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# IMF cash: Z'bar eyes 10 hospitals

**By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar**

ZANZIBAR is set to build ten quality district hospitals and one regional hospital through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) emergency financial assistance to scale up health services across the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Zanzibar's Minister for Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, told journalists at the weekend that this is a major axis of expenditure of IMF funds handed to the ministry.

As part of measures to revive the economy after the Covid-19 pandemic stoppages, the Zanzibar government obtained 230bn/-

from the 1.3trn/- loan from IMF that will accelerate development in the Isles.

A total of 69bn/- has gone to the health ministry, he stated, noting that each of the proposed district hospitals will have 100 beds capacity, along with staff houses to accommodate 16 families.

In Unguja, the hospitals will be built in

Chumbuni, Magogoni, Kivunge, Pangatupu, Dunga and Makunduchi, while in Pemba they will be constructed at Micheweni and Kinyasini Wete, he stated.

The Zanzibar government will also construct a five-storey regional hospital at Lumumba in Urban West Region with capacity for 200 beds, he said, elaborating that the

facility will feature an outpatient department, inpatient department and will be installed with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and Computerized Tomography (CT) scanners, to check the body for tumours.

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan and China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (to the president's left), cut the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the handing over to the government of a National Defence College building put up with Chinese support at the college's premises in the city's Kunduchi suburb. Photo: State House.

## Mastercard prizes NMB pay by card leadership

**By Guardian Reporter**

ALTHOUGH Tanzania remains largely a cash economy, it is making impressive progress towards inclusive digital finance with NMB BankPlc playing a decisive role in promoting growth of a robust retail payments market, a global service provider has declared.

MasterCard International, a global pioneer in payment innovation and technology, recognised the bank late last week for unrivalled investment in digital innovation and supporting national efforts to enable the country move towards a cashless society.

The American multinational acknowledged the NMB Bank's digital economy endeavours and its financial inclusion commitment upon naming it the fastest growth bank in card usage in Tanzania.

NMB was on Friday awarded a trophy for posting staggering growth in MasterCard payment cards usage above MasterCard point of sale spend records, with its gross dollar value going up 30 per cent year on year.

"MasterCard International congratulates NMB Bank for record growth in card usage in Tanzania during 2021," affirms the recognition wording on the plaque.

NMB Bank is the first bank in the region to get such recognition, the first and only lender to have ever increased usage of MasterCard payment cards by over

## 'Traditional leaders are movers, shakers'

**By Songwa wa Songwa, Iringa**

NEWLY fangled Iringa council of customs and traditions is a force to reckon with, going by its role in official government functions in recent months.

National leaders visiting Iringa Region for various undertakings have members of this council appearing on the guest list, and increasingly receive the leaders and ensure that their stay is smooth.

These folks have been rubbing shoulders with the highest government functionaries, donned in Hehe traditional attire, standing out from the crowd.

When Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa

arrived in Mafinga town, Mufindi District on Saturday to launch the forestry investment forum, members of this group were there to receive and usher him into the conference facility.

As the premier acknowledged officials in attendance as per the protocol, he named the group, seated in the front row alongside religious leaders. Their seats were reserved and marked out, and the premier had kind words for the elders.

"Every time we have a function in Iringa, these elders are there and I'm told it won't rain here until this conference is over," he said, sending delegates into a long laughter amid clapping.

**“Before colonialism and introduction of new religions, we Africans had our way of praying and that is what we—a section of Hehe community—has maintained,**

These folks can stop rain from spoiling outdoor functions such as the forum which is taking place at Wambi grounds with a number of exhibition pavilions. Or it is so believed.

The premier was not the first to acknowledge this group; two speakers before him mentioned them and appreciated their role.

So, can they really stop rain? They cannot only stop it, they can make it rain during prolonged dry spells, they told this writer.

"We communicate with the greater

**Today is a monumental day for NMB Bank and for the development of digital finance and financial inclusion in Tanzania**

100 per cent in 12 months, the firm noted.

Filbert Mponzi, the NMB chief of retail banking, said the monumental feat was attained between June 2020 and June 2021, a direct outcome of related digital development trends.

There was massive growth of NMB MasterCard users and holders who now exceed three million, with unprecedented increase in point of sale (POS) transactions using the cards, going up by 104 per cent during the period, he said.

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## Minister: All villages becoming townships

**By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Karatu**

THE government is embarking on an ambitious programme of updating all villages in the country into

townships through improving infrastructures, basic facilities and community services.

Mohamed Mchengera, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and

Good Governance), explained here at the weekend that the government was heavily investing in projects targeting poverty, ignorance and diseases, and this time right from the village level.

"We are building primary

and secondary schools as well as establishing colleges right at village level depending on particular residents' requirements. This also goes in tandem with improving infrastructure, power supplies and other basic needs,"

he said.

"We are turning villages into townships, in that everything that is available in urban areas will be made ac-

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# Traditional leaders take up movers, shakers role

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power through the spirits of our ancestors and our prayers get answered," said council chairman Augustino Motomkali.

"Before colonialism and introduction of new religions, we Africans had our way of praying and that is what we—a section of Hehe community—has maintained," he declared.

Council secretary Serafino Lanzi said apart from making or stopping rain, the council also works to deter disasters and calamities such as deadly diseases.

The group also promotes peace and tranquility in the Hehe community by swiftly dealing with trouble makers. For instance, the group stopped proliferation of common masquerading as traditional healers in Iringa, he asserted.

Because the council has its own department of traditional medicines, it was easy to identify the pretenders and stop them from swindling unsuspecting residents of Iringa. Issues such as temporarily stopping rain, for which the group is well known, are handled by culture department.

He said the group's working relationship with the government is not new, starting since the days of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

"Every time Mwalimu came to Iringa, we received him at the airport; he respected us a lot," the council chairman underlined.

Motomkali affirmed that

all other presidents who followed respected their role and the elders have been taking part in key events attended by national leaders in the region.

Asked why this is unique to Iringa and if he would want to see other communities and regions set up such councils, Motomkali sounded somewhat subdued.

"Every community and region has their own way of life. I do not want to impose what Hehe people do to other communities," he responded.

The Hehe tribe has a peculiar mention in the history of Tanzania as its legendary paramount chief Mkwavinyika Munyigumba Mwamuyinga, known to the Germans and the British later as Mkwawa, put up a prolonged resistance against German pacification of the territory until being defeated and hanging himself in the 1890s.

