated into different languages, which will generate income for the author, promote his work and the country as a whole.



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Edwin Mugambila (L), who doubles as Tanzania Network Against Human Trafficking chairman and Tanzania Relief Initiatives director, makes a presentation at a meeting on human trafficking held in Moshi at the weekend. It was organised by Courage Worldwide-Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

KILOSA district residents in Morogoro region have called on the government to increase the district's budget for agriculture, saying the money currently provided is little compared to the revenue collected by the local council from the sector.

The call was made at the weekend by members of Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) Committee for Mandela Village in the district after the panel discovered that despite the councils collecting over 88 per cent of its revenue from the agriculture sector, but the amount set aside for the sector is dismal.

PETS committees were formed from the people's call for accountability seeking for better social services, run by the Morogoro diocese of the Anglican Church under sponsorship from Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) in Tanzania.

# Kilosa District residents want increase in agriculture budget

Submitting its report at the Mandela Village meeting attended by the Chairman of Kilosa District Council, Wilfred Sumari and his experts, PETS Chairman, Emmanuel Upamba explained that during FY 2021/22 the Council's revenue collection from the agriculture sector reached more than 1.3bn/- but funds set aside to service the sector was only 239.5m/-.

"On behalf of the District's residents our committee asks for increase of the agriculture budget in order to get various services including extension services," Upamba said.

He added that they have decided to conduct the tracking exercise in regard

to community's accountability and the utilisation of public resources so as to be able to provide the actual situation in public finance management of the agriculture sector to improve service delivery.

For his part, Anglican Church's project officer from Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE) for Kilosa and Mvomero districts, Pius Ng'irwa said the Church has decided to empower the people in order to get quality services.

"Through the Anglican Church, we have been able to empower the people in Mandela village in many issues in regard to accountability and understanding of the budget set

aside for agriculture in their area so as to come up with a decision," he said.

Speaking soon after the report's submission, Kilosa District Council Chairman, Wilfred Sumari confessed that the budget set aside for agriculture was small compared to revenue collected from the sector, saying this is because the overall revenue collection in the district is small.

However, he said he will refer the issue to the Councilors meetings in order to increase agriculture budget funds while praising the Anglican Church for its following up people's accountability and the proper utilisation of public resources.



Yara Tanzania managing director Winstone Odhiambo (R) presents a dummy cheque for 52,674,275.28/- to Nasa Kilimo managing director Nasa Mhina, whose company emerged second best in selling fertiliser. This was at the annual general meeting of Yara partners held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Bakwata to build 26 health centres countrywide - Mufti

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

TANZANIA Muslims Council (BAKWATA) says it is building health centres in 26 regions in the country aimed at making sure women get appropriate health services from women doctors, different to the situation now.

Speaking at a fundraising forum for the construction of seven health centres for Mwanza region, the Mufti of Tanzania, Sheikh Abubakar Zuber said the main aim is to make sure the entire Tanzania community has good health and the Council's plan is to establish hospitals with many women doctors.

"We have a national commission that looks into large referral hospitals in order to come up with a good plan of building hospitals for women to treat their various ailments," the Mufti added.

He said BAKWATA has been working since 1968 overseeing Muslim activities, but now it is going further in issues regarding building the economy, education, health and others, hence all these health centres will spur development among the community in regard to health.

For his part, BAKWATA Secretary for Mwanza Region, Ramadhani Chanika said the cost for the construction of

the seven health centres in Mwanza Region is more than 2.4bn/-, and the money collected at the fundraising event is 139m/- including 36.7m/- in cash and 102m/- in pledges as well as 668 bags of cement, 820 bricks and five lorryfuls of sand.

Mwanza Acting Regional Commissioner, Salum Mkali said Mwanza Regional government will continue supporting BAKWATA's efforts and stressed on people's contributions towards the projects, and himself donated 3m/- as his contribution.

For their part, some women from various religious denominations

who attended the fundraising event supported the health centres project.

"We offer our sincere thanks, as you can see we women are very shy but what will you do as when ill we must be treated by male doctors," said Thabiza Richard.

She added: "Many pregnant women who go to health centres or hospitals for their first delivery are faced with problems due to fear of being assisted by male doctors, hence this system of having women doctors at health centres will remove that feat and many pregnant women will give birth in confidence."



**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
MINISTRY OF MINERALS**



**TENDER No. UMBA AREAS/01/2022**

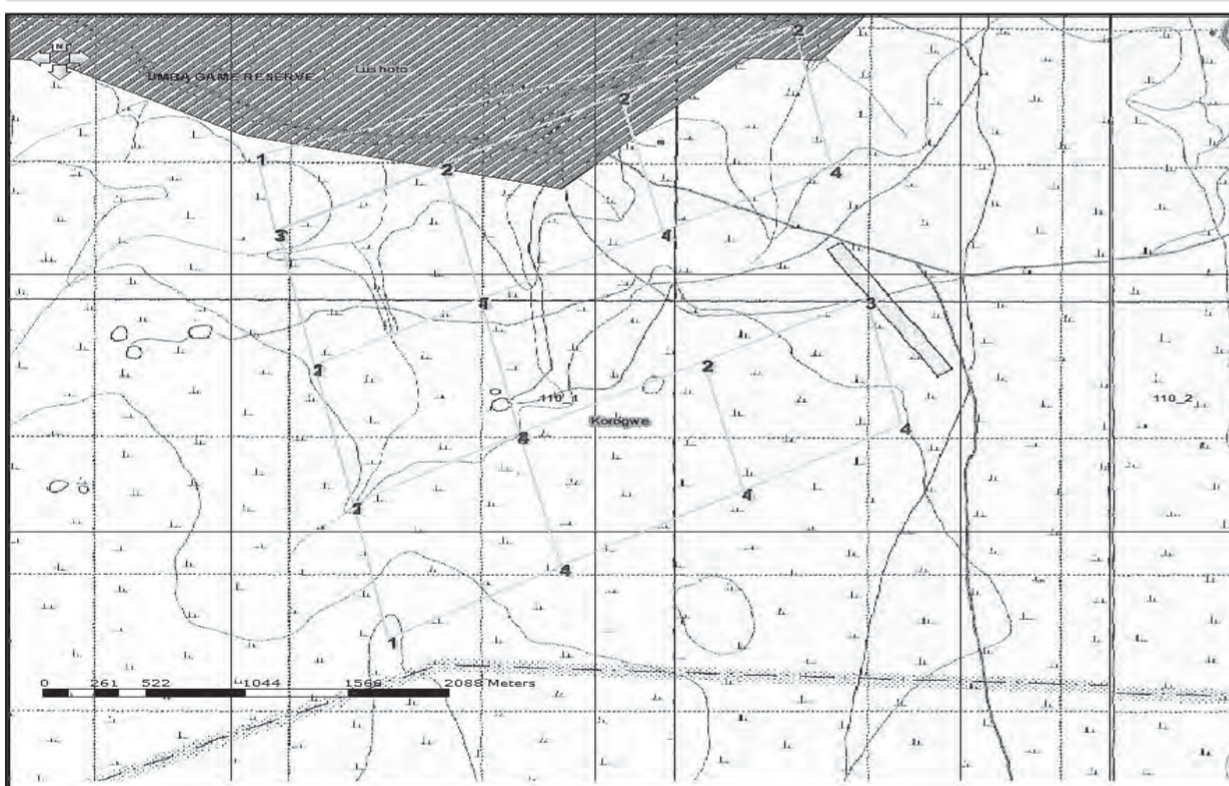
**RE: TENDER NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING LICENCES ON THE DESIGNATED UMBA AREAS IN TANGA REGION**

- In accordance with the provisions of section 15 (1) of the Mining Act, Cap. 123, the Minister of Minerals issued a Government Notice No. 423 of 17th June, 2022 with a view to designating Umba Areas in Tanga described as per geographical coordinates attached hereto as Appendix A as an area for which he may invite applications by tender for Prospecting Licences.
- In view of the above paragraph, the Ministry is seeking investors with the financial and technical capability to conduct geological exploration of the designated areas for the purpose of developing the areas into medium and large-scale mining projects (Mining Licence and Special Mining Licences).
- In the event of a discovery of commercially viable mineral resources, the investor shall apply for a Mining Licence or a Special Mining Licence. However, if the investor discovers gemstone minerals, the investor shall comply with section 8(6) of the Mining Act, Cap. 123.
- A successful bidder will be required to comply with the requirements of the Mining Act, Cap. 123 for the grant of Prospecting Licences, foregoing terms and conditions and aspects described in a Qualification Criteria as per Appendix B.
- Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the Mining Act and Regulations made thereunder, the Minister of Minerals invites bids from eligible applicants for the Prospecting Licences at Umba Area in Tanga as described in Appendix A.
- All tender applications shall be submitted to the Mining Commission for its consideration and selection of the successful bidder.
- All tender applications, one original and two copies must be submitted to the Mining Commission not later than 31st August 2022 before 1530 hours at the following address.

**The Executive Secretary,  
The Mining Commission,  
P.O Box 2292,  
DODOMA.**

**Dr. Doto M. Biteko (MP)  
MINISTER OF MINERALS**

**Appendix A: Description of the Area**



S/N	Expired Licence Number	Lat			N/S	Long			E/W	Proposed Licence
		Deg	Min	Sec		Deg	Min	Sec		
1	GML 102/2001	4	32	28.7	S	38	43	28	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	31	57	S	38	43	21	E	
		4	31	40	S	38	43	51.8	E	
		4	32	10.71	S	38	43	58.51	E	
2	GML 103/2001	4	32	10.71	S	38	43	58.51	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	31	40	S	38	43	51.8	E	
		4	31	25	S	38	44	19.3	E	
		4	31	55	S	38	44	25	E	
3	GML 104/2001	4	32	46	S	38	42	59	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	32	14	S	38	42	53	E	
		4	31	57	S	38	43	21	E	
		4	32	28.7	S	38	43	28	E	
4	GML 106/2001	4	32	14	S	38	42	53	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	31	41	S	38	42	46.6	E	
		4	31	25	S	38	43	14.5	E	
		4	31	57	S	38	43	21	E	
5	GML 107/2001	4	31	41	S	38	42	46.6	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	31	9	S	38	42	40.5	E	
		4	30	53.42	S	38	43	8	E	
		4	31	25	S	38	43	14.5	E	
6	GML 108/2001	4	31	25	S	38	43	14.5	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	30	53.23	S	38	43	8	E	
		4	30	36.39	S	38	43	37.9	E	
		4	31	8.8	S	38	43	45	E	
7	GML 109/2001	4	31	8.8	S	38	43	45	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	30	36.39	S	38	43	37.9	E	
		4	30	20	S	38	44	7	E	
		4	30	54	S	38	44	13.4	E	
8	GML 110/2001	4	30	51	S	38	42	37	E	Prospecting Licence
		4	30	20	S	38	44	7	E	
		4	31	9	S	38	42	40	E	
		4	31	9	S	38	42	40	E	

**Appendix B: Qualification**

Key components	Requirement
	The applicant should submit <b>certified copies</b> of the following:-
<b>Applicant Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of Company incorporation in Tanzania, with Memorandum and Articles of Association.</li> <li>• List of current Company's Directors and Share Holders, with proof of their Nationalities and copies of Identity Cards.</li> <li>• Company Profile and proof of physical address in Tanzania.</li> <li>• Tax Clearance Certificate.</li> <li>• Proof of Financial and Technical Resources</li> <li>• Filled out Integrity Pledge form.</li> <li>• Details of any Mineral Right previously granted.</li> <li>• The company should not have defaulted on any Mineral Right or similar actions in Tanzania.</li> <li>• Applicants will pay a non-refundable fee of <b>TZS 20 million</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Capability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of audited financial statements of the recent three consecutive years under IFRS compliance.</li> <li>• Proof of source of funds (Owner's, Equity, Stock Exchange or Loan), Debt, and Balance sheet to enable the company to invest and develop the project from prospecting to mineral production.</li> <li>• Any other relevant financial information to support the tender application.</li> </ul>
<b>Technical Capability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in operating exploration and mining activities relating to gemstone projects.</li> <li>• Proposed mineral exploration plan indicating financial resources to be used.</li> <li>• Applicants should commit to starting exploration within 3 months from the grant of a Prospecting Licence.</li> </ul>
<b>Legal Capacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comply with relevant Tanzania legislation related to the mining industry.</li> <li>• In the case of non-citizens, pledge to comply with section 8(6) of the Mining Act, Cap. 123 if the exploration discovers gemstones.</li> <li>• Pledge to comply with Section 10 of the Mining Act by issuing not less than 16% non-dilutable free carried interest shares upon grant of a mining licence or special mining licence.</li> <li>• Any other relevant information in support of the proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenderers should commit to protecting and managing the environment as per the applicable law.</li> </ul>
<b>Local Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Succession Plan for technical professionals (including but not limited to; Mining, Resource Geology, Engineering, Economics and Financial Analysis, Safety, and Environment Issues), and Technology Transfer.</li> <li>• Procurement of goods and services in Tanzania as per the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018.</li> <li>• Any other information relevant to support the proposal</li> </ul>



## Innovation programmes are key in promoting entrepreneurship

IT is no secret that Tanzania has a very young population with more than 30 per cent of it below 35 years. This shows the dependency rate and the challenges thereof. One major challenge is that this growing young population is not in tandem with the job opportunities available on the market, hence the high youth unemployment rate to-date.

However, the good news is there is an opportunity as a country to incorporate the unemployed youth into the workforce by building entrepreneurship support structures. The support structures that are needed to build the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs include incubation hubs where entrepreneurs are nurtured in a suitable environment that support co-creation, knowledge sharing and communities, business development centres, universities, research institutes to build better technologies, favourable policies; and government contracting and financing.

How do innovation programmes play a role in mitigation of youth unemployment?

It may not be the 'silver bullet' to the problem of youth unemployment but, innovation programmes have played a significant role in mitigating youth unemployment through expert mentorship, business and technical training, seed funding, market access, to mention but a few. There are several innovation programmes that seeks to support young entrepreneurs to address challenges in sexual reproductive health.

The programmes ought to offer business and technical training, seed funding, access to expert mentors to support all the young people who will seize the opportunity to explore new ways to engage and tackle sexual and reproductive health challenges in Tanzania. There many challenges are being experienced by mostly teenage

and adolescent mothers. Who then is better equipped to understand and address this challenge except the young people themselves.

The programmes should create platforms where young people can build solutions for fellow young people to address sexual reproductive health issues for which the youth are the major victims, and in so doing they have also provided a conducive environment for entrepreneurship and innovation to support youth employment.

The savings cooperatives (saccos) can promote transparency and accountability through better record keeping.

The mobile and web application enables saccos of small holder rural farmers to capture and view their savings transaction records. It also enables them to remit, withdraw and view their sacco savings via mobile.

Innovation programmes help with the "how-to" build for and "go-to market". Access to markets is a key impediment for young entrepreneurs, one that is normally forgotten.

It is assumed that once one obtains funding and a product that works well, they can easily get customers. Innovation programmes provide market access through industry mentors and partner networks who understand the market and are willing to assist entrepreneurs. Sometimes they go an extra mile to provide investment capital to ensure a team succeeds. Through innovation programmes young people can have opportunities to network with stakeholders like development organisations, innovation hubs, government, civil society organisations and fellow entrepreneurs as they tackle these pressing challenges. They have an opportunity to build on top of what various stakeholders have already done through these collaborations to join the employment world.

## Tanzania ought to intensify awareness creation about deadly hepatitis 'B' virus

HEPATITIS B is the most common serious liver infection in the world. It is caused by the hepatitis B virus that attacks and injures the liver.

WHO estimates that 296 million people were living with chronic hepatitis B infection as at 2019, with 1.5 million new infections each year.

Up to one million people across the world die from hepatitis despite the fact that it is highly preventable.

The devastating effects of this disease is a cause for worry and must put the general public on alert.

Government, institutions and individuals must rise up and create awareness about Hepatitis B among rural dwellers especially, and help reduce the spread to save lives.

The good news is that hepatitis B is preventable because there is a vaccine that protects a person from being infected after coming into contact with the virus, however many are oblivious about this information, thereby moving about and exposing themselves daily to this deadly virus.

Authorities must focus on using preventive approach in dealing with deadly diseases including hepatitis B and informing the public about symptoms to look out for. Such moves go a long way in protecting lives.

Individuals who are located in far to reach areas in the country must not be forgotten because they are the most vulnerable. Some NGOs and philanthropists continue to go all out to ensure rural dwellers are not left out when it comes to education about protection against hepatitis B.

Throwing more light on the hepatitis B virus, Dr Bright Effah Sarfo, a medical practitioner stated that the liver could be affected by a group of virus including hepatitis A, B, C, D and E most commonly but the hepatitis A and E are not dangerous because the body easily gets rid of them.

He said the A and E are easily

contracted through food, especially sea food however Hepatitis B and C are commonly contracted through sexual intercourse, sharing used items like spoons without washing them, kissing infected persons, coming into contact with an infected person's fluids among others.

Explaining further, he said newborn babies could also acquire hepatitis B through the placenta and infected lactating mothers could also pass the virus unto their babies through breastfeeding.

Describing hepatitis B and C as very dangerous, the doctor said such severe liver infections could result to hepatocellular carcinomas, known as liver cancers.

Dr Sarfo indicated that the symptoms of hepatitis B one could look out for include, headache, bodily pains and nausea. He warned that when these symptoms persist and remain ignored, the Hepatitis B virus gets to the very chronic stage and starts decolorising the eyes, making them look yellow. "Mostly this is when most people become alarmed and seek medical attention but we must not wait until we become very weak when we start experiencing certain unusual symptoms before we think about seeking help. Rush to the hospital any time you start feeling sick."

According to Dr Sarfo, hepatitis B has become very common in Ghana and was affecting sufferers of the disease and their families badly so there is the need for unvaccinated persons to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones.

He also cautioned against buying food from street food vendors, adding that some research had proven that many roadside food vendors have not vaccinated against the deadly infectious virus but were busy out there cooking and serving unsuspecting members of the public with food and water.

