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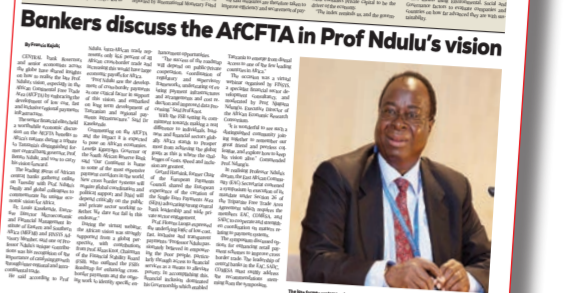
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## We'll enhance links with US, says Majaliwa

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) has said Tanzania will enhance ties with various foreign countries including the United States in key development sectors to open up opportunities for trade and investment.

He made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday after a conversation with a delegation of seven members of the House of Representatives at his Magogoni offices, noting that the US legislators were happy to see ties between the two countries strengthening.

"Our economic relations continue to grow. They know Tanzania's contribution in Africa's widening investment opportunities and we are trading with them. We shall continue to strengthen ties by having various forums for business people where our traders can meet with those of the US," he said.

He reiterated that the sixth phase government of President Samia Suluhu Hassan has vowed to open up Tanzania

# Samia: Apply Nyerere's ideas in dynamic world

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday reaffirmed the relevance of ideas of founder president Julius Nyerere, while underlining the importance of ideological and leadership training for public office holders.

Lack of such drilling has increasingly undermined development efforts, she said when launching the newly constructed Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School at Kibaha in Coast Region, citing the lack of leadership and ideological training as among key challenges facing post-liberation states in the era of technological development.

The college will be a peer review format on what has been achieved and what is coming ahead for frontline states in line with changing needs in a dynamic world, she declared.

The college has been named after Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, she said, tasking it with changing youth mindsets going forward, "but also explain and translate the philosophies of founding fathers to the younger generation, suitable for a dynamic world."

"The college will help to train our people, teach young members on party ideology so that we move with changing technologies," she affirmed, noting that learning at the college was supposed to start in 2020 but



CCM national chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan cuts the ribbon to inaugurate Mwalimu Nyerere Leadership School at Kibaha in Coast Region yesterday, witnessed by various high-ranking Tanzanian government and other officials alongside representatives of political parties known to have engaged in the struggle for the independence of southern and other African countries. Photo: State House

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internationally in various sectors to increase economic opportunities for her people, noting that the Congress delegation pledged to work together with Tanzania in its economic development plan. There are various sector projects and programmes that can be uplifted by US institutions, he declared.

He urged the legislators to take up the role of Tanzania's envoys in mobilising for enhanced tourism presence of the US in Tanzania, as the country is bestowed with numerous tourist attractions, also appealing for parliamentary relationships between members of Congress and committees of the Tanzanian legislature.

The aim is for legislators to visit one another, exchange experiences on how legislative business is conducted, he stated, highlighting that in contributing to the fight against climate change effects, Tanzania needs support from developed countries.

The Congressional delegation included Gregory Meeks (Democrat, 5th District of New York) Amerish Babulal 'Ami' Bera (Democrat, 7th District of California), Ilhan Omar (Democrat, 5th District of Minnesota) Joyce Beatty (Democrat, 3rd District of Ohio, chairperson of the Black Congressional Caucus since 2021),

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## 'Coastal regions face strong winds, waves'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has issued an alert over strong winds moving at 40 kilometers per hour and waves reaching 2.0 meters in seven regions close to the sea.

In the advisory released yesterday, the weather agency cautioned that Lindi, Mtwara, Tanga, Dar es Salaam and Coast, as well as Mafia island along with Unguja and Pemba islands will be in that situation in the next few days.

The regions must therefore prepare for expected impacts like disruption of marine

Excessive rains may overload soil moisture and hamper field crops that do not require much water, such as maize and leguminous crops

activities, falling tree branches from the vegetation, which can cause harm to passers-by or properties, the agency said in a statement.

TMA said last week that most parts of the country are expected to receive normal to above normal rains in the 'masika' season which is specific to areas that receive rains twice a year, beginning later this month until May.

The agency said the evolution of climate patterns and outlook for the March to May rainfall season shows that rains are likely to be normal to above normal "over most parts of bimodal areas," excluding all prediction for

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## Mwinyi banks on cordial ties to energise economy

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (pictured) has said that stronger cooperation with countries like Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Kenya will have considerable benefits for the growth of the Isles economy.

President Mwinyi made the remarks yesterday at Zanzibar State House where



he held talks at different moments with the countries' envoys to Tanzania, namely Abdullah bin Ali Alsheryan of Saudi Arabia, Indonesian Ambassador Tri Yogo Jatmiko and Kenyan High Commissioner Dan Kazungu

In the talks, Dr Mwinyi praised Saudi Arabia for its readiness to lift various sectors through the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), noting that Saudi Arabia's pledge to bring specialist surgeons will help to strengthen the health sector.

Dr Mwinyi told the Saudi envoy that Zanzibar's current emphasis is in strengthening the blue economy sector, where the Gulf economic power is welcome to

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The school will be a strategic centre of excellence in various areas of leadership and ideology, on the basis of a curriculum prepared to facilitate provisional thrust of training

the pace of its completion was stymied with the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The new college is expected to work as a peer review centre for the former liberation parties and their respective countries, as the Southern Africa liberation frontline parties are key stakeholders in the vision of the new institution, she stated.

The president, who is also ruling CCM's national Chairperson said the college was established purposely to serve the Southern Africa region in honour of the frontline state platform created by late President Nyerere and the late former Zambian president Kenneth Kaunda, and respective leaders of the liberation movements in the mid-1970s.

She said that political parties on the continent have leaders who have lost roots with founding ideologies of respective political parties, in which case the college shall work to fill this gap.

The cost of the project is put at around \$45m (close to 100bn/-) essentially from the Communist Party of China (CPC), and is meant to link CCM and five southern Africa liberation parties, namely ANC (South Africa), SWAPO (Namibia), MPLA (Angola), ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe) and FRELIMO (Mozambique).

In July 2018, former president Dr John Magufuli laid the foundation stone for Kibaha school, while at yesterday's ceremony CCM Secretary General Daniel

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Vice President Dr. Philip Mpango (3rd L) gets a briefing on Barrick Gold Corporation's operations yesterday from the firm's country general manager, Georgia Mutagahywa (2nd-R), when he visited the company's pavilion at the just ended International Minerals and Mining Investment Conference 2020 held in Dar es Salaam. Barrick was the main sponsor of the conference. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## We'll enhance links with US, states PM

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G.K Butterfield (Democratic, North Carolina First Congressional District and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee), Brenda Lawrence (Democratic, Minnesota 14th District)

and Troy Carter (Democratic, Louisiana 2nd District).

The team was accompanied by US Ambassador Dr Donald Wright, a Republican Party financier appointed to the post during the tenure of former US President Donald Trump.

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Chongolo said the school will offer short and long term courses for cadres from the former liberation parties.

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of excellence in various areas of leadership and ideology, on the basis of a curriculum prepared to facilitate provisional thrust of training, he added.

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participate in the sector as it has many opportunities.

In talks with High Commissioner Kazungu, the president praised the cordial relations the Isles enjoy with Kenya, noting that Zanzibar is bent on making sure the relations benefit both countries.

He praised the step taken by Kenya to make Zanzibar host to the Kenya-Tanzania ministerial conference slated for March 9 to trade and other issues, saluting the outgoing High Commissioner for performing well his

tasks whilst in Tanzania, boosting ties between the two EAC partner states.

In his conversation with Ambassador Jatmiko, Dr Mwinyi said Indonesia is a key stakeholder in the cloves trade and has plenty of expertise, experience on how to improve the crop.

Zanzibar was ready to cooperate with Indonesia in fishing sector development and in assisting seaweed farmers to add value to their crop, plus finding markets abroad, he stated, with the envoy so pledging to continue supporting Zanzibar in its economic development efforts.

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'unimodal' areas whose rains start in November, and it is unclear if they still expect rains or not.

Relatively intense rainfall is expected during March over the northern coast and in April over the north eastern highlands. The season is likely to be characterized by the early onset in the third and fourth weeks of February

and cease sometimes during May.

The 'masika' rainfall season is specific to areas of the north-eastern highlands (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions), northern coast (northern part of Morogoro region, Coast (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles), Lake Victoria basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) and the

northern part of Kigoma region.

The other areas were not listed as to their current weather patterns, if there are intermittent rains or long dry weather over all regions not included in that advisory.

The statement indicated expectations of adequate soil moisture for crop growth and development, and water harvesting for irrigation over much of the bimodal areas due

to expected normal to above normal rains.

It was unclear if unimodal areas have such water or had already finished their agricultural season for the year, observers noted.

Excessive rains may overload soil moisture and hamper field crops that do not require much water, such as maize and leguminous crops, the agency intoned.

## EU extends sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe over rights violations

HARARE

THE European Union has renewed its two-decades-old sanctions against Zimbabwe, citing continued human rights violations and closure of the democratic space.

Zimbabwe has been under EU targeted sanctions since 2002 after the late Robert Mugabe won a controversial presidential election.

After Mugabe was toppled in a military coup in 2017, his successor President Emmerson Mnangagwa pushed for normalisation of ties with the bloc, but this is yet to bear fruit.

The EU on Monday said the situation in Zimbabwe has not changed under President Mnangagwa, hence the move to extend the embargo.

"The situation in terms of respect for human rights has not improved in Zimbabwe," the bloc said.

"Intimidation of political opposition and other government critics has continued to restrict the democratic and civic space, which is under threat of shrinking further through the Data Protection Act and ongoing legislative processes such as the Private Voluntary Organisations Amendment Bill and the envisaged so-called Patriotic Act. The EU is concerned about these developments."

President Mnangagwa's government has rolled out several laws targeted at its critics, including the civil society and the media.

The 80-year-old ruler is accused of trying to turn Zimbabwe into a one-party state by dismantling the opposition.

He is also accused of failing to rein in human rights perpetrators comprising largely of security forces.

"Perpetrators of human rights violations should be swiftly brought to justice to end impunity," the EU said.

"It is important that international human rights obligations are adhered to and the constitutional rights of the people of Zimbabwe respected.

"In this light, the EU recalls the purpose of its restrictive measures, which is to encourage a demonstrable,

genuine and long-term commitment by the Zimbabwean authorities to respect and uphold human rights and the rule of law."

The sanctions include an arms embargo and asset freeze against the Zimbabwe Defence Industries, a state-owned arms manufacturer.

Zimbabwe attributes its long running economic crisis to the sanctions by Western countries, but the EU said the measures "are targeted and very limited."

"They do not affect the people of Zimbabwe, its economy, foreign direct investments or trade," it added.

"Zimbabwe continues to benefit from duty free and quota access of its exports to the EU, while negotiations are ongoing to deepen the Eastern and Southern African (ESA) Economic Partnership Agreement."

Meanwhile, the EU decided to lift suspended travel bans and asset freezes against Zimbabwe's Vice President Constantino Chiwenga, army chief Phillip Valerio Sibanda and former first lady Grace Mugabe.

Besides the EU, the United States and the United Kingdom have maintained targeted sanctions against Zimbabwe.

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A Dar es Salaam resident (L) views a lubricant manufactured by Puma Energy yesterday when he visited the company's pavilion at the just-ended International Minerals and Mining Investment conference held in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan's neighbours are worried that the country is "still bleeding" from communal fights as the term of its transitional government nears an end.

The East African body, Igad, said a peace deal signed in 2020 is facing challenges, including unresolved issues on the writing of a new constitution and preparations for fresh elections.

"Igad as a region cannot be at peace when South Sudan is shedding blood. I would really like to appeal to the international community to stand

## South Sudan 'bleeding' with transition period near end

with the people of South Sudan in supporting the peace process," Igad Special Envoy for South Sudan Ismail Wais told diplomats in the capital, Juba.

It was hoped the transitional government formed after the peace deal would bring an end to conflict that has killed hundreds and thousands

and displaced millions.

Its term ends next year, paving way for elections.

Early this month, President Salva Kiir announced that election would be held without conducting a census, something his former rival, Riek Machar, now the first vice president,

has opposed.

Machar said elections could only be conducted after a unified national army was formed, a new constitution written, census conducted and millions of refugees in neighbouring countries allowed returning home to vote in the elections.



# Indonesia to build clove oil churning factory in Muheza

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Tanga

COME October 2022 and the Java based, clove oil producing firm, Indesso plans to establish a factory to extract oil from ripe clove leaves at the Msasa IBC village in Muheza District, Tanga region a project set to benefit nearly 1200 farmers in the area.

Slated to take effect in eight-months from now, the village-based, clove oil churning mill comes as result of three-year long survey in clove producing areas on the Eastern Usambara Mountains of Tanga Region where historically is where all cloves in East Africa, originated from.

The chairman of Msasa IBC village, Aloyce Elia Kibiriti revealed that, a delegation from Indesso visited the area and chose their location for the proposed project of producing oil from clove leaves purposely for export

to Indonesia.

"We have already secured land for the intended oil straining factory," added Kibiriti. The proposed project will heal wounds suffered by 1200 villagers who lost their farms when the Derema conservation corridor was created.

According to the Chairman, his village was chosen among the seven other hamlets surrounding the Derema natural corridor, due to the type and quality of cloves grown in their farms.

Indesso is recognized as a world leader of clove oil and Indonesian Essential Oils including their derivatives, and a prominent manufacturer of ingredients for industries such as food, flavourings, fragrances, aromatherapy, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals.

Cloves leaves are also used to make cigarette brands, albeit the most

expensive ones.

The Muheza district agricultural officer, Adam Michael Nyenza confirmed that the clove leaves oil production initiative started three years' ago with a visit from the Indonesian High Commissioner to Tanzania, who saw the potential of cloves grown in Muheza District to be of better quality.

"When it comes to clove farming, the Indonesian Ambassador, during his 2020 visit, wanted to create a business link between residents of villages in East Usambara Mountains and traders in Java Indonesia," said Nyenza.

But it seems Indesso wants to actually process cloves right from source to add value to the exports. The firm has already established a similar project in Zanzibar Islands.

"Which means for the first time we may brand clove products as 'Made in

Tanzania," said the agricultural officer, when addressing members of the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

The scribes were visiting the biodiversity-rich villages surrounding the Derema corridor on a special environmental coverage initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

They studied how the corridor conservation may benefit local residents despite losing much of their

farming land. Apparently some of the benefits include the soon to start new clove exports to Indonesia.

Since it is based in one of the world's richest countries in biodiversity, Indesso has been sourcing its raw materials mainly from Indonesia but as demand soars the firm is now looking into other countries, including Tanzania.

The sourcing process involves local farmers and small cottage distillers, creating multiplier-effects that benefit thousands of individuals.

Clove is believed to be native to Indonesia and was only grown in the Moluccas until Pierre Poivre smuggled the seeds in 1770 and distributed them to other parts of the world.

Now cloves grow in many places including India, Tanzania, Sri-Lanka and Madagascar, though Indonesia maintains the lead in global clove production.

On the other hand, Indesso boasts being the world leader in clove oil and its derivatives, commanding a 60 per cent global market share.



Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Permanent Secretary Dr Zainab Chaula (R) speaks to NMB staff immediately after a meeting with regional leaders of small traders in Dodoma. NMB was the main sponsor of the meeting organised discuss ways of enhancing business formalisation and financial opportunities for the traders. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## CHRAGG embarks on programme to review five year strategic plan

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has embarked on a process to review its five year strategic plan 2018/19-2022/23 to cope with the current changes.

Several developments and changes have taken place since the current plan came into use and the management and the board has seen the need to review it.

Speaking at the opening of the review the document, CHRAGG chairperson, Judge (rtd) Mathew Mwaimu said the aim of the review is to improve on the existing document, saying it is the fourth review since the first one was established.

He said strategic plans are always in line with national development plan and ruling party political manifesto, adding that the existing plan was formed in the 2015-2020 political manifesto, thus the need to incorporate new matters that arose in the after the last general elections.

At the same time several changes have taken place within the commission itself calling for new review of the existing guidelines that match the changes. "The commission has seen the importance to review the 2019/20-2022/23 in accordance with new developments" he said.

The Commission's executive secretary, Patience Intwina, said there is also new formation in the commission and it is important to adopt new changes.

He noted there are some over-ambition targets which cannot be achieved within time frame in the existing plan that need to be reviewed. "We therefore look forward to come up a plan that focuses on modern and current matters" said the executive secretary.

Speaking while officiating the opening of the review meeting, director of planning in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Moses Dule urged the management to ensure the reviewed strategic plan is in line with national development plans and ruling party' manifesto.

He said it must have specific objectives as well as broader mission with future oriented. "The current strategic plan has several shortfalls that cannot help achieve the desired goals" he said.

CHRAGG is an independent government department vested with broad mandate to promote and protect human rights in Tanzania.


Its functions include handling complaints on violation of human rights and contravention of good governance principles, advising the government on human rights

issues, dealing with systemic human rights issues through research, public enquiry, monitoring and carrying out public education and other sensitization programmes.



We the family of the late Ta Richard and Ma Maria Mutembe with humility, thank the Almighty God for the opportunity He gave us to share life with our departed beloved Retired Judge Regina Mutembe Rweyemamu and Proscovia Mutembe Temmy.

**ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY**



**ZURA**  
Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
For  
**CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR DEVELOPING GRID AND DISTRIBUTION CODE.**

**Tender No. SMZ/F0118/C/NCB/2021-22/23**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February. 2022.**

1. This Invitation for submission of Proposals follows the General Procurement Notice for the project which appeared in Zanzibar Leo Issue No. 6299 dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
2. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has allocated public funds for the cost of Consultancy Service for Grid and Distribution Code and intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the Contract for which the Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued.
3. Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar now invites proposals from the eligible consultants to provide Consultancy Service for Grid and Distribution Code. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.
4. Therefore, Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) invites eligible consultants to submit Technical and Financial Proposals for the following consulting services: Consultancy Service for Grid and Distribution Code. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.
5. A firm will be selected under the **Technical quality- and cost-based selection method (QCBS)**, and procedures described in this RFP, in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act of Zanzibar No.1 of 2016 and its Regulations of 2020.
6. To obtain the document, firms are required to pay Tanzania Shillings 200,000/= non-refundable and shall be paid through Account Name: **Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Huduma za Maji na Nishati-Mapato, Account No. 0404 149 000, People's Bank of Zanzibar Limited (PBZ).**
7. The deadline for submission of the proposal shall be 17th March, 2022 at 10:00hrs to the Secretary of Tender Board Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority located at 2nd Floor of ZURA Building at Maisara Zanzibar, P.O.BOX 2238 Zanzibar.

**Yours sincerely,**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
**ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY,**  
**P.O. BOX 2238, MAISARA – ZANZIBAR.**

## HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

As we come to terms with the devastating reality that our beloved two are no longer with us, we want to take this opportunity to appreciate immensely all our extended families, relatives, friends, neighbors and colleagues who were with and closely supported us in immeasurable ways during the difficult time. In particular, we thank the Judiciary of Tanzania, the High Court of Tanzania, Labour Division, Tanzania Women Judges Association (TAWJA), Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), ELCT/KKKT Parishes of Boko in Dar es Salaam, Kabale in Bukoba and Kigezi in Chanika Dar es Salaam. Our thanks are also due to various communities and social groups such as; Kitwe community group (KICOSEDA) BUSECO, The Queens group of Mbweni, Rugambwa Girls Pioneers, the Ndege Beach KKKT community, AMBWENA women group and Mbweni National housing community.

Your presence at such difficult time as that, messages of condolence and uplifting words of encouragement, prayers and financial support comforted and gave us strength that we were not alone. It was a reminder to us that there are many more people sharing in our grief. You made a whole world of difference to us in our grief. It brings a bit of joy to know that we are surrounded by people who care.

It is one year now since our dear Regina and Proscovia departed in a span of just two weeks apart on 13th February 2021 and 28th February 2021 respectively. Life has never been the same again. Each day we wake up hoping that it is a bad dream. We greatly miss their friendship, guidance, wisdom, generosity and the happy moments we enjoyed together. Words cannot describe the voids that their deaths have left behind. A deep sense of loss remains in our hearts. The gaps left will only gradually be filled by fond memories of the wonderful things and times we shared with them. Such memories will live on



forever in our hearts.

Our beloved Regina and Proscovia were gifts from God not only to our family but also to all who met and, in one way or another, associated with them. Every time we remember them, the many promises infused in us by the word of God give us inner peace. Those who trust in the Lord God Almighty must never lose hope because we shall meet again.

We would like to use this same opportunity to inform and invite colleagues and friends to a Mass in their remembrance at 10 am on Sunday 06/03/2022 at the Boko KKKT/ELCT Parish. Thank you for your kind support.



## EAC common external tariff rate set to boost intra trade by \$18.9 million, study shows

By Guardian Reporter

THE proposed maximum East African Community (EAC) Common External Tariff (CET) rate of 35 per cent is set to boost intra trade by \$18.9 million if adopted by partner states.

An analysis conducted by EAC Secretariat on the proposed CET rates of 30 per cent, 33 per cent and 35 per cent for products classified under the 4th band (maximum band) shows.

The East African Business Council urges the EAC partner states to adopt the 35 per cent maximum CET tariff rate in a bid to promote industrialization and strengthen the regional value chain.

In 2020, total intra-EAC trade stood at 11.8 per cent amounting to \$6.39 billion. The proposed tariff is set to boost intra-EAC trade to \$6.4 billion.

Under the current EAC CET structure, the maximum tariff is 25% while the other bands are 0 per cent and 10 per cent with few sensitive products attracting higher tariffs ranging from 30 per cent to 100 per cent.

The 35% maximum CET rate is central to boosting the competitiveness of East African manufactured products in the continent and the globe.

The analysis shows if EAC Partner States adopt 30 per cent or 33 per cent or 35 per cent as the maximum CET rate total tax revenues will increase by 3.9 per cent, 4.9 per cent and 5.5 per cent respectively. The 35 per cent maximum CET rate for products categorized under the 4th Band will divert trade from global trading partners in favour of the EAC intra-regional trade. Uganda will accrue highest trade creation at \$8,456,681 followed by Kenya and Rwanda at \$5,099,829 and \$3,714,495 respectively.

On employment, employment generation increases marginally with 0.02 per cent (5,055 persons) under the maximum rate of 30 per cent, 0.03 per cent (6,089 persons) with a maximum rate of 33 per cent applied; and 0.03 per cent (6,781 persons) increase in average

EAC formal employment under the maximum rate of 35 per cent.