Based at his Kalenga Fort in Iringa, Mkwawa's warriors dealt a German unit under a junior officer a blow, compelling imperial authorities in Berlin to send over Major Hermann von Wissman with a better equipped army unit, who crushed all remaining resistance from chiefs in Iringa, Tabora, Kilimanjaro and elsewhere.

Instead of surrendering like most war losers do, Mkwawa took his own life in 1898 to avoid the humiliation of being captured. Astonished at his resolve and ability to fight, the Germans severed his skull and moved it to Berlin until 1954 when it was returned. It now resides at the Mkwawa Memorial Museum at Kalenga.



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makalla (in suit) pictured yesterday inaugurating 300m/- Kinondoni municipality's Kigogo Market, which has been built by Coca-Cola Kwana Ltd and is expected to accommodate at least 100 small traders. Flanking him are the firm's managing director, Unguu Sulay (L), and Kinondoni mayor Songoro Mnyonge. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Minister: All villages to grow into townships

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cessible in rural areas as well," he affirmed during a visit by members of the Governance and Local Governments parliamentary committee.

Tanzania has more than 12,000 villages in rural areas that hold over 80 percent of the country's population. Around 10,000 villages are now connected to the national electricity grid, he stated.

The government has injected 2.03trn/- for extending these services, apart from funds disbursed by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) for other community development pro-

jects. Abdallah Chaurembo, the committee chairman, said his team was satisfied by the TASAF projects being undertaken in Arusha and Karatu districts, as local residents have also been contributing their own funds and labour.

The parliamentary delegation is in the region inspecting projects being executed by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) in the two districts, including school buildings, staff housing, road construction, health centers, agriculture and livestock keeping.

Over 130bn/- intended to benefit 3.5m people in five regions

in TASAF fourth phase projects partnership nationally. More than 3.5m people in five regions will benefit from the TASAF fourth phase round of projects launched in the region.

TASAF Executive Director Ladislaus Mwamanga previously stated during the national launch that new phase will be executed in 33 districts of Arusha, Njombe, Geita, Mwanza and Simiyu regions from November 2021 to October 2022.

In the TASAF fourth phase projects the government is disbursing 130bn/- to undertake around 1,500 poverty reduction projects in the five regions. Over 600 projects will seek to

create employment among the youth; 372 projects focus on infrastructure, while 528 projects relate to the fund's core mission of domestic income generation. Regional Commissioner John Mongella said that Arusha has received 1.5bn/- during October. The first and second phases of TASAF projects executed from 2005 to 2015 benefitted two million people in Lindi and Mtwara regions, holding 5.3 percent of the country's population. In the third phase 743 projects addressing health, water, education and infrastructure development were executed in 13 districts across Arusha and Njombe districts, among others.

## Minister worried over increased deforestation rate in the country

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Hamad Hassan Chande has raised concerns over increased rate of deforestation, a situation which threatens the country's security.

Chande said this recently when speaking at the launch of the Sustainable Environmental Restoration and Biodiversity Conservation project held in Mbeya.

Studies indicate that every year, Tanzania loses an average of approximately 469,420 hectares of forests and that loss has led to significant loss of biodiversity and the risk of extinction of some important species of plant and animal species.

"If the rate of environmental degradation is not controlled, our country will be at risk of desertification, an assessment by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism has shown

that deforestation still continues in many parts of the country. We will need 167bn/- to restore the environment, the amount that could be spent in development projects," Chande said.

He said Tanzania is estimated to have 48.1 million hectares of forest equivalent to an average of 51 percent of the total land area which has significant benefits in biodiversity conservation including biodiversity, water resources, helps reduce global warm-

ing and more it helps to keep the land fertile.

The deputy minister warned that the government will not tolerate any form of misconduct in the implementation of the environmental restoration and biodiversity conservation project. He said the office of the Vice President will be at the forefront to ensure value for money at each of the specific projects to be implemented.

In her welcoming remarks, Permanent

Secretary in the Vice President's Office, Mary Maganga said the project is funded by the Global Environment Fund (GEF) to a tune of \$11.2 million equivalent to 25.7bn/-.

The PS said the aim of the project is to strengthen joint management of the environment and restoration of degraded land to bring prosperity to ecosystems and society as a whole and is part of a major global project being implemented in 11 countries around the

world including Tanzania.

Maganga thanked GEF and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) for working with the government to secure funding for the implementation of the project as well as for the IUCN in collaboration with the office of the Vice President in all stages of project preparation.

The project is implemented in Mbeya, Rukwa, Iringa, Kigoma and Njombe regions.

## Mastercard prizes NMB card payments leadership function

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"Today is a monumental day for NMB Bank and for the development of digital finance and financial inclusion in Tanzania," he stated.

"This MasterCard reward recognises our endless efforts to champion digital inclusion and supporting the national quest for a cashless economy," he asserted.

This recognition is another accolade for NMB's market leadership, the latest award it has scooped this year for operational excellence, he stressed.

NMB leads in most aspects of banking like profit levels, deposits mobilisation, total assets and now card payments. To maintain this position, "NMB will continue to strategically invest and innovate channels that offer card and payment solutions," he elaborated.

"Our leadership in card issuance is attributable to technology investments and a dedicated team of professionals who advise on the best solutions for clients' needs," he further noted.

"We will continue to drive the right payment behaviour for our customers and Tanzania at large and we are pleased to work with MasterCard,

whose global payments technology and expertise have provided relevant payment products for our growing customer base."

Their cards venture dates back to 2014 when they formed a partnership to use electronic payments to help reduce cash dependence and back the national financial inclusion agenda.

MasterCard East Africa manager Shehryar Ali commended NMB for concerted digital finance and innovation efforts.

However, cash was still king in the country and expensive for the economy, with the cost of cash in Tanzania cited as two per cent of GDP at present. "This is very expensive because the money has to be printed, stored, transported and secured," he pointed out.

Up to 90 per cent of commercial transactions in Tanzania are done in cash, he stated, seeing the rewarding of NMB as more than the MasterCard card usage growth record.

"We are also celebrating NMB for being a pillar of financial inclusion in Tanzania and a champion of digital finance who has been of great service to the country and its people," he added.