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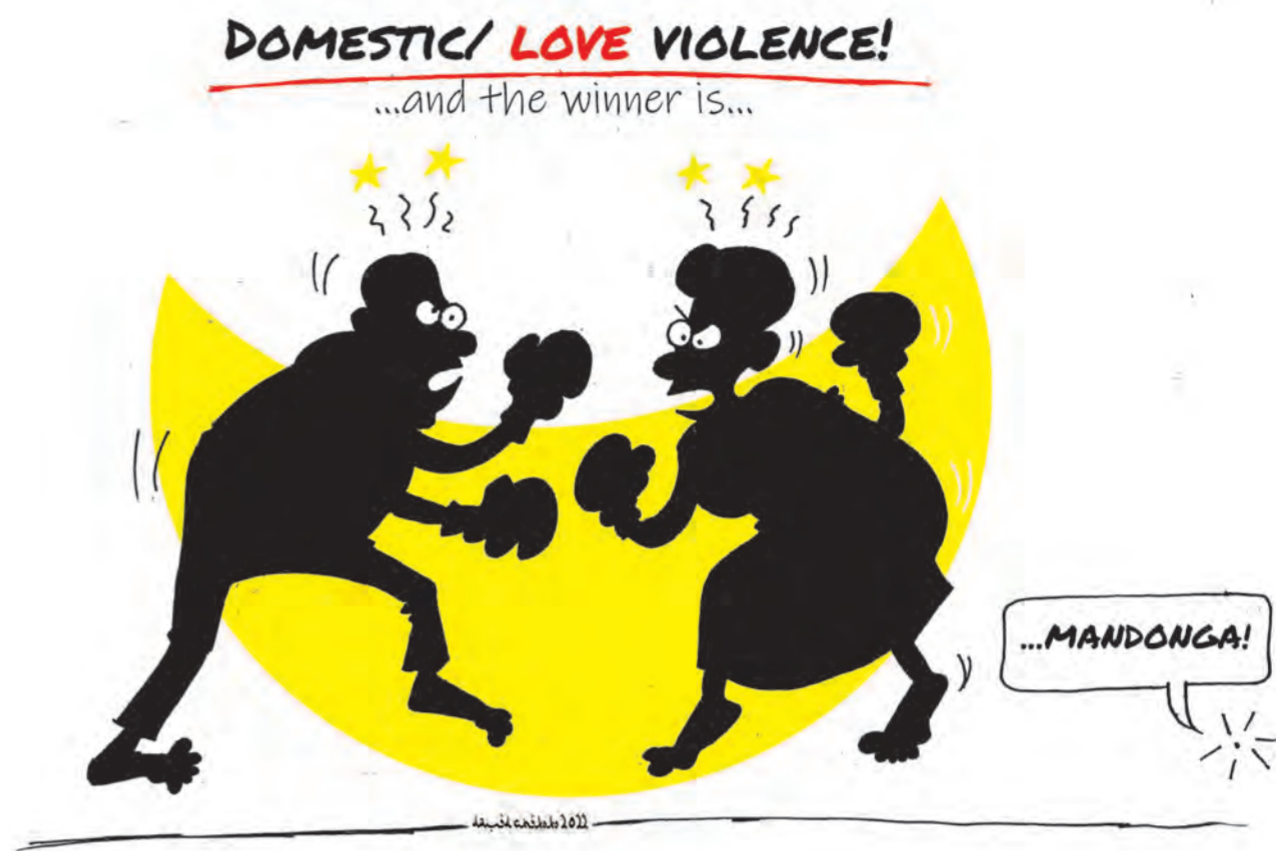
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# Africa taken for 'neo-colonial' ride

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LIKE so many others, Africans have long been misled. Alleged progress under imperialism has long been used to legitimize exploitation. Meanwhile, Western colonial powers have been replaced by neo-colonial governments and international institutions serving their interests.

'Shithole' pots of gold  
US President Donald Trump's "shitholes", mainly in Africa, were and often still are 'pots of gold' for Western interests. From 1445 to 1870, Africa was the major source of slave labour, especially for Europe's 'New World' in the Americas.

Walter Rodney's How Europe Underdeveloped Africa noted "colonised Africans, like pre-colonial African chattel slaves, were pushed around into positions which suited European interests and which were damaging to the African continent and its peoples."

The 'scramble for Africa' from the late nineteenth century saw European powers racing to secure raw materials monopolies through direct colonialism. Western powers all greatly benefited from Africa's plunder and ruin.

European divide-and-conquer tactics typically also had pliant African collaborators. Colonial powers imposed taxes and forced labour to build infrastructure to enable raw material extraction.

Racist ideologies legitimized European imperialism in Africa as a "civilizing mission". Oxford-trained, former Harvard history professor Niall Ferguson - an unabashed apologist for Western imperialism - insists colonialism laid the foundations for modern progress.

Richest, but poorest and hungriest!

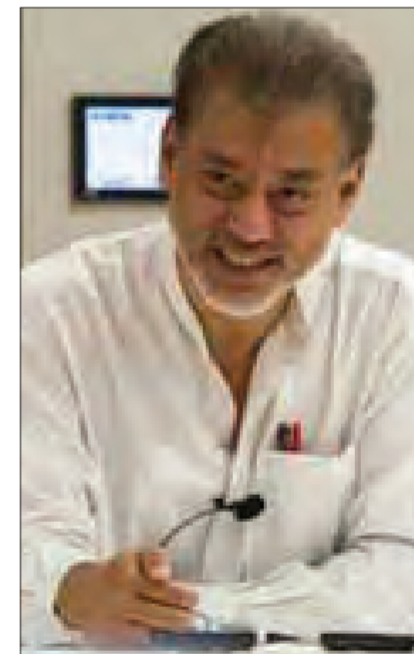
A recent blog asks, "Why is the continent with 60% of the world's arable land unable to feed itself? ... And how did Africa go from a relatively self-sufficient food producer in the 1970s to an overly dependent food importer by 2022?"

Deeper analyses of such uncomfortable African realities seem to be ignored by analysts influenced by the global North, especially the Washington-based international financial institutions. UNCTAD's 2022 Africa report is the latest to disappoint.

It does not guide African governments on how to actually implement its long list of recommendations given their



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limited policy space, resources and capabilities. Worse, their proposals seem indistinguishable from an Africa-oriented version of the discredited neoliberal Washington Consensus.

With 30% of the world's mineral resources and the most precious metal reserves on Earth, Africa has the richest concentration of natural resources - oil, copper, diamonds, bauxite, lithium, gold, tropical hardwood forests and fruits.

Yet, Africa remains the poorest continent, with the average per capita output of most countries worth less than \$1,500 annually! Of 46 least developed countries, 33 are in Africa - more than half the continent's 54 nations.

Africa remains the world's least industrialized region, with only South Africa categorized as industrialized. Incredibly, Africa's share of global manufacturing fell from about 3% in 1970 to less than 2% in 2013.

About 60% of the world's arable land is in Africa. A net food exporter until the 1970s, the continent has become a net importer. Structural adjustment reform conditionalities - requiring trade liberalization - have cut tariff revenue, besides undermining import-substituting manufacturing and food security.

Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 24% of the world's hungry. Africa is the only continent where the number of undernourished people has increased over the past four decades. About 27.4% of Africa's population was 'severely food insecure' in 2016.

In 2020, 281.6 million Africans were undernourished, 82 million

more than in 2000! Another 46 million became hungry during the pandemic. Now, Ukraine sanctions on wheat and fertilizer exports most threaten Africa's food security, in both the short and medium-term.

Structural adjustment  
Many of Africa's recent predicaments stem from structural adjustment programs (SAPs) much of Africa and Latin America have been subjected to from the 1980s. The Washington-based international financial institutions, the African Development Bank and all donors support the SAPs.

SAP advocates promised foreign direct investment and export growth would follow, ensuring growth and prosperity. Now, many admit neoliberalism was oversold, ensuring the 1980s and 1990s were 'lost decades', worsened by denial of its painfully obvious consequences.

Instead, 'extraordinarily disadvantageous geography', 'high ethnic diversity', the 'natural resource curse', 'bad governance', corrupt 'rent-seeking' and armed conflicts have been blamed. Meanwhile, however, colonial and neo-colonial abuse, exploitation and resource plunder have been denied.

While World Bank SAPs were officially abandoned in the late 1990s following growing criticism, replacements - such as Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers - have been like "old wine in new bottles". Although purportedly 'home-grown', they typically purvey bespoke versions of SAPs.

With trade liberalization and greater specialization, many African countries are now more dependent on fewer export commodities.

With more growth spurts during commodity booms, African economies have become even more vulnerable to external shocks.

Can the West be trusted?  
Earlier, G7 countries reneged on their 2005 Gleneagles pledge - to give \$25 billion more yearly to Africa to 'Make Poverty History' - within the five years they gave themselves. Since then, developed countries have delivered far less than the \$100 billion of climate finance annually they had promised developing nations in 2009.

The Hamburg G20's 2017 'Compact with Africa' (CwA) promised to combat poverty and climate change effects. In fact, CwA has been used to promote the business interests of donor countries, particularly Germany.

Primarily managed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, CwA has actually failed to deliver significant foreign investment, instead sowing confusion among participating countries.

Powerful Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development governments successfully blocked developing countries' efforts at the 2015 Addis Ababa UN conference on financing for development for inclusive UN-led international tax cooperation and to stem illicit financial outflows.

Africa lost \$1.2-1.4 trillion in illicit financial flows between 1980 and 2009 - about four times its external debt in 2013. This greatly surpasses total official development assistance received over the same period.

Africa must unite  
Under Nelson Mandela's leadership, Africa had led the fight for the 'public health exception' to international intellectual property law. Although Africa suffers most from 'vaccine apartheid', Western lobbyists blocked developing countries' temporary waiver request to affordably meet pandemic needs.

African solidarity is vital to withstand pressures from powerful foreign governments and transnational corporations. African nations must also cooperate to build state capabilities to counter the neoliberal 'good governance' agenda.

Africa needs much more policy space and state capabilities, not economic liberalization and privatization. This is necessary to unlock critical development bottlenecks and overcome skill and technical limitations.



# Nigeria's fragile security architecture is collapsing

By Cheta Nwanze

A burnt out bus is seen outside the Kuje maximum prison following a rebel attack in Kuje, Nigeria, Wednesday, July 6, 2022. At least 600 inmates escaped in a jailbreak in Nigeria's capital city blaming the attack on Islamic extremist rebels. About 300 have been recaptured.

Earlier this month, attacks that took place within minutes of each other in different parts of Nigeria, and the apparent failure of the security forces to respond to them efficiently and in a timely manner, exposed how big of a threat lawlessness and impunity currently poses to the country and its people.

Late on July 5, heavily armed men on motorcycles raided the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Centre on the outskirts of Abuja and released more than 900 inmates, including more than 60 Boko Haram members in detention. The Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) - an offshoot of Boko Haram now allied with the ISIL (ISIS) group - claimed responsibility for the attack.

Just hours before the Kuje incident, another group of heavily armed men had attacked a convoy carrying an advance security team for President Muhammadu Buhari in his home state of Katsina. A presidential spokesperson said the convoy carrying a team of security guards, as well as protocol and media



officers, was on its way to Daura, Buhari's hometown, to prepare for a visit by him when the attack took place. According to the presidency, two people in the convoy sustained minor injuries before the gunmen were repelled. On the very same day, bandits on motorcycles had also ambushed and gunned down Assistant Commissioner of Police Aminu Umar Dayi in another part of Katsina, not far from where the president's convoy was attacked.

Nigerian security forces failed to respond effectively to all three attacks, proving yet again that they don't have the capacity to properly defend themselves, let alone members of the public, against armed fighters.

While some of the inmates who escaped from the Kuje Custodial Centre were recaptured hours or at least days after the

attack, many are still on the loose - and those who managed to slip from the grasp of the security forces appear to include some of the most battle-hardened Boko Haram fighters and bomb experts.

The authorities' response to the attack on President Buhari's convoy and the ambush of Assistant Commissioner Dayi and his team in Katsina was equally incompetent. Those who attacked the presidential convoy, like those who killed the assistant commissioner, were not captured but simply "repelled" meaning they got away with what they did and are still free to stage further deadly attacks. According to reports, the very same bandits who attacked Buhari's convoy have already raided a nearby village since.

All this exposes the current state of Nigeria: A country where members of armed

groups raid prisons, attack presidential convoys and brutally murder security officers with ease and impunity.

Indeed, the raiding of the Kuje prison was only the latest instalment in the escalating attacks on prisons across the country. In 2021 alone, more than 5,000 inmates escaped thanks to such incidents. And "bandits" - the catchall phrase for criminal gangs - masterminding frequent bouts of abduction, maiming, sexual violence and killings of citizens - have been staging bloody attacks on rural communities without much meaningful push back from security forces for at least a decade in northern parts of the country.

While the July 5 attacks represented a continuation of existing trends in

many ways, they also marked a grim turning point in Nigeria's fight against armed groups.

For ISWAP, the attack on the Kuje prison was a spectacular success, not only because it helped free several prominent members of the group, but also because it demonstrated that the group is now confident enough to stage a major assault on a supposedly highly protected prison in the capital city. Much of the group's successes before this year were restricted to the North East, but in recent months, it has moved beyond its traditional influence zone in Borno, left imprints on Taraba, and driven westwards, gaining footholds in Niger, Kogi and even the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). After the Kuje jailbreak, it staged several other attacks on communities around Abuja. Now, there is no debating that even the most important and dearly guarded state institutions in Nigeria's capital city are facing a very real threat from ISWAP.

The attacks on Buhari's convoy and the deputy commissioner in Katsina state, meanwhile, clearly showed that Nigeria's security forces are no longer able to protect themselves - let alone civilians - against bandits in certain areas of the country.

Upon independence, Nigeria inherited a deeply faulty security architecture from the British that was geared towards protecting only the political and economic elites in urban centres and leaving the rest of the population to practically fend for themselves.

Consecutive governments, especially during the military dictatorship between 1966 to 1999, failed to reform this faulty infrastructure which led to the security situation getting worse and worse in the peripheries. In recent years, the country's economic downturn forced the security forces to further narrow the scope of their operations and put all the resources they have towards protecting the regime and its highest officials. This

resulted in even the members of security forces themselves becoming overly vulnerable to attacks by "bandits" and armed groups, and perhaps most importantly, large swaths of Nigerians, especially in urban centres, starting to lose any trust they had in their country's security forces.

The apparent collapse of Nigeria's fragile and faulty security architecture may have immediate, and deadly, consequences for the public beyond the emboldening of bandits and armed groups. Namely, the security forces can turn on innocent civilians to protect their dignity and try to regain some respect.

Even before the failures experienced on July 5, we have witnessed some examples of this dangerous behaviour. In late June, for example, the soldiers who were sent to Yakurr in Cross River State to restore peace after a communal dispute reportedly turned their guns on the civilian population after one of their colleagues was killed in action. Local media reported that the soldiers shot at anything that moved, killed at least 10 people, and burned down several houses. Several other similar incidents have been reported in recent years.

After their failures on July 5, Nigeria's security forces are likely feeling more incompetent and under threat than ever before. This could easily lead to many more tragedies where underfunded, underprepared and frustrated members of security forces turn their weapons on those they should be protecting, and collectively punish communities in order to regain respect, power and control.

If Nigeria is to ensure the safety of all its citizens, and effectively counter the threat posed by bandits and armed groups, the government should stop downplaying the failures of the security forces, and focus its efforts on repairing - and perhaps completely reshaping - the country's faulty security architecture.

# Ruling a major win for media freedom

In a new judgment of extraordinary importance for freedom of expression and media freedom in Namibia, that country's highest court has confirmed the development of the common law to give greater protection to the Namibian media so that, as the court put it, its 'important democratic role of providing information to the public is not imperilled by the risk of defamation claims'. Carmel Rickard takes a closer look.

This new judgment illustrates how Namibia's highest court is determined to protect media freedom, given its constitutional importance in that country. But behind the theoretical questions lie disputed facts concerning the fate of three elephants, and a defamation case against the Namibian Sun, arising out of this dispute.

In the High Court, the media company was ordered to pay a total of N\$120 000 in damages after that court imposed an extremely high standard on the journalist who wrote the disputed story. Would the Supreme Court agree that this virtually impossible standard applied, or would it find that a more reasonable standard was required of a journalist?

The original story opened with focus on an urgent court application said to have been filed by Namibia's Environment Ministry, aimed at forcing a game-capturing company to return three elephants illegally transported to Mariental.

The story also said that the elephants were being kept 'in what the Ministry describes as horrific conditions'.

Johan Lombaard, who had possession of the elephants at the time, was a co-owner of Golden Game CC, and Lombaard and Golden Game were the two applicants in the High Court action, suing for defamation against the media company.

In response to the defamation claim, the newspaper said the statements complained about by Lombaard and his company had been made at a public press conference by the Minister of Environment & Tourism, and by the

Ministry's permanent secretary.

Among other defences, the newspaper claimed truth and public interest, fair comment and reasonable publication. Senior journalist for the media company, Ellanie Smit, who wrote the disputed article, said she had attended a press conference addressed by the Minister and another ministerial official. They were asked about the plight of the elephants, and their answers were accurately reflected in the subsequent article she had written.

She said after the press conference, but before publication, she made two attempts to reach Lombaard by phone but that his phone was off on both occasions.

Lombaard stressed that Smit had not contacted him before publication, and that the published report contained 'untrue and incorrect matter concerning him and Golden Game'. At no stage had the Ministry sought an interdict against him and his company. Further, he denied that the elephants were illegally transported or that they were kept in horrific or deplorable conditions.

The High Court found the article was indeed defamatory in that it attributed illegal activities to Lombaard and his company, and the fact that the story referred to the animals as being kept in horrific conditions was also defamatory.

It found that the information presented at the press conference was not accurate and that Smit 'did nothing' to investigate the truthfulness of the allegations made at the press conference.

The treatment of elephants was indeed a matter of public interest, the High Court found, but the media company did not establish the defences of truth and public interest, nor fair comment.

In its judgment, the appeal court has now found that reporting on allegations of ill treatment of elephants, made by the political and executive heads of the Ministry constitutionally mandated to enforce provisions of law aimed at the prevention of ill treatment of this protected species, was 'inherently a



matter in the public interest.'

The media company argued that the reporting of factual statements made at an official public press conference 'was reasonable' on its part and it was reasonable to accept the correctness of the factual matter disclosed by these officials as they were 'reliable sources'.

Lombaard's legal team took issue with the failure of Smit to 'test the accuracy of the statements' made at the press conference.

Two calls to Lombaard, made in quick succession before publication, were 'hopelessly inadequate' as an opportunity to respond to the allegations made against him and his company. And there had been 'no effort at all made to test the accuracy of the information given at the press conference.'