On industrial development, industrial production increases under each of the proposed maximum CET rates of 30%, 33% and 35%, with the highest rate of 35% conferring the greatest gains in industrial output.

There is a 0.02% (\$7.7 million) increase in industrial output with an applied maximum rate of 30%; 0.03% (\$10.3 million) increase in production with a rate of 33%; and 0.04% (\$12.1 million) increase in output with the highest rate at 35%.

Adopting the 35% maximum tariff rate is set to incentivize industrial development; protect nascent industries exposed to unfair competition and safeguard industries against cheap and subsidized imports and jobs. The 35% maximum tariff rate will also attract investments in industrial value chains and transform the bloc into an export-led, industrialized economy.

Most of the products which have been considered to be assigned a maximum CET rate (4th Band) are under the EAC priority value chains as provided for in the EAC Industrialisation Policy (2012-2032). The products include textiles, iron & steel and motor vehicles. The 35% CET rate will offer the necessary effective protection the region requires to drive regional value chains and drive industrialization through these products.

Furthermore, some products face unfair competition from cheap imports from Asian countries hence need higher rates to safeguard their production in the region.

Meanwhile, the EAC Partner States are set to commence trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework after the EAC Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment (SCTIFI) adopted the EAC Tariff Offer under AfCFTA meeting the agreed minimum threshold of the 90%.



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) managing director Frank Nyabundege (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the Bank's success in one year. He is flanked by the Bank's acting commercial director Afia Sigge (R) and acting director of finance Goodchance Haron. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has allocated more than 400bn/- to facilitate the youths and farmers in cash crop farming activities.

The money will be dished out to various special groups after the completion of the process to train them on the issues of farming through regional and district commissioners and local council directors.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TADM managing director, Frank Nyabundege said from now on the youth should prepare themselves as the loans will be provided with nine per cent interest.

## TADB allocates 400bn/- to empower youths, farmers

He said in December last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan provided TADB 208bn/- in addition to the 60bn capital it already had.

"It is a big capital that has never been issued in the country, thereafter through 10 commercial banks, the capital will reach more than 65 per cent of Tanzanians," he added.

Nyabundege said February 12 this year, President Samia while visiting France, she entered in an agreement with France development association

(FDA) for Euro 2.6bn/- for empowering farmers and strengthening the country's Information Communication Technology (ICT) sector.

He added that President samia also entered into agreement in regard to a soft loan of euro 80 million (210bn/-) to be used in developing the country's agriculture sector.

He added that the government has also been in discussions with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for assistance in

the agriculture sector, adding that the Fund has agreed to provide USD 40 million (92bn/-).

He added: "We are proud that in a period of just one year, President samia has provided us with more than 400bn/-, which shows how she cares for Tanzanians who many of them have invested in farming."

He said more than 22,500 Tanzanians will benefit from that money, some of which has already started being dished out.

## Govt set to improve country's economy through mining sector

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Vice President Dr Phillip Mpango has said the government vows to see the country benefit from its mineral resources while investors also benefit by investing their capital and expertise.

He said to achieve that, the government in 2017 made improvements to the mining Act aimed at increasing the sector's contribution to the country's GDP.

The Vice President made the remarks when opening the 4th International Conference

Investment in the mineral sector in Dar es Salaam attended by 1,200 delegates from both within and outside the country including ministers, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries and diplomats.

Dr Mpango said the mining law's improvement included the strengthening Tanzania and Tanzanians participation in the mining activities, including adding value to the minerals done within the country, the improvement that has brought great revolution in the mineral sector. "In the circumstances, our Five-Year Development Plan has enhanced the

target on mining sector's contribution in the GDP to 10 per cent by 2025/26, compared to 6.7 per cent for 2020/21.

He said in regard to the value of mineral exports, the target is to increase it from USD 3.4 billion in 2020 to USD 5.5 billion in 2024/26 "We therefore have no choice but to work together to make sure these targets are met to enable the sector contribute more towards the country's efforts in poverty reduction," he added.

Dr Mpango further said the government will continue working on various challenges that have been discussed by stakeholders, including complaints from owners of farms not being involved in the granting of mining licences in various areas of the country and added that from now on, the Commission for Mines will accord priority to farm owners when granting mining licences.

Dr Mpango said the government has also attained achievement in granting mining licences whereas as for now an investor can get his licence within six months after meeting all conditions and procedures as compared in the past when it used to take up to two years or even more.

For his part, the President of the Federation of Miners Association of Tanzania (FEMATA) John Bina said apart from the sector's achievements, including the 40 per cent contribution by small mines, still they face various challenges including lack of capital that has been hindering mineral production activities.



### CONSULTING ASSIGNMENT

#### SUMMATIVE EVALUATION OF THE UPGRADING TEACHERS' COLLEGES (UTC) PROJECT

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited (PwC), on behalf of our client, invites a team of eligible candidates (Evaluation Team) to indicate their interest to provide consultancy services for Summative Evaluation of the Upgrading Teachers' Colleges (UTC) Project. The project is being implemented by Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) through a direct support from the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD).

The Evaluation Team will be responsible for carrying out evaluation of the project in four supported Teachers' Colleges - namely Kitangali, Mpuguso, Shinyanga, and Ndala. The evaluation will be conducted in conformity with the "OECD/DAC (2010) Quality Standards for Development Evaluation" and best practices.

#### The Evaluation Team is expected to comprise the following:

- A Lead Consultant - with at least 10 years' experience in designing and leading evaluation of international development projects.
- Gender and Equality Expert - with at least 5 years' experience in gender equality programming; gender analysis for the social sector; and evaluation of gender equality programs.
- Human Rights Expert - with at least 5 years' experience in human rights programming; and evaluation of human rights programs.
- Education Expert - with at least 5 years' experience in education programming, education quality improvement programming and evaluation of education quality improvement programs.
- Environment Expert - with at least 5 years' experience in environment and climate change programming, assessments; and evaluation of social sector programs, preferably education programs.

Interested candidates may obtain detailed description of the team requirements and services by sending a request email to [procurement@fssptz.org](mailto:procurement@fssptz.org). Requests for further information will be received up to three working days prior to the submission deadline. Any request received later than that may not be responded to.

Interested candidates should send their proposals ONLY electronically to [procurement@fssptz.org](mailto:procurement@fssptz.org) not later than **8th March 2022 at 23:59 hours**. Late proposals shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

FSSP Manager

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#### OFFER FOR SALE BY INFORMAL TENDER 2 PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN OYSTER BAY AREA



4 Kenyatta Drive



47 Laibon Road

On behalf of our client, we offer for sale by informal tender the following properties:

#### 4 KENYATTA DRIVE & 47 LAIBON ROAD, OYSTER BAY

Two excellent 4-bedroom double storey houses: 4 Kenyatta set in a 2,925 m2 plot and 47 Laibon Road set in a 3,757 m2 plot. Includes staff quarters and garage for 2 cars for each property.

Further details are available upon request. Viewing dates will be on 10th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, February and 1st, 8th, 10th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th March, 2022 from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Other appointments to view may be arranged through Knight Frank on +255 22 2113300, 653 621387 or 717145273.

Tenders are invited for the 2 above properties. Purchasers may bid for one or both properties.

Only those tenders which meet the following qualifications will be considered:

- A bank guaranteed cheque for T.Shs.2,000,000 made out to Knight Frank must accompany each tender. In the event that a tender is accepted by the vendor but reneged upon by the person or institution making the tender offer, the vendor will retain the T.Shs.2,000,000. The amount paid shall form part of the agreed purchase price. All persons or institutions whose tenders are rejected by the vendor will have the T.Shs.2,000,000 returned to them.
- Each tender must clearly indicate the contact person, his/her e-mail, physical and postal address and his/her telephone numbers.

Sealed tenders, clearly marked "TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON PLOT 4 KENYATTA ROAD OR AS THE CASE MAY BE "TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON PLOT 47 LAIBON ROAD, AND " WHERE A BIDDER BIDS FOR BOTH HOUSES THEN A BID FOR EACH HOUSE HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

The Managing Director  
Knight Frank (T) Ltd.  
International House 3rd Floor  
P.O. Box 9333, Dar es Salaam.

Tenders received after 2.00pm on Thursday 31st March, 2022, will not be considered. Tenders will be opened immediately after the closing time by the representative of the Client.

If for any reason the sale transaction is not approved after the bidder has paid the purchase price into an escrow account pending transfer of the property, the purchase price shall be refunded to the bidder without interest and without any prejudice to the Client or Knight Frank.





Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolf Mkenda (2nd R) receives one of the white walking sticks from Workers' Compensation Fund (WCF), Director General Dr. John Mdma. Looking on are some of the leaders who attended the ceremony during the Braille Day celebrations held at the national level in Dodoma. A white walking stick of a type carried by blind people, both to locate obstacles and identify them as blind. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

## Iringa police arrest two over poaching

POLICE in Iringa Region have arrested two people over illegal hunting activities in Makombe Village, Kihanga Ward, Iringa District.

Addressing reporters here yesterday, Iringa Regional Police Commander Allan Bukumbi said the suspects were arrested on February 20 during the night during police operations.

He named the suspects as Emliyo Lutego (47) and Efraim Nyamia (45) both residents of Makombe Village in Kiponzero Division.

RPC Bukumbi explained that the suspects were apprehended with two locally made firearms (gobore) owned in contravention of the law as they were not licenced.

He added that they will appear in court after investigation is complete.

Meanwhile, the police in the region

received one vehicle - a Toyota Rav 4 valued at 20m/- as assistance from Silverlands Tanzania Ltd to be used in police activities in the region.

Receiving the vehicle on behalf of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro, RPC Bukumbi said the vehicle will bolster police operations in Iringa Region.

For his part, the Director of Silverlands Tanzania Limited, Stewart Bradrick said they decided to provide the vehicle for bolstering security for the Ifunda and Ithemi community in Iringa District.

"We have seen that the population of

the two areas was increasing, as well as crime," he said.

Bradrick also thanked the police for the good job in fighting criminals in the region's various areas including Ifunda and Ithemi areas.

In another story, the police in the region have been able to arrest several people suspected of stealing various items.

He named the suspects as including Ismail Kibwada (36) resident of Frelimo A, Gerald Kilowoko (29) resident of Semtema, Ngoto (31) and Fatuma Mohamed (30) residents of Mshindo Msikitini all from Iringa Municipality.



### PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE

#### FOR SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services Tanzania Program intends to update a list of local suppliers, service providers for the supply of goods and services for the year 2022/2023.

Currently, CRS operates in Mbeya, Kigoma and Dar es Salaam Regions. CRS is looking to prequalify eligible, competent and experienced firms to apply in their respective category as listed below to perform various services.

Pre-qualification will be conducted according to CRS Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only shortlisted vendors will be eligible for invitation to quote under competitive procedures each time when needed.

Vendors will be selected and prequalified based on submitted business profile which entail legal compliance, brochures, price list, experience in the market, financial health (provision of audited financial statements), description of similar assignments, technical competence (CVs of key staffs), ability to meet current & future demand, warranty validity, after sale services and manufacturer's authorization.

#### CATEGORIES FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

The list is under independent lots; evaluations and pre-qualification will be on lot basis.

SERVICE NUMBER	CATEGORIES
2022-CRS-001	Supply and delivery of Office sundries (i.e., Sugar, Milk powder, Tea Leaves, Coffee, and the related items)
2022-CRS-002	Supply and delivery of general office stationeries in Mbeya, Kigoma and Dar es salaam.
2022-CRS-003	Supply and delivery of IT Equipment's, Tonners & other accessories
2022-CRS-004	Supply and delivery of Motor vehicle tires and battery
2022-CRS-005	Supply and delivery of Motorcycles, tyres, and other accessories
2022-CRS-006	Supply and delivery of T-shirt and Printing
2022-CRS-007	Supply and delivery of Printing services, binding, brochures, banners, registers, and Pamphlets
2022-CRS-008	Provision of catering services in Mbeya and Kigoma
2022-CRS-009	Provision of fumigation services in Dar es salaam, Kigoma and Mbeya
2022-CRS-010	Provision of fire extinguisher general services in Dar es salaam and Mbeya
2022-CRS-011	Provision of Air Condition (AC) general services in Dar es salaam
2022-CRS-012	Provision of Generator general services in Dar es salaam and Mbeya
2022-CRS-013	Provision of Internet Services in Dar es salaam, Kigoma and Mbeya
2022-CRS-014	Provision of Security Services in Dar es salaam and Mbeya
2022-CRS-015	Provision of Transportation (car hire) Services in Dar es salaam, Kigoma and Mbeya
2022-CRS-016	Provision of Cleaning Services in Dar es salaam and Mbeya
2022-CRS-017	Provision of Water supply Pipe and installation
2022-CRS-018	Provision of Motor vehicle Garage Services and Maintenance for Mbeya, Dar and Kigoma

#### Tender Documents:

The detailed invitation tender documents are available from Feb 25 to March 04 2022, during office hours. Interested bidders are invited to pick-up a hard copy of the tender document at the CRS office or can request a soft copy. Requests for tender documents should be submitted on a company letterhead signed by Director/Manager of the company in hardcopy or via e-mail to Elizabeth Sendama at [elizabeth.sendama@crs.org](mailto:elizabeth.sendama@crs.org) with "Request for Pre-Qualification Tender Documents: "2022-CRS-00....-Supply and delivery of ....." in the subject line. Each company should submit the request once only and CRS will send the tender documents within 24 hours. The Request for tender document will not be accepted after March 04, 2022.

The deadline for submission of the completed and sealed prequalification application is 15hrs local time on or before March 17,2022.

### ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY



Tender No: SMZ/FO118/NC/NCB/2021/22/18

For PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR AIR CONDITION.

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Date: 24th February 2022

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project which appeared in Zanzibar Leo Issue No.1821-8556-6299 dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority during the financial year 2021/2022. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the Provision of Maintenance Services for Air condition.
- Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority now invites sealed tenders from eligible National Service Providers for Provision of Maintenance Services for Air condition.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Secretary of the Tender Board, Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority P.O.BOX 2238, Room No. 011 Maisara, Zanzibar from 8.30 am to 16:00hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TSh.200,000/= (Two hundred Thousand Only) Payment should be by a bank payable to Account Name: Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Huduma za Maji na Nishati-Mapato, Account No. 0404 149 000, People's Bank of Zanzibar Limited (PBZ).
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Bidding Documents.
- All Bids in one original plus Three (3) copies properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address Tender Board, Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority P.O.BOX 2238, Room No.011, Maisara, Zanzibar at or before 10:00 Am, 30th November 2021. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend the opening at the ZURA, P.O.BOX 2238, Maisara, Conference Room at ZURA Building Zanzibar.
- Late Bids, incomplete bids, electronic bids, bids not received, and not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
P.O. BOX 2238, MAISARA-ZANZIBAR

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### ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY



TENDER No: SMZ/FO118/NC/NCB/2021/22/17

FOR PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR GENERATOR AND BUILDING ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURES.

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Date: 24th February 2022.

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- Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority now invites sealed tenders from eligible National Service Providers for Provision of Maintenance Services for Generator and Electricity Infrastructures.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
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# Contractors challenged to defend their rights

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole,  
Dodoma

CONTRACTORS have been challenged to be confident to be able to defend their rights once violated by clients during the execution of construction contracts.

Speaking at a three days contract management training organised by the Contractors Registration Board (CRB), training moderator, Eng. Emmanuel Kachuchuru said that many contractors fail to defend their rights because they lack confidence and knowledge, putting themselves in a danger of losing revenues.

He said lack of knowledge about contract management have caused many contractors to be inferior before their clients.

"Some of you do not defend your rights over fears of not being awarded tender in future. You need to be confident and stand by your qualifications not corruption. If you secure tenders through corruption you lose confidence and you cannot argue," he said.

Eng. Kachuchuru claimed that most local contractors are harassed by their clients because they are not aware of their rights but foreign contractors can rarely be mistreated by clients because they know their rights better.

"It is rare to hear foreign companies lamenting about contract violation because they know their rights and responsibilities and even the tender providers know that it is not easy to harass them," he said.

Eng. Kachuchuru said that 65 per cent of the country's budget is spent in construction projects so it is high time for contractors to know their responsibilities and their rights because their profession is unique.

CRB chairperson, Eng. Consolata Ngimbwa advised local contractors to put reasonable price during tender process because experience shows that some of them eventually abandon sites.

She said some of local contractors put low price to attract tender providers but when it comes to implementation of the project many of them get depression and fail to complete the projects within agreed time and at required quality standards.

"You must be honest when you quote a price because sometimes you can see the project cost estimates is 400m/- but some contractors quote 200m/- to win tender, thus failing to complete projects," she said.

She also urged them to read the contracts between the lines before they sign and consult experts where they don't understand instead of signing blindly.



Contractors Registration Board (CRB) chairperson Eng. Consolata Ngimbwa (C) is welcomed by CRB officials when she arrived for the opening of a three-day contract management training session for local contractors in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

EDUCATION stakeholders in the City of Mbeya have called upon experts implementing various classrooms construction projects to make sure they make the infrastructures to accommodate children with disabilities to enable them study with ease.

The remarks were made yesterday by Thabita Bugali, one of the stakeholders as she spoke to this paper on the situation of infrastructures for children with disabilities.

"We visited some of primary schools in rural areas and found out that their

## School infrastructures should accommodate children with disabilities, stakeholders argue

infrastructures, especially pit latrines do not accommodate children with disabilities, we hail the government for the new guidelines provided on the best way to build schools infrastructures to accommodate people with disabilities," she said.

She said there is every reason for the government to invest in the education sector and that it should concentrate more in the rural areas to improve pit latrines construction to accommodate

needs of children with disabilities.

A resident of Mama John area, Jaqueline Sanga said apart from various obstacles facing children with disabilities in schools, the community should cooperate with the government in improving pit latrines infrastructures, classrooms, they should not leave that responsibility to the government alone.

The chairman of the association of People with Disabilities (CHAWATA)

in Mbeya Region, Jimmy Ambekile said there are challenges in the issue of the right infrastructures for people with disabilities in both primary and secondary schools.

He also said even in buildings housing various public institutions there are hardly friendly infrastructures for people with disabilities, hence the issue should be worked upon to enable them get the services without any obstacles.



### TENDER NOTICE

#### TOYOTA LANDCRUISER HARD TOP

Registration Number : DFP 5248  
Make : TOYOTA  
Model : LANDCRUISER HARDTOP  
Engine Capacity : 4164CC  
Colour : WHITE  
Engine Number : 1HZ 0578093  
Chassis Number : JTERB71J100044361  
Year of Registration : 2008  
Condition : Running

#### TENDER CONDITIONS:

1. Currently the vehicle is running, and it is sold on as-is-where-is basis. Vi Agroforestry Tanzania shall have no further liability after sale.
2. Vehicle can be inspected at Vi Agroforestry office located at Isamilo, Mwanza during workdays Monday to Thursday 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours, and Friday from 09:00 hours to 12:00 hours from Monday 28th February to Thursday 17th March 2022. Tenders shall be opened at 13:00 hours on 17.03.2022. Interested bidders or their representatives are invited to attend.
3. Non-refundable tender fee Shs.40,000/=, respective tender fee to be paid to: Vi Tree Planting Foundation, account no.016000076 Absa Mwanza branch or account no. 030103000944 NBC Musoma branch. Copy of bank slip to be enclosed in the tender letter. Tenders sent without proof of tender fee shall automatically be disqualified.

4. Minimum bidding price will be Shs.40,000,000/=.

5. Sealed tender envelopes clearly marked Tender for Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top DFP 5248, should be addressed to:

**The Country Manager,  
Vi Agroforestry Tanzania,  
P.O.Box 621,  
Mwanza**

So as to reach the office on or before 12:00 Thursday 17.03. 2022.Mwanza bidders or any interested part may drop their bids in the tender box at our office.

6. Successful bidders will be required to pay 25% of their bid amounts within 5 workdays from notification, and remaining amount to be paid within 21 workdays after first payment.
7. The vehicle was imported tax free, successful bidder shall be responsible to pay all government levies, and process change of legal ownership before the vehicle is delivered.
8. Any subsequent costs that will accrue due to bidder delay to complete buying process shall be passed to bidder.
9. Vi Agroforestry Tanzania reserves all the right, and without assigning any reasons thereof not to accept the highest or any bid. Country Management decision shall remain final.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Administrative Unit: **Contact Person: Mr. Adelkwin Mkenda Telephone: +255 658 193 024 & +255 688 891 696**

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## Provide education on census importance, teachers urged

By Guardian Reporter

THE Commissar for the Population and Housing Census slated for August this year, Ambassador Mohamed Ali Hamza has called on the country's teachers to use their platforms to educate the community on the importance of being enumerated.

Amb Hamza made the remarks on Tuesday this week when addressing teachers in the City of Dodoma on the Census preparations.

"You are required to fully participate in this exercise in all its three aspects - to be enumerated as Tanzania citizens, provide education, but also, if you get

the opportunity, to become census enumerators.

He further said due to the fact that the community listen to the teachers, hence they have the responsibility to mobilise people to be enumerated in order to get the correct census statistics.

"You are supposed to utilise students to convey the message on the importance of being enumerated to enable the exercise attain 100 per cent success," he added.

The Government's Chief Statistician, Dr Albina Chuwa said the census exercise is a national one that is designed to find answers to all issues concerning Tanzania.

She said this year's census is different to those that took place in the past as "it will be conducted in a modern way, with no paperwork, and we will count every building in the country, whether a hospital, a warehouse or factory."

She added that in this year's exercise they will use tablets for enumeration which, after use, will be handed over to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka said due to the importance of the census, the region has seen that it would be better to bring together teachers and officials coordinating the event.



Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation deputy minister ambassador Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk welcomes Vatican ambassador to Tanzania Bishop Marek Solczyk ski at the sub office in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: MoFA





Hanang district commissioner in Manyara region Janeth Mayanja (C) leads defence and security committee to inspect land intruders at Gidamulodi forest at Dirma ward over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## NCT conducts training seminar on COVID-19 to tourism stakeholders

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THE National College of Tourism (NCT) has conducted five-day training seminar on Covid-19 to more than 140 stakeholders in the tourism sector aimed at building for them the capacity to serve tourists visiting tourist attractions in Songea Region.

Speaking on Tuesday at the launching of the seminar, NCT Principal Dr Shogo Sedoyeka said the training has been sponsored by the National Development Plan over Covid-19 via the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry.