## Gates, SIDA, UNICEF for US\$150m guarantee to help access to vaccines, health supplies in LMICs

By Special Correspondent

THE Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), and UNICEF today announced a \$150 million financial guarantee to help UNICEF procure vaccines and other health-related supplies for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

This financing, effective through 2025, will help sustain national immunization programs, including COVID-19 vaccination campaigns, and enable the timely procurement of essential health supplies while domestic financing is mobilized.

Many low- and middle-income countries rely on UNICEF's procurement services to secure access to a wide array of affordable

essential health supplies as part of their emergency response and to meet routine needs. With the COVID-19 pandemic putting decades of work to improve child survival in jeopardy, this new financing will help improve the sustainable and reliable availability of essential and often lifesaving health supplies, such as diagnostics, syringes, and oxygen concentrators.

"The world cannot have a system in which supplies that are critical to improving the health of all people are auctioned to the highest bidder, forcing poorer countries to go without," said Chris Elias, president of the Global Development Division at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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The facility will offer specialized services such as ear, nose and throat (ENT) treatment, along with eye and dental clinics, while envisaged hospital facilities will be installed with incinerators.

"These hospitals will help to improve health service delivery and decongest patients at the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital," the minister noted, explaining that efforts continue to improve the Abdallah Mzee Regional Hospital in Pemba.

"We will also build an intensive care unit (ICU),

mortuary and digital X-ray, dialysis services, operation theatre room equipment and an oxygen plant to supply oxygen directly to the patient's bed," he explained.

Using the monies, the government will procure 12 four wheel drive ambulances to be distributed to district hospitals and two regional hospitals, while the government purchases five vehicles for distribution of drugs and medical equipment to hospitals and health centres, the minister noted.

"This will reduce transport cost as we are currently spending a lot of money to hire vehicles from pri-

private firms. Having our own vehicles would also ensure safety of drugs and medical equipment," he stated.

Drawings of all these hospitals have been completed and procurement procedures are underway. Tenders will soon be announced to get contractors who will start implementing the projects early next month, and expected to be completed by mid next year.

All the health facilities are to be built by local contractors to stimulate Zanzibar's economy, thus local contractors need to grab these opportunity wisely, he added.



Farida Kamala (R), a senior relationship manager with Absa Bank Tanzania, speaks at the bank's pavilion on the last day of the weeklong Financial Services Week in Dar es Salaam yesterday. She was briefing visitors on the bank's products and services. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## US celebrates 5 years of improving HIV, TB and family planning health services

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

REPRESENTATIVES from the United States government and Tanzania celebrated the achievements of the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Boresha Afya ("Better Health") North-Central and Southern Zone activities.

Through strong collaboration and enduring partnership with the government of Tanzania, the \$222 million-dollar, five-year Boresha Afya activities improved health outcomes for millions of Tanzanians in 12 regions across the country.

HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis (TB) are among the leading causes of illness, disability, and death in Tanzania. The lack of access to maternal/child health and family planning services for Tanzanian citizens, especially for women and adolescents, also contributes to poor health. Too many Tanzanians are unable to access high quality, inclusive health services, with limited coordination between facilities and communities resulting in inadequate support for patients.

Over the last five years, the Boresha Afya activities employed dynamic and innovative solutions to address these challenges. The activities' primary ob-

jectives were to increase the availability of and improve access to quality health services at the community level. To achieve its objectives, the activities combined HIV services with sexual/reproductive health, TB, and family planning services, and coordinated between health service providers, and communities.

As a result of the Boresha Afya activities, over 8.3 million Tanzanians received HIV testing services of which nearly 340 thousand learned their HIV positive status.

All HIV positive patients were enrolled on life saving antiretroviral treatment. Furthermore, Boresha Afya reached over 10 million clients through the provision of family planning outreach services.

Speaking at the event, USAID Mission Director V. Kate Somvongsiri addressed the guest of honour, Minister of the President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government, Ummu Mwalimu.

"Honorable Minister, we hope the achievements highlighted in this meeting will encourage your ministry to maintain an enabling environment that will continue to support an integrated approach to health services delivery for all Tanzanians so that these achievements can be sustained."

## Minister challenges graduates to venture into their own businesses

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

INDUSTRY and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has challenged graduates to start their own businesses after they complete their studies instead of wasting time searching for white collar jobs in government and private sectors.

Prof Mkumbo threw the challenge over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the 56th Business College of Education (CBE), graduation ceremony.

The minister said every year over 800,000 students graduate from different universities all over the country so there is no room for all of them to get employment from either government or private sector suggesting that the only solution is to be creative and start their own business.

"Employment opportunities in government are very limited and we have thousands of graduates each year so the important thing is for you to be innovative and begin your own things. There is

no employment but there are many things you can do by using the skills you have acquired here," said Prof Mkumbo.

He also said that the government recognizes the importance and achievement of the college and also the infrastructure challenges they face but plan are underway to solve them so that the college can run smoothly.

He argued the college management to emphasize on business training for the students, provide short courses for none students and con-

duct researches which will solve some challenges in business sector.

He said government recognizes the importance of business education in the country's development and the vivid examples are the developed countries like Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa which have invested a lot in modern technology and business education.

Professor Mkumbo said entrepreneurship skills need innovation and participation from others so that it become

very easy to reach the intended goals adding that there are abundant opportunities like lakes, ocean, rivers, minerals and natural resources which can be used to create wealthy.

On his part, the CBE Rector, Professor Emanuel Mjema said apart from the increments of the number of courses at the college, they have continued with their development plan to ensure that the college becomes number one in education provision among universities.

He said they provide education by looking at the mar-

ket demand adding that they have continued to sponsor their lecturers to reach the level of (PhDs) by using internal funds.

Professor Mjema said CBE have 35 lectures with PhDs and still they plan to ensure that many lectures go for more studies adding that currently the college has sponsored 43 lectures to pursue their PhDs studies and other 11 to study master's level.

Professor Mjema asked the government to continue to sponsor the college lectures so that they can be able to

advance their carries to the level of PhDs which is important in higher learning institutions.

Professor Mjema also said CBE face the challenge of funds for research activities, but he thanked the government for paying salaries to all college staff.

"This is very important contribution to our college which ensure that CBE as institution run smoothly and that main thing we are doing here is teaching, doing researches and doing consultancies," he said

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## PUBLIC NOTES

The Government of Tanzania, through the President's, Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication (MoWTC) is in preparation phase of the Msimbazi Basin Development Project with financing of the International Development Association (IDA) credit (i.e., the World Bank). The project will be implemented by Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) on behalf of the respective ministries mentioned above.