It was 'insufficient' that Smit regarded

the courses as credible and reliable. According to Lombaard's counsel, Smit 'could and should have travelled to Lombaard's farm near Mariental to see the conditions for herself.'

But was this really necessary to establish the defence of 'reasonable publication in the public interest'? Trustco v Shikongo, a groundbreaking Supreme Court decision on defamation, had made it clear that defamation defences previously available under the common law were 'inadequate to protect the right to freedom of expression and the media protected under ... the Constitution.'

The court in Trustco had found that the common law therefore needed to be developed, as had happened in other jurisdictions, 'to provide greater protection to the media to assure that their important democratic

role of providing information to the public is not imperilled by the risk of defamation claims.'

In Trustco, the court said the development of a defence of reasonable or responsible publication of facts that are in the public interest, would provide 'greater protection to the right of freedom of speech and the media protected (in the Constitution) without placing the constitutional precept of human dignity at risk.'

The Supreme Court travelled recent trends in international jurisprudence to satisfy itself about the increasing acceptability of this defence.

In order to establish the defence of reasonable or responsible reporting, said the court, a journalist would need to satisfy herself that her belief in the truthfulness of the allegations is the result of a reasonable investigation and

must be a reasonable belief to hold.

The list of guidelines in the Trustco decision was not to be applied rigidly, but rather to provide helpful guidance to courts. Further, the Trustco judges found courts 'should not hold journalists to a standard of perfection.' Account must be taken of the pressure under which journalists work and 'not expect more than is reasonable of them.'

But courts should also not be too willing to forgive manifest breaches of good journalist practice.

Applying these principles to the appeal before it, the Supreme Court found that reporting on allegations of ill treatment of elephants was a matter of compelling public interest.

At no stage did Lombaard take issue with the accuracy of Smit's report on the statements attributed to the Minister and other officials. In the view of the court, it was 'unequivocally true' that the appellants had established Smit's conduct in publishing the report to be the actions of a 'reasonable or responsible journalist.'

The Ministry had an investigative, enforcement and supervisory role in relation to granting wildlife permits and ensuring compliance with them. Smit was 'plainly entitled' to accept the accuracy of what both officials said at the press conference without independently verifying the correctness of what they said. There was 'no indication of a casual, slipshod or careless approach' by Smit or her editor. 'The indications are quite to the contrary.'

What about approaching Lombaard before publishing? The fundamental question was whether the journalist acted reasonably in publishing, the Supreme Court said. And her accurate reporting on the statements of the Minister and officials at the press conference clearly satisfied the test of a responsible journalist.

In conclusion, the Supreme Court held that Smit's defence should have succeeded in the High Court, and the court should have dismissed the defamation action with costs.



# Empowering youths through digital literacy and skills vital

By Zeenat O. Sambo

With the strike dragging into five months, many students have been left stranded at home without vocational skills and at the risk of negative influences with disastrous consequences.

With many courses in Nigerian universities becoming less marketable in the work world and students lacking employable skills when seeking opportunities, the acquisition of digital skills is the right direction for the achievement of digital inclusion. For personal growth and access to job opportunities across the local and international tech ecosystems, students need to migrate to online study platforms and pursue their educational aspirations.

Recently, the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Mallam Isa Pantami announced that the Federal Government has signed partnership agreements with tech giants, Huawei and Cisco to establish 300 academies in Nigeria and to train 30,000 citizens in advanced Information Communication Technology (ICT).

This step again has underlined the scope of the Ministry to promote the acquisition of digital literacy and skills among youth as a strategy to push its digital economy agenda through partnerships with various global tech companies.

Speaking at the Cisco Safari International Conference 2022 organised by National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in collaboration with Cisco, the Minister disclosed the agency's partnership with Microsoft to train about five million people in ICT skills, particularly in the area of Artificial

Intelligence (AI).

While discussing the theme, "Digital Skills in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the Impact on National Development", Pantami noted that digital skills and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) have been highlighted as pillars of the country's National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS).

In actualizing NDEPS for Digital Nigeria 2020-2030, which was unveiled by President Muhammadu Buhari on November 28, 2019, the conference has enabled the capturing of the agenda of developing digital skills and literacy and enhancing the digital society, as crucial to enabling emerging technologies.

The signing of these agreements comes at a good time when Nigerian students are affected by the protracted Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) strike, as such the Huawei and Cisco digital skills programmes will provide them a new pathway to participating in the global business arena.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) embarked on a strike in February, demanding that the government should invest in the provision of university infrastructure and pay its members' salaries through the University Transparency and Accountability Solution (UTAS) system developed by Nigerians.

With the strike dragging into five months, many students and youths have been left stranded at home without vocational skills and at the risk of negative influences with disastrous consequences.

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Cisco Systems, Inc., commonly known as Cisco, is an American multinational technology conglomerate founded in 1984. Cisco develops, manufactures, and sells networking hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, and other high-technology services and products.

Known for its expertise in specific tech markets such as the Internet of Things (IoT), domain security, videoconferencing, and energy management, Cisco ranks 63rd on the Fortune 100 companies, with \$49 billion in revenue and it is a brand outfit with a global reputation in skills development and training.

Similarly, Huawei as a leading

worldwide provider of ICT infrastructure through the organisation's platform and ecosystem development technique, and its new ICT infrastructure highlighting the "Cloud-Pipe-Device" synergy.

With its driving ability advancement system and certification guidelines, Huawei Certification encompasses three categories: ICT Infrastructure Certification, Platform and Service Certification, and ICT Vertical Certification.

As part of its focus on growing new ICT experts in the digital era and building a healthy ICT talent ecosystem, Huawei Certification has over time gained a reputation with its "CloudCampus" digital network which has been implemented on campuses the world over to bring academics and institutions closer to safer and faster network operations that save time, resources and investments.

According to Tolly Group research, Huawei platform offers intelligent operations and management (O&M)

and provides more AI-enabled services, and ensures optimal service and user experience with automated network management across its entire lifecycle, including planning, deployment, maintenance, and optimization.

Courses offered include the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence, network energy, finance, enterprise communication, and many other digital skills to engage Nigerian youths during the ASUU strike.

Others include medical and health, poverty reduction and agricultural development, trade promotion, investment promotion, digital innovation, green development, capacity building, cultural and people-to-people exchange, and peace and security.

It will be recalled that earlier in the year the Federal Government and Huawei had officially begun the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide ICT skills to young people. The MoU inked the establishment of two core ICT projects in Nigeria: the Huawei ICT Academy Project and the Huawei ICT Talent Cultivation Project for the

development of the digital economy in Nigeria.

It is estimated that this partnership will lead to the development of over 300 ICT institutes at Nigeria's top universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education. At least 10,000 university students from universities will be trained each year, with a total of 30,000 students in three years. This would include training, competitions, and other activities incidental to the operation of the ICT Academy.

Under the MoU, Huawei, Microsoft, and Cisco are expected to make available their technology and trainers to help curb the rate of unemployment in Nigeria by providing experience, opportunities, jobs, and ICT certifications to students each year to increase their market flow.

With the MoU targeting 100,000 Nigerians, Microsoft training about five million youth, and Cisco training about 30,000 Nigerians, it is believed that digital literacy and skills can be transformed into digital economic growth soon.

Amongst other empowering factors, the Federal Government initiative will provide an enabling environment for international companies to invest and do business in Nigeria and help multiply the number of indigenous tech-enabled innovative enterprises with digital skills to drive Nigeria's digital economy.

For sustainability of these digital academies and the successful development of indigenous market-creating, innovation-driven enterprises, NITDA should gear up the engagement of tertiary institutions, relevant public organisations, and tech ecosystem stakeholders to help integrate creative students and youths into the tech world to enhance Nigeria's economic prosperity.



## Somali President urging public to help millions hit by drought

MOGADISHU

Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has called on the Somali public to join the government's effort to help millions of people in the country affected by the drought. The U.N. says 7.7 million Somalis have been affected by the drought.

Speaking at a mosque in the country's capital, Mogadishu, Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud called on citizens to join his government's efforts to help Somalis devastated by the worst drought in more than 40 years in the Horn of Africa nation.

Mohamud said those affected the most by the drought are the elderly and children, who are experiencing severe malnutrition.

He says the drought and its circumstances have worsened, and it now has reached a state of famine and death. The livestock are already gone, there was much hunger, he said, but the government has been doing whatever it can to help people, and the world is helping. He emphasized that

the Somali people and those abroad need to double their efforts to reach a lot of people in time of great need.

Mohamud was elected in May by the country's parliament for a second time, and he announced shortly after taking office that his government's priority was to battle the current prolonged drought that has devastated 90 percent of the country.

He also appointed a special envoy for drought response to facilitate the humanitarian activities in the country.

According to the United Nations office for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 7.7 million Somalis have been affected by the drought, and nearly a million people have been displaced. Drought-related malnutrition has killed more than 500 children since January of this year.

The U.N. Migration Agency (IOM) in Somalia told VOA on Saturday the people displaced from the drought are living under extreme conditions.

Claudia Rosel is the IOM media and communications officer, and she said the numbers of those displaced by

drought have been steadily increasing since the beginning of this year.

"Those who are newly displaced due to drought are on top of 2.5 million people who were already internally displaced in Somalia due to natural hazards and conflicts over the years," said Rosel. "And now what we are preoccupied with is that in just one year, we are seeing almost 1 million people nearly displaced due to drought conditions and most of them - they won't be able to go back to their communities of origin because they have lost everything."

The Somali prime minister's office said the drought has affected more than 15 million livestock - 28 percent of Somalia's total livestock population - while killing more than 2 million other animals.

Somalia's southern Jubaland state minister of planning, Abdirahman Abdi Ahmed, told VOA Somali service that 200 children have died because of drought-related illnesses during the past three months.



Somalis who fled drought-stricken areas carry their belongings as they arrive at a makeshift camp for the displaced on the outskirts of Mogadishu on June 30, 2022.

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# 'Mangroves key in protecting natural habitat of nations' fisheries resources'

**O**N July 26, every year is the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem. Tanzania and East Africa is no exception as it has lost large part of the tree species due to human activities especially in coastal areas. Mangroves' cagy tangled roots provide a rich habitat for many organisms such as fishes and crustaceans. Our Correspondent GERALD KITABU interviewed Wetland International Chief Executive Officer, Jane Madgwick, on the state of mangroves and wetlands in general, after her recent visit to the Rufiji Delta. Excerpts:

**QUESTION:** This is your first time to the mangroves in Rufiji Delta in Tanzania. How was your experience?

**ANSWER:** Rufiji Delta is very impressive in size and diversity of the ecosystems; and many of the mangroves look like they are in good condition. Also, people have



Wetland International chief executive Officer Jane Madgwick.

a greater dependency on the Delta and there is a conversation between the communities and government, local authorities on how to resolve it, and Wetlands International is part of that conversation.

**Q:** To what extent are the mangroves and other wetlands relevant to the achievement of SDGs in developing countries and East Africa in particular?

**A:** The mangroves have a key role to play both for nature and biodiversity (SDG 14 & 15). In terms of SDGs, they are the best natural buffer, protecting cities, settlement and land so that the SDGs can be achieved. They prevent coastline erosion, mitigate the effects of tides and reduce atmospheric carbon, storms, and prevent sea level rise. There are many reasons to take care of mangroves.

**Q:** Do wetlands have a role in managing or reducing effects of pandemics?

**A:** In general, pandemics are increasing as we fragment the natural environment. And the key part of

that are wetlands and we have lost more than two-thirds of wetlands worldwide. Wetlands are vital for good human health. With pandemics, it's more complex. Wetlands are part of the natural system which is being lost and that contributes to more pandemics. In terms of recovery from pandemics, wetlands can play a vital role in bringing back human health.

**Q:** Wetlands are being degraded and lost due to rising human population and encroachment and other factors. What can governments do to conserve wetlands in these circumstances?

**A:** What governments need to do is to value the remaining wetlands. They should be treasured. But in many countries, and I think also in Tanzania, there is no good knowledge on those wetlands. If they are not valued, it's easy to lose them due to agriculture or infrastructural development. Therefore, bringing the values into decision making is a

critical first step.

Wetlands are responsible for storing carbon. They store much more carbon than any other ecosystem. They capture, purify and deliver water. Water is either too scarce or too much in context of climate change. Bringing wetlands back can help ensure there's enough water for everyone. That's the SDG 6, where there is a target for wetlands restoration. So, unless we put wetlands back in good condition, we will not have enough water for people or control the impact of floods. Population rise is just a factor. But bad decisions on land and water management and fragmented policies for different sectors have much more impact.

**Q:** What is the status of wetlands in Europe and other developed countries?

**A:** It is very bad. We lost around 80 per cent and now the governments and companies are paying the price because they need wetlands to support their economies. It is very expensive to restore. There is a lot of interest in restoration. To lower temperatures, prevent fires; reduce the impact of heat waves. If you look at the developed world, Africa can learn a lesson that it's better to conserve wetlands than destroy then pay for

restoration.

**Q:** What best practices can African governments and communities adapt to safeguard and restore wetlands?

**A:** Bringing together governments, local institutions, international organizations and other stakeholders to share knowledge on conservation and restoration. Sharing knowledge and experiences really helps to bring change.

**Q:** East Africa region has transboundary wetlands. Which framework is/are best suited to safeguard and restore these wetlands?

**A:** The answer is not really frameworks but dialogue. Dialogue is important between countries to share knowledge, have an understanding that they have a shared resource and how to manage it together for the future. That resource is valuable for both or several countries; so if one country depletes it, the others suffer.

**Q:** Climate change is a concern for many. Rains are failing at a high frequency and when sometimes they come, they cause floods. What can local leaders do to galvanise and support their communities to fight climate change effects?

**A:** First of all, they need to understand what actually climate change is and what is caused by other

factors in the landscape. If this knowledge can get to the local level and people understand the causes, then they can use that knowledge to demand for change. Dialogue is powerful and there is also need for collaboration at different scales and across sectors.

**Q:** In water scarce regions, there are multiple players - government, community-based organisations, civil society, private sector - involved in water resources management and WASH. How can these efforts be harnessed well to avoid duplication and wastage of resources?

**A:** We have to come together at a landscape or basin level and share knowledge and work out joint solutions for resilience. Water cuts across all sectors and probably the most important one to bring to the table is agriculture. Therefore, collaborative efforts and solutions are needed.

**Q:** Finally, should the status of a wetland in Tanzania or Kenya, for instance, worry a resident in the UK and vice versa?

**A:** Of course, it's one planet; it's all connected. Due to globalization, it is important that the efforts of conservation must be collaborative. If one part is affected, obviously another part of the planet will be affected.

# US pledges \$116 million for food and nutrition assistance

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Zeya added that there are external destabilising factors, such as the Russian conflict with Ukraine, which has caused widespread disruption and significantly increased the price of food and fuel in the world. More than 40 million people around the world are believed to be at risk of food insecurity due to the conflict. That is why, according to Zeya, the United States intends to provide more than five billion dollars in additional aid this year, including more than US\$760 million specifically for global food security. Most of the new funding will go to African nations, including Mozambique.

Meanwhile, President Filipe Nyusi has recognised that the Single Wage Table (TSU), introduced this month in public

administration, does not constitute a solution to the rising cost of living.

The president was speaking in Maputo, on 20 July, to members and supporters of the ruling Frelimo Party, at a ceremony held to celebrate Mozambique's election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

The government has decided to postpone until August the payment of most of the new wages in accordance with the Single Wage Table due to some discrepancies in the calculations made for allocation of the new wages.

On 19 July, the Minister of Economy and Finance, Max Tonela, explained that about 21,000 State employees will receive the minimum monthly wage, of 8,756 meticais (US\$137, at the current exchange rate) in July. This is a rise of over 87 per cent compared with the previous minimum. However, everyone paid above the minimum wage will have to wait until August to receive their new salaries.

President Nyusi confirmed that serious inconsistencies discovered in the TSU have forced the government to suspend paying most of the new wages. But the President thought that such difficulties are normal in a complex process. He noted that the TSU could not be regarded as a finished product and inevitably more corrections and adjustments would have to be made. The important point, he stressed, was that the government had decided to reduce imbalances and improve wage conditions in the public administration. "Don't panic because things are being corrected", he urged. "It's like someone carving a sculpture - he improves it whenever he notices some defect".

President Nyusi assured state employees that they will all be paid. Those who, for whatever reason, have not yet been included in the TSU, will receive their old wages, and increases under the TSU will be backdated.

President Nyusi blamed part of the current inflation on the Russian conflict with Ukraine, which had triggered increases in fuel and grain prices. The conflict "has enormous influence on the country's economy, but Mozambicans should not lose focus. It is urgent to accelerate domestic production as a way to reduce dependence on foreign donations", the President urged.

"I would like us to work harder so that we can reduce imports. By reducing imports, we will have a greater capacity to solve our problems", he added.

Half a million HIV-positive people abandon anti-retroviral treatment

About 500,000 people living with HIV in Mozambique have abandoned

anti-retroviral treatment in the last two years, which is an estimated 25 per cent of all HIV-positive people in the country.

The data was made available at an event in Maputo on 19 and comes from a survey conducted by the National AIDS Council (CNCS) and its partners, entitled "Why did you stop?" This research covered 39 districts in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Sofala, Inhambane, and Maputo provinces.

The document notes external factors that contribute to treatment being abandoned, such as work, side effects of the anti-retroviral drugs, and disapproval by partners. Other factors include socio-economic issues, discrimination, and stigma.

The CNCS Planning Unit Coordinator, Ema Chuva, explained that there is work being done in the communities with partners in order to rescue people who had given up on treatment and bring them back to the health units. "It is being successful. But clearly, we realise that it is not enough just to do the work, we need to be able to solve the reasons that made them stop", she added.

For her part, the researcher and head of the study, Marion dos Santos, highlighted recommendations from the research. "We had as recommendations to broadly discuss the concept of masculinity, and to improve the socio-economic situation of women so that they don't become more dependent on their husbands", she said. Another recommendation is to look at people's mental and emotional health because it is one of the factors that contribute to low self-esteem and depression in infected people.

Marion dos Santos also pointed out the continuous work within the communities to increase knowledge through the dissemination of clear information about the importance of treatment for HIV-positive people.

Mozambique currently has an estimated 2.1 million people living with HIV, a majority of them women, including about 130,000 children under the age of 15.