Dr Sedoyeka said the college decided to conduct the training to stakeholders providing tourism services after realising that some of them had no adequate expertise on Covid-19 pandemic when serving tourists. He added that the training will be provided in eight regions of Ruvuma, Mtwara, Lindi and Njombe while four other remaining regions - Iringa Mbeya, Mara and Mwanza will be covered in the near future.

Meanwhile, Dr Sedoyeka praised President

Samia Suluhu Hassan's government for providing the funds to fight the pandemic in the community as well as for ensuring tourists and other visitors get better service.

For his part, Ruvuma Regional Administrative Secretary, Steven Ndaki who at the launching represented Regional Commissioner Brig Wilbert Ibuge said the tourism sector has been providing various opportunities including employment.

Ndaki added that during the pandemic period, the tourism sector vacillated in many countries hence as for now there is the need to provide education on Covid-19 appropriately to protect tourists and the community in general.

For his part, a tourism official, Maajabu Mbogo from Limbaramba Forest Reserve in Ruvuma Region said the training will spur the increase of tourists to enable the government to collect more revenue.

Bernard Lisambo, one among the training's beneficiaries from Nyasa District said the training will provide them with experience in providing quality service to tourists.

## Kilimanjaro RC hails Absa Bank over indigenous trees donation

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

THE Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner (RC) Stephen Kagaigai has commended the management of the Absa Bank Tanzania Limited, for its significant contribution to improving the environment in the country, including within the region.

Kagaigai made the remarks here on Wednesday when he receiving a total of 2,100 seedlings of indigenous trees from the bank's management at the RC's office.

"Different efforts meant to improve the environment have contributed significantly to the ongoing well-being of our region's environment; I commend Absa for the contribution, may I take this opportunity to urge other institutions to emulate your institution", he said and added that the government will continue supporting different investors to achieve their goals.

He also commended the

management of Absa Bank Tanzania Limited for providing indigenous tree seedlings that contribute significantly to the conservation of water sources.

"This region is home to Mount Kilimanjaro which is the tallest in Africa, the continued existence of this mountain is contributed by the conservation of water sources, therefore indigenous seedlings will contribute to the conservation of these important sources," he said.

"Mount Kilimanjaro is the source of water that is used for a variety of economic activities such as fishing, agriculture, better environment related programmes as well for use in various human activities, this goes to show the importance of indigenous trees in conserving water sources", he added.

Kagaigai also called on the bank's leadership to mobilise different people to invest in the region due to the fact that Kilimanjaro Region is a safe investment destination.

On his part, the Absa Bank Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations Aron Luhanga said the tree seedlings donations were part of the bank's contributions through its Corporate Social Responsibility programme which is aligned to its Kilimanjaro Marathon sponsorship.

"We are donating these seedlings as our gratitude to the Kilimanjaro region's leadership due to the fact that it contributed to Absa's inclusion as one of the co-sponsors of the Kilimanjaro Marathon race that takes place in the region every year", he said.

"Today we are providing 2,100 indigenous tree seedlings that contribute to water sources as well as the environment in general; we promise to continue to make a significant contribution to improving the environment in the region", he said.

During the occasion, RC Kagaigai and Luhanga planted trees at the RC's offices' to signify the hand over.



Kilimanjaro regional commissioner, Stephen Kagaigai (R) receives a sample tree seedling from Absa Bank head of marketing and corporate relations Aron Luhanga (C) when the bank donated 2100 indigenous tree seedlings to the region at the TC's office in Moshi. Left is the Absa Bank Moshi branch manager, Pendo Abdallah. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Zambia government suspends onion, potato imports after farmers outcry

By Elias Shilangwa

THE Zambian government has bowed to pressure and suspended the importation of onions and potatoes following an outcry from farmers.

Green Mbozi, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, said the government has decided to suspend the importation of onions and potatoes until further notice following a meeting held with the Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU).

He told journalists that the desire of the government was to ensure that the interest of local farmers is protected.

On Monday, Jervis Zimba, president of the farmers' association, raised concerns over the flooding of imported

onions and potatoes on the market, saying the trend was killing local farmers.

He questioned the rationale behind the import of the two commodities that can be produced locally and are currently in abundance.

According to him, onions and potatoes produced by local farmers risk going to waste unless the government addresses the continued import of the commodities.

Experts have raised concerns over the government's decision to allow the import of some commodities that could be grown locally and are demanding a clear policy decision.

Emmanuel Mwamba, Zambia's former ambassador to Ethiopia and the AU, said the situation has been

worsened by the lack of value addition in the country.

"Because we are seasonal farmers and not all-year-round farmers, in the season of plenty, we advocate for a ban on importation of onions, tomatoes and potatoes, and as soon as the season is over, a shortage and price hike kick in and again lift the importation ban," he said on his Facebook page.

In February last year, the government banned the import of onions and tomatoes but the ban was lifted in April the same year.

Frank Kayula, a former director-general of the National Union for Small-Scale Farmers in Zambia, recently urged the government to find a way of balancing imports and the need to boost local production.



### VISIONFUND TANZANIA MICROFINANCE BANK LTD

### VACANCIES

VisionFund Tanzania Microfinance Bank Ltd (VFT MFB) formerly known as SEDA is a fast growing and reputable Micro Finance Bank (MFB). It has a loan book of TZs. 17 Billion and 30,000 customer base. More than 5,000 of them being small holder farmers.

VFT-MFB is seeking to employ a dynamic and committed Tanzanian young men & women who have passion for people's economic development to fill in the vacant positions detailed here below;

Work Reference No. 002/22

Position: Driver  
Reporting to: Business Centre Manager  
Alternate: Senior Administrative Officer

Responsibility:

- To facilitate transport for VFT-MFB staff and visitors, provide messenger services for the office and maintain vehicle records & keep the vehicle condition in good order.

Main tasks

- Provides transport to facilitate VFT-MFB operational activities.
- Posts and collects mail from the Postal Office.
- Collects telephone bills and follows up on telephone maintenance whenever there is break down.
- To collect tickets and stationeries from identified Travel Agents, shops or printers.
- Keeps vehicle records, logbook and prepares vehicle monthly reports.
- Maintains the vehicle in a clean, good working condition and takes it to the garage when it is due.
- Facilitates transport for visitors and staff to and from the airport.
- Dispatches letters and cheques to assigned places.
- Does any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Education:

- Diploma Certificate in any field
- Driving Certificate from recognized institution
- Secondary School Certificate
- Valid Class C Driving License

Special / Personal Abilities

- Committed Christian
- Good interpersonal relations
- Can communicate in English
- Willingness and ability to work efficiently in a team environment
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## Tanzania has made impressive gains in reducing under-five and infant mortality

AS Tanzania strived to reach middle income status, the health sector resolved to give more attention to the quality of health services in tandem with the pursuit of universal access. At the same time, better health for the entire population will be promoted through the adoption of health in all policies. The country had made impressive gains in reducing under-five and infant mortality, through declines in morbidity and mortality from malaria and other childhood diseases.

HIV prevalence has also fallen. Some decline in maternal mortality has been noted but this was not fast enough to reach the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) targets; Neonatal mortality has also gone down but less than planned. Evidence shows an epidemiological transition with non-communicable diseases showing an upsurge and a consequent rise in health care costs. Challenges posed by current health financing levels and modalities require change to the way financial access to health care is organized, greater efforts on resource mobilization, transparency and social accountability, as well as more determined measures to strengthen the health system as a whole.

Africa's health sector represents a massive investment opportunity, estimated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to be worth USD 66 billion annually. Yet African leaders and donors continue to discuss Africa's health-care systems in terms of funding gaps. In fact, those gaps will close only when Africa is viewed as an investment destination, not a foreign-aid recipient.

A strong health-care system is a prerequisite for economic development. But the development aid to Africa that is designated for health is not predictable enough to sustain the kinds of long-term investments that are needed.

Importing pharmaceuticals, for example, costs Africa an estimated USD 14 billion annually. Creating the conditions for local pharmaceutical manufacturing would not only slash that bill; it would also result in the creation of 16 million jobs. (This is yet another reason to support the African Continental Free Trade Area, AfCFTA.) Yet aid is often promised according to three-year timelines, with no guarantee that it will actually be delivered when needed to fund planned programs.

Of course, domestic public resources could be used for this purpose. But low economic growth and high debt-servicing costs have left many African governments with limited fiscal space. Yet, with a greater focus on improving tax collection, Africans stand a better chance of increasing their domestic revenues. And budgets are often subject to shifting political leadership and priorities, which can preclude consistent, long-term investment.

The result is that health-care spending in Africa is woefully inadequate. In 2015, the continent accounted for just two percent of the USD 9.7 trillion in global health-care spending, even though it represents 16 percent of the global population and 26 percent of the global disease burden.

Increasing health-care spending in Africa is not a matter of ramping up aid; the limits of external generosity are clearly already being reached. Rather, it is about getting private actors - especially Africans - to seize the relevant business opportunities.

The scale of those opportunities should not be underestimated. Rapid population growth, coupled with longer life expectancy, means that countries' health-care needs will skyrocket in the coming years. By 2030, 14 percent of business opportunities in global health are expected to be in Africa, and the continent's health and wellbeing markets will be worth USD 259 billion.

## Rural women are key agents for sustainable development

RURAL women make up a quarter of the world's population. They grow much of our food, strengthen economies and build climate resilience.

Rural women are key agents for development. They play a catalytic role towards achievement of transformational economic, environmental and social changes required for sustainable development. But limited access to credit, health care and education are among the many challenges they face. These are further aggravated by the global food and economic crises and climate change. Empowering them is essential, not only for the well-being of individuals, families and rural communities, but also for overall economic productivity, given women's large presence in the agricultural workforce worldwide.

On 15 October, the United Nations commemorates the International Day of Rural Women, under the theme, "Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls."

This year, we are calling for better public services, including health care, education, childcare and shelters, on which millions of rural women depend; and laws, policies and budgets to improve their livelihoods and well-being. We stand in solidarity with rural women and their organizations everywhere as they seek to influence the decisions that shape their lives.

On the International Day of Rural Women, UN Women calls upon the international community to work with rural women and girls everywhere and to invest in the sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection that can revolutionize their livelihoods, well-being and resilience.

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Rural Women

celebrates and honours the role of rural women on October 15 each year. It recognises rural women's importance in enhancing agricultural and rural development worldwide.

Many people, government agencies, community groups and non-government associations celebrate the International Day of Rural Women on October 15 every year. Television, radio, online, and print media broadcast or publish special features to promote the day. Panel discussions, research papers, and conferences are also held to review and analyze rural women's role in society, particularly in areas such as economic improvement and agricultural development.

Other activities and events held to promote the day include: Global exchange programs for women in agriculture; the launch of fundraising projects to support rural women; expos and workshops showcasing rural women's contribution to their societies; strategic meetings to present issues on topics, such as empowering women farmers, to policy makers.

Some world leaders inspired by this initiative previously proclaimed October 15 as International Rural Women's Day, drawing special focus on the role of rural women in their countries.

The first International Day of Rural Women was observed on October 15, 2008. This day recognises the role of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.

The idea of honouring rural women with a special day was put forward at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995. It was suggested that October 15 be celebrated as "World Rural Women's Day," which is the eve of World Food Day, to highlight rural women's role in food production and food security.

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By Special Correspondent

THE effect of Nigeria's depleting food reserves is being felt now more than ever by the populace as a result of escalating food prices. It is more of a domino effect that is traceable to insecurity and climate change and worsened by the coronavirus pandemic.

Expectedly, this is taken its toll on the nation's food security, resulting in the increase of food prices as well as scarcity of some food items. It is a situation that has been generating some concern as it raises the question about the state of the nation's food reserve system.

In 2020, media reports indicated that the country had just about 30,000 metric tonnes (MT) of grains remaining in her strategic grains reserve. This was after 70,000MT of grains were released earlier in the year as palliative at the heat of the coronavirus. Whatever is left between 2020 and now would almost be depleted.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), an arm of the United Nations, more than 70 percent of Nigerians are involved in the agriculture sector primarily at a subsistence level. 'Between January and March 2021, agriculture contributed to 22.35 percent of the total Gross Domestic Product,' the organisation said. The FAO also stated that Nigeria has 70.8 million hectares of arable land areas and maize, cassava,

Available information indicates

## Focus in Mali needs to be on people, not the military

By Dirke Köpp

NOBODY in Mali is surprised by the withdrawal of French and EU troops. It is time to review old strategies and to stop working with corrupt elites, says DW's Dirke Köpp.

After many threats in this vein, and as many postponements, on Thursday France and its EU partners finally announced that they would be withdrawing their troops from Mali. They said that the plan was to continue the fight against terrorism in the Sahel region from a different country. In Germany, the announcement has caused a stir because of the Bundeswehr's involvement. However, in Mali itself, many seem to be indifferent. Indeed, many have even welcomed France's withdrawal.

There are many reasons for this. One of them is the "Francafrique" system, an arrangement thanks to which the French state has, over decades and with the help of corrupt elites in individual countries, secured access to resources in Africa. Many people in Francophone Africa are completely fed up with this - and rightly so.

Riding the anti-French wave  
Meanwhile, more and more, Russia has exploited this anti-French

## Depleting food reserves in Nigeria

guinea corn, yam beans, millet and rice are the major crops.

The country's rice production increased from 3.7 million metric tons in 2017 to four million metric tons in 2018. However, just 57 percent of the 6.7 million metric tons of rice consumed in Nigeria yearly is locally produced, resulting in a deficit of an estimated three million metric tons, said to be either imported or smuggled into the country illegally. To encourage domestic production, the federal government banned the importation of rice in 2019.

However, with recent killings of farmers by killer herdsmen and bandits, this has drastically reduced these estimates further this year. Herders and Farmers have been in conflict as a result of climate change, while banditry is rife across some states in the country, especially in the northern areas.

An online platform, dw.com claims that about 36,000 people have been murdered with two million displaced since Boko Haram began its ignoble insurgency activities in North east Nigeria in 2009. We recall that 76 Rice farmers were gruesomely murdered in Borno State. It has been a struggle for farmers to go to their farms in Borno, Plateau, Taraba, Benue, Enugu just to mention a few.

Available information indicates

father.

Non-military solutions needed

One does not need to think for more than a second to understand that the solution for the Sahel cannot be a military one. What people in the region need is development, reliable state structures and prospects for a safe future. And this does not only mean protection from terrorists. It is a question of survival.

It would be much better for the people of the Sahel region if as many billions of euros were invested in developing their societies as were pumped into military missions.

It would be even better if everything was done to make sure that the funds invested did not land in the pockets of corrupt elites. The situation is catastrophic. Harvests are either drying up or being flooded because of climate change. There are more and more people to feed because of a population boom. The state is absent in many places, and bandits have been allowed to wreak havoc.

In some parts, jihadis have set up parallel tax systems. There is hardly any work. There are few hospitals. And most roads are in a state of disrepair.

More and more, the members of different ethnic groups are coming into conflict over resources, which are

that at about the middle of last year 2021, Nigerian farmers reported that they suffered an estimated 50 per cent production losses as a result of insecurity. Based on this, experts warn of looming famine.

President Muhammadu Buhari, however, should be commended for ordering the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) during the country's 61st Independence Day Anniversary, to rehabilitate the National Food Reserve Agency set up to look into the food problem in the country in 2021. He had blamed middlemen for the scarcity at the time, noting that the agriculture sector has contributed 22.35 and 23.78 per cent to the overall GDP in the first and second quarters of 2021.

The All-Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN) equally commended the president for his directive to resuscitate the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA). In 2008, NFRA was established under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD). It was set up to drive the National Food Security Programme in Nigeria. It recommended the CADD-NEPAD (Commercial Agricultural Development Project - New Partnership for Africa's Development) that was established due to the buy-in of African Heads of States in 2001 in the Maputo Declaration.

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The governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele, last year, also stated that Nigeria needs to immediately commence building its own food reserves, due to what was experienced during the coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

It is from this background that we commend the Senate for passing a bill to establish the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA). It is expected that the bill when signed into law, will grow the agricultural sector and guarantee national food security and income, through marketing and storage services. It would also, hopefully, address emergency food crisis. However, it is one thing to make such laws and another thing to enervise them by way of effective implementation to bring into reality their original intentions.

We, as a newspaper, are convinced that a fortified food reserve system will stabilise soaring food prices and encourage agricultural practice. And while the federal government is tackling insecurity, these reserves will assist farmers through the provision of seedlings and grains at a rate subsidised by the government.

Overall, it is our considered opinion that a food reserve system will serve as a buffer in terms of scarcity just as it will also help stabilise prices.

increasingly scarce. Millions of people are in danger of famine and starvation. Millions have fled. Millions of children cannot go to school because of the terrorist threat. A lost generation is growing up.

Desperate measures  
The daily struggle and lack of prospects are causing many to despair. It can thus be easy for jihadis luring people in with promises of a better life and money. This is not a reproach and not everybody is tempted by the offers of terrorists. But how many people who are safe in Europe can say for sure that they would resist such temptation if their families were in danger?

For far too long, the international community has placed its bets on military solutions alone. Now, it must find other ways of helping the abandoned populations of the Sahel region.

It means taking them and their needs seriously. It means working with them to find local solutions. It means making sure that children can go to school and their parents can go back to work in the fields without being scared.

If this means talking with armed groups first, then this is an option that should at least be entertained. In some places, approaches such as these have led to people living in more safety.



# Agency urges more private sector investment in improved seed production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

**T**HE Tanzania Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) has unveiled strategies aimed at increasing production of varieties of improved seeds from 3,033 metric last year to 5,000 by the end of this year's season. However, given the demand, the agency urges more private sector players to venture into the business.

ASA upped seed production volume from 1,750 metric tonnes in 2020 to 3,033 in 2021 production season and productivity rate of between 1 and 1.8 tonnes to 1.8 and 2 per hectare in some of its farms.

According to ASA Chief Executive Officer Dr Sophia Kashenge, the increase of production was achieved by increasing the number of seed production farms from 8 in 2018 to 14 in 2021.

"This has made the land area owned by the government for seed production under ASA to increase from 9,500 hectares to 15,000. To us this is not a big achievement because we need more land for seed multiplication in the country," she said.

"The state-owned seed agency is considering giving special priority in seed production to key economic cash crops such as sunflower, sesame, oil palm, soybeans as well as wheat among others."

Dr Kashenge said seed availability in the country is currently around 67,000 metric tonnes per annum, adding that studies are being undertaken to understand actual seed demand.

ASA has also conducted a small study to generate an indicative seed demand for proper arrangement and planning whose result indicated that the demand ranges



Dr Sophia Kashenge, (centre) Chief Executive Officer of the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) hands over an oil palm seedling to a primary school pupil in Kigoma Region recently. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo.

between 300,000 metric tonnes to 350,000 per annum.

"Looking at the current seed availability and demand, the gap is very huge. We therefore need collective efforts between the government and private sector to work together and increase availability of improved seed

in the country," she said.

Dr Kashenge said there is inadequate investment in land for production of improved seeds because currently, the total area utilized for seed production by both government institutions and private companies in the country is less than 30,000 hectares.

She said the agency needs around 250,000 hectares to be allocated for only seed production for the current seed demand in the country to be met. The sooner this challenge is understood and acted upon by the government the better because arable land for agriculture is continually dwindling.

"There is no way we will be able to feed this ever growing population in the country with the current land allocated for seed production," she said.

ASA has only 14 farms with a total of 15,000 hectares, part of which some private sector producers utilize to produce their own seed due to lack of adequate land suitable for seed production.

She again highlighted the growing seed production targets that need more arable land to be prioritized for seed production, adding that by June this year, the agency's target is to produce a total of 800,000 improved oil palm seedlings.

"So far we have only four main palm oil distribution centers at Bugaga in Kigoma, Mbozi in Songwe and Mwele in Tanga. To produce required seedlings we need a huge area for both primary and secondary nurseries," she said.

The CEO added that some level of success has been recorded oil palm seedling distribution project whereby some 500,000 improved seedlings from previous season have been grown and distributed to farmers freely "We have distributed these seedlings in five regions namely Kigoma, Tabora, Songwe, Mbeya, Kagera, Dar-es-salaam and Morogoro with most of them going to Tabora Region because of huge potential and demand in Kaliua District," she said.

Recently, ASA gave 30,000 seedlings to DAWASA for its project to plant oil palm along the Ruvu river basin. The project has dual purposes of environmental protection and economic benefit through palm oil processing.

According to Dr. Kashenge ASA has several minor projects aimed at improving seed production infrastructures in seed farms and at its headquarter.

She said that seven projects are ongoing in various ASA sites which include construction of new warehouses

at Mwele and Bugaga seed farms located in Tanga Region and Kasulu in Kigoma respectively.

She added that the ongoing warehouse renovation at Msimba and installation of a new seed processing plant will be followed by construction of seed drying shades and offices at ASA headquarters, at Kilimi seed farm in Nzega and Kiangali seed farm located in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region.

As for the agency's other development plans, Dr Kashenge said ASA is planning to improve irrigation infrastructures, adding that there is project in pipeline for installation of modern irrigation schemes for 250 acres.

"This will be done in three different ASA seed farms with the aim of increasing production," she said.

"We are expecting to start the installation of the irrigation systems soon in two of our farms namely Msimba in Kilosa and Arusha farm with the aim of transforming our seed production process," she said.

"We are also about to procure modern tractors with supplements such as boom sprayers and harrows to make sure all newly-acquired farms are well utilized."

In efforts to sensitize and facilitate the use of improved government seeds in the country, she said that the agency has increased seed distribution centers from five in 2018 to 10 by 2021.

"We have also increased the number of seed agro-dealers from 20 in 2018 to 40 in 2021. We're also having long and short training programmes to capacitate our employees with knowledge and skills in seed production and multiplication," Dr Kashenge said.

She said that the industry is growing very fast therefore ASA also needs to grow at the same pace. For the period of four consecutive years ASA managed to increase seed production levels from 557 tonnes during 2016/17 to 3,033 in 2020/21, making it rank fifth amongst entities that produce improved seeds in the country.

Dr Kashenge added that during the 2020/21 fiscal year, the government financed ASA with 5bn/- to implement numerous seed multiplication projects under the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP II).

"The amount was spent on the im-

plementation of some key projects including preparation and distribution of sunflower standard seeds to curb seed availability challenges, production of improved early generation seeds for sunflower, sesame and wheat, production of improved oil palm and avocado seedlings as well as procurement of modern tractors and their implements," she stated.