The project intends to undertake the following:

- 1. Flood Protection and Prevention:** Drainage and flood water containment works to enhance river discharge capacity and eliminate spillover into surrounding neighborhoods (to be implemented by PO-RALG) will include strengthening riverbanks at critical locations upstream for erosion control; sand traps at strategic locations upstream; creation of land terraces in the lower Msimbazi flood plain; flood protection and multiple use terraces infrastructure, sites and services for use as wetland park, multi-use recreational area and commercial and housing redevelopment; downstream and upstream river maintenance depots; resettlement of flood affected communities; dredging and widening of the river channel.
- 2. Resilient Transport Infrastructure:** Upgrading of transport infrastructure to accommodate increasing intensity of rainfall events and increased storm water runoff resulting from rapid urban development in wider catchment. This includes raising and widening of Jangwani Bridge (to be implemented by TANROADS) and Upgrading/Rehabilitation of roads and bridges to improve mobility while reducing erosion and flooding risk (through greening and other erosion reduction measures) linking with Msimbazi Valley (to be implemented by PO-RALG-TARURA).
- 3. Erosion/Sedimentation/Litter Control and Urban Greening:** These measures are intended to protect against clogging of river channel due to erosion/sedimentation and solid waste dumping – and will be delivered in part through a public works campaign that provides training and employment for women and youth (to be implemented by PO-RALG). Activities include reforestation of upstream forest reserves; urban greening along riverbanks and tributaries via public works campaign; revitalization of mangrove area; reinforcement of riverbanks in middle and upper basin (main channel and tributaries); solid waste management collection and litter control program; and routine sediment removal and management.
- 4. Urban Planning, Services and Management:** Interventions to implement and sustain the land uses identified in Msimbazi Opportunity Plan (MOP) as appropriate for each respective terrace level in lower Msimbazi Basin and strengthening of city-wide emergency response. This includes participatory land use planning for Msimbazi Special Planning Area within upper and middle basin; and strengthening its development controls as well as management of public urban park in Lower Basin.

This is to notify the public and all stakeholders of the Msimbazi River Basin that a team of experts from the implementing agencies, in collaboration with consultants for carrying out feasibility study, preliminary design and detailed engineering design, environmental and social safeguards will be consulting stakeholders using various methods that include meetings, interviews and questionnaires. Dates and venue for consultation will be communicated accordingly. It should be noted that all COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

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# Tanzania wins accolades for putting in place national plan of action for ending violence against women and children

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

TANZANIA has won praise for putting in place a National Plan of Action to end violence against Women and Children.

The observations were made in Geneva during the 39th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group held in Geneva on November 5, 2021.

In her comments, Norway said Tanzania's action to implement a National Plan of Action to end Violence against Women and Children was commendable.

For her part, Korea commended the move by Tanzania to implement the Plan a move she said will help to combat violence against women and children.

In her recommendations, Namibia called upon Tanzania to strengthen planning, budgeting and institutional mechanisms at the national and sub level to ensure effective implementation of the plan.

For her part, Spain called upon Tanzania to set aside adequate resources for the National Plan of Action to End Violence against Women and Children to strengthen the fight against child and forced marriages.

In 2016, the government in collaboration with various stakeholders managed to put in place The National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children 2017/18 - 2021/22 to eliminate all forms of violence against women and children in Tanzania.

Among the priority areas of the National Plan is to encourage and support women and children to stand against violence wherever and whenever they see it and effectively engage men in the process.

The National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children 2017/18 - 2021/22 seeks to modify harmful gender norms that perpetuate harmful traditional practices such as FGM and child marriage.

It also seeks to transform parenting norms that condone physical and emotional violence against children or that results in violation cases which go unreported," reads the Plan in part.

In 2011, Tanzania released findings of Violence against Children (VAC) survey which found that nearly one in three girls and one out of seven boys experience some form of sexual violence before turning 18.

The report further indicated that most children do not report their experience, few seek services, and even fewer actually receive any care, treatment, or support if they do report

According to the 2010 Demographic Health Survey, 39 percent of women aged 15-49 have ever experienced physical violence since age 15 and almost one-third of women (33%) aged 15-49 experienced physical violence in the 12 months prior to the survey.



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Magu district commissioner Salum Kali (L) exchanges views with his Illema counterpart, Hassan Massala (R), and Barrick North Mara Mine community relations manager Gilbert Mworira during the launch of Barrick's Local Business Development Programme in Mwanza city at the weekend. The thrust of the scheme is on building the capacity of mining sector suppliers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## APHFTA, USAID donate equipment to improve Iringa health services

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Association of Private Health Facilities in Tanzania (APHFTA) with the support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the 'Tohara Salama' project has donated anaesthesia kit worth more than 8m/- to Iringa regional hospital.

The donation is part of the project's implementation which has also seen a total of 12,066 men in the region undergoing circumcision services, a move which is aimed to reduce new HIV/Aids infections.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony yesterday, USAID Project Manager for 'Tohara Salama', Anjelina Mchome said the project which is implemented for two years, aims to expand Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) services in five priority re-

gions in Tanzania including Morogoro, Tabora, Singida, Iringa and Njombe.

A total of 1,600 bottles of 'Bupivacaine Injection' worth 8.8m/- have been donated. She said that men who were circumcised included those aged 15 years and above, and that the target has been met by 94 percent within a year.

Mchome said the Toraha Salama project aims to reduce new HIV infections for 15-year-olds, adults and beyond adding that that is the second year in the implementation of the project for Iringa Region.

In Iringa Region, the project is being implemented in five councils and 18 health centers.

Mchome added that the Tohara Salama project empowers service providers by providing them with capacity building training to ensure provision of better services and ultimately reduce the new HIV/Aids infections.

Iringa Regional Medical Officer (RMO) Dr Mohamed Mang'una said the support of anaesthesia kits is timely as it would help to improve surgical services.

He said the APHFTA has been at the forefront of contributing to the provision of quality health care services through the safe circumcision project.

Dr Mang'una said the organization has helped in the fight against COVID-19 by encouraging people to get vaccinated.

He added that the support would assist in surgical operations at major hospitals and district health facilities.

He appealed to other development partners to support the government's efforts towards improvement of health services.

Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) reduces female-to-male sexual transmission of HIV by 60 percent.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNAIDS recommend the implementation of VMMC programs in countries with a high HIV prevalence among the general population.

VMMC is cost-effective and should be included, alongside behavioural and structural strategies, as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention plan.



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- Certified clean driving licence Class C and highly competent driving skills
- Possession of Trade test Grade II Certificate from VETA or any other reputable institution
- Fluency in Kiswahili and English
- Three years or more in an international organisation as a driver
- A strong knowledge of Tanzania Road Regulations and Laws
- A very good geographical knowledge of Tanzania and of the roads and streets in Dar es Salaam
- Accident free record for the last three immediate consecutive years
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent management & delivery of results
- The successful candidate must have a legal entitlement to live and work in Tanzania, prior to recruitment

#### Desirable:

- Vehicle mechanical and management skills

#### Terms and conditions of employment:

- The successful candidate will be hired on a fixed-term three year contract commencing January 2022 and will be based at the Embassy of Ireland, Dar Es Salaam.
- The salary for the position is TZS 15,206,336 per annum, paid locally on a monthly basis. Salaries are paid direct to a bank account, therefore the successful candidate must have a bank account.
- The position will have an annual leave allowance of 24 days per annum, exclusive of public holidays, adjusted pro rata.
- This is a full time position (38 hours per week). Occasional late working and overnight travel required.

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates should send their cover letter, together with their most recent curriculum vitae, with details of their phone, email and contact details of three referees to:

embassydarjobs@dfa.ie,

or

Hiring Manager,

P.O. Box 9612,

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Applications must be received before 18:00 (local time), on 26 November 2021.

Applicants should visit

<https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/tanzania/about-us/job-opportunities/> to access the Job Description.

No applications will be accepted after this deadline. Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

#### Data Protection Note:

All personal information received will be kept in line with GDPR guidelines.

#### Security Clearance for Local Staff:

Police vetting will be sought in respect of individuals who come under consideration for appointment. Enquiries may also be made with the police force of any country in which the applicant under consideration for appointment resided. If unsuccessful this information will be destroyed. If the applicant subsequently comes under consideration for another position they will be required to supply this information again.

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## AMISOM confirms Ugandan soldiers' conviction in a court martial for killing Somali civilians

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THE African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has confirmed that two of their soldiers have been sentenced to death for killing Somali civilians.

In a statement, the peacekeeping mission said the two soldiers and three others handed 39 years in prison will be repatriated from Somalia to Uganda to serve their sentences.

"As soldiers, we have a responsibility to protect lives and property. Our mission in Somalia is to degrade Al-Shabaab and other armed groups. In doing so, we absolutely have every responsibility to protect the civilian population, and this is very clear in our Rules of Engagement," said the Ugandan People Defence Force Contingent and AMISOM Sector 1 Commander, Brig. Gen. Don Nabasa.

The Head of AMISOM, Francisco Madeira, thanked the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Federal Government of Somalia for their co-operation and support. Ambassador Madeira deeply regrets the killing of the civilians and has, once again, conveyed his and AMISOM's condolences to the bereaved families for the tragic incident.

"As a Mission, AMISOM remains deeply committed to the cause of peace, security and stability in Somalia and the protection of the local population in strict respect of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law, and AMISOM rules of Engagement. All these instruments are part and parcel of our core values and mandate," said Ambassador Madeira.



Bank of India staff pictured at their Dar es Salaam offices interact with customer Winfrida Bundala (L), who visited the bank during the just-ended National Financial Service Week for a feel of services and goods on offer there. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## RC intervenes on school's pit latrine scarcity

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO Regional Commissioner Martine Shigella has intervened and solved the scarcity of pit latrines that saw teachers and students of Mkuyuni secondary school in Morogoro Districts here the same single pit latrine.

Shigella instructed the Morogoro district executive director to set aside 11m/- from its internal sources for the construction of pit latrines at the school.

The RC was forced to intervene following reports from the school's assistant head teacher saying for a long time both students and teachers have been sharing the same single pit latrine.

RC Shigella issued the directives following his visit to inspect various development projects in the district and listen to people's complaints.

He said if Morogoro District Council was able to allocate 30m/- for finishing construction work of girl students at the school, it should also dish out funds for building the pit latrines.

For his part, the district executive director Rehema Bwasi assured the RC that she will allocate the money for the pit latrines construction at the school.

Earlier, the assistant headmaster of the Mkuyuni secondary school, Reward Kihedu said the school has more than 900 students and 20 teachers, but added that the main problem was the lack of pit latrines, saying they had only one pit latrine for the entire school.

## National quality awards lined up for inauguration in Dar es Salaam today

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

INDUSTRY and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo is today expected to grace the launch of a national quality awards competition to be held in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the quality control manager at Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Gervas Kaisi said the awards have been organised by the standard watchdog in collaboration with Tanzania Private sector Foun-

datation (TPSF).

Kaisi said the competition would involve five categories namely award for best company, best annual product, best annual service provider, best foreign seller and the last award would go to an individu-

al who has done a lot in quality related issues.

He said the event would also be used to award winners emerged during last year's competition which was organised by TBS in collaboration with TPSF, CTI, SIDO, Zanzibar

Bureau of Standard (ZBS) TC-CIA and TanTrade.

The TBS official thanked the government through the Ministry of Industry and Trade for handling the whole event which would be the initial preparation for winners to take

part in the coming SADC competition. According to him, the awards are part of the government initiatives towards improvement of goods and services produced locally to adhere to required standards during the production process.

Kaisi said the awards would increase efficiency among producers and service providers hence raise equal fairness. He urged the producers and service providers to take part during the whole period of competition.



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### Invitation for Quotations/Bids

**Vendor for WAT CP Power Backup Supply and Digital Phone Systems**



#### 1.0 Background

WaterAid Tanzania Country Programme is part of WaterAid, which is an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) with its head office in London, UK; dedicated to the provision of safe water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people. WaterAid Tanzania collaborates with the Government of Tanzania (GOT) at three levels: Local Government Authorities (LGA), Regional and Central Government and works in partnership with local organizations to set up sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Interventions/ projects using appropriate technology that can be managed by the communities themselves.

WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania" which is registered as Non-Governmental Organization in The Republic of Tanzania (NO.SO.7557). WaterAid Tanzania operates as a Country Programme and functional office of WaterAid UK; within East African Region. The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No. 1469, Masaki Area within Kinondoni District.