Terrorists killed and captured in Nagade

Islamist terrorists on 26 July suffered a heavy defeat during a failed attack on the town of Nagade in the northern province of Cabo Delgado. According to reports in the news sheet "Mediafax", all of the attackers were killed or captured by the Mozambican defence forces and their allies from SAMIM (SADC Mission in Mozambique).

The report stated that the terrorists attacked Chitunda, an outlying neighbourhood of Nagade town at nine in the morning. This was the first

time Nagade had come under attack, and the first time any district capital had been attacked since troops from SAMIM and Rwanda entered the conflict.

The jihadists entered Chitunda and murdered three people while many others fled into the bush. They went on to burn down about 20 houses and loot property.

According to the "Mediafax" sources, there were seven people in the terrorist group, only three of whom were armed. The unit of the Mozambican defence and security forces stationed in the town, supported by SAMIM troops from Lesotho, reacted quickly, killing two of

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the raiders and capturing the other five.

Earlier in the day, the group had been spotted in fields in the area of Nakaindili, about three kilometres from the town. Here one of the terrorists was captured and told the authorities that the other seven were on their way to the town.

"Mediafax" also reported that the Tanzanian contingent of SAMIM has, in recent days, captured 95 youths on their way to terrorist bases. Most of them were captured, not inside Mozambique, but in Maheha village in the southern Tanzanian province of Mtwara.

Some of the youths had taken refuge in the Maheha mosque. Three children who had been out catching birds spotted the movements of the would-be terrorist recruits near the border and tipped off the authorities.

Dozens of terrorists killed at Catupa base

The commander of the Northern Operational Theatre of the Mozambican Armed Forces (FADM), Omar Saranga, has told reporters that dozens of Islamist terrorists were killed in the operation that led to the seizure of the major jihadist base of Catupa, in Macomia district, in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.

Catupa was captured in mid-July and was regarded as the most important strategic stronghold of the terrorists, following the fall of their Siri 1 and Siri 2 bases last year. It was located in dense bush and accommodated rebels fleeing from the offensive in which the FADM and its Rwandan allies drove the jihadists out of the town of Mocimboa da Praia in August 2021.

"Our forces killed dozens of terrorists and seized military and computer material", said Saranga. He presented a Mozambican who had been a bodyguard for one of the terrorist leaders, but who had surrendered.

The capture of the Catupa base was initially announced by President Filipe Nyusi on 14 July, who revealed that during the operation one of the jihadist leaders was killed.

President Nyusi invites Italy to invest in northern Mozambique

President Filipe Nyusi has expressed interest in seeing Italy support the Programme for Resilience and Integrated Development of the Northern Region (PREDIN) which aims to promote the recovery of basic conditions for sustainable economic and social development of northern Mozambique, following the Islamist terrorism that has been plaguing parts of Cabo Delgado province.

President Nyusi was speaking on 5 July in Maputo, during the state banquet offered in honour of his Italian counterpart, Sergio Mattarella, who was on a state visit to Mozambique. The President explained that, through the programme, the government intends to accelerate the inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development of the northern region of the country, reduce poverty and vulnerability, and discourage young people from being lured into terrorist groups.

"The implementation of PREDIN requires financial resources and we are sure that Italy, always a friend of Mozambique, will play a crucial role", the President said. Experience, said President Nyusi, shows that terrorism cannot be fought only with military operations. Therefore, the government approved PREDIN.

The combined efforts of the Mozambique Defence and Security Forces and their Rwandan

counterparts, as well as the Southern African Development Community Military Mission (SAMIM) and the military training actions coordinated by the European Union, have dictated the recovery of some areas and the destruction of bases previously occupied by terrorists.

PREDIN includes actions aimed at increasing the military capacity of the defence forces, support to countries that commit their forces on the ground, as well as providing humanitarian assistance to more than 850 thousand internally displaced people, and the rehabilitation of infrastructure.

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For his part, President Mattarella stressed that there is no indifference when the dignity of people is violated, adding that "Mozambique has always had an intelligent and active partnership on all issues in bilateral relations with Italy, including the fight against poverty and climate change."

In Cabo Delgado, the Italian energy company, Eni, is heading the consortium that owns the Coral Sul floating platform in the Rovuma Basin Area 4 deep-water block, where huge deposits of natural gas have been discovered.

EU approves €89 million for fight against terrorism

The European Union (EU) has approved an €89 million (US\$89.4 million) package for the fight against terrorism that has been plaguing parts of Cabo Delgado, since October 2017. This sum will be invested in the training of the Defence and Security Forces, to make them more operational and self-sufficient, as well as in the purchase of non-lethal protective equipment.

The aid was announced on 13 July by the outgoing Ambassador of the European Union, Antonio Sanchez-Benedito Gaspar, following an audience granted to him by President Filipe Nyusi.

The ambassador, who is closing his four-year term of office in Mozambique, said that "with regard to equipment, the European Union has already approved a package of €89 million for training and purchase of non-lethal equipment for 11 Marine command units that are being trained, including uniforms, vests, helmets, communication systems, drones, vehicles, a field hospital, and other individual protection materials".

AGENCIES









## BoA boosts capacity of small and medium businesses in Mwanza

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

BANK of Africa-Tanzania (BoA) has organised entrepreneurship capacity-building training for small and mid-size enterprises (SMEs) in Mwanza Region in a new drive to equip them with necessary skills and boosting businesses in the Lake zone.

Held here at the weekend, the event was attended by the bank's SME customers who acquired skills and knowledge necessary to smooth and grow their businesses ranging from financial management and how to raise capital.

Speaking during the event, BoA managing director Adam Mihayo (pictured), encouraged entrepreneurs and businessmen in the country to take an opportunity of the financial services provided by the bank to boost productivity.

"We at Bank of Africa, in our three-year strategy, we intend to contribute to the growth of the country's economy. The SMEs are important and sensitive players in our economy, as they contribute 30 percent to the national income," he said.

"If you look at the statistics, out of 10 businesses, 9 are small and medium. I welcome you to us, because it is the bank with a positive outlook aims at empowering small and medium entrepreneurs. This is in line with our effective services in this sector ranging from opening a bank account, offering loans, commercial solutions and advice in developing entrepreneurs' businesses," Mihayo explained.

He said during the last year, the bank issued loans amounting to 32bn/- to

SMEs, and during the first half, the bank has already dished out 23bn/-.

"We hope that by the end of the year we'll have given a bigger amount. In the three-year strategic plan, we are planning to provide 132bn/- to SMEs and we believe that in doing so, we will stimulate economic growth," he said.

Research shows many small and medium businesses are not successful due to poor record keeping, they also get challenges in keeping their business accounts, and there is also a challenge of lack of collateral securities.

Participants were equipped with skills and knowledge on how to run their businesses more efficiently.

"We believe that we as Bank of Africa are doing well commercially. If you look at our financial statement, we have been able to grow our balance sheet up to 711bn/-, a growth never achieved before and our profit has grown by 37 percent to 4.7bn/- in June this year compared with 3.4bn/- last year," he noted.

Some of the businessmen attended the Workshop congratulated the Bank of Africa on the way it has empowered them through loans and raising their businesses, but they requested the bank to continue improving its services to benefit more customers, especially business community.

Bank's head of SMEs customers department Ninael Mndeme assured the businessmen that credit services will be provided at all times by the bank in accordance with industry's regulations, as stipulated by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

## Foreign investors records 1.2bn/- monthly net outflow at DSE in July

By Guardian Reporter

Foreign investors recorded 1.2 net outflows in July this year, which indicates continuing exit in a time of uncertain global economic outlook due to ongoing geopolitical tensions, high inflationary pressures, supply-chain disruptions, and a projected tightening of global financial conditions, which economists claim that may undermine global GDP growth.

The DSE market report has shown foreign investors sold shares valued 2.21bn/- in July against purchase of shares valued 913mn/-.

The amount in July was more than half of the 2.1bn/- outflow recorded during the second quarter of this year and more than 0.7bn/- recorded during the third quarter of last year.

The report shows local investors are continuing to dominate the market as out of 5.3bn/- total turnover recorded in July, they bought 82.82 percent of the value of shares sold and sold 58.36 percent of the value of selling side.

The market report shows during the last week closing, a total turnover of 961mn/- as foreign investors sold shares



As the last week closed, a turnover of 961mn/- was recorded, as foreign investors sold shares valued 832.06mn/-. All shares were all bought by local investors PHOTO/FILE

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During the day, on the Block Trade Pre-arranged Market board, Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) counter traded a block of 218,962 shares valued 839.3mn/-. The cement producer counter

also recorded the movement of 1,861 shares traded at the weighted average price of

3,800 per share I two deals.

Other largest value recorded on CRDB Bank Plc counter, the seventh largest in terms of market capitalization, which had 201,823 shares traded in the normal board at weighted average price of 390/- per share in 34 deals.

NMB Bank Plc was the third largest mover during the closing trading of the month, after recording a turnover of

36.4m/- through trading 13,979 shares at weighted average price of 2,680/- per share in 7 deals.

During the second quarter, foreign investors dominated the market by recording 62.20 percent of the value of shares bought and 67.49 percent of shares sold. Total turnover during the second quarter amounted 40.2bn/-.

Market analysts expect

more foreign investors exit in small markets including Tanzania over uncertain global economic outlook, but local investors' absorption capacity is stable to cover up the exits.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts that the global growth is projected to slow from an estimated 6.1 percent in 2021 to 3.6 percent in 2022 and 2023.

"Global output contracted in the second quarter of this year, owing to downturns in China and Russia, while US consumer spending under-shot expectations," IMF said in its July economic outlook update.

The IMF baseline forecast is for growth to slow to 3.2 percent in 2022, 0.4 percentage point lower than in the April 2022 World Economic Outlook.

The outlook shows sub-Saharan Africa growth is projected at 3.8 percent this year and a slight gain to 4 percent next year, with Nigeria, the largest Africa economy projected to grow 3.4 percent in 2022 and slow to 3.2 percent in 2023.

Low income developing economies are expected to record strong real GDP growth of 5 percent this year and 5.2 percent next year.

## Tanzania, Uganda record lowest power losses in EA



By Dorothy Nakaweesi, Kampala

THE Energy Regulatory Association of East Africa (ERA) has said Tanzania and Uganda are among the top performers in the region in terms of reducing energy losses.

The details are contained in the ERA report - An Insight to the Region's Energy Industry - for the period between July and Sept, which indicates that Uganda has the second lowest power leakages in the region.

Tanzania, whose power losses stand at 15.16 percent, tops the list, followed by Uganda, Zanzibar, Rwanda, Burundi, and Kenya in that order.

Power losses in Zanzibar, according to the report stand at 19 percent while in Rwanda they stand at 19.6 percent. Burundi and Kenya have the highest power leakages standing at 20 percent and 24.1 percent, respectively.

Reductions in distribution losses are a testament to power utilities' efficiencies in ensuring most of

the units that distributors buy from transmission companies reach consumers and are billed sufficiently.

Energy regulatory authorities factor power losses in the end user tariffs, thus holding the Electricity Supply Industries' investments costs constant.

The lower the losses the more units are available, which translates into lower per unit costs or tariffs.

Ms Diana Naisuna Nambi, the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) manager public relations and consumer affairs, said the reduction in energy losses has been achieved through setting stringent energy loss targets, among other performance parameters, which enables ERA to monitor performance of the industry on energy losses as well as finding remedies for areas with high losses.

One such measure, she said, has been the use of technology, through deploying a pre-paid metering system for the end-user consumers.

"Since some of the energy losses are increasingly

being caused by acts of vandalism of electricity infrastructure, ERA is working together with other stakeholders, including the police to bring the vice to an end," she said.

However, President Museveni has previously castigated players in the energy sector for their failure to bring down energy losses.

Government also recently introduced heavy penalties for any person found of guilty of vandalising electricity equipment.

The ERA report comes after the Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa, a Rome, Italy-based foundation that works to support Africa's goal to achieve Sustainable Development Goal number seven - increase access to clean energy - in February said countries where private participation is possible, existing private operators are outperforming public utilities on reducing distribution losses, lower debt-to-equity, greater net cash flows and bill collection indicators.

## European asset managers say H2 will be turbulent

LONDON

European asset managers are bracing themselves for a "volatile" second half after this year's big fall in markets has left them racing to protect their profitability and pivot towards faster-growing areas.

Almost all listed asset

managers benefited from a rising tide of equity markets in 2021. However this year, their operating margins have come under pressure as markets have pulled back as global central banks have sought to tame inflation with sharp rate rises.

"The economic outlook

is incredibly tough," said Peter Harrison, chief executive of London-listed Schroders, which oversees £773.4bn in assets under management. "There are inflationary pressures that aren't going to abate quickly and a war in Ukraine which isn't going to end for

a considerable while."

Economic headwinds should result in markets remaining difficult, he added: "I think we're in for a volatile second half."

Valérie Baudson, chief executive of Amundi, Europe's largest asset manager with €193tn in assets

under management, said that since Russia invaded Ukraine in February "we have seen a higher risk aversion from clients". She expected this trend to continue for the rest of the year. Investment managers' revenues are underpinned by the fees they charge on

assets under management, which in turn are driven by market moves, currency swings and net flows from clients. During the first half of the year, both equity and bond markets sold off and some clients pulled money from funds as the uncertain macroeconomic outlook

diminished their risk appetite.

Falling assets is putting cost-to-income ratios - a key measure of investment manager profitability - under pressure, especially for less profitable players.

Analysts say that this is likely to result in widening

dispersion in the industry. Larger, diversified groups with exposure to faster-growing areas such as private assets, responsible investing and wealth management will probably fare better and have the firepower to continue to invest.



# Walkabout signs a sales agreement for whole of Lindi project graphite

By Guardian Correspondent

Walkabout Resources Ltd reported that has signed an exclusive sales, purchase, and marketing agreement with Wogen Pacific for the supply of the entire graphite production of 40,000 tonnes per annum from its Lindi Jumbo Graphite Project in southeast Tanzania.

Under the amended agreement, the full export production of Lindi Jumbo will be sold to Wogen for a minimum term of five years.

This will allow Lindi Jumbo to harness the skills and resources of an established international commodities marketing organisation across its full production capacity.

Walkabout CEO Andrew Cunningham said: "The signing of the exclusive sales agreement with Wogen Pacific is a major milestone in the development of the Lindi Jumbo Graphite Project.

"Wogen brings a wealth of global sales and marketing experience into the Lindi Jumbo fold and has been working diligently for more than two years marketing the Lindi Jumbo graphite concentrate to pre-selected end-users."

The original agreement allowed for a volume of production not already committed to other customers to be sold to Wogen.

Under the amended terms, the agreement is for the full nameplate capacity of the Lindi Jumbo Mine.

Wogen will distribute the product into the global market, drawing on its substantial expertise and resources in speciality commodities marketing.

Existing offtake agreements with other customers will be renegotiated to reflect this new arrangement. The existing customers are supportive of this approach.

Lindi Jumbo will draw on the considerable market knowledge and relationships Wogen

has established in the graphite market since partnering with Walkabout Resources and Lindi Jumbo in 2019.

It is anticipated that Lindi Jumbo's sales book will be more diversified and have greater exposure to shorter-term pricing than previously as a result of the new arrangement.

The average realised pricing of graphite concentrate will be more influenced by short-term market movements while still having some longer duration.

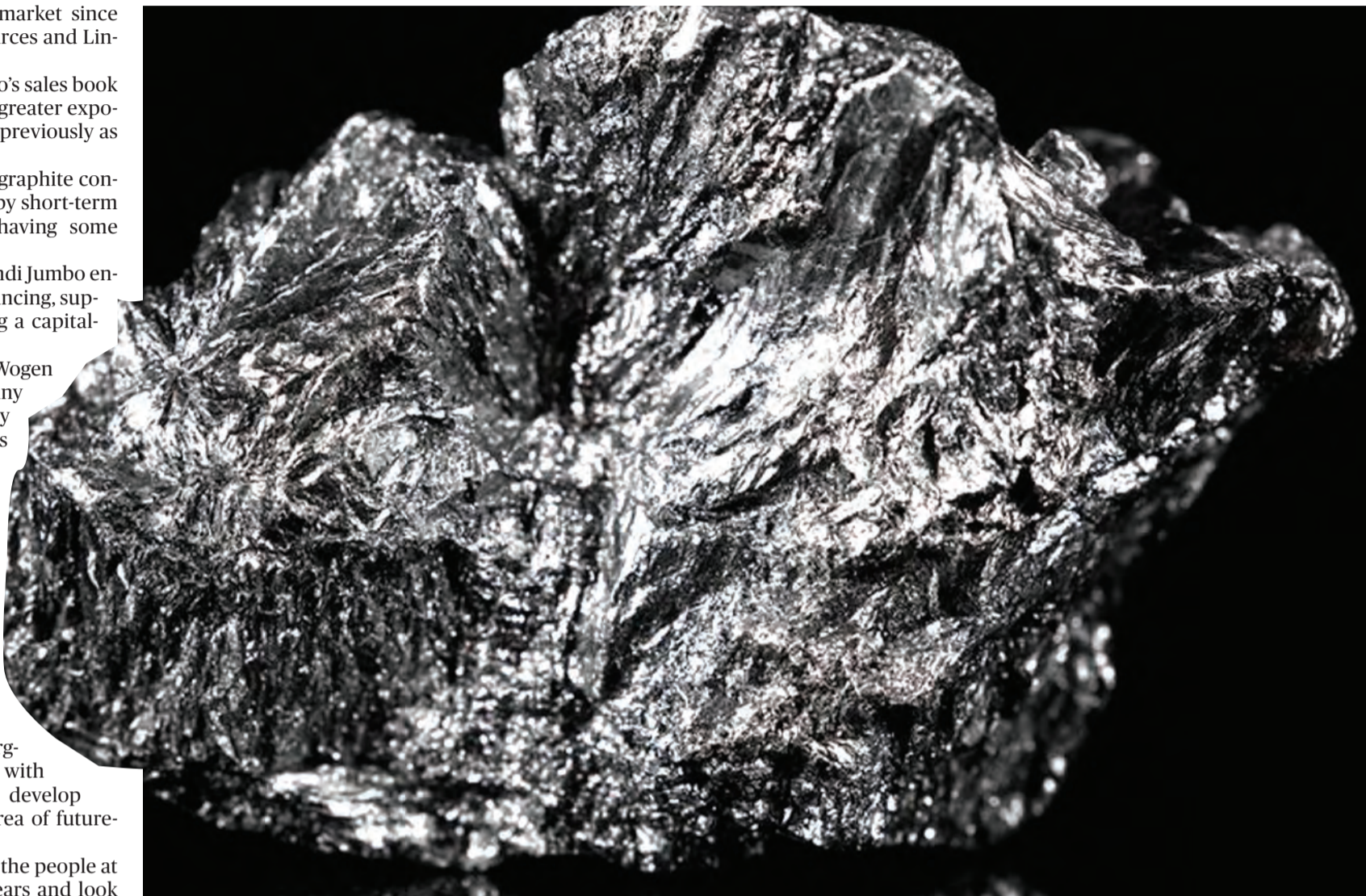
The agreement also provides Lindi Jumbo enhanced access to supply chain financing, supporting the objective of operating a capital-efficient balance sheet.