As demand for quality government seed keeps on increasing to help accelerate production of enough food and crop-based raw materials, ASA is aware of diminishing of suitable land for seed multiplication due to increased human population and activities, the CEO said.

Thus, ASA decided to initiate efforts to secure more land for future seed multiplication but the challenge is that the farms are increasingly encroached by the fast-growing population.

"As part of urban greening, these farms are highly potential in cities as they play a vital direct impact on availability of affordable seeds and employment to communities and indirectly serve as carbon captors to improve the environment," she said.

She pointed that ASA has a role of promoting private sector participation in seed production and multiplication, adding that through this, ASA provides services such as seed multiplication land and processing to private seed companies.

So far, 10 private companies utilize 28 per cent of ASA land resources for seed multiplication. In 2021 production season, ASA's land resources utilized by private companies contributed to 30 per cent of all improved seeds available in the country, an increase from 8 per cent in 2016/17.

NEW YORK

**N**O people have ever risen from the ashes of near-extinction to form a country and achieve the height of development in every walk of life like Israel. These magnificent accomplishments are now tragically marred with domestically charged struggles which ominously undermine its very existence.

## Righting the Wrong

Israel's achievements since its establishment are remarkable. In science, cybertechnology, medicine, agronomy, military innovation, aviation, and entrepreneurship, Israel has excelled while reaching the pinnacle of military prowess unmatched by any other regional power.

In spite of these impressive achievements, Israel failed to become the country that millions of Jews envisioned it to be. Although Israel is threatened by extremist Palestinians, radical Islamic groups, and Iran, it is powerful enough militarily to tackle such threats and prevail. The real danger Israel faces is largely self-made, emanating from multiple fronts which successive governments failed to address.

These failures include the continuing occupation, unending discrimination, rampant poverty, growing social discord, and the frictional relations with American Jewry; together they point to a gloomy reality and pose a grave danger to Israel's survival as we know it.

## Human rights violations in the occupied territories

Other than the thirst for annexing more Palestinian land and stern opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state, the continuing occupation is designed to keep the conflict simmering and to provide the rationale behind Israeli "concerns" over

# Israel's glorious and gloomy reality



The Palestinian flag in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Credit: UN News

national security.

It is sad to admit that the Jews who suffered from the horrors of persistent discrimination, segregation, and persecution culminating with the Holocaust, which led to the establishment of Israel, would violate the Palestinians' human rights to such a degree.

How can any Israeli justify the terrible abuses of the Palestinians' human rights to which they are subjected daily? Prolonged incarcerations, demolished homes, forced evictions, night raids, segregation, and denial of economic and social rights, not to speak of the relentless attacks on and harassment of innocent Palestinians by settlers forcing them to leave their land and property.

As Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin stated in Hannah Arendt in Jerusalem, "...we have to observe that in the Israeli public debate, the term 'peace' still does not

mean primarily the fulfillment of Palestinian rights, including the rights of the refugees, but rather the principle of separation..."

In January 2021, B'Tselem stated that "A regime that uses laws, practices and organized violence to cement the supremacy of one group over another is an apartheid regime." The same sentiment was precisely echoed earlier this month by Amnesty International.

Try as it may to defend itself, the reality on the ground in the territories speaks volumes about the brutal mistreatment of Palestinians by Israel. According to B'Tselem, last year Israel killed more than 300 Palestinians, over one-fifth of whom were children—the deadliest year since 2014.

It should shame every Israeli Jew who has become complacent regarding the ugly occupation, which savagely erodes Israel's moral standing in the eyes of

the international community. Although antisemitism has been in play from time immemorial, can anyone suggest that the treatment of the Palestinians by Israel is not contributing to the rise of antisemitism?

It is crucial that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is resolved because as long as the occupation continues, it will not only further undermine the Palestinians' right but will further intensify Israel's domestic problems.

## Economic disparity

Over the past two decades Israel's economy has consistently grown, making it one of the most stable economies in and outside the region. The average per capita earning is on par with most EU countries and the US.

For this reason, it is hard to grasp why successive Israeli governments would fail miserably to address the debilitating economic disparities among the Israeli population,

Jews, and Arabs alike. As Thomas Jefferson eloquently stated, "Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor."

According to a December 2021 survey, over 2.5 million Israelis—including over 1 million children—live in poverty, with 932,000 households living in a state of economic distress. The country that spends billions on building settlements and massive infrastructure in the West Bank, in addition to the billions more spent on security, allows over one million children to go hungry, especially at the early stages of their cognitive development.

This is not only unconscionable but criminal. To think that this is happening to a people that have been yearning to live with dignity among their fellow Jews defies the very reason behind Israel's creation.

## Social disconnect

After more than seven decades of existence Israel dangerously lacks social cohesiveness, which is the hallmark of a viable and strong community. Although significant improvement has taken place between Jews of different cultural and racial backgrounds, there is still a huge social cleavage between Sephardic (Middle Eastern and North African) Jews and Ashkenazi Jews who are of European origin, and discrimination against and scorn for Israeli Arabs.

In addition, there is a clear social schism between secular and Orthodox Jews, between Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox, as well as between reform and conservative Jews. Just think, 40 percent of secular Israeli Jews said they hate Haredim, and nearly 20 percent of traditionalists stated that they dislike Haredi Jews.

That the Jews who finally established an independent state would show this

much intolerance and contempt for their fellow Jews is nothing less than disgraceful. The ingathering of the Jews from all corners of the world—regardless of skin color, religious affiliation, cultural or political background—was first and foremost the very foundation for Israel's creation.

Many of Israel's political leaders are sadly preoccupied with their petty politics. They lack the moral courage and the fortitude to speak out against this socially ugly phenomenon and foster the continuing estrangement between different segments of Israeli Jews. This has an even greater effect on the Israeli Arabs, which only deepens their alienation from the Jewish population.

## Political fragmentation

Even after more than seven decades of existence Israel remains deeply divided politically, with scores of political parties each claiming they have the answer to the country's multiple challenges. In every election over 20 political parties compete; new parties with colorful names are created and the leader of every party wants to be the prime minister.

Not once has a single party been able to form a government on its own, settling instead to form coalition governments which by their very nature require compromises and often settle on the lowest denominator. The current Bennett-Lapid coalition government exemplifies that to perfection.

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# If security council fails, violation of UN Charter should go before International Court of Justice

UNITED NATIONS

The widening political crisis in Ukraine, which has taken a turn for the worse with the declaration of two new independent states—the Donetsk People’s Republic and the Luhansk People’s Republic – is likely to prove once again the ineffectiveness of the 15-member UN Security Council (UNSC).

The UN’s most powerful political body, whose primary mandate is the maintenance of international peace and security, has remained paralyzed because of the threat of a double veto by Russia and its new found ally China against any possible sanctions or resolutions condemning Russia for an attack on Ukraine’s sovereignty and its territorial integrity – and a resulting violation of the UN charter.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who abruptly cut short an overseas trip, declared: “Let me be clear: the decision of the Russian Federation to recognize the so-called “independence” of certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions is a violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.”

“Our world is facing the biggest global peace and security crisis in recent years – certainly in my tenure as Secretary-General. The principles of the UN Charter are not an a la carte menu. They cannot be applied selectively”.

He said the UN’s 193 Member States have “accepted them all and they must apply them all”.

“I am also concerned about the perversion of the concept of peace-keeping,” he said, criticizing the Russians, who claimed that any troop movements in and around Ukraine were meant for purposes of “peace-keeping.”

Andreas Bummel, Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders, told IPS the Russian invasion of Donetsk and Luhansk is a blatant military aggression and a clear violation of the UN Charter.

President Putin, he pointed out, has put into question the existence of Ukraine as an independent state. “Russia’s actions obviously represent a breach of international peace and security which must trigger international sanctions.”

It is not acceptable, he argued, that Russia can use its veto right in the Security Council to stop an effective response of the UN or even a condemnation. As Russia is acting only in its own interest, the use of the veto in this case is a misuse of this privilege, he noted.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague should be called upon to examine whether such a misuse can be reconciled with the UN Charter, said Bummel.



Credit: UNAMA. UN Missions.org

“In addition, given the Security Council’s impotence in this situation, the UN General Assembly needs to assume its subsidiary competence as the UN’s highest body”.

Under the principle of “Uniting for Peace”, he pointed out, an emergency meeting of the General Assembly should be held that overrules a Russian veto in the Security Council and which mandates sanctions or other measures it deems necessary.

Speaking from the White House, US President Joe Biden condemned President Putin for his aggression against Ukraine, saying that Russian action is “a flagrant violation of international law and demands a firm response from the international community.”

The US imposed a set of new sanctions—particularly against Russian oligarchies, their families and Russian banks.

“Who in the Lord’s name does Putin think gives him the right to declare new so-called countries on territory that belonged to his neighbors? Biden asked.

Putin, in an address to the nation, claimed that all of Ukraine was “created by Russia” and described the

country’s pro-Western government as a threat to Russia.

James Paul, former Executive Director of the New York based Global Policy Forum and author of “Of Foxes and Chickens”—Oligarchy and Global Power in the UN Security Council” told IPS the veto power certainly tends to freeze Security Council action whenever the core interests of the five Permanent Members are in conflict.

“This has always been a deep problem of the Council and prevented it from being effective, not only when vetoes are cast but also when they lurk in the background and sabotage action”.

In the case of Ukraine, he argued, the problem is not just in the present moment of high danger but in the whole long build-up that has centered on the post-Soviet security architecture in Europe and the eastward expansion of NATO.

In theory, he pointed out, this might have been managed by the Council and a security system for Europe built that would have included Russia. “Instead, we saw a whole series of moves by the United States that the Russians saw, not unreasonably, as threatening”.

Activities in the Council and veto-

use have exacerbated US-Russian hostility rather than easing it, said Paul, a prominent figure in the NGO advocacy community at the United Nations and a well-known speaker and writer on the UN and global policy issues.

Meanwhile, the UNSC has remained politically impotent because the veto powers of the big five, namely the US, UK, Russia, China and France (P5), have always been a major obstacle in resolving some of the world’s ongoing military conflicts and civil wars – whether in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya or Yemen.

Asked about the deadlock and the potential veto by Russia, US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said: “We get things done by engaging every single day with other countries, because sometimes the veto power isn’t as powerful as you might think when other countries are unified in expressing their concerns”.

Mandeep S. Tiwana, Chief Programmes Officer at CIVICUS, a global alliance of over 900 civil society organisations in more than 175 countries, told IPS the veto power of the permanent members of the Security Council has been a major impediment to saving

future generations from the scourge of war as promised in the UN Charter.

Selective invocation of outrage by the P5 over military aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity is a major impediment to achieving peace in our times. Civil Society groups, he said, have lobbied hard for many years to get the P5 to voluntarily give up their arbitrary veto powers to no avail.

Ironically, the P5 who are supposed to maintain international peace and security continue to be major producers and proliferators of weapons of war which fuel major conflicts, he declared.

Elaborating further, Paul said the Council has been a wrestling ring, a stage for enacting battles and for staging arguments to win over public opinion and media coverage.

The US has been able to count on the UK and France

much of the time and whip many elected members of the Council into line as part of this drama.

“So, what we see today is a Council that is (as so often in the past) sidelined while other initiatives like the Franco-German effort take place beyond the UN. We see Germany acting more robustly than in the past, as the most powerful European state. The Europeans can’t use the Council, so they are using other means”.

“The veto is and always has been the Council’s political disease”, declared Paul.

In the 76-year history of the UN, the US has exercised an estimated 82 vetoes, and USSR 91, and its successor state, the Russian Federation about 28 vetoes.

US Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield, speaking at a Security Council Emergency Meeting on Ukraine, told delegates, that President Putin asserted that Russia today has a rightful claim to all territories – all territories – from the Russian Empire; the same Russian Empire from before the Soviet Union, from over 100 years ago.

“That includes all of Ukraine. It includes Finland. It includes Belarus and Georgia and Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. It includes parts of Poland and Turkey,” she said.

In essence, Putin wants the world to travel back in time. To a time before the United Nations. To a time when empires ruled the world. But the rest of the world has moved forward. It is not 1919. It is 2022, she added.

“The United Nations was founded on the principle of decolonization, not recolonization. And we believe the vast majority of UN Member States and the UN Security Council are committed to moving forward – not going back in time”.

“We must all stand with Ukraine in the face of this brazen attempt to usurp Ukraine’s sovereign territory. There can be no fence-sitters in this crisis,” she declared.

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NAIROBI

**T**HE recently concluded Addis Ababa-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway has been linked to the booming of trade and regional integration across the Horn of Africa, further promoting cooperation among nations.

Participants including officials and independent experts who attended a seminar earlier this week discussed how Africa's first fully electrified trans-boundary railway contributed to regional integration and the betterment of communities along the way.

Dagmawit Moges, Ethiopia's Minister of Transport and Logistics, said the 752-km railway which was a flagship project of Belt and Road demonstrated that African countries can make tremendous progress by improving infrastructure.

"While building our prosperous Ethiopia, we will engrave in a cornerstone of our friendship and the unreserved support we receive from our sister country China in turning our dream of having a modern standard gauge rail line into reality," Moges told the high-level seminar.

The Addis Ababa-Djibouti electrified railway, also known as the Ethiopia-Djibouti railway, was contracted by China Rail Engineering Corporation (CREC) and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), is the first trans-boundary railway on the African continent.

Semereta Sewasew, Ethiopia's State Minister of Finance stressed China's role in supporting African countries' development aspira-



## How Chinese-built railway shapes integration in the Horn of Africa

tion on win-win modalities.

The state minister, in particular, stressed China's "willingness to engage in areas of cooperation that some development partners are reluctant, mainly in large infrastructure projects."

Zhao Zhiyuan, Chinese ambassador to Ethiopia, also echoed Moges' comments, stressing that the Addis Ababa-Djibouti rail line is a lifeline to landlocked Ethiopia.

"The Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, as a flagship project of China-Ethiopia cooperation under the Belt

and Road Initiative (BRI), has made important strides in all aspects since starting operation more than four years ago," the Chinese ambassador said.

The electrified railway has cut the transportation time for freight goods from more than three days to less than 20 hours and reduced the cost by at least one-third.

Zhao said the railway has been a way of development, driving economic growth and industrialization, and serving as a lifeline of transportation for essential goods such as

fertilizers, grain, cement, steel, and anti-pandemic materials.

"The Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway is a flagship project, and it is really unique in its kind in Africa, which brought three countries together -- Ethiopia, Djibouti, and China," said Tilahun Sarka, general manager of Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company (EDR).

According to figures from the joint venture, in 2021, the railway's monthly transport revenue exceeded 9 million and 10 million U.S. dol-

lars in October and November respectively, the best result since 2018. The transport revenue in 2021 is 37.4 per cent higher than in 2020.

The railway has also created numerous job opportunities for locals, with more than 4,000 locals employed so far, which accounts for over 90 per cent of the total staff.

Participants at the high-level seminar further emphasized the crucial importance of the China-Africa cooperation under the BRI in terms of boosting infrastructure development across the continent.

## More than half of parents and pregnant women exposed to aggressive formula milk marketing - says WHO's report

By Guardian Reporter

More than half of parents and pregnant women (51 per cent) surveyed for a new WHO/UNICEF report say they have been targeted with marketing from formula milk companies, much of which is in breach of international standards on infant feeding practices.

The report, uncovers systematic and unethical marketing strategies used by the formula milk industry - now worth a staggering \$55 billion - to influence parents' infant feeding decisions.

The report finds that industry marketing techniques include unregulated and invasive online targeting; sponsored advice networks and helplines; promotions and free gifts; and practices to influence training and recommendations among health workers.

The messages that parents and health workers receive are often misleading, scientifically unsubstantiated, and violate the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes (the Code) - a landmark public health agreement passed by the World Health Assembly in 1981 to protect mothers from aggressive marketing practices by the baby food industry.

"This report shows very clearly that formula milk marketing remains unacceptably pervasive, misleading and aggressive," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, adding regulations on exploitative marketing must



be urgently adopted and enforced to protect children's health.

"False and misleading messages about formula feeding are a substantial barrier to breastfeeding, which we know is best for babies and mothers," said UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell. "We need robust policies, legislation and investments in breastfeeding to ensure that women are protected from unethical marketing practices -- and have access to the information and the support they need to raise their families."

According to the report - which

surveyed 8,500 parents and pregnant women, and 300 health workers in cities across Bangladesh, China, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam - exposure to formula milk marketing reaches 84 per cent of all women surveyed in the United Kingdom; 92 per cent of women surveyed in Viet Nam and 97 per cent of women surveyed in China, increasing their likelihood of choosing formula feeding.

Across all countries included in the survey, women expressed a strong desire to breastfeed exclu-

sively, ranging from 49 per cent of women in Morocco to 98 per cent in Bangladesh.

Yet the report details how a sustained flow of misleading marketing messages is reinforcing myths about breastfeeding and breast-milk, and undermining women's confidence in their ability to breastfeed successfully. These myths include the necessity of formula in the first days after birth, the inadequacy of breast-milk for infant nutrition, that specific infant formula ingredients are proven to improve child development or immunity, the perception

that formula keeps infants fuller for longer, and that the quality of breast-milk declines with time.

Breastfeeding within the first hour of birth followed by exclusive breastfeeding for six months and continued breastfeeding for up to two years or beyond, offers a powerful line of defenses against all forms of child malnutrition, including wasting and obesity.

Breastfeeding also acts as babies' first vaccine, protecting them against many common childhood illnesses. It also reduces women's future risk of diabetes, obesity and some forms of cancer. Yet globally, only 44 per cent of babies less than 6 months old are exclusively breastfed. Global breastfeeding rates have increased very little in the past two decades, while sales of formula milk have more than doubled in roughly the same time.

Alarming, the report notes that large numbers of health workers in all countries had been approached by the baby feeding industry to influence their recommendations to new mothers through promotional gifts, free samples, funding for research, paid meetings, events and conferences, and even commissions from sales, directly impacting parents' feeding choices. More than one third of women surveyed said a health worker had recommended a specific brand of formula to them.

To address these challenges, WHO, UNICEF and partners are calling on governments, health workers, and the baby food industry to end exploitative formula milk marketing and fully implement and abide by the Code requirements. This includes:

Passing, monitoring and enforcing laws to prevent the promotion of formula milk, in line with the International Code, including prohibiting nutrition and health claims made by the formula milk industry.

## Fossil research uncovers a new species of giant Triassic crocodile

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

AN examination of the fossil record by Birmingham researchers has uncovered a new species of giant Triassic crocodile named *Mambawakale ruhuhu*.

Excavated in Tanzania nearly 60 years ago, the fossils revealed several distinct features that set the creature apart from previously known archosaurs.

A set of Triassic archosaur fossils, excavated in the 1960s in Tanzania, have been formally recognised as a distinct species, representing one of the earliest-known members of the crocodile evolutionary lineage.

Researchers at the University of Birmingham, the Natural History Museum and Virginia Tech University have named the animal *Mambawakale ruhuhu*.

It is among the last to be studied of a collection of fossils dug up nearly 60 years ago from the Manda Beds, a geological formation in southern Tanzania.

The remains, which are the only known example of *Mambawakale ruhuhu*, include a partial skull, lower jaw, several vertebrae and a hand. From these, the research team were able to identify several distinctive features that set it apart from other archosaurs found in the Manda Beds.

These included a large skull, more than 75 cm in length, and a particularly large nostril, as well as a notably narrow lower jaw and strong variation in the sizes of the teeth at the front of the upper jaws.

Richard Butler, Professor of Palaeobiology at the University of Birmingham says: "*Mambawakale ruhuhu* would have been a large and terrifying predator, which roamed across Tanzania some 240 million years ago. At around 5 metres long, it's one of the largest predators that we know of from this period."

"Our analysis identifies *Mambawakale* as one of the oldest known archosaurs and an early member of the lineage that eventually evolved into modern crocodylians. It's an exciting discovery, because identifying this animal helps us to understand the rapid early diversification of archosaurs and enables us to add a further link to the evolutionary story of modern-day crocodylians."

The study, published in Royal Society Open Science, also ties up the final loose end of an ambitious fossil expedition, undertaken by scientists including the palaeontologist Alan Chargin in 1963.

Although most of the finds brought back from that expedition have now been formally described and catalogued, *Mambawakale ruhuhu* has remained unpublished until now.

In naming the specimen, the research team sought to recognise the previously little acknowledged contributions of Tanzanians to the success of the 1963 expedition.

The name chosen derives from Kiswahili, one of the native languages of Tanzania. *Mambawakale* means ancient crocodile, and *ruhuhu* refers to the Ruhuhu Basin, the region within which the fossil was excavated.

## UAE sends plane carrying 47 tonnes of emergency relief to Mozambique

ABU DHABI

THE United Arab Emirates has sent a plane carrying 47 tonnes of emergency relief supplies to Mozambique, to address the humanitarian situation of hurricanes, drought and terrorist attacks faced by some countries of the African continent.

The assistance is part of provisions to support casualties and the displacement of many residents, which has left families, including children and women, homeless and without basic food needs.

Khalid Ibrahim Al Qahtani, the UAE's ambassador to Mozambique, said, "This urgent humanitarian aid sent by the UAE to Mozambique comes within the framework of providing humanitarian supplies and essential needs to ease the suffering of those affected in response to the critical conditions suffered by our friendly African countries."

In April last year, the UAE sent 36 tonnes of emergency medical and food supplies to Mozambique to mitigate the repercussions of the Daesh terrorist attack in the coastal town of Palma, Cabo Delgado, near the border with Tanzania in northern Mozambique, he added.

The UAE had earlier sent an aid plane carrying 8.7 tonnes of medical supplies and testing devices to Mozambique, to support about 9,000 medical workers as they work to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Mexico needs a mining industry model for the energy transition

## MEXICO CITY

The debate in Mexico and at an international level is focused on certain minerals that are fundamental to the energy transition, such as cobalt, lithium and nickel. But there are other indispensable minerals that remain in the background.

In addition to lithium deposits, Mexico has proven resources of bismuth, copper, fluorspar, graphite, molybdenum and zinc, involved in one way or another in the different processes of the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Beatriz Olivera, founder of the non-governmental organization Energy, Gender and Environment, stressed that Latin America's second largest economy has the mining potential to make this transition possible.

"But we have an extractive model, the mineral is extracted and developed elsewhere," she said, criticizing Mexico's current mining policies, and in particular the elements that take on special value on the path towards energy decarbonization, a formula to contain global warming.