#### 1. The Vendor

The vendor shall be a company and legally registered to operate in Tanzania with a valid business and professional license. The vendor shall be a well-established, reputable, and experienced in one of the two (Power back systems or Digital phone system or both) work in Tanzania, with profound experience of Power back systems or Digital phone system installation.

#### 2. Scope of work

##### 2.1. The prerequisite

- The vendors will be required to do a preliminary survey of our premises and get a full picture of our requirements prior to submission of the proposal.
- Prepare and submit the tender

##### 2.2. Outputs

The following outputs among others are expected at the end of the installation exercise

- A working power back up to support IT equipment for at least 8 hours after the power outage
- A digital PABX phone system that supports MS teams and video conferencing

#### 3.0 Additional supplies

- Meraki Cisco switch MX84
- Switch - ubiquity us-24 (24 Port)

The terms of reference can be found on the WaterAid Tanzania website:

<https://www.wateraid.org/tz/media/14976>

Eligible interested bidders should send their bids to WaterAid Tanzania Office before 29th November 2021 at 10:00am East Africa Time;

**Addressed to:** "Country Director – WaterAid Tanzania, P.O. Box 33759 Plot No.1469 Rufiji Street: Off Haile Selassie Rd - Msasani Peninsular, Dar es Salaam: Tanzania." and clearly marked "Bid for Power Backup Supply and Digital Phone Systems". The Opening will be on 29th November 2021 at 11:00am at WaterAid Country Office.

**Note:** WaterAid has a Mandatory Operating Procedure (MOP) and therefore for those who will visit our office for inspection, submission or tender opening will not be allowed to enter office premises without properly wash their hand and wearing masks

## Stanbic Bank donates 21 oxygen tanks to KCMC in support to health sector

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

STANBIC Bank Tanzania Limited has donated 21 oxygen tanks worth approximately 15m/- to Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in its efforts to support the health sector in the country.

Bank's Head of Risk, Wilmot Ishengoma, handed over the oxygen tanks to the Kilimanjaro Regional Medical Officer, Dr Credianus Mngimba, who represented the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner at a hand over ceremony held at the hospital.

"This donation is a mark of solidarity with our fellow Tanzanians, customers and the community-at-large. Medical oxygen is critical to our health and we are honored to offer our support in making it available so that lives can be saved," said Ishengoma.

The KCMC acting Executive Director, Dr Stephen Kolimba commended Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited for the donation, stating that it will reduce the deficit of the much needed gas cylinders at the hospital.

In receiving the donation, Dr Mngimba thanked the bank, stating that the demand for medical services is continuously increasing, thus the need for continued support from stakeholders.

The handover of 21 oxygen tanks to KCMC follows a donation of 7 oxygen tanks to Bugando Referral Hospital in Mwanza in October 2021. In Mwanza, the handover of the donation was done by Stanbic Bank's Head of Technology and Operations, Mussa Ally, and received by the Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Eng. Robert Gabriel.

To-date, Stanbic Bank Tanzania has contributed over 1bn/- as part of its Corporate Social Investment, mainly in health and education sectors.



**This donation is a mark of solidarity with our fellow Tanzanians, customers and the community-at-large. Medical oxygen is critical to our health and we are honored to offer our support in making it available so that lives can be saved**



Serengeti Breweries Limited customers celebrate with Guinness Smooth during the brand's launch in Mbeya city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## RC Makalla hails Coca-Cola Kwanza's continued support for youth, women

By Guardian Reporter,

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Commissioner, Amos Makalla has commended Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd—a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa for constructing two market facilities to support food vendors at Coco Beach and Kigogo in Kinondoni District.

Makalla showered the praise to the firm over the weekend at the handover event of a market facility built at Kigogo, the area previously known as Kigogo dampo.

This came just a few weeks after the sub-

siary of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa built structures at Coco-Beach to support food vendors. The two facilities will directly benefit more than two hundred young men and women within Dar es Salaam.

"The donation came at right time when the government is working towards re-allocating street vendors to conducive working environment, on behalf of the government I would like to extend our greatest thanks to Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd by coming up in right moment to join government efforts on empowering our citizen economically targeting women and youth who are

majority group in our country population," said the Regional Commissioner.

Makalla called upon other institutions, stakeholders, and non-government organizations to benchmark what Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd did on working together and support the government's efforts in finding solutions to community challenges.

The Kigogo market was handed over to Kinondoni municipal council and will be managed by the council, the government promises to further develop the market to accommodate more formal space for street vendors.

Speaking at the event, Coca-Cola kwanza's Managing Director, Unguu Sulay said: "We are here to refresh Tanzanians and make a difference in their lives by creating a more sustainable and better shared future. We are focused on empowering youth and women and our recent community support aligns perfectly with the government's efforts to relocate street vendors to more formal areas where they can get further support for growing their businesses."

Elaborating the project, The Director of Public Affairs, Communications, and Sustainability, Salum Nassor said: "This

modern market with access to utilities like municipal water and electricity will incorporate space for food vendors, shops, and vegetable market but will in near future include a facility for collection of post-consumer PET bottles for sale to recyclers helping to clean our environment but also creating further employment opportunities."

Relocation of petty traders in Dar es Salaam and other major cities followed President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive to regional authorities across the country that they should immediately start allocating



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Abt Associates**, global leader in research, evaluation, and program implementation in the fields of international development, health, and social and environmental policy, seeks highly qualified candidates for an anticipated **USAID-funded malaria case management and surveillance project in Tanzania**.

Candidates should possess a university degree in a relevant field and a minimum of 10 years of professional experience in one or more of the relevant technical areas listed below. USAID and PMI experience is highly preferred.

**Chief of Party** manages and supervises the successful implementation of evidence-based malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy interventions, social and behavior change strategies, malaria surveillance and monitoring, and capacity building strategies. The COP acts as the primary liaison between the project, the client, government agencies, and other malaria stakeholders. The COP will provide overall strategic direction, operations management, technical leadership, and financial and administrative compliance for all project activities to assure that activities meet desired outcomes, are completed on-time, and are within budget.

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**Technical Director** will be responsible for technical oversight of all project activities. He/she will work in close collaboration with NMCP, ZAMEP, and MOHCDGEC counterparts and malaria stakeholders to support a range of activities essential to malaria prevention, case management, monitoring, and surveillance in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. A clinical degree is required.