Wogen Pacific is part of the Wogen group, a specialist trading company handling a wide array of speciality metals and minerals including ores and concentrates, metals and oxides, ferro-alloys, mineral sands and rare earths.

The company has a 50-year history of trading, selling, procuring and servicing customers across the globe. Wogen brings particular strengths in Europe and China, key locations in the graphite marketplace.

Wogen chairman Alex Williams said: "We are delighted to be enlarging the scope of our agreement with Lindi Jumbo as we continue to develop our expertise in the important area of future-focused metals and minerals.

"We have enjoyed working with the people at Lindi Jumbo over the past few years and look forward to continuing this in a mutually beneficial and transparent way."



The deal will allow Lindi Jumbo to harness the skills and resources of an established international commodities marketing organisation across its full production capacity PHOTO/COURTESY OF WALKABOUT



Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema with Wu Peng, Director-General of the Department of African Affairs of China's Foreign ministry. PHOTO/MFA

## China agrees on landmark debt relief deal for Zambia

London

Zambia's official creditors led by China have agreed to provide debt relief to the southern African nation, paving the way for an IMF bailout and setting a precedent for how Beijing could work with other lenders to tackle the threat of a wave of defaults across emerging markets.

A committee of creditors co-chaired by China and France said on Saturday that they were "committed to negotiate with the Republic of Zambia terms of a restructuring" under a G20 framework to co-ordinate debt relief. Kristalina Georgieva, the IMF's managing director, said that she was "very pleased to welcome" the commitment by the creditors, which will unlock a \$1.3bn IMF loan to revive Zambia's finances. Zambia still has to negotiate exact terms of the relief and reach a similar deal with private creditors.

"The support from the official creditor committee for Zambia's envisaged IMF-supported programme, together with its commitment to negotiate debt restructuring terms, accordingly, provides the IMF with official financing assurances," Georgieva added.

The deal is an early sign that China is prepared to co-ordinate with other official creditors on restructuring the debts of low-income countries, rather than deal with defaults on its own loans behind closed doors. Zambia has become a test case for countries that also turned to Beijing for financing in recent years, such as Sri Lanka, which has already defaulted, and Pakistan. Zambia became the first African country to default during the pandemic in 2020 when it halted payments on \$17bn of external debt, including \$3bn in US dollar-denominated eurobonds, after years of rising debt distress.

China has emerged as the country's biggest creditor in the last decade, offering an estimated \$6bn of loans as Zambia embarked on ambitious infrastructure projects such as roads, dams, and airports. These soured as the economy slowed. President Hakainde Hichilema's government agreed terms for a three-year IMF bailout last year within months of coming to power in a landslide poll victory over Edgar Lungu, who presided over the worsening debt crisis.

But the Hichilema govern-

ment had to wait for assurances from official creditors before it could begin the IMF programme and thrash out terms of a debt restructuring in detail with both private and official creditors.

"We are confident that together with our partners, Zambia will address the issue appropriately and with the urgency needed to help get the economy back on a sustainable growth trajectory," Situmbeko Musokotwane, the Zambian finance minister, said.

The Zambian finance ministry on Friday detailed plans to cancel a further \$2bn in yet to be disbursed loans tied to projects – mostly affecting Chinese creditors.

Private creditors such as bondholders will be expected to grant Zambia debt relief that is at least as large as what will be offered by official lenders, under the so-called comparability of treatment principle.

On Saturday the official creditor committee urged other lenders to "commit without delay to negotiate with Zambia such debt treatments that are crucial to ensure the full effectiveness of the debt treatment for Zambia under the common framework."

## New improved software to record sales, debts, tax payment launched

By Frank Monjo

TRADERS will not need to manually record sales and debts as well as paying taxes to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), following the launching of digital and improved Tally Prime software, which will perform the tasks at finger tips.

Speaking at the launch in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, representative of Tally Group Software (TGSL) from India, Dhaval Mehta, said the software has been improved to facilitate efficiency in the financial sector for small and large businesses as it will enable them to keep records and pay taxes digitally.

He said TGSL, is a trusted company in Tanzania for providing IT services ranging from accounting, financial audit, pro-

urement and taxes, as well as in Uganda, DR Congo, Angola, Dubai and Sierra Leone.

TGSL has developed various solutions used by various companies such as oil distribution and marketing companies, tea estates management, forex management and super markets," he said.

"In looking for a work efficiency solution, we started with the Tally 9 software, we came up with Tally RB and now we have come up with the improved Tally Prime," he said

He urged the government and private businesses to use the Tally Prime software to increase productivity as well as stimulate the growth of the economy by paying taxes efficiently and keeping their business records.

Fahad Mwakaje, the dealer of

the program in various companies said that the software modernizes business operations.

"What the Tally software does to your business system is using a computer to do things that we used to do manually. For example, someone wants to write an invoice or wants to sell a product to customer instead of writing by hand, everything will be done on a computer," he said.

"This will help you to record the invoices that you have made, the payment that customers will pay you at the end of the day, it is very easy to know the balance of debts or to know the balance of cash that is in hand or in the bank, it is easy for you because this program gives you answers in second."

He added that small, medium and large businesses should use

the program to save time because the system.

"On the part of TRA, this program helps the customer to save correct records as required by TRA or any authority, if he keeps his records properly and in the required flow, it is easy for him to provide information without worrying or losing some information that could be used in taxes payment," he said

Vaishali Singar, from Mehta Associates, said the program will be very helpful as they have been having problems when making tax estimates with TRA.

"If we get one number wrong, the system rejects it, but this system helps us directly because we can scan the receipt and take the barcode and all the information that is required by the TRA," she said.

## Barrick highlights sustainability milestones, future targets

TORONTO

GLOBAL miner Barrick Gold Corporation has given itself a "B" scorecard rating on sustainability performance for 2021, which is measured against a range of metrics and the best practice of its peers.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mark Bristow (pictured) last Friday presented the company's yearly sustainability update presentation to investors, reiterating the company's commitment to reducing emissions by at least 30pct by 2030 – with 2018 as a baseline – and to reach net zero by 2050.

In 2021, Barrick implemented biodiversity action plans at its 16 operating sites in 13 countries, completed ten independent tailings reviews, spent \$5.5-billion with host country suppliers and committed about \$850-million to decarbonisation projects.

Barrick says global prosperity and life is underpinned by healthy and functioning ecosystem services and, to this end, the company strives to achieve net-



zero biodiversity impacts and actively participate in additional conservation actions to deliver positive biodiversity outcomes.

Moreover, the company generated and distributed about \$14-billion in economic value throughout its host countries in 2021, and invested more than

\$26-million on community development projects.

Its global workforce is comprised of 96 pct host country nationals.

Bristow highlighted how Barrick has, since its merger with Randgold Resources in 2019, combined the best practices from both companies to develop a comprehensive and industry-leading approach to sustainability. He added that while it continued to make progress on its sustainability initiatives in 2021, there was "still some way to go".

The company's internal sustainability scorecard is reportedly an industry first and used to benchmark Barrick against its peers.

The A to E grading scorecard will include some new metrics for the 2022 full year, including addressing legacy issues on human rights and diversity, percentage of biodiversity action plan commitments completed and 30pct female board composition.

Barrick's approach is prem-

ised on creating economic benefits, protecting health and safety, respecting human rights and minimising environmental impacts.

On the environmental front, the company has a comprehensive greenhouse-gas emissions reduction roadmap, which involves transitioning from coal and heavy fuels to cleaner-burning natural gas and renewables.

Barrick's total emissions in 2021 were 7.1-million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, which is a 5pct decrease compared with its 2018 baseline emissions of 7.54-million tonnes.

The company reused and recycled 82 pct of its water used in 2021 and certified all of its mine sites to the ISO 14001 standard, which sets out the requirement for an environmental management system.

Barrick had no Class 1 (high significance) environmental incidents in 2021, and significantly reduced the number of Class 2 (medium significance) environmental incidents from 13 in 2019 to five in 2021.



# More oil discoveries boost Guyana's offshore boom

GEORGETOWN

THE former British colony of Guyana, a nation whose economy was hit hard by the pandemic, has emerged as the world's hottest offshore drilling location.

Since 2015 global energy major ExxonMobil as well as its partners Hess Corporation and CNOOC have made a slew of quality oil discoveries in the offshore Stabroek Block which have delivered resources in excess of 11 billion barrels of oil.

This is driving a massive economic boom for Guyana, which was among the poorest nations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

According to the IMF, the micro-state's gross domestic product grew by just under 20 pct during 2021 and is poised for further strong expansion.

The substantial surge in oil prices which sees the international Brent benchmark up by 58 pct over the last year to be trading for \$110 per barrel coupled with the push by big oil to decarbonize its operations are adding considerable momentum to the boom.

Guyana's government is expected to bank over \$1 billion in oil revenues during 2022 which according to industry consultancy Rystad Energy will soar to \$7.5 billion by the end of the decade.

That will deliver a tremendous economic boom which will see Guyana's

economy grow fivefold over that period.

Key to this tremendous economic opportunity is the rapid ramping up of crude oil production, with Exxon estimating that its operations will have the capacity to pump 1.2 million barrels per day by 2027, which are further oil discoveries.

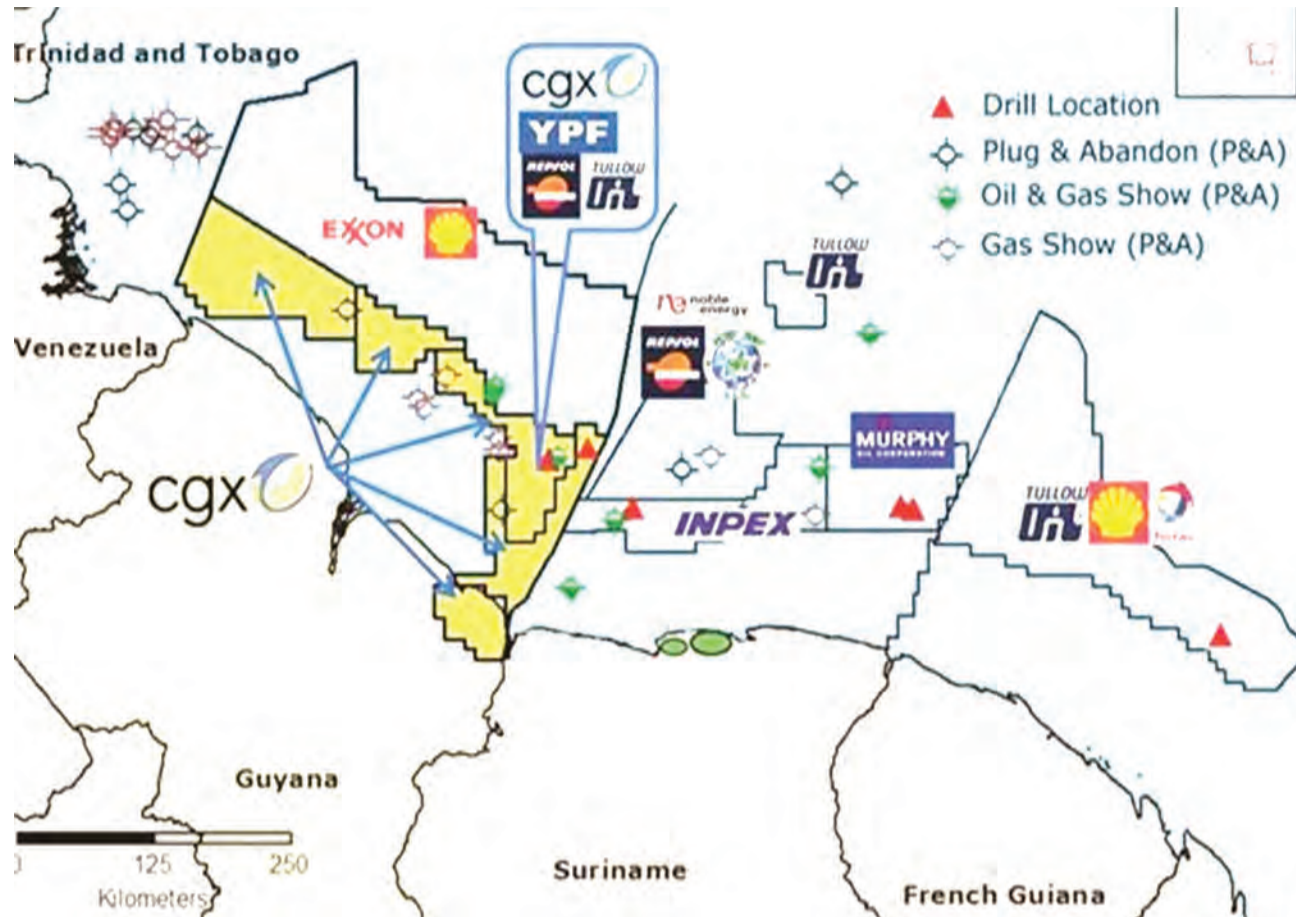
Exxon and its partners in the 6.6-million-acre Stabroek Block have made over 25 quality discoveries with the crude found being light and sweet with an API of 32 degrees and 0.58 pct sulfur content.

The latest discoveries were at the Seabob and Kiru-Kiru wells in the Stabroek Block to the southeast of the Payara Project. Exxon also announced that production from the Liza oilfield in the Stabroek Block has exceeded the 340,000 barrels per day initially targeted.

Earlier this month it was revealed that Exxon had lodged an application with Guyana's Environmental Protection Agency to drill 35 exploration and appraisal wells in the Stabroek Block.

When the energy supermajor's exploration success in the block is considered along with the five discoveries made in the Stabroek Block earlier this year, the drilling campaign will make additional discoveries boosting the 11 billion barrels already discovered.

That crude oil is also economic to extract. Breakeven prices range from \$35



per barrel Brent for Liza Phase 1, \$25 a barrel for Liza Phase 2, which recently came online, and \$32 per barrel for the 220,000-barrel capacity Payara Project, which is scheduled to start production during 2024.

While it is the Exxon-led consortium that is key to driving Guyana's epic oil boom, which will see the Caribbean country become a leading oil producer, other international energy companies are also engaged in exploration drilling.

British driller Tullow Oil, which is the operator of the world-class Jubilee field in offshore Guyana discovered in 2007, announced 37.5 pct partner Repsol, with TotalEnergies holding the remaining 25pct, had spud the Beebei-Potaro well in the Kanuku Block.

That wildcat well, which comes on the back of the 2020 Carapa medium oil discovery in the block where 13 feet of net oil pay was identified, is targeting a prospect that Repsol estimates contain around 200 million barrels of crude oil.

The Kanuku Block lies below the southeastern tip of the Stabroek Block, where Exxon has made nearly all discoveries in offshore Guyana and is believed to lie on the same petroleum fairway.

## Bitcoin, Ethereum on track for their best month since 2021

NEW YORK

BITCOIN and Ether, the world's two largest digital tokens, are headed toward their best month since 2021 amid a revival of risk appetite in global markets and optimism about an Ethereum network upgrade.

Bitcoin is up 28% in July and Ether 70%, though their rallies paused Friday. Both were little changed, with Bitcoin at about \$23,950 as of 5 p.m. in New York and Ether hovering around \$1,730.

Growing signs of a US economic slowdown are leading some investors to the view that the Federal Reserve will be done raising rates by year-end and might even pivot to cutting borrowing costs in 2023.

That in turn would create a more favorable backdrop for speculative assets such as crypto, which has taken a drubbing this year. "The week has continued a very welcome up trend," Adrian Kenny, senior sales trader at GlobalBlock, wrote in a note. "The crypto, and wider markets in general, have seen somewhat of a relief rally in the last few days."

Cryptocurrencies are trying to recover from a rout this year that's wiped more than 50% off the MVIS CryptoCompare Digital Assets 100 index. Earlier this year, virtual coins were buffeted by the Fed's shift to monetary tightening and ensuing leveraged blowups, such as crypto hedge-fund Three Arrows Capital.

"Signs the Fed may be nearing the end of their hiking cycle have lifted all risk assets, and crypto has also benefited," said Cici Lu, chief executive officer at consulting firm Venn Link Partners. "Liquidation of leveraged positions seems to be over," she added, and "markets may have found the bottom."

Meanwhile, the Ethereum blockchain is due to move to a more energy-efficient so-called proof-of-stake system. That's been a tailwind of late for its native token, Ether. The virtual coin could push toward \$1,915 to \$2,000 in the days ahead, according to Mark Newton, head of technical strategy at Fundstrat.

"Ethereum looks more attractive technically than Bitcoin in the short run, so pullbacks into mid-August should be buyable," he said.

Still, cryptocurrencies were under pressure at the end of the week as two key US inflation gauges on Friday posted larger-than-forecast increases, adding to worries that prices will remain persistently high for longer than expected.

Elsewhere, US Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Gary Gensler said he is stepping up his push to get crypto trading platforms to register with the Wall Street regulator.



Joe DiPasquale, CEO of BitBull Capital, said he'll be watching to see where Bitcoin closes out the month and whether it retests key supports around \$19,000 to \$20,000. "Successful bounces from that range could give bulls a solid foundation for a continued rally," he said.

## US approves Boeing inspection, to resume 787 Maxx deliveries

WASHINGTON

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Friday approved Boeing's inspection and modification plan to resume deliveries of 787 Dreamliners, two people briefed on the matter told Reuters.

The FAA approved Boeing's proposal that requires specific inspections to verify the condition of the airplane meets requirements and that all work has been completed, a move that should allow Boeing to resume deliveries in August after it halted them in May 2021, the sources said.

On July 17, Boeing told reporters it was "very close" to restarting 787 deliveries.

The FAA referred questions about the approval to Boeing. "We don't comment

on ongoing certifications," the agency said.

Boeing did not confirm the approval Friday but said it "will continue to work transparently with the FAA and our customers towards resuming 787 deliveries."