"If these minerals are extracted, where is the value chain, the benefit for countries like Mexico? We are

only going to be left with the negative consequences and sacrifice zones are going to be created to satisfy technologies in other parts of the world," she said in an interview with IPS.

Olivera is co-author of a forthcoming report on Mexico's strategic transition metals that identifies 23 minerals for applications such as electrical installations, solar and wind power plants, as well as energy storage devices such as batteries.

The group identified 803 mining projects, of which 237 have a mineral granted in concession that is usable in the transition, most of them inactive, but still in force.

Almost half are in the initial stage, nearly a third in exploration, 13 percent in pre-production and the rest are in pre-feasibility, expansion or closed.

Meanwhile, 58 of the ventures belong to companies from Canada, 29 from Mexico, 26 from the U.S., seven from Australia, three from the United Kingdom, one from China, and in 113 cases the origin of the company is unknown.

### Mexico's mining portfolio

Mexico is currently the world's leading silver producer and is also a major

**The Peñasquito mine, owned by U.S. company Newmont Goldcorp and located in the state of Zacatecas in northern Mexico, produces gold, silver, lead and zinc, the latter two of which are essential for the energy transition. CREDIT: Courtesy of Lucia Vergara**



player in the 12 minerals market.

In 2020, the country ranked second in world fluorspar production, fifth in bismuth, molybdenum and lead, sixth in zinc, ninth in copper and tenth in manganese.

In 2020, Mexican deposits produced 1.07 million tons of fluorspar, 732,863 tons of copper, 688,461 tons of zinc, 260,390 tons of lead, 198,448 tons of manganese, 18,562 tons of molybdenum and 1844 tons of graphite, according to the official Statistical Yearbook of Mexican Mining.

The country has 38 clay deposits containing lithium, potassium, magnesium and sodium, of which at least 10

contain five billion tons of these minerals, although their extractive and economic viability has yet to be analyzed, independent expert José Parga told IPS.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimates that Mexico has lithium reserves of 1.7 million tons.

Part of the government's electricity reform proposal for the public sector to regain control of this industry includes the nationalization of lithium and the creation of a state-owned company to mine it.

Mexico has reserves of 53,000 tons of copper, 68,000 tons of fluorspar, 5,000 tons of manganese, 5,600 tons of

lead and 19,000 tons of zinc, according to the USGS.

The mining law in force in Mexico since 1992 prohibits state-owned entities from mining discovered minerals, which in practice means the privatization of the sector, since the activity remains in their hands and the State merely regulates it.

Although there is no exploitation of cerium, dysprosium, erbium, scandium, europium, gadolinium, holmium, ytterbium, yttrium, lanthanum, lutetium, neodymium, praseodymium, promethium, samarium, terbium and thulium - the so-called rare earths, the set of 17 elements that have become fun-

damental for the transition - exploration is advancing for a project in the northern state of Coahuila.

In addition, zinc deposits could provide indium, gallium and germanium - other important elements for the energy transition that Mexico does not currently produce.

Most of the veins are located in the northern part of the country.

### Partially harnessed potential

Parga underscored Mexico's potential, which has been only partially tapped.

"There is certainty that the materials are there, but they have not actually been the subject of an evaluation that would allow us to really know their potential and the eventual technical-economic viability of their exploitation," he stated in his dialogue with IPS.

The expert said, "the first step to take advantage of the country's mineral resources is to investigate their existence, quantify and classify them to make the best possible use."

For at least a decade, international organizations have been warning about the consumption of raw materials for the energy transition, which could lead to their depletion or "peak consumption".

In addition, the mining industry has triggered protests and resistance in communities throughout the country where it operates, due to the environmental damage caused, the low number of local jobs generated and its small contribution to the Mexican economy.

In fact, there are currently more than 50 conflicts between local populations and mining companies in the

country.

In Mexico, the energy transition has been at a standstill since 2019 due to the policies of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who favors support for fossil fuels and hydroelectric power plants, to the detriment of renewable sources such as wind and solar.

Furthermore, this Latin American country, with a territory of 1.96 million square kilometers, 10 percent of which has been granted in concession to mining companies, lacks a national industry linked to the transition or a strategy for its development.

As a result, there is no production of wind turbines, solar cells or electric cars, as the raw material is exported and returns in the form of components to assemble solar panels or electric vehicles.

### At a slow pace

However, there are already some attempts in the Mexican market, such as the assembly of electric units in the central state of Puebla, neighboring Mexico City.

In addition, the foreign ministry, with support from the University of California, launched on Feb. 8 the U.S.-Mexico Electrification Working Group, which seeks "to ensure a coordinated and strategic transition towards electromobility."

In 2022, the parties will design a binational roadmap, which includes a diagnosis of the automotive sector in both countries and their opportunities in the electric transition. Electromobility refers to the introduction of vehicles that use electricity, instead of fossil fuels, and whose manufacture requires the so-called transition minerals.

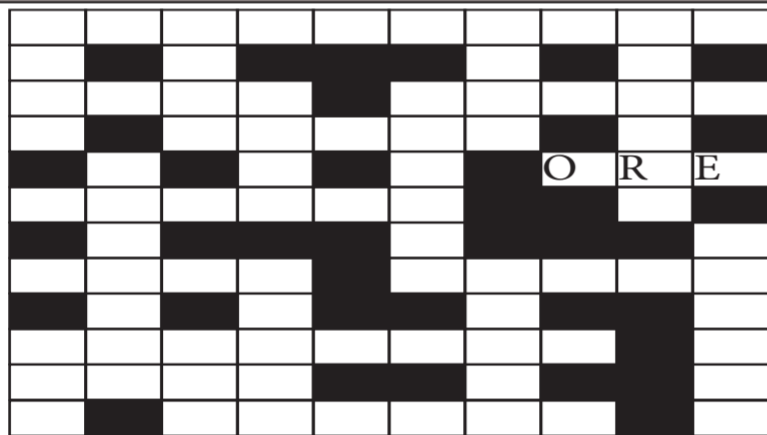
But Mexico is undertaking this initiative without the National Electromobility Strategy, ready since 2018 but halted for "review" by the environment ministry under the López Obrador administration after it took office in December of that year.

Although some cities such as Mexico City have introduced electric urban transport vehicles, it is not yet a national trend. Moreover, the energy supply for these units still comes from fossil fuels.

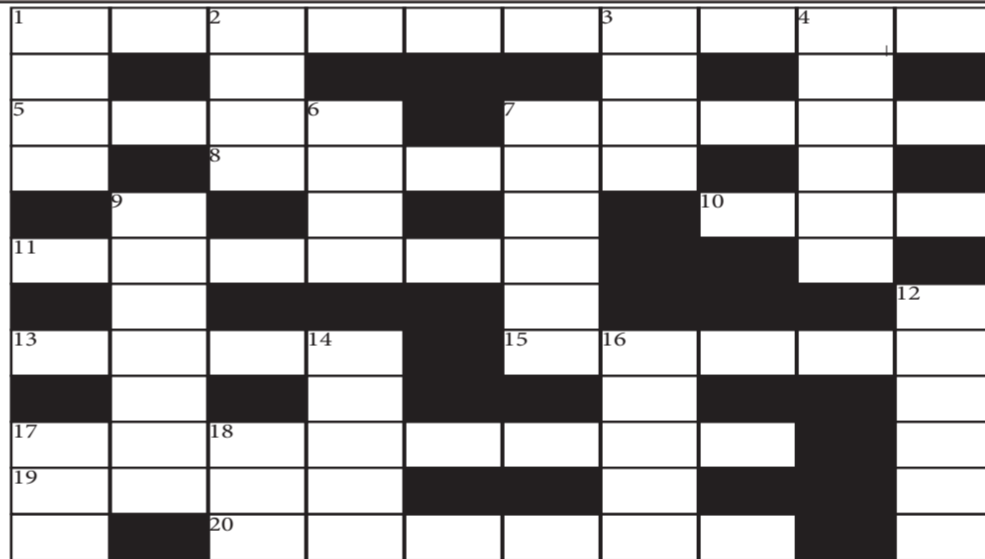
Since 2016, the marketing of new hybrid and electric cars has increased fivefold in Mexico, according to the private consulting firm TResearch Mexico. In 2021, those sales exceeded 39,000 units, representing four percent of the total.

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 232 00--

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



- 3 LETTERS: CRY, ICE, ORE
- 4 LETTERS: LOAD, SOME, ODDS, RACE, AIDE GOLD, MALL
- 5 LETTERS: ADAPT, DODGE, SEMEN, ACRES CHEER
- 6 LETTERS: EMPIRE, MAIDEN, AGENDA, ASSIST ENDURE
- 7 LETTERS: MANDELA
- 8 LETTERS: CLIMATES
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- CLUES: Across**
- 1 New country in Africa
  - 5 laid by female birds
  - 7 a church decree
  - 8 a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
  - 10 deploy as a means of achieving something
  - 11 to choose
  - 13 a chemical substance soluble in water, sour in taste
  - 15 a piece of writing on a topic
  - 17 officials who watch matches to ensure that rules are adhered to
  - 19 a thought
  - 20 something forming an edge or border
- Down:**
- 1 stalk of a plant
  - 2 to try to make someone to do something
  - 3 a kind of freehold tenure based on interrupted possession
  - 4 to awaken
  - 6 the exchange of goods for money
  - 7 part in the middle
  - 9 responded to something
  - 12 Lake Victoria in Kenya
  - 14 fear, horror
  - 16 a soft lustre on a surface
  - 17 one of many narrow bones surrounding the chest
  - 18 money charged for something



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## Strong Tanzania's economic growth sustains Absa financial market index scores for 2021

By Mnaku Mbani

**D**ESPITE slight drop in ranking and score in 2021 comparing with 2020, strong economic growth has maintained the country's position on the Africa financial markets index by Absa Group.

The findings report released yesterday shows Tanzania did well in three out of six pillars of the index, including macroeconomic opportunity; access to foreign exchange; market transparency, tax and regulatory environment, after scoring above 50 out of 100.

However, in other three pillars including market depth; capacity of local investors; and enforceability of standard master agreement, the scores were below 50, but efforts are being made to addressing some challenges.

During the reviewed year, according to Absa Africa Financial Market Index 2021, Tanzania was ranked 13th out of 23 countries, after scoring 45, lower than 50 scored in 2020 and 55 in 2019.

The index which evaluates financial market development and highlights economies with supportive environment for effective market shows South Africa, Mauritius and Nigeria maintained their lead in the index, despite having lower overall scores than last year's.

In East Africa, Uganda was on top position after scoring 57 from 52 in 2020, followed by Kenya which scored 47 from 58 in 2020, while Rwanda was forth behind third Tanzania, after scoring 43 in 2021 from 50 in 2020.

The launch of 25-year treasury bond in April 2021 is also said to boost the country's financial market in Tanzania, according to the index report.

South Africa maintained its leading position on the index, although recorded slight decrease of score to 89 from 96 in 2020, followed by Mauritius which scored 70 from 79 in 2020 and Nigeria was third but the score slowed to 63 from 65.

Presenting the findings of 2021 index, Absa Group head of fixed income and currencies (FIC) Research Jeff Gable said Tanzania was less impacted by Covid than other peers in the region.

"Covid-19 saw other economies contracting during 2020, with Tanzania pulling ahead," he said yesterday.

According to Gable between 2019-2021 Tanzania's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was strong at 10% due to strong growth of main sectors of the economy including mining, construction, transport, manufacturing and services sector.

The shilling also maintained resilience due to strong foreign currency reserves position and gold export, but increase of oil price might led to



Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Prof. Florence Luoga (5th left), and Absa Tanzania Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed (4th left), celebrates the launch of the 2021 Absa Africa Financial Markets Index report in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on from left are, Absa Group Head of Macro and Fixed Income & Currencies, Jeff Gable; Absa Global Markets Director, Esther Maruma, CMSA Chief Executive Director, Nicodemus Mkama, Ministry of Finance Deputy PS-Economic Management Policies, Lawrence Mafuru, Absa Board Chairman, Simon Mponji, NBC Bank MD, Theobald Sabi and Absa Compliance and Legal Director, Irene Sengati-Giattas (PHOTO/COURTESY)

gradual depreciation to 2450/- against the US dollar by the end of next year.

He said modest inflation, moderate risk debt, investment spending on infrastructure, transport, health, water, energy as well as strong exports performances including gold sustained strong economic position of the country amid covid-19 impact.

"Exports of goods has been strong, but services export, particularly tourism was hit hard by the impact of Covid-19," he noted.

Gable noted despite of having moderate risk debt, below 50% of the GDP, as reported by International Monetary Fund

(IMF), Tanzania needs to continue to sustain fiscal balance ad ensuring that debt is sustainability.

Bank of Tanzania governor Prof Florens Luoga said the index was very important in helping the government to address challenges in attracting capital through financial market.

"This initiative provides alternative credible assessment of our own country," Prof Luoga said, adding "BOT will continue to ensure macroeconomic and financial stability as prerequisite for stability of financial market."

He said measures are therefore taken to improve efficiency and securement of pay-

ment system, promoting financial inclusion, while ensuring healthy and effective banking sector.

"The fifth edition of the index should be source of reference to all of us," Prof. Luoga, who was recently scooped the Banker Magazine's Central Banker of the Year for Africa 2022 Award.

The deputy permanent secretary, ministry of finance and planning, in charge of economic management policies Lawrence Mafuru said better functioning of the financial market was vital, as the government considers private capital to be the driver of the economy.

"The index reminds us, and the govern-

ment stand to learn, listen and absorb to reach our goals," he said.

He said the financial market has revolved in Tanzania with 18trn/- stock of government papers (treasury bills and bonds), 210bn/- stock of corporate bond and 16trn/- market capitalization of the equity market.

The Capital Markets and Securities Regulatory Authority (CMSA) Nicodemus Mkama, the regulator said Tanzania is among of countries with supportive environment for the financial market.

"CMSA has favourable legal and regulatory framework to raise six pillars of the index aim to spurring economic growth," he said.

Mkama noted, despite of its potential to increase market vibrancy, there is a slow growth of corporate bonds due to taxation issues.

Currently, investors in corporate bond are subjected to withholding tax of 10%, of which need to be removed to attract more investors, like those investing in government bonds.

He said there is also an issuance of medium-term programme, including the recent by NMB Bank to raise funds for financing women led enterprises, of which has stimulated the increase of local investors.

The head of capital market regulatory body noted the recent NMB medium term note attracted 99% of subscription from local investors, of which 63% came from outside Dar es Salaam metropolitan.

"With these achievements, we do hope that in the next ranking, Tanzania will perform better than this edition," he said.

He said in this era of post Covid-19, there is a shift of investors from equity market to fixed income securities ad collective investment schemes (CIS) due to higher risk associated in equity market.

The use of technology, including mobile phones has also stimulated capital market activities, particularly equity market, as buyers and sellers do not need to use brokers.

He said CMSA is working with United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) on establishing municipal bonds, which will enable municipalities and district councils to raise funds to finance bankable projects that will generate revenue for local government authorities.

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) chief executive officer Moremi Marwa said investors have become more sensitive on ESG sustainability while investing.

ESG means using Environmental, Social and Governance factors to evaluate companies and countries on how far advanced they are with sustainability.

## Bankers discuss the AfCFTA in Prof Ndulu's vision

By Francis Kajubi

CENTRAL bank governors and senior economists across the globe have shared insights on how to realise the late Prof. Ndulu's vision, especially in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by embracing the development of low cost, fast and inclusive regional payments infrastructure.

The senior financial elites held a worthwhile economic discussion on the AfCFTA benefits to Africa's nations during a tribute to Tanzania's distinguished former central bank governor, Prof. Benno Ndulu, and vow to carry his vision forward.

The leading gurus of African central banks gathered online on Tuesday with Prof. Ndulu's family and global colleagues to commemorate his unique economic vision for Africa.

Dr. Louis Kasekende, Executive Director Microeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI) and FINSYS Advisory Member, said one of Professor Ndulu's unique contributions was his recognition of the importance of catalysing growth through inter-regional and intra-continental trade.

He said according to Prof

Ndulu, intra-African trade represents only 16.6 percent of all African cross-border trade and increasing this would have large economic payoffs for Africa.

"Prof Ndulu saw the development of cross-border payments as one critical factor in support of this vision, and embarked on long term development of Tanzanian and regional payments infrastructure." Said Dr Kasekende.

Commenting on the AfCFTA and the impact it is expected to pose on African economies, Lesetja Kganyago, Governor of the South African Reserve Bank said "Our Continent is home to some of the most expensive payment corridors in the world. New cross border systems will require global coordination and political support and [this] will depend critically on the public and private sector working together. We dare not fail in this endeavor."

During the virtual webinar, the African vision was strongly supported from a global perspective, with contributions from Prof. Klaas Knot, Chairman of the Financial Stability Board (FSB), who outlined the FSB's Roadmap for enhancing cross-border payments and the ongoing work to identify specific en-

hancement opportunities.

"The success of the roadmap will depend on public-private cooperation, coordination of regulatory and supervisory frameworks, understating of existing payment infrastructures and arrangements and cost reduction and improved data processing." Said Prof Knot.

With the FSB setting its commitment towards making a real difference to individuals, business and financial sectors globally. Africa stands to prosper most from achieving the global goals as this is where the challenges of costs, speed and inclusion are greatest.

Gerard Hartsink, former Chair of the European Payments Council, shared the European experience of the creation of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) advocating strong central bank leadership and wide private sector engagement.

Prof. Florens Luoga expressed the underlying logic of low-cost, fast, inclusive and transparent payments: "Professor Ndulu passionately believed in empowering the poor people, particularly through access to financial services as a means to alleviate poverty. In accomplishing this, financial inclusion dominated his Governorship which enabled

Tanzania to emerge from dismal access to one of the few leading countries in Africa."

The occasion was a virtual webinar organised by FINSYS, a specialist financial sector development consultancy, and moderated by Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium.

"It is wonderful to see such a distinguished community joining together to remember our great friend and peerless colleague, and explore how to keep his vision alive." Commended Prof. Ndung'u.

In realising Professor Ndulu's dream, the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat convened a symposium in execution of its mandate under Section 26 of the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement which requires the members EAC, COMESA, and SADC to cooperate and strengthen coordination on matters relating to payment systems.

The symposium discussed options for enhancing retail payment schemes to improve cross border trade. The leadership of central banks in the EAC, SADC, COMESA must swiftly address the recommendations stemming from the symposium.



The late former central bank governor, Prof Benno Ndulu.



# Agriculture development bank gets 320bn/- financial boost

By Francis Kajubi

**S**MALLHOLDER farmers, beekeepers, livestock keepers, agro-processors and marketers have a reason to smile after the agriculture sector received major financial support to boost the whole value chain.

The financial support came after the recent trip by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to France and Belgium that has ended by attracting development partners into extending concessional loans and grants for the sector's growth.

The agricultural value chain is therefore set for future growth, as the President sourced 320bn/- from the trip in France, to be channelled through the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

TADB is the only bank in Tanzania responsible for financing agriculture, which is the leading employer among other sectors of the economy.

Addressing the press yesterday in Dar es Salaam on President Samia's trip to Europe and its impact on agricultural value chain, TADB Managing Director, Frank Nyabundege said the money will be an additional amount to the 208bn/- injected in the bank last December by the government.

The bank started operating with a initial capital amounting 60bn/- way back in 2015, when it was established until the end of last November when it received another financial boost.

Nyabundege said the trip by the President to France attracted a concessional loan worth 210bn/- (Euro 80 million) from the French Development Agency (AFD), directed to smallholder in agriculture, livestock and beekeeping sectors.

"The money will benefit more than 22,500 youth and women in the



said sectors. The funds will be extended to beneficiaries at an interest rate not exceeding 9 percent. It will be used for financing the value chain from production, harvesting, processing and market linkages," said Nyabundege.

According to him, AFD has also extended a grant worth 2.3bn/- (Euro 1million) on technical assistance and capacity building for the intended beneficiaries.

This comes after the President had held talks with the agency on the current technical shortfalls facing players of the sector.

"The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has extended to us a grant worth 16.2billion/- (US\$7million) for the dairy sector especially on processing dairy products" he asserted.

In another progress, the bank has also received a 92billion/- (US\$40million) grant

from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to support the growth of dairy sector.

"Agriculture contributes 27 percent of the gross domestic product growth. It offers 65 percent of employment. The government is determined at sourcing more funds to finance this sector. The funds will also be dedicated to producing 1,750 milk cattle that will be distributed across the country," he said.

He said a thorough mapping will be conducted to identify regions with milk production potential but lacks sufficient supply of milk cattle and provide them to farmers under special arrangements.

At a quick glance, he said, the bank has found out that Zanzibar and some of the Lake zone regions lack milk cattle but the national mapping will offer a precise outlook.

Meanwhile, TADB's boss found a time to clarify on credit contraction especially that extended to the agriculture sector by commercial banks. He admitted that contraction in loans had existed for several years but the Covid-19 outbreak had put it in the spotlight.

Figures by the central bank show that credit extended to the agriculture sector contracted by 7.7 percent in December 2021 up from 5.4 percent December 2020. However, growth of credit extended to the sector declined from 6.4 percent in September 2020 to 4.1 percent in September 2021.

"TADB had realized even before Covid-19 that there was credit contraction to the sector and had taken urgent initiatives to address it. Since October 2018 the bank has established the smallholder credit guarantee scheme that offers a 50 percent cash cover to those seeking loans," he said.

On top of the scheme, he said, the bank had during the same year received 56billion/- (US\$25mn) from the Prime Minister's Office the same challenge.

"Through the 50 percent cash cover guarantee TADB has issued loans worth 126billion/- since late 2018. This amount of money has so far been extended to at least 22,500 beneficiaries across the country. We have been working with 14 both commercial and community banks in offering the cash cover," he affirmed.

The TADB boss also recommended the central bank for further cutting down the discount rate to commercial banks and for coming up with the Itrillion/- stimulus package with an interest rate of 3 percent that has seen more loans extended to farmers and other players of the sector.



## Malaysia records all-time high in illegal crypto mining in 2021

KUALA LUMPUR

ILLEGAL cryptocurrency mining in Malaysia hit an all-time high in 2021, compared to its previous year, Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department (CID) chief Datuk Seri Abd Jalil Hassan said.

Around \$13 million worth of mining equipment was confiscated in 2021, compared to \$301K worth of seizure in 2020. As a result, Malaysia saw an exponential 4,200% increase in seized items from 2020 to last year.

Additionally, the chief noted that 2021 saw 570 investigation papers opened, 528 arrests relating to illegal crypto mining. While in 2020, there were only 20 papers opened and 26 people arrested.