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Interested candidates may send a CV and cover letter via the Abt Associates Career website here: <https://tinyurl.com/ap6ezvje>. Please include the title of the technical area and "USAID/Malaria Surveillance" in the subject line of the email. One email per position application. Deadline for applications is **30 November 2021**. All positions are contingent upon program award and funding. Tanzanian nationals are encouraged to apply. Only qualified candidates will be contacted.

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### NOW RECRUITING FOR NEW POSTS TO DELIVER AN EXCITING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) is a national umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Civil Society Organizations which are working to promote Early Childhood Development in Tanzania by influencing change in policies, programmes and practices that impact on the holistic development of the child, inspired by a vision that the rights and needs of all infants and young children must be realized in order to survive, grow and develop to their full potential. TECDEN has been in operation since 2000 and is a leading platform for ECD dialogue coordination among civil society, government and other stakeholders.

TECDEN in partnership with Children in Crossfire Tanzania have recently secured funding from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to deliver an ambitious three years project championing ECD policy and programming advocacy. The project to be popularly known as "Mtoto Kwanza" will provide lead support to the government of Tanzania and to the wider ECD stakeholders in supporting the implementation of the anticipated National Multisectoral ECD Programme both at national, regional and council levels. The project will support civil society engagement with national monitoring mechanism as well as establish a network of local civil society organizations across all mainland regions of Tanzania to effectively engage regional and local government in ECD programming. Through partnership with the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC), community engagement will be enhanced via a network of ECD champion journalists reporting on all ECD domains across all Tanzania mainland regions.

**We are recruiting for key roles to lead successful implementation of this unique and exciting project. All positions will be based in the TECDEN Country Office in Dodoma.**

**- PROJECT MANAGER:** The *Mtoto Kwanza!* Project Manager will provide TECDEN management-lead to the quality delivery and continuous improvements of this flagship ECD project. The position will hold specific responsibility to establish the project network of Local CSOs championing ECD across all mainland regions and ensure excellent management leadership of the project network to achieve quality ECD programming sub-nationally across Tanzania. The Project Manager will also actively support TECDEN engagement in national-level ECD policy and programming processes and mechanisms.

**- PROJECT OFFICER:** The *Mtoto Kwanza!* Project Officer will provide lead implementation support to the Project Manager for coordinating the activities and organisation of a project network of Local CSOs championing ECD across all mainland regions. This includes supporting capacity-building, ECD advocacy initiatives, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, and wider administration and troubleshooting across the project network of Local CSOs. The positions reports to Project Manager.

**- NETWORK ACCOUNTANT:** The Network Accountant is responsible for finance management of TECDEN operations in Tanzania. The Network Accountant will lead the set-up of TECDEN's finance management function and finance systems, provide high capacity leadership to network accounting, and ensure accountability to finance policy and procedures across all TECDEN operations. The position reports to the Executive Director, and works closely with our partner Children in Crossfire in finance management.

Detailed **JOB DESCRIPTIONS** and **APPLICATION FORMS** for these exciting positions can be downloaded from: <https://www.tecden.or.tz>

**All applicants are required to complete a TECDEN Application Form and email to: [recruitment@tecden.or.tz](mailto:recruitment@tecden.or.tz)**

Only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**



## Procurement Opportunities

### Tender for Framework Agreements & Pre- Qualifications

Medical Teams International is Non-Government Organization (NGO) which was found in 1979, provides life-saving medical care for people in crisis, such as survivors of natural disasters and refugees.

Medical Teams International, Tanzania is inviting interested suppliers to express their interest to supply Medical Teams International with goods and services as per description below. All interested parties are requested to participate.

<b>Procuring Entity:</b>	Medical Teams International
<b>Tender No:</b>	TN-TAN21.003 - 024
<b>Tender Name</b>	Invitation to Tender for Framework Agreements & Pre- Qualifications
<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>CATEGORY A: SUPPLY OF GOODS</b>
TN-TAN21.003	Supply of general stationeries
TN-TAN21.004	Supply of office supplies
TN-TAN21.005	Supply and maintenance of photocopiers, scanners, computers, printers, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), laptops, software, toners and accessories
TN-TAN21.006	Supply of branded items and promotional materials
TN-TAN21.007	Supply, installation and maintenance of fire and security alarms, equipment and security systems
TN-TAN21.008	Supply of Electrical supplies and Generator repair services
TN-TAN21.009	Supply of office furniture and fixtures
TN-TAN21.010	Supply of Medicines
TN-TAN21.011	Supply of Medical Consumables
TN-TAN21.012	Supply of Medical Equipment
TN-TAN21.013	Supply of vehicle Tires & accessories
TN-TAN21.014	Supply of Groceries -Supermarket services (Dar es salaam, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kibondo & Mwanza)
TN-TAN21.015	Supply of Medicines (Kigoma and Mwanza)
<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>CATEGORY B: PROVISION OF SERVICES</b>
TN-TAN21.016	Provision of catering services Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kibondo and Mwanza
TN-TAN21.017	Servicing, repair and maintenance of vehicles (Dar es salaam, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kibondo & Mwanza)
TN-TAN21.018	Hotel Services in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kibondo and Mwanza
TN-TAN21.019	Provision of Air ticketing services
TN-TAN21.020	Provision of Legal services
TN-TAN21.021	Vehicle hiring services in Dodoma (SUV 4X4), Mwanza, Kigoma and Dar es Salaam
TN-TAN21.022	Provision of Taxi services in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kibondo and Mwanza
TN-TAN21.023	Funeral Services (Kigoma and Mwanza)
TN-TAN21.024	Provision Of Insurance Services for Vehicles
<b>Source of Fund</b>	Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration, UNHCR & MTI
<b>Eligible Firms</b>	National (Registered in Tanzania)
<b>Method of Procurement</b>	National Competitive Bidding
<b>Mode Application</b>	Via Email; <a href="mailto:procurementz@medicalteams.org">procurementz@medicalteams.org</a> (Please send an introduction email for document inquiry)
<b>Deadline</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Bids Submission</b>	Via Email; <a href="mailto:procurementz@medicalteams.org">procurementz@medicalteams.org</a>

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### PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under non-governmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDEGEC) and Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), The Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health (MoH) in Zanzibar with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through strengthening of health and community systems for comprehensive quality health services including HIV/AIDS; Tuberculosis; prevention of GBV; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health (RMNHCAH) services; laboratory and health management information systems (HIMS).