Boeing has faced production issues with the 787 for more than two years. In September 2020, the FAA said it was "investigating manufacturing flaws" in some 787 jetliners.

In the aftermath of two fatal 737 MAX crashes in 2018 and 2019, the FAA pledged to more closely scrutinize Boeing and delegate fewer responsibilities to Boeing for aircraft certification.

Boeing suspended deliveries of the 787 after the FAA raised concerns about its proposed inspection meth-

od. The FAA had previously issued two airworthiness directives to address production issues for in-service airplanes and identified a new issue in July 2021.

Boeing Chief Financial Officer Brian West said this week on an investor call that it had 120 of the 787s in inventory and was "making progress completing the necessary rework to prepare them for delivery." Boeing is "producing at very low rates and we'll continue to do so until deliveries resume, gradually returning to 5 airplanes per month over time."

The planemaker had only resumed deliveries in March 2021 after a five-month hiatus before halting them again. Friday's approval came after lengthy discussions with the FAA.



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# Pope says with frailty and age, he is in new phase of papacy

## ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE

POPE Francis said on Saturday that his advancing age and his difficulty walking have ushered in a new, slower phase of his papacy and repeated that he would be ready to resign one day if serious health problems prohibited him from running the Church.

"I don't think I can continue doing trips with the same rhythm as before," he said in answers to reporters' questions aboard the plane returning to Rome from a week-long trip in Canada.

For the past few months Francis, 85, has been using a wheelchair, a cane or a walker because of knee pain caused by a fracture and inflamed ligament.

He walked with a cane in the rear cabin where reporters travel, but sat in a wheelchair for the traditional, 45-minute post-trip news conference, the first time he has done so on his 37 international trips since he was elected as pope in 2013. "I think that at my age and with this limitation I have to preserve myself a bit in order to be able to serve the Church, or decide to step aside," Francis said.

The pace of the trip to Canada, which centered on his apologies for the Church's role in residential schools to assimilate indigenous children, was slower than in the past, with usually only two events a day and long patches of rest time.

Francis said he preferred not to have an operation on his knee because he did not want a



Pope Francis recites the Angelus noon prayer from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican on July 3, 2022. File photo

repeat of long-term negative side effects from anaesthesia he suffered after an intestinal operation a year ago.

"But I will try to continue to travel in order to be close to people because it is a way of serving," he said.

He indicated that he would first make trip to places he had already promised to go, such as South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon and perhaps Kazakhstan before deciding on future trips.

"I have all the good will but we will have to see what the leg says," he said.

### 'The door is open'

In an interview with Reuters this month, Francis said he had no intention of resigning soon.

He has said often that he could

follow in the footsteps of Pope Benedict, who in 2013 became the first pope in 600 years to resign instead of rule for life.

"This, with all honesty, is not a catastrophe. There can be a change of popes, there is no problem with that," he said.

"The door is open. It is one of the normal options. Up until today, I did not use that door. I did not think it was necessary to think of this possibility but that does not mean that the day after tomorrow I don't start thinking about it," he said.

"This trip was a bit of a test. It is true that I can't make trips in this condition. Maybe the style has to change, make fewer trips, make the trips I have promised to make, re-jig things. But it will be the Lord who decides. The door is open," he said.

## Biden tests positive for Covid

### WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden tested positive for Covid Saturday, and returns back to quarantine, Biden's doctor Kevin O'Connor said in a written statement, adding that the US leader feels well and experiences no symptoms.



"After testing negative on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and Friday morning, the President tested positive late Saturday morning, by antigen testing," the doctor said, adding that Biden "has experienced no reemergence of symptoms and continues to feel quite well."

However, due to the positive antigen test, "Biden will reinstate strict isolation procedures."

O'Connor noted that the President was taking Paxlovid medicine, known for return of symptoms in some patients after negative test results, or, as in Biden's case, positive tests results.

According to the doctor, there "is no reason to reinstate treatment at this time," but the specialists will continue observing the President's condition. **Agencies**

## Lavrov, Blinken discuss situation in Ukraine over phone

### MOSCOW/UNITED NATIONS/KYIV

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed the situation in Ukraine during a phone conversation on Friday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Lavrov outlined Russia's principled approaches in light of the ongoing special military operation, stressing that its goals and objectives will be achieved, the statement reads.

They also discussed global food security and problems of bilateral relations, the statement said.

### 'Bleak prospects' for ending Russia-Ukraine conflict

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"Despite the encouraging developments on grain and fertilizers, we remain deeply concerned about the lack of prospects for a shift towards a meaningful resumption of diplomatic efforts to end the war," she told the Security Council.

"Escalatory rhetoric from any side, including about expanding the conflict geographically or denying Ukraine's statehood, is not consistent with the constructive spirit demonstrated in Istanbul," she said.

### Ukraine 2022 GDP to plunge over 30%

On Friday, the National Bank of Ukraine said the nation's gross domestic product will drop by 33.4 percent this year amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The present military conflict, the loss of lives and the population outflow from the country are the main factors behind the decline, the bank said on Facebook.

In its baseline forecast, the bank said that Ukraine's nominal GDP will shrink from 5.46 trillion hryvnias (about \$149.3 billion) in 2021 to 4.54 trillion hryvnias in 2022.

In the third quarter of 2022, Ukraine's economy is expected to drop 37.5 percent year-on-year after falling 15.1 percent and 39.3 percent in the first and second quarters respectively, the bank said.

The inflation rate in Ukraine is expected to reach 31 percent at the end of 2022 compared with 10 percent in the previous year, it said. At the same time, the bank projected that the Ukrainian economy will return to growth in 2023, with GDP increasing by 5.5 percent.

Ukraine's GDP rose 3.4 percent in 2021 following a 4-percent contraction in 2020, the country's central bank reported in May. **Xinhua**



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (R) and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken

# Xi stresses unity of Chinese to pool strength for rejuvenation

## BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has stressed promoting the unity and hard work of Chinese people at home and abroad to pool strength for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Xi (pictured), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at a central conference on the united front work held from Friday to Saturday in Beijing.

Xi emphasized following the guidance of the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and upholding the CPC leadership and the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Xi underscored holding high the banner of patriotism and socialism, balancing commonality and diversity, concentrating on the central task, serving the overall interests of the country, keeping pace with the times, and innovating on the basis of what has worked in the past.

He also emphasized giving full play to the united front's political role in rallying the people's support and pooling their strength to promote harmony in relations among political parties, ethnic groups, religious sectors, social strata, and compatriots at home and abroad.

Li Keqiang presided over the conference, which was also attended by Li Zhanshu, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji and Han Zheng. Wang Yang delivered concluding remarks.

The united front is an important component of the Party's general line and policy, said Xi, noting that the CPC has made historic achievements in the united front work since the 18th CPC National Congress.

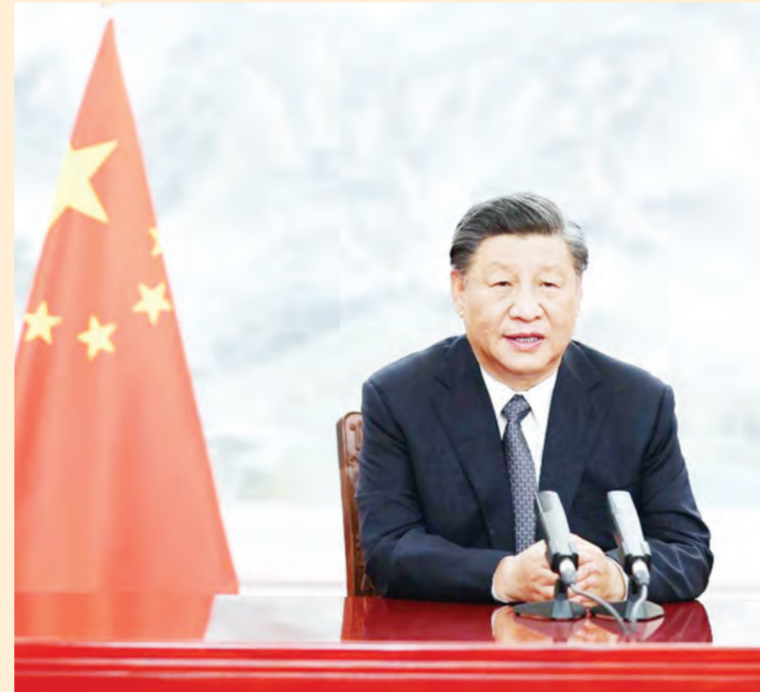
We have formed the thought on the Party's united front work in the new era through practice. It serves as the fundamental guideline for the united front work in the new era and must be fully and faithfully applied by the whole Party, Xi stressed.

As an important way to unite Chinese people at home and abroad to achieve national rejuvenation, the united front must be upheld on a long-term basis, he said.

Xi pointed out that the essential requirement of the united front work is to achieve great unity and solidarity, and the key lies in seeking common ground while shelving differences and seeking commonality while respecting diversity.

Xi also underscored the importance of ensuring the Party's overall leadership over the united front work.

Noting that profound changes unseen in a century are evolving



rapidly across the world, Xi said the united front is playing an increasingly important role in safeguarding the country's sovereignty, security, and development interests.

It is also playing a more important role in serving the overall interests in efforts to build China into a modern socialist country in all respects, and in strengthening the Party's class foundation and expanding its mass base, he added.

Xi stressed efforts to truly unite all the sons and daughters of the Chinese nation from different political parties, ethnic groups,

social strata and groups, as well as those with different beliefs and living in different social systems.

The relationship between unity and struggle in the united front work must be properly handled, so as to reach a real, impregnable unity, Xi said.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the Party Central Committee has always been attaching great importance to the united front work from an overall and strategic perspective.

Xi called for upholding and improving the system of the CPC-led multiparty cooperation and political consultation, uniting non-

CPC intellectuals and people of new social groups, facilitating the healthy growth of the non-public sector and encouraging those working in this sector to achieve success.

He also called for fostering overseas patriotic elements and enhancing cyberspace united front work.

The fundamental requirement in strengthening the united front work in the new era is to uphold the Party's leadership, Xi said, calling on all relevant authorities and departments to form a strong synergy.

He also asked personnel in this regard to improve their capacity for political judgment, thinking, and implementation and carry out the united front work with better methods.

Presiding over the conference, Li Keqiang called for efforts to earnestly study Xi's important speech, and think and act in line with its guiding principles. Li also called for completing various tasks based on actual conditions.

In his concluding remarks at the conference, Wang Yang called for full and faithful understanding of Xi's important thought on the Party's united front work in the new era. Wang urged concerted efforts to serve the Party's central task in the new era and write a new chapter in the cause of the united front.

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### UNITED NATIONS

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ing every effort to support implementation of the deal, which was signed last week in Türkiye.

The conflict's impact globally is "glaringly clear," said DiCarlo, noting that the consequences will only become more pronounced the longer fighting lasts, particularly with the onset of winter. "Despite the encouraging developments on grain and fertilizers, we

remain deeply concerned about the lack of prospects for a shift towards a meaningful resumption of diplomatic efforts to end the war," she told the Security Council.

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CORAL reefs are among the oldest and most valuable ecosystems in the world. They are home to nearly 30 percent of marine species though they cover only less than two thousandth of the ocean floor.

However, global warming, marine pollution and over excavation have constantly degraded coral reefs in the last 20 years. Therefore, Chinese marine biologists are planting corals on the seabed to protect coral reefs and restore marine ecology.

Thanks to their efforts, scuba divers are now able to see a vibrant undersea world where species of fish swim in between swaying colorful corals in the waters around Wuzhizhou Island, a renowned tourist attraction in Sanya, south China's Hainan province.

It's beyond imagination that 10 years ago, in this vibrant undersea world, there were only shipwrecks and cement piles.

## Sanya in S China sees steady progress of coral reef

The coral reef ecosystem in the waters near Wuzhizhou Island was once destroyed due to the warming seawater, fishing and coastal construction.

Under years of efforts made by scientific researchers, 30,188 corals have been planted on the seabed around Wuzhizhou island, which covers around 50,000 square meters. The undersea "afforestation" efforts are leading to constant improvement of the marine ecosystem. Coral planting has even been made into a scuba diving program for tourists visiting the island since this year.

Since 2013, Sanya has implemented 19 projects to restore marine ecology, including the restoration of coral reefs and shoals, as well as shoreface nourishment. The city has restored 77 kilometers of

coastline and a sea area of 51,584 square meters.

Coral planting is a harder form of "afforestation." On one hand, the complicated marine environment creates huge challenges for planting activities, such as the fierce flow of sea water in the South China Sea caused by typhoons between July and October each year; on the other hand, sections of the seabed are differently affected by the environment and human disturbance, and their health levels also vary, so it calls for scientific researchers to make individualized plans.

The underwater "afforestation" relies on technological progress. There are large areas of coral reefs under the sea waters around Hainan province, which makes the province a major planter of corals.

Coral reef restoration technologies have been constantly improved during the coral planting practice in the province.

For instance, the Hainan South China Sea Institute of Tropical Ocean has improved the efficiency of coral planting by applying a stainless steel seedbed; Hainan University has made new breakthroughs in the restoration of fractured coral reefs by combining artificial fish reefs and coral reef restoration.

New methods and technologies are driving new progress in China's underwater "afforestation" and contributing Chinese wisdom to the global protection of the marine ecosystem.

Artificial methods are just a supplement to the restoration, while the reduction of human disturbance remains the

key to bettering the marine ecosystem.

In recent years, China has enhanced its efforts to promote natural restoration of coral reefs, and coral reef protection has been included in a series of laws of the country.

Besides, China has joined the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, as well as other international treaties.

The country has established five state- and province-level nature reserves and a special national ocean park involving coral reefs.

So far, nearly 30 percent of the offshore waters and 37 percent of the continental coastline of China have been incorporated into its ecological red lines, which is making the ocean more and more beautiful.

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## African and SCO countries understand that anyone can fall under US sanctions, says Lavrov

TASHKENT

AFRICAN countries and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) states understand that any member of the international community can fall under Washington's sanctions, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters on Friday after the SCO Foreign Ministers Council meeting.

"Of course, the African countries and other SCO states are well aware that any member of the global community, if they act in any way that the Americans do not like or dislike, can fall under their sanctions. Already, I think, this idea is quite firmly fixed in everyone's mind," the top diplomat said.

Lavrov noted that during the meeting the parties agreed to make a proposal to the SCO leaders to take concrete actions on the transition to mutual settlements in national currencies.

"I think everyone will be thinking about it now. Africa already has this experience. There are common currencies in some sub-regional structures, but they are all pegged to Western currencies by and large. But from next year, they will have a fully functioning continental free trade zone.

Probably a logical step would be to somehow reinforce this free trade zone with currency arrangements. I think this process will definitely go ahead," he added. **Agencies**

## 5th Digital China Summit achieves fruitful results

THE 5th Digital China Summit concluded with fruitful results in Fuzhou, capital of east China's Fujian province on July 24.

The two-day summit included 18 sub-forums on hot issues in digital technologies, as well as more than 30 featured activities. More than 100 academicians and experts, and 100 big names in the digital industry participated.

It was also attended by representatives from over 1,000 Chinese and foreign enterprises. Nearly 2,000 guests joined in-depth negotiations over digital technologies and future cooperation.

The summit aimed to demonstrate the latest achievements in China's digital construction, with 565 project agreements signed and a total investment value of 299 billion yuan (\$44.28 billion), covering 5G, Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, industrial internet, cybersecurity and satellite applications. These projects are expected to give a boost to China's digital industrialization and industrial digitalization.

A special achievements exhibition with an area of more than 200,000 square meters took place, where nearly 500 exhibitors showcased their achievements.

A low-power wearable navigation and motion sensing system was displayed by the State Key Laboratory of Information Engineering in Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing of Wuhan University. The system, as small as a bottle cap, can be used to track real-time information on firefighters' rescue missions and monitor the positions of workers at construction sites.

On a big screen in the exhibition hall, targeted orders were sent to volunteers serving the exhibition through a service management system by the command center of a young volunteers association in Fuzhou. Combining online order making, services evaluation, and volunteer dispatching, the updated digital system is both efficient and environmentally friendly.

In a smart power protection center, information such as weather conditions,

load rate of power protection equipment and alarms were displayed visually. The summit for the first time adopted a digital twin power grid and the power system was automatically inspected by smart robots, which helped reduce 50 percent of the support personnel.

The Digital China Summit has been successfully held for five years in a row in Fuzhou since 2018. It is an important platform driving China's digital construction.

From 2018 to 2021, China moved up its ranking at the Global Innovation Index from 17th to 12th, and the country's digital economy grew from 31.3 trillion yuan to more than 45 trillion yuan. The proportion of the digital economy in China's GDP also rose from 34.8 percent to 39.8 percent.

According to a digital development report released by the Cyberspace Administration of China on July 23, China has built the world's largest and most technologically advanced network infrastructure. With rapidly rising innovation capability in digital technologies, the country has become a frontrunner in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and quantum information, the report said.

Last year, industrial internet was applied in 45 major categories of China's national economy, with a total output of over one trillion yuan. Digitalization has driven down costs by 17.6 percent and increased revenue by 22.6 percent for manufacturing enterprises.

At present, digital technology is moving toward a new stage featuring intensive application, regulated development and shared benefits, said Yu Xiaohui, head of the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, during the summit. Industrial digitalization has become a major development direction of the digital economy, he added.

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## Rocket debris fall back to Earth

DEBRIS of the recently launched Long March 5B carrier rocket of China fell back to the Earth and ended up in the Pacific Ocean early Sunday morning, with most of the remnants burnt up during the reentry process, the China Manned Space Agency said.

The debris' atmospheric reentry and crash took place around 12:55 am (Beijing time), the agency said in a brief statement, noting the touchdown site is in waters located at 9.1°N and 119.0°E. It did not provide additional details.

Based on the coordinates given by the agency, the site is in the Sulu Sea, close to Palawan Island.

The final return put an end to Western media's speculations on the possibility of debris crashing over an inhabited area in what they called "an uncontrolled reentry" of the Long March 5B.

Zhao Lijian, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said on Wednesday that China had been closely tracking the movement of the used rocket in orbit and continued to publish its information online.

He noted the Long March 5B rocket model has designs and devices that neutralize their debris and impact on Earth and most of its components would be destroyed during the atmospheric reentry.