Per the MalayMail report on Monday, the availability of surplus electricity at lower costs is among the factors that contributed to this massive drive. As a result, electricity theft has been booming in Malaysia, with a total of 7,209 cases being reported from 2018 to 2021, said Hassan.

"The suspects find business areas that are hidden so the public won't hear the noise or feel the heat coming from the mining rigs," he added.

Last year, Malaysian authorities had destroyed 1,069 seized Bitcoin mining machines by steamrolling them. The mining machines were worth \$1.2 million. In addition, eight were arrested for stealing the equivalent of \$2 million worth of electricity to power the energy-hungry computers.

Since the central bank of Malaysia declared that cryptocurrencies are not legal tender in the country, Bitcoin mining would fall into the gray areas. However, to date, the authorities have not given a clear answer on the legality of crypto mining.

However still, crypto mining is considered legal in Malaysia. According to the national electricity board - TNB operations head Wan Nazmy Wan Mahmood, crypto mining activities are not an offense. Interested companies and individuals have to submit their applications to TNB.

Luno, one of Malaysia's regulated crypto exchanges, told FX Empire that Malaysian authorities might need to regulate and ensure a conducive environment for Bitcoin mining.

"A healthy mining industry in Malaysia could lead to increased revenues for the country, additional foreign direct investments into Malaysia, and also create highly-skilled jobs for our population."

Last year, a Malaysian mall operator and property developer, Hatten Land, said it would install and run 1,000 crypto mining rigs on its Malaysian properties. The realtor signed an agreement with Singapore-based Frontier Digital Asset Management to carry out the operations.

The rigs will mine Bitcoin initially and will include alternative coins in the future, the Group said at the time.

Hatten Land is undertaking green crypto mining enabled by solar power and is also looking to include tokens and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and other digital initiatives.

The Group is not concerned about possible regulatory issues as it obtained a legal opinion that Malaysian laws do not prohibit cryptocurrency mining, the firm's executive chairman and managing director Colin Tan said.

However, according to Luno exchange, regulations are "crucial" as they lay the groundwork to develop relationships with regulatory bodies.

"Regulations make it easier to identify key players and enable relevant parties to share their knowledge on how to create a healthy cryptocurrency ecosystem in Malaysia," a Luno spokesperson said via email.

Malaysia's de-facto central bank, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), said early this year that it is "actively accessing" a central bank digital currency (CBDC) study.

The research aims to focus on enhancing technical and policy capabilities "should the need to issue CBDC arise in the future," the bank said at the time. Malaysia, however, does not have immediate plans to launch a CBDC.

It is essential to remain aware that introducing regulated digital money will not come with a one-size-fits-all action plan, and BNM, like any other country's central bank, is proceeding with caution to mitigate any risks on their economy's stability.

Last September, Malaysia joined forces with the Bank for International Settlements, Australia, Singapore, and South Africa to develop a proof-of-concept CBDC pilot dubbed "Project Dunbar."

"We fully support cooperation and interaction between government-issued currency and cryptocurrency," Aaron Tang, Country Manager, Luno Malaysia, said via mail to FX Empire.

"We believe CBDCs bolster the need for truly decentralized, trustless, and permissionless cryptocurrencies that offer cheaper, faster, secure, and more inclusive access to money," he noted.

## Commercial banks assets hit 42.9trn/- in 2021

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

COMMERCIAL banks total assets topped 42.9trn/- during the end of last year, an increase of 5.2trn/- compared with 37.7trn/- recorded during the previous year.

According to the BOT Quarterly Economic Review, domestic assets were valued nearly 39.7trn/-, with loans and bills accounting for large share amounting 23.5trn/- while foreign assets valued 3.1trn/-.

The banks' liabilities grew to 63.3trn/- recorded in 2021 from 37.7trn/- in 2020.

The commercial banks' lending also increased to 24.2trn/- from 22trn/- recorded in 2020 reported last year.

Personal loans enjoyed the lion's share of the loans with 8.8trn/- administered followed by the trade sector with 3.6trn/-, manufacturing sector with 2.1trn/- and agriculture, hunting and forestry sector with 1.5trn/- respectively.

Supportive policy and regulatory environment

In the wake of the pandemic, the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) said is continuing to take series of policy measures to bolster the banking sector that helped maintain liquidity in banks, at the required levels to support a fast recovery of the economy.

According to the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Mid-Year Review 2021/22, the Central Bank's policy interventions last year also helped to keep money market interest rates low and stable.

"Money supply and reserve money growth rates increased consistent the targets, and private sector credit improved. Lending rates declined, albeit marginally," the report said.

According to the Central Bank, the banking sector performance was satisfactory, with adequate capital and sufficient level of liquidity.

"The quality of bank assets improved, as evidenced by the decline in non-performing loans to 8.2 per cent in December 2021 from 9.3 per cent in June 2021," the report said.

The measures also strengthened risk management practices to ensure the stability of the banking sector.

The measures included directing banks to implement capital restoration plans, adhering to regulatory requirements, improving financial services delivery and



Central bank governor, Prof Florans Luoga

reducing non-performing loans.

Payment, clearing and settlement systems continued to improve, bolstered by technological revolution. Significant progress was made in the access and usage of financial services through digital platforms which contributed to the inclusion of the unbanked segments of the population.

Credit growth averaged 5.9 per cent in the first half of 2021/22, with a remark-

able high growth of 10 per cent recorded in December 2021, attributable to the recovery of business and investment.

"The growth pattern was in conformity with the target of 10.6 percent for 2021/22. Much of the credit was in the form of personal loans (micro, small and medium-size undertakings), trade and manufacturing," the report said.

The Central Bank however predicts that credit growth will continue improv-

ing in the second half of the year, supported by various policy measures under implementation, improving the business environment and the on-going recovery of the global economy.

Meanwhile, Tanzania's biggest banks in terms of assets and deposits enjoyed a lion's share of the profits that resilient year, thanks to a supportive policy and conducive regulatory environment.

According to unaudited financial reports, NMB bank PLC reported 289bn/- cumulative profit after income tax for the 12-month period ending 31st December 2021, representing a 39% year to year growth.

CRDB Bank on the other hand reported greater growth in profit after tax for the same period reaching 267.5bn/- representing a 61.7% year to year growth.

The National Bank of Commerce (NBC) also joined the big league after posting a historic 60bn/- Profit before Tax last year.

The NBC Managing Director Theobald Sabi during an interview with this paper recently attributed the solid performance to the existing conducive regulatory environment, coupled with the bank's strategy that focuses on growing its operations through expansion of the customer base.

"NBC leveraged on the measures that were implemented by the Government through the BoT to cushion the economy from the adverse effect of Covid-19, safeguarding the financial sector stability and facilitating the financial intermediation process," he said.

He added that the bank also increased focus on sectors that had been prioritized to spur growth of the Tanzanian economy.

Global banking sector outlook for 2022 According to the Deloitte, 2022 Banking and Capital Markets Outlook, the banks across the globe are expected to recover in tandem with global economic recovery with recovery expected to be uneven across regions.

The audit firm in its report said while uncertainty about the pandemic continues, overall financial prospects are generally positive for the banking industry in 2022

"In a Deloitte survey of banking executives across nine major banking markets, 88 per cent of the respondents expect banks top-line revenue to improve in 2022," according to the report.



# Airlines see revival signs as Covid restrictions ease

**NAIROBI**

AIRLINES are starting at good times ahead as more countries are now relaxing the Covid-19 containment measures that nearly crippled the aviation sector in the last two years.

A number of countries including the major economies such as the US and UK are relaxing their restriction measures, coming as a major boost to the aviation industry that is now recording an increase in the number of bookings.

The sector through their lobby-International Air Travel Association (IATA) has been calling on governments to ease the restriction measure to allow for recovery of the industry.

IATA reported a sharp 11-percentage point increase for international tickets sold in recent weeks in comparison with the number of tickets sold in 2019.

In the period around February 8 (seven-day moving average), IATA says the number of tickets sold stood at 49 percent of the same period in 2019.

The agency says in the period around 25 January (seven-day moving average) the

number of tickets sold stood at 38 percent of the same period in 2019.

"The 11-percentage point improvement between the January and February periods is the fastest such increase for any two-week period since the crisis began," said IATA.

After almost two years of restrictions, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday that it was time to live with the coronavirus, announcing an end to England's remaining Covid-19 restrictions.

In December last year, the UK moved to scrap the red list, which was reintroduced a while back as a precaution after the emergence of the Omicron variant.

Kenya had stayed in the red list of countries for months, meaning that any person travelling from Kenya would not be admitted to the UK.

All UK arrivals from red list countries were required to pay for and self-isolate in a pre-booked, government-approved hotel for 10 days.

Closer home, Uganda last week announced an end to mandatory Covid-19 measures at the ports of entry, which it had imposed last year.

The announcement on Wednesday follows a



Monday Cabinet decision that noted that few new cases were being recorded at the airport and that the threat of new coronavirus variants and community transmissions has reduced.

"Mandatory Covid-19 testing of all incoming travellers at Entebbe International Airport upon arrival has been stopped with effect from 16 February 2022," said Dr Henry Mwebesa, the director of health services at the Ministry of Health, in a statement.

The government of Uganda had imposed the

restrictions in September last year following the detection of more variants of Omicron imported from neighbouring countries in travellers who arrived via the airport.

Travellers had to part with \$30 for the tests even if they possessed negative PCR results from their departure points.

The measures had brought business to a standstill at Malaba and Busia along the Kenya border with Uganda as truck drivers protested the mandatory tests and costs.

IATA, however, is calling for removing all travel barriers (including quarantine and testing) for those fully vaccinated with a World Health Organisation approved vaccine. This, the agency said, would enable quarantine-free movement for non-vaccinated travellers with a negative pre-departure antigen test result and removal of travel bans.

The agency wants governments to accelerate the easing of travel restrictions in recognition that travellers pose no greater risk for Covid-19 spread than already exists in the general population.

"Travel restrictions have had a severe impact on people and on economies. They have not, however, stopped the spread of the virus. And it is time for their removal as we learn to live and travel in a world that will have risks of Covid-19 for the foreseeable future," IATA said.

"This means putting a stop to the singling out of the travelling population for special measures. In nearly all cases, travellers don't bring any more risk to a market than is already there. Many governments have recognised this already and removed restrictions. Many more need to follow," said the agency.

# World stocks bounce as investors eye Putin's next steps in Ukraine

**LONDON**

GLOBAL stocks broke a four-day slide on Wednesday and demand for safe-haven assets waned, with investors waiting to see Russian President Vladimir Putin's next move after he sent troops into separatist regions of Ukraine.

The initial push to send soldiers to Donetsk and Luhansk this week triggered coordinated, yet modest sanctions from Western countries, albeit with the prospect of more to come if Moscow seeks to push further into the country.

After chalking up a 3.6% fall since last Friday, the MSCI World Index, a leading gauge of equity markets globally, edged off its highs to trade up 0.2%, helped by broad gains across Europe's major bourses.

The FTSE 100 was up 0.3% and the pan-European STOXX Europe 600 index rose 0.6%, bolstered by strong company earnings, including from automaker Stellantis. Earlier, MSCI's index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.4%.

S&P 500 stock futures pointed to a 0.6% higher open, rebounding after officially entering correction territory in the prior session.

"In the end what investors want to know is: does this impact earnings or not? If not, the temptation to buy the dip is high," said Dirk Willer, global head of macro and asset allocation at Citi.

"Markets tend to see geopolitical events as opportunities," he said, adding past years had shown this was the correct policy to adopt.

Niklas Ekvall, chief executive of Swedish pension fund AP4, said the scheme had an allocation to equities of around 60% and planned to keep it there for now, eyeing a better risk-return than for fixed income, which accounts for 25% of its assets.

"In general, the geopolitical situation (in Ukraine), as long as it doesn't escalate further, will have quite a limited impact on financial markets," Ekvall said.

"Then of course, if it escalates to a full blown war in Ukraine, with further tensions into NATO, that's a different situation."

Commodity prices remained elevated, with traders nervous that supplies could be curtailed if the situation on Europe's eastern edge escalates.

Europe's benchmark gas price extended its morning gains to trade up 5.8%, adding to a hefty gain a day earlier after Germany halted Russia's Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline.

Brent crude, which hit seven-year highs this week, reversed course as European trade bedded in and was last down 0.6% at \$96.30 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate was down 0.6%. [O/R]

After their biggest jump in three-and-a-half years on Tuesday, wheat futures pared early losses to trade down 0.2%. Corn futures also pulled back from an eight-month high and held steady, down 0.5%. [GRA/]

Gold pulled off its lows and was last down 0.2% at \$1,894 an ounce.

The crisis in Ukraine and the potential for surging energy prices come on top of nerves about whether the global economy can handle rising interest rates.

Citi's Willer said he did not expect events in Ukraine to deter central banks from tightening policy, with the investment bank sticking to a forecast for a 50 basis point hike from the U.S. Federal Reserve in March.

**BANKING & FINANCE**



Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Prof. Florence Luoga (centre), receives a token from Absa Bank Tanzania Board Chairman, Simon Mponji, as Absa's after winning the Central Bank of the year award for Africa 2021 by the Banker Magazine shortly after the Central Bank Chief officiated at the 2021 Absa Africa Financial Markets Index report launching ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on Absa Bank Tanzania Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed.



Deputy minister for tourism and natural resources Mary Masanja (fourth from left) cuts the ribbon to officially launch the project write up and Memorandum of Understanding for financing beekeeping value chain in Dodoma recently PHOTO/ JUMANNE JUMA



NBC Zanzibar branch manager Ramadhani Lesso (middle) holding a dummy cheque worth 23m/- before presenting it to Zanzibar and Founder of Zanzibar Maisha Bora organisation and First Lady Mariam Mwinyi (4th from left) during the launch of the organisation. (PHOTO/OUR PHOTOGRAPHER)



## WORLD

## Report: US CDC didn't make most COVID-19 data public

NEW YORK

FOR MORE than a year, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has collected data on hospitalizations for COVID-19 across the country and broken it down by age, race and vaccination status, but it has not made most of the information public, The New York Times reported.

When the CDC published the first significant data on the effectiveness of boosters in adults younger than 65 two weeks ago, it left out the numbers for a huge portion of that population: 18- to 49-year-olds, the group least likely to benefit from extra shots, because the first two doses already left them well-protected, said the report on Sunday.

The agency recently debuted a dashboard of wastewater data on its website that will be updated daily and might provide early signals of an upcoming surge of COVID-19 cases. Some states and localities had been sharing wastewater information with the agency since the start of the pandemic, but the CDC had never before released those findings.

"Two full years into the pandemic, the agency leading the country's response to the public



An elderly man receives a dose of the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Francistown, Botswana on March 26, 2021. AFP

health emergency has published only a tiny fraction of the data it has collected," the newspaper quoted several people familiar with the data as saying.

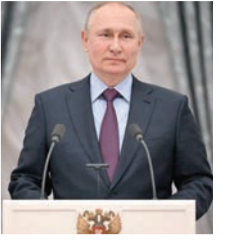
"Much of the withheld information could help state and local health officials better target their efforts to bring the virus under control," said the report, noting that detailed, timely data on hospitalizations by age and

race would help health officials identify and help the populations at highest risk.

Information on hospitalizations and deaths by age and vaccination status would have helped inform whether healthy adults needed booster shots, and wastewater surveillance across the nation would spot outbreaks and emerging variants early, it added. **Agencies**

## Ensuring Russia's defense capacity remains prior task today, says Putin

MOSCOW



RUSSIA is ready to hold a direct and honest dialogue in international affairs, whereas ensuring its defense capacity remains a crucial task for the state, President Vladimir Putin said in an address on the occasion of Defender of the Fatherland Day.

"Today ensuring the defense capacity of our country remains a prior task of the state, whereas armed forces serve as a safe guarantee of national security, the peaceful life of our citizens, the stable, gradual development of Russia," he noted.

"We see how challenging the international situation is, what risks the existing challenges pose, such as destabilizing the system of control over arms or NATO's military activity," Putin said.

Meanwhile, "Russia's urging to create a system of equal and indivisible security that would protect all countries remains unanswered," the president added.

"Our country is always open for a direct and honest dialogue, for searching diplomatic solutions to the most complicated issues, but I should repeat that Russia's interests and the security of its citizens are unconditional," the Russian leader emphasized. "That is why we will continue developing, upgrading the army and fleet, increase their efficiency," he noted. **Agencies**

## US called on to match its words with action in ties

CHINA warned the United States on Tuesday not to bring the two countries to a point of full confrontation as it urged the US to return bilateral ties to sound and stable development through concrete actions.

The most crucial task for managing and pushing forward the China-US relationship now is to follow through on the important consensus reached by President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden during their virtual meeting in November, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi told US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in a phone call.

It was the second phone conversation between the two senior diplomats in the past month. Wang said that China is willing to effectively manage differences with the US and stabilize bilateral ties in line with the three principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, which were put forward by Xi.

However, he said, the US is obviously sending a wrong signal of "besieging and containing



This undated file photo shows the Chinese National Flag and the US National Flag. XINHUA

China" by launching its so-called Indo-Pacific strategy, which publicly defines China as the primary challenge faced by the region. The US also attempts to include Taiwan in the strategy to contain China.

There is both competition and cooperation between the two countries and the China-US relationship cannot be simply defined as competitive, Wang said. He added that some US officials have trumpeted long-term fierce

competition with China, which is likely to evolve into full-blown confrontation between the two sides.

He said that China once again urges the US to take concrete actions to honor the commitments made by the US president instead of saying one thing yet doing the opposite, breaking its word and having no credibility.

Monday will mark the 50th anniversary of the Shanghai Communiqué, and Wang said that the

spirit of the document is still of great significance to China-US relations.

China hopes that the US will stay true to the document's original aspiration of breaking the ice between the two countries, return to a rational and pragmatic perception of China and work with China to push bilateral ties back onto the right track of sound and stable development, he said.

According to a Foreign Ministry statement, Blinken said that the US does not seek a new Cold War or to change China's system, opposes "Taiwan independence" and has no intention of engaging in conflict with or confronting China.

Blinken also congratulated China on the success of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics as well as the Chinese athletes on their great achievements.

Wang extended his congratulations to the US athletes for their good performances and said that the two countries' athletes have fully demonstrated the Olympic spirit through their friendly

interaction, mutual encouragement and improvement.

They also exchanged views over the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula. Blinken briefed Wang on the latest development in relations between the US and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Wang said that the US should value the DPRK's reasonable concerns and take substantial actions. China calls for direct dialogue between the two sides and China will, as always, play a constructive role in promoting the resolution of the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula, he added.

Li Haidong, a professor of US studies at China Foreign Affairs University, said that the phone call shows the importance of China-US cooperation on major international issues.

"However, the US only talks about cooperation when it serves its own interests. Otherwise, it will compete with or confront China. Such a China policy will not help the two sides to establish in-depth strategic mutual trust," Li said.

## COVAX vaccine supply outstrips demand for the first time

LONDON

THE global project to share COVID-19 vaccines is struggling to place more than 300 million doses in the latest sign the problem with vaccinating the world is now more about demand than supply.

Last year, wealthy nations snapped most of the available shots to inoculate their own citizens first, meaning less than a third of people in low-income countries have been vaccinated so far compared with more than 70 percent in richer nations.

As supply and donations have ramped up, however, poorer nations are facing hurdles such as gaps in cold-chain shortage, vaccine hesitancy and a lack of money to support distribution networks, public health officials told Reuters.

In January, COVAX, the global vaccine program run by Gavi and the World Health Organization, had 436 million vaccines to allo-



In this file photo taken on May 8, 2021, workers load boxes of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines, part of the COVAX program, into a truck after they arrived by plane at the Ivato International Airport in Antananarivo, Madagascar. AFP

cate to countries, according to a document published in mid-February.

But low-income nations only asked for 100 million doses for distribution by the end of May - the first time in 14 allocation rounds that supply has outstripped demand, the document from the COVAX Independent Allocation of Vaccines Group said.

Asked to comment, a Gavi spokesperson said COVAX was now in a situation where there was enough current supply to meet demand, but acknowledged that the roll-out of vaccines was an issue in several less developed nations.

"We will only close the vaccine equity gap once and for all if we are able to help countries roll out vaccines rapidly and at scale," the spokesperson said.

Vaccines that are not assigned by COVAX in this round can be allocated again later. **Agencies**

## Eighteen civilians killed in west Niger attack, government says

DAKAR

EIGHTEEN civilians were killed when their transport vehicle came under attack in a part of western Niger frequently targeted by Islamist militants, the government said on Tuesday.

Interior Minister Alkassoum Indatou attributed Sunday's attack in the Tillaberi region, near the border with Mali, to "armed bandits, aboard several motorcycles, who have not yet been identified."

He said in a statement that 13 of the victims were from the village of Foney Ganda and five from the village of Tizegorou.

Local officials have blamed a series of massacres of civilians since last year on Islamic State's affiliate in West Africa, which along with al Qaeda-linked militants has been responsible for spiraling violence across the Sahelian countries of Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso.

## Beijing Winter Olympics vivid example of how people around the world support each other in pursuing dreams

THE high-profile Beijing Winter Olympics wrapped up on the evening of Feb. 20 with a closing ceremony held at the National Stadium in Beijing. About 20,000 lanterns were put on the spectator seats during the ceremony, a visual feast for the global audience, just like the opening ceremony of the Games.

During the 16-day event, nearly 3,000 athletes from 91 countries and regions competed under the Olympic flag. They went beyond themselves and jointly created glorious moments with perseverance, friendship and solidarity.

For two-plus weeks, billions of people across the globe shared the joy, heart-warming stories, warmth and hope the Games brought to the world, and gained a better understanding of the

Games' official motto, "Together for a Shared Future", which is also the name of the main theme song of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach hailed the Beijing Winter Olympics as "truly exceptional" at the closing ceremony.

Against the backdrop of major changes and a global pandemic both unseen in a century, China has kept its promise with a sense of responsibility as a major country to host a "simple, safe and splendid" Winter Olympics as scheduled, promoting global solidarity and inspiring people around the world to walk hand in hand toward a brighter future. During the closing ceremony,

the Olympic rings at the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics joined the giant snowflake-shaped cauldron of Beijing 2022 on the stage, which brought back people's memories for China's journey of pursuing and achieving its Olympic dreams.