Blasted off on July 24 at the Wenchang Space Launch Center in Hainan province, the rocket was used to send China's Wentian space lab module to dock with the country's Tiangong space station.

A Long March 5B is 53.7 meters long, with a core-stage diameter of 5 meters. The rocket is propelled by liquid oxygen, liquid hydrogen and kerosene and has a liftoff weight of about 849 tons.

The rocket model is the most powerful Chinese launch vehicle when it comes to carrying capacity to the low-Earth orbit. It is essential to China's space station program because it is now the only Chinese launch vehicle capable of carrying large space station parts to orbit.



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## China urges building balanced global, regional security architecture

UNITED NATIONS

CHINA'S deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, Geng Shuang, on Friday called on the international community to build a balanced global and regional security architecture, while saying China will protect its own sovereignty at all costs.

"All countries should uphold a common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security concept, attach importance to each other's legitimate security concerns, build a balanced, effective, and sustainable global and regional security architecture, and jointly safeguard world peace," the ambassador told the Security Council briefing on Ukraine.

Geng underscored that "only by attaching importance to the security of others and safeguarding the security of everyone, can our own security be truly realized."

"Putting one's own security above that of others, attempting to strengthen military blocs, establishing absolute superiority, and even shaping the surrounding environment of other countries according to their own standards will only lead to conflict and confrontation, divide the international community, and make themselves less secure," he added.

Talking about the challenges facing the world, the envoy said that "in an era of changes and challenges, no country can deal with them alone, and no country is insulated."

He said that at a time when the international community is in dire need of unity and cooperation to overcome the difficulties together, it is extremely irresponsible and dangerous to cling to the Cold War mentality and bloc politics, to promote decoupling, to erect barriers, to politicize, instrumentalize and weaponize economic and trade exchanges to coerce other countries to take sides, and to deliberately create division and confrontation.

"The international community should be highly alert to this counter



China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, Geng Shuang

current and resist it together," he said. "We must not let the crisis of Ukraine kick off a new Cold War. We must not repeat the mistakes of history. We must not let humanity experience once again the unbearable scourge of war."

Referring to the importance of upholding the UN Charter, Geng said that "as the legal cornerstone of today's international order, the UN Charter is irreplaceable in its role and unshakable in its status."

Compliance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter should be consistent, with words matching with deeds, instead of saying one thing while doing another, not to mention double standards or selective application."

On China's position and will to safeguard its own sovereignty, the envoy said that "while some countries have repeatedly emphasized the principle of sovereignty over the issue of Ukraine, it has incessantly challenged the sovereignty of China over Taiwan and even deliberately created tensions in the Taiwan Strait."

"This is a disregard and an infringement of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. China has always respected the sovereignty of other countries and certainly hopes that its own sovereignty be respected by other countries," he said.

"China is resolute and firm as a rock in its will to safe-

guard national sovereignty. No one should underestimate the determination and ability of more than 1.4 billion Chinese people to defend its national sovereignty and territorial integrity. I hope the country concerned will see this clearly and not play with fire," he stressed. On the two agreements on shipping grain out of Ukraine and the export of Russian food and fertilizers, Geng said China welcomes the deals.

In the meantime, he said China commends UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and all parties concerned for the positive role they played. Geng stressed that since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis in February, "China has been taking an objective and impartial approach, and proceeding from the historical perspective and the merit of the issue itself."

"China has been standing on the side of peace and on the side of humanitarian efforts, calling for a ceasefire to stop fighting, facilitating a cool-off, actively promoting peace talks, and providing humanitarian assistance," he added.

"We made our efforts in a responsible way to mitigate the spillover effect of the crisis, and will continue to play an active, constructive role in stabilizing international trade and world economic order," the envoy noted.

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## Efforts made to ensure better livelihood for relocated residents in Guizhou province

GUIZHOU, a province located in southwest China, is surrounded by mountain ranges and stony deserts. It was once deeply troubled by poverty due to the poor geographical condition.

About 92.5 percent of the area in the province is covered by mountains and hills, and 73 percent is made up of karst landscape. Guizhou is the only province in China without a plain.

At the end of 2015, Guizhou kicked off a large relocation program for poverty alleviation. At that time, the province was home to 9,000 impoverished villages and 4.93 million impoverished residents. It used to be a provincial-level region with the largest population of poor people in China.

In the following five years, 1.92 million impoverished people in the province moved into modern residential complexes from the mountains, and thus ushered in a new chapter of life.

"I had to walk more than an hour to go to school in town in the past, and now it takes only around 10 minutes. At school, we have bright classrooms and fun activities, and we like them very much," said Li Tongtong, a student at a primary school in Qianxi, Guizhou.

In 2018, Li moved from Jinlan village in Qianxi to the city's largest poverty-alleviation resettlement site with her family. The relocation not only offers Li's family a big and safe apartment, but also enables Li to go to a school in the community that was built with the pairing assistance from Huadu district, Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province.

Education has always been a major concern of relocated residents. Guizhou, taking educa-



Workers of a garment factory work on production lines at a resettlement site in Chengguan township, Shibing county, Qiongdongnan Miao and Dong autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Guizhou province, June 14, 2022. (File photo)

tion for the children of school age as a priority, has equipped all poverty-alleviation relocation sites with education facilities. It has put an end to the history when children had to cross mountains and rivers to go to school by providing them with fairer and better educational resources.

The province has invested over 18 billion yuan (\$2.66 billion) to build or reconstruct 669 schools. More than 30,000 teachers are currently assigned at the schools at poverty-alleviation resettlement sites, which ensures nearby enrollment for all children from relocated families.

In the Yucai community, the largest poverty-alleviation resettlement site in Songtao county, Guizhou's Tongren, there is a special factory, which is run by a toy manufacturer in the economic development zone of Songtao county and only hires local middle-aged

and senior residents aged over 50. So far, 38 people have secured a stable job at the factory.

"I stitch around 500 toys a day, which earns me 40 yuan," said Zhang Guiying, a 52-year-old worker in the factory.

At large- and medium-sized resettlement sites, Guizhou province has built workshops, launched labor transfer activities, and developed featured industries as a way to support employment and entrepreneurship, optimize industrial structure and enhance skill training. Based on the sizes and locations of the resettlement sites, as well as the age distribution and labor skills of the relocated residents, the province tailored different development and employment plans.

As of the end of this June, nearly 930,000 people from 414,500 households had been employed, which means that at least one

family member with working capabilities has a job.

To ensure that relocated residents enjoy basic public and health services, Guizhou has built and expanded 411 standard medical institutions and newly equipped 759 medical institutions with facilities and medical workers. Public health services have covered all of the province's 949 resettlement sites during the 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), ensuring that all relocated residents have access to healthcare.

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## Dar women soccer sees green light under Serengeti Lite sponsorship

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

MAINLAND Tanzania Women's Premier League is growing from strength to strength, rising from a showpiece involving eight teams in 2018 to the current showdown bringing together 12 competitive squads, thanks to Serengeti Premium Lite beer's sponsorship.

The women's topflight league is one of the continent's handful with a committed sponsor, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), and the only one with a broadcast partner Azam TV, which telecasts the showpiece's games live across the country.

In January 2018, the Superbrands-winning beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lite, entered a sponsorship deal with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to support the country's Women Premier League.

Through the sponsorship, Serengeti Premium Lite became the first-ever sponsor to support women's soccer in the country.

The 2021/22 season reached its climax a few months ago, with Dar es Salaam's Simba Queens being crowned champions.

Simba Queens won the title after defeating Coast Region's Mlandizi Queens in a very competitive game which saw the former emerging with a 2-1 victory.

This is the third consecutive season that Simba Queens celebrates being crowned Mainland Women's Premier League champions.

Speaking at a recent event to hand over a dummy cheque to Simba Queens, SBL's Legal Director Lucia Minde said Serengeti Premium Lite is proud to engage with the Women's Premier League.

She added that sponsorship had significantly empowered women to increase their participation and performance in the sports sector.

She further noted that Serengeti Lite believes that giving more visibility to the numerous talented women in the sport can help raise their profiles and bolster further development of women's soccer in the country.

The SBL official revealed: "Soccer is neither just a form of entertainment to the fans, nor is it just a preserve for men only, it is also meant

to unite and inspire people across the globe, it is also a source of steady income to the players."

According to TFF Information Officer Clifford Ndimbo, the lack of sponsorship for the Women's League had been one of the main challenges facing the development of women's soccer in the country.

Ndimbo stated: "In Tanzania, women's soccer has been limping for a long time due to lack of sponsorship. Since its inception, the Mainland Women's Premier League has lacked financial support to function smoothly like its men's counterpart."

"A least that was the sorry situation until Serengeti Premium Lite came on board, injecting a new lease of life to women's soccer," Ndimbo revealed.

He noted that the sponsorship has enabled the federation to run the league in a less stressful environment due to the famous beer brand's financial, material, and moral support.

"Before this sponsorship, it was difficult for teams to travel to play away matches because of financial problems. The league is now gradually gaining popularity, and we are even starting to hire professional players from outside the country," the TFF official revealed.

Further, Ndimbo noted that with Serengeti Lite onboard, the steps taken by TFF to develop women's soccer are promising, noting that the beer brand's support has provided a massive boost for Tanzanian women's soccer.

As more women have a chance to participate in the lovely game of football and improve their living standards.

"Besides, the participation of girls and women in football has made them good ambassadors of our nation. The country is very proud of the steps taken so far, and we are very grateful to Serengeti Lite for this huge support", he added.

Serengeti Premium Lite's sponsorship of Mainland Women's Premier League follows a long history of SBL's sponsorship of the men's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, which currently enjoys the brewer's support through its flagship brand, Serengeti Premium Lager.

## Caravans B cricketers lift 2022 DC SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B tournament title



Caravans B squad's cricketers pose with Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B League's top honour upon the conclusion of this year's competition recently. Caravans B side cruised to a six-wicket win over Union Sports Club in the final. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

JOHNSON Nyambo showcased his virtuosity as Caravans B squad won the 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B showpiece's top honour with a six-wicket victory over Union Sports Club in the final played recently.

Union Sports Club amassed 147/8 in the scheduled 30 overs once the club had gone to bat first, with the side's experienced cricketers' efficiency coming in handy.

They were hardly convincing in the opening two overs, given they lost their crucial two wickets in quick succession.

Experienced opener Athumani Kakonzi made a quick exit after two knocks, given the performer was bowled by Caravans B squad's youthful cricketer Issa Safari.

Kakonzi was followed by his fellow opener Danish Unia that had recorded in the last ball of the following over.

Unia, that happens to be one of the aggressive cricketers that punish opponents' bowlers whenever they take the crease, was the other victim of Safari's tricky balls, as the youthful cricketer once again got the better of the opponents' other key player.

Seif Khalifa that came on at number three brought stability with his 40 runs whilst blasting five boundaries.

They then had a setback in the form of Hasnain Damji's early dismissal, leaving the crease for duck.

Ali Rehemtulla stepped up to significantly boost the total having scored 33 runs that included four boundaries.

Captain Sameer Mussa and Shahmeer Rizvi made their way back with a two-digit figure to somehow boost their outfit's total.

Mussa recorded 16 runs cracking a four, and Rizvi chipped in with unbeaten 14 runs.

Rizvi formed an unbeaten partnership with Abbas Sayed that recorded three runs not out seeing to it Union Sports Club complete its innings with a better total.

Safari ended with two wickets in the cricketer's bowling stints as was the case with fellow bowler Jayaraj Malayil. Nyambo, Anand Ram, and Gerald Dzunguza took a wicket each.

Needing 148 runs from 30 overs to come out victorious, Caravans B outfit cricketers made the most of their innings, notching 149/4 in 24.3 overs.

Efforts by Caravans B side's batting unit to mount a chase encountered stiff opposition in the first two overs given Union Sports Club had opted to go for a ruthless bowling attack led by the veteran Hussein Mohsin.

Mohsin claimed the wicket of Caravans B side's opener, Prabh Subramani dismissing the latter for duck.

Fellow opener Praveen Puthanpurayil was one run short of a two-digit score after eight knocks, whilst nailing a four.

Youthful performer Wilbert Martin that was deployed at the

top order prevented a skid with solid batting to make his way back with 24 runs that included two boundaries.

Nyambo stepped at the crease and had his club boldly going for successful chase notching unbeaten 59 runs comprising five fours.

There was a slight setback as Ram experienced an early dismissal, managing a run from seven knocks, but his exit did not frustrate his squad's resoluteness.

Nyambo later forged an unbeaten partnership with Mohit Sharma that recorded 34 runs not out to have the side come out victorious.

According to Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Information Officer Atif Salim, it was unfortunate that Union Sports Club again could not cross the line after dominating the league till the final with all individual awards going to the club.

The official also issued congratulations to Caravans B side for winning the 30 Overs League.

Salim disclosed: "This is Caravans Cricket Club's second triumph this year after their first team had won the 50 Overs League earlier in the year."

DC SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B showdown final's Best Player prize went to Union Sports Club's experienced cricketer Athumani Kakonzi whereas teammate Seif Khalifa laid his hands on the showpiece's Best Batsman honour.

The Best Bowler prize went to Union Sports Club's all-rounder

Shabbar Rattansi.

Caravans B squad made it to the 2022 DC SiSi Cup Division B 30 over tournament final after defeating K&P Constructions squad by 76 runs in the semi-final clash which took place on July 10.

Due to rain, the tie's overs were reduced to 25, and the K&P Constructions squad which won the toss elected to field first.

Caravans took the crease, notching 140/8 in 25 overs with Nyambo's 39-ball 40 being the notable performance at the crease.

Skipper Lakshminanth Suka-vasi's 4-0-7-2 was the pick of the bowlers for the K&P Constructions squad.

In return, Caravans B outfit came out with all guns blazing in the second innings disallowing the K&P Constructions team to cement a partnership.

Wickets fell at regular intervals and the K&P Constructions outfit was knocked over for 64 runs, falling 76 runs short of the target.

Karim Athumani's 5-0-27-5 earned him the Man of the Match honour, Nyambo managed to secure three scalps as well.

Union Sports Club made short work of Aruti Aces B side when the squads faced off in the other last-four round's duel on July 17, as the former won by 61 runs.

SiSi Dawat company backed the DC SiSi Cup 30 Overs Division B showdown that attracted 16 clubs that were put in four groups.



Tanzania's senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach, Kim Poulsen (L), speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam last weekend about the African Nations Championship (CHAN) Qualifiers' second leg match between the squad and Somalia which took place in the city last Saturday. Sitting (R) is Tanzania Football Federation Information Officer, Clifford Ndimbo. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Simba SC midfielder praises tactician

BY CORRESPONDENT ISMAIL TANO

SIMBA SC defensive midfielder, Jonas Mkude, has congratulated the outfit leadership for bringing in new tactician Zoran Maki that has replaced Spanish gaffer Pablo Franco Martin.

Maki was announced as the Msimbazi Street club's new coach in June this year to complete the process of searching for a head coach at the club which had taken more than a month.

Mkude noted the Serbian coach has become a mentor to the players due to the instructions he issues to the latter while in training in Egypt to prepare for the 2022/23 season.

He said the management has done a great

job to find such a coach like Maki, and they are proud to have the coach who once worked in prominent clubs in Africa.

Mkude noted: "I congratulate the management of Simba SC, it has brought us a good coach, he is like a parent to us because he lives with us well and advises us."

"He never gets tired of doing that because his goal is to see us do what he focuses on until we get it," the midfielder said.

Mkude revealed: "We have had good preparations since we arrived here in Ismailia, the coach gives us training that builds us, each of us sees where we are heading as a team."

The footballer said: "I believe coach Maki has

something great that will be able to give Simba SC fans joy next season."

"We owe a lot to him as a coach, we have to fight to complete the agreement between him and the leadership to get the team where it needs to be, the fans will have their contribution in this," Mkude added.

Before being hired by Simba SC, Maki was the head coach of the Al Tai Club, and before it, he worked at Algerian club CR Belouizdad.

The gaffer that is good at deploying fast, attacking football, and defending as a unit, further worked for other sides namely Al Hilal of Sudan, Moghreb Tetouan, Wydad Athletic Club of Morocco, and Sagrada of Angola.

## Dar hosts 2022 National Squash Championship

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

MORE than 40 squash players were presented with a platform to put their skills to work, as this year's National Squash Championship got underway at Colosseum Gym and Fitness Center in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The Tanzania Squash Federation (TSF) official Marwa Busigara said all

was set for the tournament and last weekend saw the group stage duels played and, on the final day, the semi-finals and final will be played.

The TSF had extended an invitation to all parts of the country including Zanzibar to battle it out in the competition.

He said there will be cash prizes to winners in men's and women's cate-

gories, adding Capetown Fish Market has provided vouchers to male winners while Kalypso Restaurant will hand over vouchers to female winners.

He also thanked Capetown Fish Market and Kalypso Restaurant for the sponsorship, describing it as timely and meant to develop squash in the country.

The TSF leader disclosed: "All is set for the National Squash Championship which will be held at Colosseum Gym and Fitness Center."

Busigara stated: "We thank the management of the center for offering us the opportunity to host the championship at their premises."

"More than 40 players will compete in it, we aim to see that the game

is played in all parts of the country," he said.

Recently TSF hosted a Squash Open tournament at Arusha International Conference Center (AICC) where more than 60 players competed, with Busigara emerging as the men's category champion.

The eventual winner beat Musa Juma 3-0 in the final and the third

place was won by Rajab Simai who beat Abdallah Ali 3-0 in a play-off.

Last year, TSF disclosed that it has lined up several activities which will help to relaunch the game in the country.

The association said the events aimed at welcoming players back to the game and helping to attract a new generation of players to the courts.



# Nunez upstages Haaland, Alvarez in Liverpool's Community Shield win, but Manchester City's new stars will shake off loss

BY MARK OGDEN, SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

ERLING Haaland will have better days in a Manchester City shirt, you can be certain of that, but his first taste of English football saw him resoundingly upstaged by Liverpool's Darwin Nunez and City teammate Julian Alvarez as the FA Cup holders claimed a 3-1 Community Shield victory over last season's Premier League champions at the King Power Stadium.

Few players in world football create quite as much noise as Haaland, the 22-year-old forward who moved to City from Borussia Dortmund in a €60 million transfer earlier this summer. The Norway international had his pick of every major club in Europe before agreeing to move to the Etihad and few expect him to do anything but score a truckload of goals on the way to winning trophies galore with Pep Guardiola's team.

But Haaland had a debut to forget against Liverpool. Not only did he fail to score, he barely touched the ball, missed an easy chance in stoppage time when hitting the crossbar from six yards and saw Nunez – Liverpool's €75 million signing from Benfica – leave him firmly in the shade with a dazzling substitute performance which delivered a goal, an assist and an exciting showcase of the qualities he will bring to Jurgen Klopp's team this season.

And then there was Alvarez, the 22-year-old signed from River Plate for €16 million, who gave an eye-catching City debut by scoring the equaliser, cancelling out Trent Alexander-Arnold's first-half opener, after replacing Riyad Mahrez early in the second-half. While



Liverpool's Darwin Nunez, centre, heads the ball to scores his side's third goal during the FA Community Shield soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester City at the King Power Stadium in Leicester, England, Saturday, July 30, 2022. (AP Photo)

Nunez was explosive, determined and clinical, Alvarez showed the ability to hold the ball, lay it off and take advantage of tight spaces before displaying a striker's awareness when scoring from close range after goalkeeper Adrian had pushed away Phil Foden's shot on 70 minutes.

Haaland will undoubtedly score goals for City. His record so far for Dortmund, FC Salzburg and Molde, has been so consistently good that it would be foolish to suggest he will do anything but continue his scoring ratio at the Etihad. But this was a day when he was up

against one of the strongest teams in Europe, with defenders Joel Matip and Virgil van Dijk one of the best partnerships anywhere in the game, so it was a tough baptism for Haaland. The space to run at defenders which he often enjoyed in the Bundesliga was denied him by Matip and Van Dijk, and any other red shirt that came within close distance. And when he can't run into the final third with the goal facing him, Haaland is not quite the same threat.

Nunez looked much sharper, and much more able to receive the ball with his back to goal and move defenders

around, but Haaland and City are clearly still learning how to work with each other. Mahrez failed to spot a clever Haaland run in the first-half, when the forward had peeled off his marker, while Kevin De Bruyne waved his arms in frustration at his new teammate when he strayed off-side and made himself unavailable for a pass in the second half.

And while Nunez was prepared to run across the face of the 18-yard box, Haaland stayed within the tight confines of the central area of the pitch and it made him easier to stifle and perhaps explained why he only managed 14 touches

in 90 minutes. On this evidence – admittedly, just 90 minutes – Haaland will offer less to City when he doesn't have the ball than Nunez will give to Liverpool. Nunez simply looks a more rounded player, but it doesn't mean he will score more goals and Guardiola insisted that Haaland will deliver in the months ahead.

"He didn't score," Guardiola said. "Another day he will score. He has an incredible quality on that and he will do it."

"He fought a lot, made the movements. It's good for him to see the reality of new country, new league, but he was there. He is going to help us a lot – he had the

chances, he was there."

Opponents that aren't as accomplished are likely to be blown away by Haaland if he is given the space to hurt them, but ultimately, he has been signed to make the difference in the tight games, against the likes of Liverpool and in the Champions League, so he has still to show he can make that vital step up. It is difficult to envisage Haaland failing to take his game to that level, but he and City have work to do to make it come together.

Liverpool appear to have less to do to make Nunez fill the gap created by Sadio Mane's summer move to Bayern Munich. His header, from Mohamed Salah's cross on 80 minutes, led to the Ruben Dias handball which, after a VAR review, resulted in a penalty from which Salah made it 2-1 to Liverpool. And Nunez then scored his goal with a diving header, four minutes into stoppage time, after Andy Robertson had teed him up in the six yard box.

"We all know they are a special species, strikers," Klopp said. "They all need goals and goal involvements. "He [Nunez] would have been fine without his goal because he created the penalty with his header and had a chance when the goalkeeper reacted brilliantly. "His goal was the icing on the cake, brilliant for him and it's a really good sign after the time he has been with us."

So in the battle of the new signings, Nunez won his first encounter with Haaland and helped Liverpool to their first Community Shield success since 2006. But this is a game that means little in the long term. How Nunez and Haaland do in the Premier League and Champions League is what will truly define the suc-

# Lewandowski talks to ESPN about life at Barca, Bayern legacy and stopping Madrid

NEW JERSEY

ROBERT Lewandowski conquered just about everything during his eight years in Germany at Bayern Munich, but now he's ready for a new challenge. The 33-year-old striker joined Spanish giants Barcelona for around €45 million this summer and is ready to help the Catalan side get back to the top of the European game.

Lewandowski was officially presented as a Barcelona player in Miami, played his first minutes for his new club in preseason matches on U.S. soil and is preparing for a big welcome at Camp Nou on Friday, ahead of the first game of the LaLiga season against Rayo Vallecano on Aug. 13.

The Poland international carries a fearsome goal-scoring reputation and has 509 goals in 676 club matches, has twice won the Golden Boot for Europe's leading goal scorer and finished as runner-up for the 2021 Ballon d'Or, while he beat Bayern legend Gerd Muller's 49-year record of most goals scored in a Bundesliga season, tallying 43 in 34 matches in 2020-21.

However, his exit from Bayern (for whom he scored 344 goals in 375 appearances) came under a cloud as he publicly clashed with the club over his desire to move on. Still leaving with a legendary status, Lewandowski admits his departure was one surrounded by politics and wants to remind Bayern fans of the love he had for the club for so many years. But now he tells ESPN's Cristina Alexander, speaking exclusively in his first interview since moving to Barcelona, that he is ready for the next chapter in his career.

**\*Editor's note: This interview has been edited for clarity.**

**ESPN: How have you felt at Barcelona these first few days?**

**Lewandowski:** Well, I have to say that I'm very happy to be here, to be a part of Barcelona... It has been 10 or 12 days, out here in the U.S., so everything has been extremely fast and quick, but, with my experience, it is a little bit easier to adapt to the team, and every day I try to adapt and be a part of the team.

**ESPN: How has Xavi helped you adapt?**

**Lewandowski:** Yeah, he helped me a lot. The conversation between me and him is really good. We don't have a problem with communication. And

even with my teammates, I see that they want to help me; they want to support me a lot. For me, that is very important because I see that they are open and ready to help me.

**ESPN: Why LaLiga?**

**Lewandowski:** I was always dreaming to play in LaLiga. I know that my time in Bayern Munich was amazing, and I will be always thankful for the guys, for the club, what they did for me, because I won everything with Bayern Munich, and after 12 years playing in Bundesliga playing in Germany, I knew that it was time to try something new. A new challenge.

I cannot say bad words about my teammates, or the club -- even though there was kind of politics before -- but the time, what I did for the club in this eight years for Bayern Munich was amazing. I'm growing up every single season, and I know that to decide to move somewhere else will be more difficult every year. Even now it was very difficult to decide to go to Barcelona because I know what I did, the comfort zone I had in Bayern Munich already, but for me, I was always open to something new.

I heard that Barcelona wanted to sign me, and that was a sign that maybe now is the perfect timing to go to Barcelona, go to LaLiga. I know that I can still play for a few years on the top high level and that's why I decided to go to Barcelona. I'm very happy to be part of this team.

**ESPN: What do you expect up front with so many signings that we've seen this summer coming to Barcelona?**

**Lewandowski:** We have a very strong team and are ready to think about titles. I'm always the guy who is thinking about winning the game, of course scoring the goals, and with the coach, Xavi, we can do this because I see what we're doing during the training session and how we work hard now in preseason. So for me all the signings mean that we are in a good way and I'm very excited for the start of the season.

**ESPN: You were talking about the goal scoring and what you want to do as well for Barcelona, and I mentioned that record, with Gerd Muller in the Bundesliga. How is Robert Lewandowski going to take that goal scoring and bring**



Robert Lewandowski has arrived at Barcelona with high hopes. (Agencies)

**it to LaLiga, bring it to Barcelona?**

**Lewandowski:** We have played so many times in the Champions League against Spanish teams, so it's not that new for me... In international football, if you are on the top, you have to be ready for every challenge, that doesn't matter who you are playing against or how tough it will be. You have to show your best, and I'm experienced, I'm ready for this and I need this challenge to show how my game looks in LaLiga. Also there are more games in LaLiga [38] compared to Bundesliga [34], so maybe I will have even more chances to score goals.

**ESPN: What do you expect from the rivalry not only with Real Madrid but personally between yourself and Karim Benzema?**

**Lewandowski:** Benzema is an amazing player, he showed that in the last Champions League season; what he did during the games against PSG, Chelsea or Man City. He's already, I don't know how many years, 10 or even 12 years in LaLiga. He knows this league a lot. Even in the Champions League, he showed that he's one of the best players, and I think that is very nice to see so many good strikers in LaLiga. For sure that will be more interesting for the fans.

For me, I didn't want to compare with him because for me it will be something new, and I accept this, but for him he's already here [in LaLiga] many years and he has shown already in the last year how good he is. For me, more important will be what we're going to do with the team. How are we

going to play? How can we go from win to win? This is my goal.

**ESPN: We know that this is a team that has changed dramatically even in the last year, of course with the loss of Lionel Messi. How does that bring you into the picture leadership-wise? Does this give you an opportunity to be the new leader in the team?**

**Lewandowski:** Of course, this is a big opportunity to be the person who can lead on the pitch with body language, to show the guys it doesn't matter how many goals we have already scored, we can score even more. To always think positively, always play forward, to try to do something more to push and work even harder than before.

I see already in Barcelona that there

are players who are thinking about how to do even more. Sometimes it is not exactly the words. What you say is important, but more important is how you show your body language. What you're going to do, what you expect for yourself as well, and that's why I'm ready to be here to show my performance. Also I know that my teammates are ready to follow, not only follow me but follow the way we're going to be at the end of this season.

**ESPN: How do you take that title from Real Madrid then in LaLiga?**

**Lewandowski:** We try to do our best, for sure. We haven't started the season yet, but maybe after one or two months -- because the run here before World Cup [in November] is very short -- maybe after this time we can talk more about the expectations for the end of the season. But for sure, Real Madrid are still going to be very strong; they're going to play very well, and that is a huge challenge for us. We have to be ready and we have to be there if we want to compete with Real Madrid.

**ESPN: Robert, I want to go back to what you mentioned, for Bayern Munich, and those last few months. So there was a little bit of, you know, political things going on before, before you left. Reports in Germany suggested that maybe you were a little bit uncomfortable with the fact that Bayern were looking to sign Erling Haaland; did that have anything to do with leaving, did that influence your decision?**

**Lewandowski:** No, that was nothing

to do with Erling. I am the guy who -- even if something's not good for me -- truth is more important. I don't want to speak about what happened exactly. But if the question is if the decision to move was because of him, no, I didn't see the problem if he joined Bayern Munich.

But some kind of people doesn't say to me the truth, say something different. And for me it was always important to be clear, to stay true, and maybe for a few people that was the problem. And in the end I know that something doesn't work well with my person as well and I knew that, OK, I see and I feel that maybe it's a good time to move out of Bayern Munich and join Barcelona.

I had a very good relationship with my teammates, with the staff, with the coach, and these are all things I'm going to miss because I spent a beautiful time there. And we were not only friends from the pitch but also something more. But in the end this chapter is over and I open a new chapter in my life and a new chapter in my career.

So I feel that I'm in the right position, right place. So everything that's happened in the last maybe few weeks before I left Bayern Munich, that was also of course a lot of politics. The club tried to find an argument why they can sell me to another club because before it was difficult to explain maybe to the fans. And I had to accept that even though it was a lot of bulls--, a lot of s-- said about me. Not true, but in the end I knew that the fans, even in this period, still support me a lot.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

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Tanzania's senior national football side 'Taifa Stars' midfielder Abdulhamis Suleiman (L) gets the better of Somalia's defender as the sides locked horns in a 2022 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) Qualifiers tie in Dar es Salaam last Saturday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Poulsen hails midfielder's impact in Taifa Stars victory over Somalia

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football side 'Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen has hailed the impact of Abdulhamis Suleiman as the Tanzanian midfielder catapulted the squad to a 2-1 win over Somalia on Saturday.

Tanzania saw off Somalia 2-1 in the second leg of the first round of 2023 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers played in the afternoon at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Taifa Stars advanced to the next round of the African Nations Championship qualifiers with a 3-1 aggregate win.

Suleiman gave Taifa Stars the lead after 34 minutes before Somalia's Farhaan Mohamed made it 1-1 after 48 minutes.

Central defender Dickson Job netted Tanzania's second goal from the penalty spot in the 64th minute.

Suleiman's goal was the difference in the first leg tie which was also played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium due to Somalia's lack of an approved stadium that meets international standards as required by the Confederation of African Football.

Speaking to the press after the game, coach Poulsen did not shy away from singling out Suleiman's performance in the two games.

The Danish coach stated: "We started a bit nervously, after we scored the nice goal from Abdu Hamis Suleiman I saw some more movement."

Poulsen said: "I think we were in

good control of the game and compared to the last game we did not give any chances away which is important."

The coach revealed: "On the second the way it started, that's what happens in football sometimes. A deflected shot went into the goal and suddenly Somalia got on fire and maybe got a little bit too much on fire along the game."

Poulsen disclosed: "I still think we tried to control it, we got a clear penalty and scored 2-1. It has been a good experience for our players to have these two games. It is nice to see a player like Abdulhamis Suleiman who had a huge impact in both games."

The tactician said: "He is growing and growing, and that's what the CHAN is about. It is about our home-based players showing their potential. Over the two matches, he was the man of this round. We are onto the next round and we are all happy."

Tanzania will now face Uganda's Cranes in the second round this month. Cote d'Ivoire will host the CHAN 2022 tournament to be played in January 2023.

At just 21 years old, the prospect of Suleiman becoming a star for both club and country are very real after his recent switch from Coastal Union to Azam FC.

He ended his two-season spell at Coastal Union on a high, helping the club to its first Azam Sports Federation Cup final in over a decade by scoring nine goals including a perfect hat-trick against the winner, Yanga.

## Majaliwa hails NBC Bank for supporting fight against cervical cancer in Tanzania



National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Managing Director Theobald Sabi (R), hands over a 200m/- dummy cheque to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in Dodoma yesterday. The funds were raised at the 2022 edition of a marathon dubbed 'NBC Bank Dodoma International Marathon' held at Jamhuri Stadium in the region yesterday aiming at supporting the fight against cervical cancer in Tanzania through Dar es Salaam's Ocean Road Cancer Institute. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has lauded NBC Bank for organizing a fundraising marathon, known as the 'NBC Dodoma International Marathon', to support the fight against cervical cancer in Tanzania.

Speaking after completion of the marathon that took place in Dodoma yesterday, Majaliwa said that the government appreciates the drive by the private sector to join hands in finding solutions to challenges facing society.

Majaliwa disclosed: "The government acknowledges the noble social citizenship work carried by NBC Bank over the years."

He said: "We appreciate the in-

novation of partnering with Ocean Road Cancer Institute and Athletics Tanzania (AT) to develop this marathon geared towards raising funds to support the fight against cervical cancer in Tanzania."

Majaliwa stated: "Much as cervical cancer is leading cancer in claiming the lives of women in Tanzania, it can be avoided and cured if detected early."

According to Majaliwa, the government supports all endeavours to increase awareness among women and save their precious lives. National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Managing Director Theobald Sabi said the bank is pleased to organize another edition of the NBC Bank Dodoma International

Marathon after two successful stints in the past.

Sabi stated: "After two successful editions of the marathon here in Dodoma, we are pleased to organize the third edition."

The NBC Bank boss disclosed all funds raised in the showdown which is close to 200m/- will be channeled to Dar es Salaam's Ocean Road Cancer Institute to support women's fight against cervical cancer.

Sabi noted: "I am pleased to announce that in the last two years, the marathon raised more than 300m/-, which helped the screening of more than 9,000 women, 550 of whom were diagnosed with cancer and are currently undergo-

ing treatment."

The NBC Bank boss pointed out: "I am grateful for all the support from all the corners of the continent, with people joining us in this noble course."

Sabi revealed: "NBC Bank is privileged to be able to raise funds to save lives and bring hopes to families."

NBC Bank is one of Tanzania's leading banks with operations across the country.

The institution conducts its operations through an extensive network of branches, wakalagencies, ATMs, and Point Sale Machines. The bank also works via mobile and internet banking platforms.



Bunda District Commissioner, Joshua Nassari (R), on behalf of the Serengeti District Commissioner, Vincent Mashinji, presides over the start of the Serengeti Migration Marathon held at the Sokoine Mugumu Serengeti venue on July 30. PHOTO: GUARDIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

## CAF reschedules Tanzania's back-to-back AFCON qualifiers ties against Uganda

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football side 'Taifa Stars' September back-to-back clash with Uganda in the 2023 AF-

CON qualifiers campaign has been rescheduled to next year after the Confederation of African Football Executive Committee approved a revised qualification calendar.

The next round of Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers in September has been postponed to allow the continent's five World Cup-bound teams the opportunity for better friendly matches before the tournament takes place in Qatar, the Confederation of African Football said on Sunday.

The postponement had been muted for weeks after CAF confirmed the postponement of the Africa Cup of Nations finals scheduled for the Ivory Coast from June 2023 to January 2024 due to the weather conditions in the West African country.

"This was necessitated by the Executive Committee's commitment to making room for the African nations that have qualified for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar in November/December 2022 to prepare adequately," reads a part of

the CAF Communication Department press.

Senegal's head coach Aliou Cisse was among the more vocal critics of the fixtures, which meant his country would have had to play two Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers, home and away against Mozambique, in the final window of opportunity in September when they wanted to play against opposition from other continents ahead of the World Cup.

Cameroon, Ghana, Morocco, and Tunisia are the other African teams who will be playing at the World Cup finals in Qatar.

The 2023 AFCON qualifiers, which started with two rounds of matches in June, still have four rounds remaining.

CAF said match day three and match day four qualifiers have been moved to March 20-28 next year, the fifth round to June 12-20

2023 while match day six will be played on September 4-12 2023.

Tanzania is sitting third in Group F of 2023 AFCON qualifiers, which will culminate in the finals that will be hosted by Ivory Coast, with just a single point from two games following a 1-1 away draw with Niger and a 2-0 home defeat to Algeria.

Strong favourite, Algeria, is at the top of the table with six points having beaten both East African teams, Niger is sitting second with two points and Uganda is languishing at the bottom with one point.

Tanzania must use the remaining four games, a back-to-back encounter with Uganda in March, a clash against Niger in Dar es Salaam in June, and a trip to Algeria in September to secure second place and qualify for the AFCON finals for the third time.

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