More than 100 years ago, Chinese media raised three well-known questions about the Olympics—"When could China send an athlete to participate in an Olympic Games?" "When could China win an Olympic championship?" and "When could China host an Olympic Games?" Today, Beijing has become the world's first city to host both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games.

The 2022 Winter Olympics is a mir-

ror of China's journey from poverty and weakness to prosperity and strength, from isolation to opening-up, and from following to leading the trend of the times. On the day before the closing ceremony, the IOC awarded the Olympic Cup to the Chinese people in recognition of their support for the Beijing Winter Olympics. "The Beijing 2022 could not have achieved this level of excellence without the support of the Chinese people," Bach said.

The Chinese civilization once again joined hands with the Olympic Games to play a charming piece of music about solidarity, peace and friendship among all mankind.

"O Sport, you are Peace!" The quote

from Pierre De Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, indicates the original purpose of holding Olympics. On and off the competition venues for the Beijing Winter Olympics, athletes tried their best to pursue their dreams, cheered for their rivals' performance, and shook hands with and gave hugs to one another, deepening their friendship with each passing day.

They have shown with their actions that humankind's dreams are intertwined, people around the world can support each other in pursuing dreams, and that human beings are more powerful when united than separated.

The positive message from the Games will give all mankind the confidence to

march forward with courage.

From the official motto "Together for a Shared Future" to the piece of music named "Peace - A Community with a Shared Future" played at the opening ceremony, and from the snowflake-shaped cauldron consisting of smaller snowflakes with the names of participating countries and regions to willow branches that symbolize people's unwillingness to part from each other in Chinese culture at the closing ceremony, the Beijing Winter Olympics fully showed the world that people from various countries belong to one and the same family and share a common future.

**People's Daily**



## Fourth tropical storm in one month hits Madagascar

### UNITED NATIONS

TROPICAL Cyclone Emnati lashed the southeast coast of Madagascar Tuesday, the fourth tropical storm to hit the island in a month, according to weather forecasters and United Nations (UN) humanitarians.

"Emnati will be the fifth extreme weather event this year, and fourth tropical storm to make landfall in Madagascar in one month," said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Heading southwesterly, the storm's center was just 40 km off the coast late Tuesday night local time, and is forecast to cut across the southeast corner

of Indian Ocean island's southern tip. It follows Tropical Storm Ana on Jan. 22,

Tropical Cyclone Batsirai on Feb. 5 and Tropical Storm Dumako, Feb. 15, OCHA said. Madagascar was in "an inter-tropical convergence zone (event) which impacted Madagascar on Jan. 17."

The worst extreme weather was Tropical Cyclone Batsirai which killed more than 120 people, OCHA said. And survivors of that cyclone "are likely to be impacted again by Emnati."

"The office said the government has led preparations and response for the latest storm with support from humanitarian partners.

Xinhua

## WHO's grant of mRNA vaccine technology to African countries supports fight against COVID-19

### CAIRO

THE World Health Organization (WHO) 's approval to grant six African countries the technology to manufacture mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid) vaccines is expected to boost international efforts to confront the COVID-19 pandemic, Egyptian experts and officials said.

On Friday, WHO announced that Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia will be part of a project that aims to enable low-and middle-income countries to manufacture mRNA vaccines in line with international standards.

The project also intends to reduce Africa's reliance on vaccine manufacturers outside the continent. Dr. Naeema Al Gasseer, WHO's representative in Egypt, stressed the significance of the decision, saying that the transfer of vaccine manufacturing technology would boost international efforts to confront the pandemic.

"Africa has received vaccines less than any other continent," al-Al Gasseer told Xinhua, affirming that the WHO approval is meant to achieve health security for the international community.

She noted that the countries that have been granted the right to manufacture the vaccine already possess the required personnel competence, technological capabilities, and large financial investments, as well as the great political will to make this procedure a success.

"There is an opportunity to strengthen partnerships to transfer vaccine manufacturing technology, whether between the developed countries and the six countries, or among the six countries themselves," she said, stressing that the WHO will play a fundamental role in supporting the pharmaceutical industries in Africa and the economic growth in these countries.

The UN official praised China's cooperation since the beginning of the pandemic with various countries, especially the developing ones, and its initiative to cooperate with Egypt and a number of other developing countries in the production of coronavirus vaccines.

For his part, Dr. Islam Anan, an Egyptian professor of health economics, epidemiology and virology, said that the WHO's decision is an "important step" that will contribute significantly to containing the pandemic.

Anan added that the two continents most affected by the lack of vaccines are Africa and South America, stressing that Africa is the main gateway to prevent virus mutations.

In this regard, he valued the WHO plans to assist African countries through transferring medical technology to manufacture vaccines locally, instead of "begging rich or vaccine-manufacturing countries to support poor ones."

He pointed out that the transfer of drug and vaccine technology generally takes two years, "but during the pandemic, it may take only six months."

Meanwhile, Dr. Ahmed Shahin, professor of virology at Zagazig University in Egypt, confirmed that granting these African countries the technology for the manufacture of mRNA vaccines will play a prominent role in the localization of vaccine and drug manufacturing technology in Africa, and help the international community control the pandemic.

"The WHO's decision offers Egypt and other concerned African countries the opportunity to overcome the dilemma of intellectual property rights, and gives them the right to use the technology needed to manufacture vaccines against the COVID-19 pandemic," Shahin told Xinhua.

He added that Egypt had made a notable leap in the production of the COVID-19 vaccines, through cooperation with China's Sinovac company, noting that the new move would make Egypt a regional hub for vaccine production.

The Egyptian state-owned vaccine maker VACSERA and Chinese biopharmaceutical company Sinovac signed two agreements in April 2021 to jointly manufacture Sinovac vaccines in VACSERA's factory in the North African country.

According to the Egyptian health ministry, Egypt has produced more than 30 million doses of the Sinovac vaccine.

Xinhua

## Russia's Federation Council ratifies friendship, cooperation treaties with DPR, LPR

### MOSCOW

THE Federation Council at a special session on Tuesday unanimously ratified the agreements on friendship, cooperation, and mutual assistance with the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, which were submitted by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who on Monday stated they should be recognized as independent.

The senators met the results of the vote with applause.

The treaties are signed by Putin and the heads of the republics: Denis Pushilin and Leonid Pasechnik. According to the agreements, which are identical, "the sides will build their relations as friendly states, being consistently guided by the principles of mutual respect of their sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful resolution of any disagreements" and based on the principles of equality and non-interference.

The treaties cover the economy, including the use of the Russian ruble, defense and border protection, rights of ethnic minorities, and so on. They will take effect when officially published.

The agreements will run for 10 years and will be regularly automatically extended for five more years. According to the documents, the borders of the DPR and LPR "will be protected jointly by the agreeing sides based on the interests of their security and peace and stability."

Separate agreements will be concluded for this issue. Also, the agreements stipulate that each side will give the other the right to build and use military bases on its respective territory. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said earlier that the agreements also envisage mutual military assistance.

The treaties also aim to protect the ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and religious identity of minorities. DPR and LPR citizens will be able to have Russian passports in accordance with existing legislation. The sides will sign additional agreements that will regulate dual citizenship.

The treaties establish that each of the sides will recognize documents issued by state authorities and local self-government bodies of the other side.

According to the agreements, Russia will take measures to maintain the financial and banking systems of the DPR and LPR, based on the fact that the legal tender on their territory is the Russian ruble.

In addition, according to the documents, the sides of the agreements undertake to "provide favorable economic, financial and legal conditions for entrepreneurial and other economic activities, including the encouragement and mutual protection of investments," as well as to encourage various forms of cooperation and direct ties between the citizens of the sides. It is also envisaged to unify the civil and tax legislation of the sides and the legislation on retirement pensions.

Agencies

## Chinese-built Ethiopia-Djibouti railway boosts regional integration

### ADDIS ABABA

THE Chinese-built Addis Ababa-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway has won acclaim for facilitating regional integration and prosperity.

During a railway infrastructure-themed seminar on Monday here, participants, including officials and independent experts, discussed how Africa's first fully electrified trans-boundary railway contributed to regional integration and the betterment of communities along the way.

The 752-km transnational railway, as a flagship project in the Belt and Road cooperation, demonstrated the aspirations of African countries to spur continental free trade by augmenting intra-Africa infrastructure connectivity, said Dagmawit Moges, Ethiopia's minister of transport and logistics.

"While building our prosperous Ethiopia, we will engrave in a cornerstone of our friendship and the unreserved support we receive from our sister country China in turning our dream of having a modern standard gauge rail line into reality," Moges told the high-level seminar.

The Addis Ababa-Djibouti electrified railway, also known as the Ethiopia-Djibouti railway, contracted by China Rail Engineering Corporation (CREC) and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), is the first trans-boundary railway on the African continent.

Ethiopia's State Minister of Finance Semereta Sewesew stressed China's role in supporting African countries' development aspiration on win-win modalities.

The state minister, in particular, emphasized China's "willingness to engage in areas of cooperation that some development partners are reluctant, mainly in large infrastructure projects."



Representatives from China and Ethiopia pose for a group photo after attending a seminar themed "Significance of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway for the Horn of Africa" in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Monday. The Chinese-built Addis Ababa-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway has won acclaim for facilitating regional integration and prosperity. (Xinhua)

Zhao Zhiyuan, Chinese ambassador to Ethiopia, also echoed Moges' comments, stressing that the Addis Ababa-Djibouti rail line is a lifeline to landlocked Ethiopia.

"The Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, as a flagship project of China-Ethiopia cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), has made important strides in all aspects since starting operation more than four years ago," the Chinese ambassador said.

The electrified railway has cut the transportation time for freight goods from more than three days to less than 20 hours and reduced the cost by at least one third.

Zhao said the railway has been a way of development, driving economic growth and industrialization, and serving as a lifeline of transportation for essential goods such as fertilizers, grain, cement, steel and anti-pandemic materials.

"The Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway is a flagship project, and it is really unique in its kind in Africa, which brought three countries together in one platform to work together -- Ethiopia, Djibouti and China," said Tilahun Sarka, general manager of Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company (EDR).

The high-level seminar, themed "Significance of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway for the Horn of Africa," was co-hosted by the EDR and CREC-CCECC Joint Venture and the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia.

The CREC-CCECC Joint Venture is a management contractor of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, which presently provides both passenger and freight services between Ethiopia and Djibouti.

According to figures from the joint venture, in 2021, the railway's monthly transport revenue exceeded 9 million and 10 million U.S. dollars in October and November respectively, the best result since 2018. The transport revenue in 2021 is 37.4 percent higher than in 2020.

The railway has also created numerous job opportunities for locals, with more than 4,000 locals employed so far, which accounts for over 90 percent of the total staff. Participants at the high-level seminar further emphasized the crucial importance of the China-Africa cooperation under the BRI in terms of boosting infrastructure development across the continent.

On the growing list of African countries cooperating with China under the BRI framework, many countries have realized new deep seaports, thousands of kilometers of roads and railways that have transformed logistics across Africa, among other development projects.

Xinhua

## South Korea: Omicron 75% less likely to kill than Delta strain

### BANGKOK / HANOI / AMMAN / CAIRO / BENGALURU / JERUSALEM / SEOUL / WELLINGTON

PEOPLE infected with the Omicron coronavirus variant are nearly 75 percent less likely to develop serious illness or die than those who contract the Delta variant, real world data released on Monday by South Korea's health authorities showed.

A study by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) of some 67,200 infections confirmed since December showed the Omicron variant's severity and death rates averaged 0.38 percent and 0.18 percent, respectively, compared with 1.4 percent and 0.7 percent for the Delta cases.

The KDCA classed severe cases as people who were hospitalized in intensive care units.

Around 56 percent of 1,073 people who died over the past five weeks were either unvaccinated or had received only one dose, the study showed, with people aged 60 or older accounting for 94 percent of deaths.

More than 86 percent of South Korea's 52 million population have been double vaccinated and nearly 60 percent have received a booster shot.

The Omicron variant has led to a surge in cases - daily new infections topped a record 100,000 last week - but authorities have pushed ahead with slightly easing social distancing rules amid the lower fatality rate and ahead of a presidential election next month.

The KDCA said Omicron became the dominant variant in the third week of January and up to 90% of new cases were Omicron by the first week of February.

The KDCA reported 99,444 new cases for Monday, bringing total infections to 2,157,734, with 7,508 deaths.

### India

Indian vaccine maker Biological E. Ltd said on Monday its COVID-19 vaccine received an emergency use approval in the country for use in children aged 12 to 18.

The company's shot, called Corbevax, is the third vaccine approved for use in children aged 12 and above in India, joining Zydus Cadila's DNA shot ZyCoV-D and homegrown player Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

"This will further strengthen our fight against #COVID19," India's health minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in a tweet late on Monday.



Passengers look at the flight schedule screen at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok on Feb 1, 2022, as Thailand resumes its quarantine free-travel scheme for vaccinated travelers. (AFP)

India has so far only started vaccinating children aged 15 and above. According to government figures, more than 76 million children between 15 and 17 have been inoculated mainly using Covaxin.

India's third wave of COVID-19 cases driven by the Omicron coronavirus variant has largely receded, with the country reporting 13,405 infections on Tuesday compared to more than 300,000 in late January.

**Israel**  
The death toll from the COVID-19 in Israel exceeded 10,000 on Monday, nearly two years after the first fatality from the virus was reported in the country in March 2020.

Israel reported 29 new deaths from the coronavirus in the past 24 hours, increasing the death toll to 10,001, the Ministry of Health reported.

Meanwhile, the number of patients in serious condition decreased from 820 to 772, while active cases dropped from 133,040 to 120,713, said the ministry.

The total number of COVID-19 cases in Israel has

reached 3,566,816, with 17,679 new daily cases being added.

**Jordan**  
Jordan's Prime Minister Bisher Khasawneh tested positive for COVID-19, said State Minister for Media Affairs and government spokesperson Faisal Shbouh on Monday.

He added that the prime minister tested positive earlier Monday while on an official visit in Egypt, assuring that Khasawneh is asymptomatic, Jordan's state-run Petra news agency reported.

The prime minister would self-quarantine upon his return to Jordan according to the established health protocol, added Shbouh.

On Monday, Jordan reported 11,254 new cases as well as 31 COVID-19 related deaths, raising the caseload in the country to 1,582,161, and the death toll from the pandemic to 13,713, according to the Health Ministry.

**New Zealand**  
New Zealand recorded 2,846 new community cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, the Ministry of Health said in a statement.

Among the new community infections, 1,802 were in the largest city Auckland. The rest of the cases were confirmed across the nation, including 36 in Northland, 285 in Waikato, 105 in Canterbury, 206 in Southland, and 86 in Bay of Plenty, according to the ministry.

In addition, 15 new cases were detected at the New Zealand border, said the ministry.

**Palestine**  
China and Egypt have donated 500,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Palestine to boost its fight against the pandemic, the Chinese Embassy to Egypt said in a statement Monday.

The vaccines were locally produced in Egypt through a partnership between Egypt's Holding Company for Biological Products and Vaccines (VACSERA) and Chinese biopharmaceutical company Sinovac, according to Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar, Egypt's acting health minister and higher education minister, who attended a ceremony held at VACSERA's headquarters on Sunday to mark the donation.

The Chinese Ambassador

to Egypt Liao Liqiang, who was present at the ceremony, described the joint donation as a "new and crucial step" through which the Chinese and the Egyptian governments cooperate to help the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip fight the pandemic and alleviate the humanitarian crisis there.

According to Liao, the donation demonstrates that both China and Egypt have attached great importance to the Palestinian people's health and the Palestinian cause. It also reflects the high level of the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Egypt.

**Thailand**  
Thailand on Monday raised its COVID-19 alert level to the second-highest tier following a rising number of new infections linked to the spread of the Omicron variant.

The Ministry of Public Health raised the COVID-19 alert level from 3 to 4, a category that includes regulations discouraging dining or drinking at restaurants and avoiding public gatherings to contain the spread of COVID-19.

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Bluefins Club's swimmer Avinav Mahapatra takes part in a past swimming event, which took place in Dar es Salaam. Avinav will be part of the outfit's swimmers set to take part in this weekend's Taliss-IST Championships at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) swimming pool at Masaki. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Bluefins Club to field 25 swimmers in Taliss-IST Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

TWENTY-five swimmers will represent a famous swimming club in Tanzania, Bluefins, ahead of this year's Taliss-IST Swimming Championships to be held at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) Masaki in Dar es Salaam at the end of this week.

The club's head coach and founder Rahim Alidina said that among them, 19 will be male swimmers and the rest are female swimmers.

Bluefins Club swimmers, who will take part in the gala, are female swimmers Zainab Moosajee, Filbertha Demello, Lina Goyayi, Aaliya Takim, Anahi Shah, and Maryam Iplinga.

Saalih Mbonde, Avinav Mahapatra, Burhanuddin Gulamhussein, Enrico Barretto, Gervas Saiji, Abbas Abdulali, Kaysan Kachra, and Adam Patwa are male swimmers.

Also in the male list are Timothy Tumaini, Burhanuddin Jivajee, Jay Badiyani, Sahal Harunani, Kabeer Lakhani, Salman Yasser, Burhanuddin

Jafferjee, Zac Okumu, Hassan Harunani, Zaeem Somji and Isaac Mukani.

The swimmers, Alidina pointed out, are now gauging their skills at the club's swimming pool at Upanga ahead of the event which will attract nine clubs.

Alidina said that their selection is as per the competition's categories, namely eight years and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 and over.

Contenders will swim in all events such as Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Individual Medley, and team relays.

"Our coaches have prepared our swimmers very well and we expected them to beat their times and do well in the most popular swimming event in the country," Alidina revealed.

He said his outfit will be competing in the second championship according to Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA)'s calendar.

The club featured in last weekend's Masters Championships that took place at the Champion Rise swimming pool.

## PM enthuses on girls' national team victories, MPs' gaze fixed elsewhere

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

GLOBAL media and activist efforts to bring about a situation where sports are freed from being dominated by male teams, and the society is taught to look at teams from either gender on an equal basis is a formidable assignment, and to this reviewer, akin to the legend of Sisyphus.

He is a Greek god pushing a stone up a mountain (for instance at the order of Zeus) and when he is close to reaching the top he trips and rolls back with the stone to the bottom and has yet to start again.

Some appreciation of women's teams can be registered in society at any given moment, but creating a sense of continuity and follow-up is different.

For one thing, women's soccer and other sports, apart from netball which is traditionally a woman's game, are organizational matters at the local level, and scarcely attract activist groups.

They are essentially tied to economic issues like empowering women's groups and suchlike and still do not have time to push agenda as to whether the public is sufficiently committed to Taifa Queens as different from Taifa Stars.

Interest in women's soccer is something experienced at an individual level, in like manner as either watching or following up themes of Indian films; it is in no way a community-wide issue.

There was something of this sort lately when Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was bringing down the shutters to the work of the sixth meeting of the 12th legislature, reconvening at the start of April for the marathon budget session.

He surveyed a series of successes reached by national sides since the start of the year, and to a



National U-20 women's football squad's players participate in training in Arusha recently to prepare for African qualifiers for the 2022 U-20 Women's World Cup. PHOTO: TFF

good number of viewers or listeners on radio plenty of what he said was somewhat new, not the sort of thing one hears on a regular note

Soccer critics do not spend much time reviewing the collective performance of women's competitions, save if an event of Simba Queens SC and Yanga Princesses turns up, and that is not quite regular. Trying otherwise would enthuse activists but lose viewers.

The test of a community event, which can thus also be relevant for commercial purposes, promotion, and sponsorships which aren't just donations are that there are groups in street corners, in any well-populated part of the country, whether in large urban areas or peripheral zones, preoccupies with its fortunes.

That brings about an element of risk in day-to-day life as to who is right, those who project

a victory say for Simba in a vital outing for instance the next match, against RS Berkane of Morocco.

That creates clear opportunities as an event that no one can ignore, while Tanzanites is an undercard, a virtual non-event.

Listing the series of successes of soccer teams involving girls - despite the activist overemphasis on 'women' whereas all those in a household environment don't form part of this routine - is pegged to this penchant for an image of equality of the two sets of games or events.

And at another level, it serves the clear purpose of satisfying the public urge for winning by broadening the possible sources of where this satisfaction can be met.

The idea is that we shouldn't be overly gender-focused and thus take as much satisfaction or inspiration from a win by Tanzanites or Simba

Queens like Taifa Stars or Simba SC itself.

There is a common expression, 'if wishes were horses, beggars would ride,' in which case these strings of victories that MPs were being put to their details are icing over a non-existent cake, where real victory has to involve a substantial competition.

Only where a mark is registered in that regard is it possible to add a girls' outing and victory or regional title to the panache, while being aware it isn't the real thing.

Activists wish to believe that there is just a series of competitions that are of equal importance, whereas the public doesn't need activists to tell them what games to watch or to talk about.

There was never a bylaw in the city of Dar es Salaam or the TANU constitution that each member or sympathizer should belong to either Sunderland SC or Young Africans SC, but see how

now one can ignore this need to belong somewhere.

There is no question that this will prevail, thus we need to achieve real titles.

And while we are still with the legislature, MPs must have taken note of the sort of bereavement that one camp felt when the former Speaker bowed out, as his successor appears to be mobbed by the Jangwani Street outfit's fan base.

There was something about launching an electronic membership card that could have been handled by either deputy minister, Ridhiwani Kikwete, or the retired President, as his club loyalties are well known.

At some point in the past, then-Speaker, the late Samuel Sitta, told MPs that he wrote the Simba SC constitution, just to underline proximity to the club. Women's teams are not about to replace all this.

## Soccer players urged to join fight against sexual harassment

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

ATHLETES have been asked to act as ambassadors for the fight against sexual harassment and bullying to facilitate the fight against such acts in their communities.

Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC)'s lawyer, Hakeem Nyangarika, made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday while speaking to the Mwananyamala Morning Star football team's players.

The LHRC, in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), is launching a pilot project aimed at preventing and tackling such practices in various groups in Kinondoni District.

"You are one of the community members, we ask you to be ambassadors for mobilizing campaigns against such atrocities in your area via reporting to state agencies," Nyangarika stated.

The lawyer, along with his co-workers, spoke to the players at Mango Garden ground after the footballers completed their training.

The LHRC lawyers stressed the need for everyone to take part in the fight.



The coordinator of a Dar es Salaam One-Stop Center, which receives victims of sexual violence, Asia Mkini, talks to the Morning Star football team's players at Mwananyamala yesterday, as a continuation of the introduction of a pilot project aimed at tackling such vices in the community. The project is run by the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

Asia Mkini, the coordinator of a One-Stop Center, which specializes in receiving victims of violence at Mwananyamala, urged the players to take leaflets provided by the LHRC outlining the effects of sexual harassment to distribute them in their respective areas.

"Our One-Stop Center is located inside Mwananyamala Regional Hospital, when you see acts of violence in your area, come immediately and

report it, you should also take leaflets and help us distribute them," Asia stated.

One of the team's players, Hassan Nzota, said he was unaware of the meaning of the humiliation and sexual harassment, and promised to report the incidents.

"Thank you for coming, we have asked a lot of questions and we understand your goal, we will work together as much as possible to eradicate such

practices in our community," Nzota disclosed.

Sexual harassment is a type of harassment involving the use of either explicit or implicit sexual overtones, including the unwelcome and inappropriate promises of rewards in exchange for sexual favours.

Sexual harassment includes a range of actions from verbal transgressions to sexual abuse or assault.

Harassment can occur in

many different social settings such as the workplace, the home, school, churches, etc. Harassers or victims may be of any sex or gender.

In modern legal contexts, sexual harassment is illegal. Laws surrounding sexual harassment generally do not prohibit simple teasing, offhand comments, or minor isolated incidents - that is because they do not impose a "general civility code".

## Wheelchair tennis team in need of financial support for participation in World Team Cup

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

WITH two weeks remaining before Tanzania's wheelchair tennis team competes at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup in Turkey, Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association (WTA) has disclosed it has not raised any funds for the trip.

Tanzania will be represented by six players at the event which will be used as a qualifying tournament for the Tennis World Cup which will take place in Portugal later this year.

The six players are Voster Isaya, Jumanne Nassoro, Albert Churi, Rehema Suleiman, Lucy Julius, and Pendo Zengo. They are expected to depart for Turkey on March 9.

The tennis players will, from March 12-15, compete in the Megassaray Open and two days later the players will compete in the BNP Paribas World Team Cup.

Tanzania's wheelchair tennis team's coach Riziki Salum, who also doubles as WTA secretary-general said they have not raised any money for the trip and the

team's preparations.

The team started non-residential training last week with plans to have an in-house camp in the last two weeks.

The coach yesterday expressed doubt on the possibility of sending all players and a coach to Turkey due to financial constraints.

Salum further said the financial constraints are demotivating the players at training.

He said the International Tennis Federation (ITF) will contribute flight tickets and accommodation for two players out of the six.

The coach said the WTA is looking for flight tickets and accommodation for the remaining five players.

The tactician added: "We are left with two weeks but so far we have not got any funding from the government and stakeholders."

"All we want is that partners should buy flight tickets and pay for accommodation, they should not give us the money directly, this situation is also affecting the players as they are demoralized," he said.



## Tebas wants Mbappe-Real, Haaland-Barca deals

MADRID

LaLiga president Javier Tebas has said he would like to see Barcelona sign Erling Haaland and Real Madrid to land Kylian Mbappe this summer for the good of the competition.

Borussia Dortmund striker Haaland has been linked with a move at the end of the season with Barca and Madrid among the top clubs interested in him.

Mbappe is also a long-term target of Madrid and the forward, who has not signed a new deal with Paris Saint-Germain, is set to become a free agent in July.

"I prefer Haaland at Barca and Mbappe at Madrid," Tebas, a Madrid fan, told ABC in an interview. "I want us to have that luck that we had in the past when we had two great players, [Lionel] Messi and [Cristiano] Ronaldo, that were in the two best teams in the world. There I'm more of a LaLiga fan than a Madridista [Madrid fan]."

Both Messi and Ronaldo have left LaLiga in the last four years. Messi left Barcelona as a free agent for PSG in September while Ronaldo moved to Juventus in 2018 in a €100 million transfer from Madrid.

Sources told ESPN that PSG turned down a €200m bid from Madrid for Mbappe last summer after the France international expressed his desire to leave the club.

Mbappe's family has been in talks with PSG over a short-term extension, according to ESPN sources, but no deal has been reached.

After scoring a stunning last-gasp winner against Madrid in the Champions League round-of-16 first-leg match, Mbappe said he has not decided his future but Tebas is optimistic Madrid will sign the striker this summer.

"When a player has six months to run on his contract and there hasn't been a transfer and he has not renewed his contract, it's very likely that he will leave," Tebas added.

"The only club that is being mentioned in the media is Real Madrid. I hope we are lucky and Real Madrid are able to complete the operation. Mbappe would bring a lot to Madrid and to LaLiga."

Meanwhile, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has said he would welcome Haaland's arrival at the Camp Nou if he seals a summer transfer to Barca.

"I think he's excellent, that he scores so many goals at his age, it's incredible," he told Mundo Deportivo. "He is one of the best."

"If he comes, we will compete together. Competition is good and even more so at Barca, who need the best in the world."

(Agencies)

## Klopp: Liverpool want to be pain in Man City's bum

LONDON

JURGEN Klopp has said he is happy that Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola views Liverpool as a "pain in the a--" and urged his side to continue pushing the Premier League champions in the title race.

Liverpool were to go three points behind league leaders City with a win over Leeds United at Anfield later yesterday.

A run of eight consecutive victories has seen Liverpool get to within touching distance of City in the league, reach the Carabao Cup final and take one big step towards the Champions League quarterfinals.

Following City's midweek win at Sporting Lisbon, Guardiola jokingly told CBS Sports that Liverpool were a "pain in the a--" and Klopp said he wants his team to continue to annoy the Spaniard.

When asked about the title race at a news conference on Tuesday, Klopp replied: "First and foremost, it's important that we are close to the top whoever is at the top because that shows that some things are going in the right direction."

"In the last four seasons -- we were not around one year because of our problems and we had some struggles -- but before it was an insane race. Both teams are able to do some special stuff, I have to say with all respect [because] what City is doing is incredible."

"I think we are pushing each other as well, not only us because I don't forget the other teams like Chelsea, [Manchester] United, Arsenal and Tottenham. But, we are pushing each other and that's how it is and it keeps you going. There is no chance to get a bit soft because the other one will be there immediately to catch you."

"I think what Pep said that we are the pain in the lower back, that's a good description and that's how it should be. We try to be as annoying as somehow possible until we have a chance to overtake, but I don't know when that will be or if that will be the case but what I always said is that we have the decisive moments of the season but it's not now in February, it's March and April."

Klopp also stressed the importance of taking every game seriously with many anticipating Liverpool's trip to the Etihad in April to be a potential title decider.

"You have to be close enough to make a decision in your direction and I don't know if that will be the case because what we do is pretty special, and I don't expect that to happen every week and you cannot turn around games every week," he added.

(Agencies)

# Vlahovic scores in CL debut, Juve draws 1-1 at Villarreal

VILLARREAL, Spain

DUSSAN Vlahovic needed just 31 seconds to show Europe why Juventus chose him to fill the void left by Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Serbia striker had a dream debut in the Champions League on Tuesday, scoring a superb goal after his first contact with the ball in a 1-1 draw at Villarreal.

His goal had the elements of strikes that only players of Ronaldo's caliber can pull off, combining power, a sense of the moment and that extra dose of confidence that means no scoring chance, however slim, should go to waste.

After using his chest to control a long pass from Danilo, the 22-year-old striker did not hesitate to immediately take on center-back pair Pau Torres and Raül Albiol. He used one touch to prepare his shot taken with his weaker right foot while he spun toward the goal. The low effort grazed the foot of a defender before squirting in at an angle past goalkeeper Gerónimo Rulli.

It was his second goal with Juventus since the team secured his 70 million euro (\$80 million) transfer from Fiorentina near the end of the January transfer window to find a top scorer after Ronaldo's exit five months before in the offseason.

"It was huge to score on my debut. It was very emotional," Vlahovic said. "However, I cannot be 100% satisfied because we have not won the game."

Dani Parejo leveled for Villarreal in the 66th minute, leaving the playoff poised for the decider in Italy with the away-goal rule scrapped this season.

After Vlahovic's opener, Villarreal tied to respond through its speed on the flanks. Alfonso Pedraza stole the ball and sped from the left side of the box before he laid off for Giovanni Lo Celso, only for his scuffed attempt to find the top of the left post in the 13th.

Vlahovic also impressed with his ability to pull down more long balls for his teammates in the first half. But Parejo's 66th-minute equal-



Juventus' Alex Sandro, right, fights for the ball with Villarreal's Samuel Chukwueze during the Champions League, round of 16, first leg soccer match between Villarreal and Juventus at the Ceramica stadium in Villarreal, in Villarreal, Spain, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022. (AP Photo)

izer came just after Albiol made it his mission to start taking away that outlet.

Following Albiol's challenge to win a ball from Juventus' new striker, the Italian team betrayed its defensive pedigree when it gave Etienne Capoue time to pick out a run forward by fellow midfielder Parejo, Juventus' backline compounded that mistake by leaving Parejo free of a marker as he fired low to make it 1-1.

"When they score in the first minute, it ruins your game plan. But even so, we knew how to hang in there and go for the match," Parejo said. "To draw 1-1 after starting from behind, I am satisfied with how we played and the chances we created against a giant like Juventus."

Vlahovic almost conjured up the winner with five minutes remaining with a powerful shot that Rulli did well to stop.

United States midfielder Weston McKennie had to be substituted for Juventus in the 80th after he received a hard tackle into his lower left leg by substitute Pervis Estupiñán.

In London, defending champion Chelsea got goals from Christian Pulisic and Kai Havertz to beat Lille 2-0.

Juventus is trying to

reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2018-19 after losing in the round-of-16 in the past two seasons.

Unai Emery has Villarreal, last season's Europa League champion, back in the knockout rounds of Europe's elite club competition for the first time in 13 years.

The Spanish team will hope to have striker Gerard Moreno, now injured, back for the second leg in Turin on March 16.

Meanwhile, UEFA faced calls from the British government to strip Russia of hosting the Champions League final over concerns it would legitimize what it called an "illegal invasion" of Ukraine, prompting European football's governing body to say Tuesday it would reconsider St. Petersburg staging the showpiece match.

The biggest game in the European season is scheduled May 28 at the Gazprom Arena, which is named after the state-owned energy giant that has sponsored the men's competition for a decade.

Gazprom is also embedded in the decision-making at UEFA, with Alexander Dyukov, the chief executive of an oil subsidiary company, sitting on UEFA's ruling executive committee.

UEFA has acknowledged for the first time a risk to Russia staging the final following talks among the senior leadership about the crisis.

"UEFA is constantly and closely monitoring the situation," the Champions League organizer said in a statement, "and any decision would be made in due course if necessary."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson highlighted concerns about Russia using sports to enhance its status while urging President Vladimir Putin not to carry out a full invasion of Ukraine after massing an estimated 150,000 troops on three sides of neighboring Ukraine.

"He is going to end up with ... a Russia that is more isolated, a Russia that has pariah status, no chance of holding football tournaments in a Russia that invades sovereign countries," Johnson told the House of Commons.

Russia sparked an outcry by announcing on Monday that its recognition of independence for areas in eastern Ukraine extended to territory currently held by Ukrainian forces and troops were then authorized to be sent to the separatist regions.

"It's a very delicate

situation that can change hourly and of course we all have an eye on it," Rainer Koch, a German member of the UEFA executive committee, told the broadcaster ARD.

With four representatives in the round of 16 of the Champions League, England has the most teams remaining in the competition.

Oleksandr Zinchenko, a Ukrainian who plays for Manchester City, issued a plea on Instagram for his country's territorial sovereignty to be protected.

As United States forward Christian Pulisic celebrated scoring for Chelsea against Lille in a last-16 game on Tuesday, Gazprom advertisements flashed on the electronic boards at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea is owned by Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich, whom Johnson wrongly stated in the House of Commons was facing sanctions from the government.

Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries, who holds the sports brief in Johnson's cabinet, said she would discuss "serious concerns" about Russia staging the final with UEFA.

"We won't allow President Putin to exploit events on the world stage to legitimize his illegal invasion of Ukraine," Dorries said.

UEFA has had to move the Champions League final in the last two seasons, both times from Turkey to Portugal due to the pandemic.

FIFA council member Alexey Sorokin, who also leads the organizing committee for the final, said no discussions with UEFA had taken place about St. Petersburg losing the hosting rights.

"We are preparing for the final according to plan," Sorokin told the TASS news agency. "We expect more than 50,000 foreign fans to arrive."

But members of Russia's upper house voted unanimously on Tuesday to allow Putin to use military force outside the country

effectively formalizing a Russian military deployment to the rebel regions, where an eight-year conflict has killed nearly 14,000 people.

UEFA has been keeping Ukrainian and Russian teams separated in draws to prevent them from playing each other since Moscow annexed the Crimea peninsula of Ukraine and backed separatist insurgents in eastern Ukraine.

Russia's state gas company, Gazprom, has been a sponsor of the Champions League since 2012 -- the same year Ukraine co-hosted the European Championship with Poland. But the company's logos were removed from a UEFA-branded "Champions Festival" on Kyiv's main street when the Ukrainian capital staged the 2018 Champions League final between Real Madrid and Liverpool.

Russia is already serving a punishment from the World Anti-Doping Agency for state-sponsored cheating that prevents it from hosting international sports events through December. But UEFA was not bound by the ruling as a European governing body which meant St. Petersburg has already hosted four games at the European Championship last year.

Separately on Tuesday, the Polish football federation asked FIFA to urgently clarify whether its World Cup playoff game against Russia on March 24 will be played in Moscow as scheduled. The winner of that game will face Sweden or the Czech Republic for a place at the World Cup in Qatar.

If Russia qualifies for the World Cup in Qatar in November the team name must be changed to something neutral that likely would not include the word "Russia." The Russian team at the past two Olympics has been called ROC -- Russian Olympic Committee.

AP

# Pulisic making Tuchel think twice about dropping him again

LONDON

IT is the dichotomy at the heart of Christian Pulisic's career right now that at the same time he is learning not to feel the need to "save" the United States men's national team, Chelsea are searching for a talisman as Romelu Lukaku continues to falter.

Pulisic revealed in an exclusive interview with ESPN earlier this month that he was trying to release himself from feeling he has to be the matchwinner on international duty. At Stamford Bridge, he is considered one of several stars, all of whom were supposed to operate in Lukaku's shadow following his €115 million summer move from Inter Milan.

Yet Lukaku's indifferent form led Blues boss Thomas Tuchel to omit his leading striker for Tuesday's Champions League last-16 tie against Ligue 1 side Lille as he relied on Pulisic, Kai Havertz and Hakim Ziyech to lead Chelsea's attack. Ziyech came to the fore when Lukaku went missing at Crystal Palace on Saturday, but here, Havertz and Pulisic struck as the Blues secured a 2-0 win that gives the defending champions a strong chance of progressing to the quarterfinals.

Lukaku's omission came after he registered just seven touches against Palace, the fewest by a Premier League player involved for 90 minutes since records began in 2003. Havertz needed just five to open the scoring eight minutes in -- and he had already had two efforts on goal by that stage.

The Germany international fired over from inside the 6-yard box before forcing a fine save from Lille goalkeeper Leo Jardim moments later. From the resulting Ziyech corner, Havertz headed Chelsea in front.

It took Havertz only 13 minutes and one second to register eight touches as Chelsea produced far greater attacking cohesion in the same 4-1-4-1/4-3-3 shape employed at Palace.

Lille knocked the ball around intelligently at times in Chelsea's half but never threatened Blues goalkeeper Edouard Mendy, with Thiago Silva imperious in defence and N'Golo Kante delivering another remarkable all-action midfield display. The latter set up Pulisic for the second goal 27 minutes from time, bursting through the heart of the Lille defence before slipping a pass to the 23-year-old, who dug out a clever curled finish past Jardim.

Pulisic also explained in that recent interview how he was struggling to find his rhythm due a lack of game-time following a positive COVID-19 test, injury and a struggle to break into the team. Tuesday was only the third time he has started back-to-back matches this season, and the benefit was clear in one of his most influential performances of the campaign so far.

It may also be no coincidence that while this was a slightly unusual role, operating as a slightly deeper central attacking midfielder, it was the same ask that was made of him at

Selhurst Park. That consistency is something he has palpably been craving, having been utilised as a false nine and even a wing-back on occasion.

Inheriting the No. 10 shirt from Eden Hazard (William kept it warm for a year), a player who carried Chelsea to glory almost single-handedly at times during his seven-year stay before departing for Real Madrid in 2019, introduced him to unfeasibly high expectations in west London, but the influx of big-money signings since Chelsea's FIFA transfer ban was lifted -- Havertz and

Lukaku both cost considerably more than the fee paid to Borussia Dortmund to secure Pulisic's signature -- now presents a chance of being a prominent member of an ensemble, which seems to suit Pulisic more.

This was his sixth Champions League goal, his first at home, and an overall display that will make him difficult to drop for Sunday's Carabao Cup final against Liverpool (11:25 a.m. ET, stream live on ESPN+), when Tuchel hinted Lukaku could return.

"The focus was today on intensity, high-speed game and also hard work off the

ESPN

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# Dodoma Jiji FC sacks head coach Makata

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Mbwana Makata

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**A**N official statement from Dodoma Jiji FC has confirmed the sacking of the squad's head coach, Mbwana Makata, due to the team's run of poor performance.

In the last five games, Makata found himself leading Dodoma FC to collect just one point in a Premier League match against Geita Gold FC.

The Dodoma side suffered four defeats, including three in a row, which seemed to fuel his dismissal.

Dodoma Jiji FC's last win came on December 22, last year, and, since then, the side went down 4-0 to Yanga, 2-0 to Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and Azam

FC respectively, 2-1 to Kagera Sugar, and salvaged a draw with Geita Gold FC.

This season's Championship side Pamba FC piled misery on Dodoma Jiji FC, knocking the latter out of this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup's round of 16 with a 2-1 victory.

The statement revealed: "These measures have been taken due to the poor performance of the team in various competitions for the 2021/22 season."

The statement issued by the club's Secretary-General, Fortunatus Johnstone, went on to say: "The club would like to express sincere gratitude to coach Mbwana Makata for his great contribution to our team and wishes

him all the best in his new life."

Despite showing reluctance to confirm the news, Dodoma Jiji FC officials are in the final stages of handing over the outfit's head coach post to Burundian, Masoud Djuma, who once coached Simba SC.

In the process of finding a successor to Makata, American tactician, Melis Medo, who was until recently coaching Coastal Union of Tanga, was also said to be one of the coaches who were being counted for the job.

Despite packing his bags, Makata is said to be on the radar of another NBC Premier League outfit, Polisi Tanzania.

In the 2016/17 season, Djuma was Joseph

Omog's assistant at Simba SC in just 10 matches, with the team winning six matches, drawing three, and conceding one loss on penalties.

The domestic soccer big gun crashed out of the 2016/17 Azam Sports Federation Cup, succumbing to a 4-3 loss to Green Warriors.

After being eliminated by Green Warriors in the Federation Cup, Omog was sacked by Simba SC, Djuma was handed the interim head coach job.

Under Djuma's tutelage, the side featured in seven matches, winning four, drawing one, and losing two before the arrival of the new head coach, Pierre Lechantre.

The French tactician boasts a glorious record that includes taking charge of the Cameroon national team which lifted the 2000 African Cup of Nations' silverware.

Simba SC played 22 matches, notching a victory in 14 ties, settling for seven draws, and losing one match before the Frenchman was again succeeded by Djuma on an interim basis.

Djuma coached the club in eight matches, notching a win in five matches, defeat in two matches, and draw in one.

French tactician, Patrick Aussems, later was appointed as the side's head coach.

Under his tutelage, Simba SC played a total of 13 matches, winning seven, drawing five, and losing one.

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## Geita Gold FC forward cleared for NBC Premier League, Federation Cup

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS season's NBC Premier League side Geita Gold FC has disclosed it has secured a work permit for Congolese forward Erick Yema.

Yema, the former player for Zambia's Zesco United, signed a two-year contract with Geita Gold FC.

Geita Gold FC Information and Communication Manager, Hemed Kivuyo, said the player is now cleared to play in Tanzania.

"We signed Erick Yema during the mini transfer window but he was not playing as we were working on having his work permit... he can now play as we have secured the permit," he said.

Kivuyo could not say if the player will be used in the club's NBC Premier League tie against Namungo FC scheduled for Friday.

"To use or not use a player is a prerogative of the coach and his backroom staff, our job was to get his work permit and we did that, but he is a good player that is why we signed him, he is the only foreign player in our team," he said.

Geita Gold FC is placed sixth in the top-flight standing with 20 points from 15 games.

The Geita side will on Friday host fourth-placed Namungo FC which has posted 23 points in the 16-team top-flight.

Commenting on the game, Kivuyo said his team is well prepared for the encounter.

"The win against Coastal Union gave us morale and everyone is looking forward to our next game, yes it won't be easy but we are ready for them and hopefully, we will do well," the official said.

Recently, Kivuyo disclosed that they are happy with the team's performance in the first round of the league.

"We are satisfied with our performance in the first round of the NBC premier league, the team performance in the first round was beyond our expectations, we hope in the second round we will continue from where we stopped," he disclosed.



Vivier Bahati

## Biashara United coach heaps praise on players

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

BIASHARA United's head coach Vivier Bahati has attributed his side's 2-0 victory over Azam FC in an NBC Premier League duel that was played in Mwanza on Tuesday to hard work and ability to rectify mistakes that were in view in previous games.

Striker Collins Opare and midfielder James Shagara netted for Biashara United as the squad defeated Azam FC at CCM Kirumba Stadium.

The win saw Biashara move to 12th position with 15 points from 15 matches.

Bahati, who was an assistant to Azam FC's former head coach, George Lwandamina, praised his new outfit for putting up a good fight.

"We are so delighted to have won our last game of NBC Premier League first round, I thank my players for putting a good fight, it was not easy but we stuck to our plan and the results are just good," the coach stated in a monitored radio interview.

He said in the previous games in which he has been at the helm of the club's technical bench, the players made some mistakes, but they rectified them and it paid off handsomely.

The gaffer pointed out he is proud of his players for showcasing that fantastic performance.

Before hosting Azam FC, Biashara United lost 2-1 away to Yanga in the Azam Sports Federation Cup's round 16.

The next game in the NBC Premier League will see the Mara-based side play away to league defending champions Simba SC on March 3.

The club will two days later, lock horns with Ruwu Shooting.

Bahati said the focus is now on the coming games.

"Today's results are over, we still have a tough job in the NBC Premier League, we need to work hard and keep the same tempo so that we can do well in our coming games," the coach disclosed.

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