Tanzania Health Promotion Support, (THPS) invites applications from eligible, competent and qualified companies to apply for Prequalification for provision of goods and services listed below;

Lot Nr	Description of Services
1	Computer Hardware & Consumables.
2	Laboratory, Medical supplies and Equipment
3	Pharmaceuticals
4	Office Stationaries
5	Office Furniture
6	Tyres and Tubes
7	General Printing
8	Printing, Photocopy & Binding services
9	Hotel/Venue/Hall Services/Venue Package in all regions
10	Maintenance of office copiers, Printers and Scanners
11	Maintenance of Computers, UPS and Servers
12	Maintenance of Centrifuge Machines
13	Catering Services
14	Internet/Data Services
15	Vehicle Insurance
16	Cleaning Services
17	Translation Services
18	Fleet Management/ Tracking
19	Car Hire and Rental Services in all regions
21	Air travel agency services
22	Provision of Legal services
23	Recruitment Agencies
24	Creative Agencies
25	Courier Services ( parcels and goods)
26	Generators Services and Maintenance
27	Contractors for Minor repair, Office Upgrade & Renovation
28	Event Management services
29	Consultants – ( Gender, Communications, Family Planning, Capacity Building, Research Services etc. )

Interested bidders may obtain the application forms from THPS Website ([www.thps.or.tz](http://www.thps.or.tz)) under **Work With Us – Jobs & Tenders** section (<https://www.thps.or.tz/jobs-tenders/>).

Prequalification documents will be available for downloading on the website from the same link on 18th November 2021 to 24th November 2021.

Deadline for submission of applications will be on Friday 25th November 2021 not later than 2:00PM through our email [tenders@thps.or.tz](mailto:tenders@thps.or.tz)

Applicants will not be required to protect their submitted documents with password.

Applicants will not be required to pay any fee for any service category applied at THPS office.

Existing Suppliers who wish to be considered for THPS list of Suppliers are also required to submit their applications for pre-qualification

**Note:**

This is an application for prequalification and not for supply of goods and services. Only registered suppliers will be requested to provide competitive quotations for supply of goods and services as and when needed.

THPS reserves the right to accept or reject any applications, and not bound to give reasons for its decision. Canvassing or giving false information will lead to automatic disqualification.

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## New policies needed to promote agroforestry

Millions of people could escape poverty, hunger and environmental degradation if countries put more effort into promoting agroforestry, an integrated approach combining trees with crop or livestock production.

The agroforestry sector is a significant source both of local commodities such as fuel wood, timber, fruit and fodder for livestock as well as global ones such as coconut, coffee, tea, rubber and gum. Almost half the world's agricultural land has at least 10 per cent tree cover, making agroforestry critical to the livelihoods of millions.

Agroforestry is a land use management system in which trees or shrubs are grown around or among crops or pastureland. This diversification of the farming system initiates an agroecological succession, like that in natural ecosystems, and so starts a chain of events that enhance the functionality and sustainability of the farming system. Trees also produce a wide range of useful and marketable products from fruits/nuts, medicines, wood products, etc.

This intentional combination of agriculture and forestry has multiple benefits, such as greatly enhanced yields from staple food crops, enhanced farmer livelihoods from income generation, increased biodiversity, improved soil structure and health, reduced erosion, and carbon sequestration. Agroforestry prac-

tices are highly beneficial in the tropics, especially in subsistence smallholdings in sub-Saharan Africa.

In 1966, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights established that, adequate food is a human right. This effectively made access to, and affordability of adequate food a universal human right and protected in the rights instruments. And international cooperation plays a key role in guaranteeing a fair distribution of food. Over the years, concerted efforts have been made towards realizing food and nutrition security for all.

The right to food is the focus of Goal 2 of the UN's 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Achieving Zero Hunger is still elusive! World hunger has increased since 2014.

With the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the world is now potentially facing the worst hunger crisis in 50 years. Target 2.1 of SDG 2 states that by 2030, we should have eradicated hunger and be able to guarantee all people access to sufficient, nutritious food, all year round. We are now at the beginning of the last decade to the SDGs timeline. Despite this, the UN projects that hunger will not be eradicated by 2030 unless bold actions are taken to address inequity in access to food.

In September 2020, the UN announced that the world is "far from the target" and is rather trending towards a "deterioration".

## Glasgow final act points at policy gaps needing resolve

DURING late hours of Friday 12th November, the final day of the United Nations climate change conference (COP 26) in Glasgow in the United Kingdom, a few things had clearly emerged that showed inability to move to 1.5degrees Celsius temperature rise instead of 2.7 degrees that experts say the world is on track to registering late this century.

Not everyone could come on board as to ending the use of coal in power generation, and the countries with the biggest populations, China and India, were pointedly unable to commit themselves to phasing out coal, urgently. Even mentioning fossil fuels was a blemish.

An announcement by the delegations of the United States and China of putting aside other differences to work on climate issues signaled substantial areas of accord, for instance spreading new technologies especially for motor vehicles, trains or airplanes.

Some headway was also being made on financing efforts of developing countries or poorer countries for that matter, but efforts to make climate adaptation an issue for global financing rather than national budgeting weren't making much headway.

Massive devastation from cyclones, floods or bushfires will not be compensated by global lenders at any point now or later.

When it comes to what countries can do to tackle effects of climate change, it is quite evident that the more a country's economy has been reformed to march in tandem with global capital flows and private investments, the more it is capable of taking up technologically advanced energy sources, etc.

This for instance can be cited with regard to India's power production where up to 70 per cent is said to be using coal sources, which is also a massive employer with thousands of labourers carrying coal on buckets put on the head to power stations nearby. Altering this needs massive capital outlays which India can't put up.

The same is noticed in Africa where large peasant populations tiring the soil and cutting down trees for charcoal and firewood need to be reengaged in an urban services economy and industries for land to regenerate.

Government revenues are tied down to servicing drawn out village locations for roads, water, electricity and health centres, and no surpluses remain to do massive reforestation countrywide, and make sure the trees grow, if water is ferried there by trucks, etc.

NGOs are doing what they can in league with local governments; indeed many places have become greener, but water sources are rapidly decreasing.

Thus the calls for changing power generation sources or altering land use to stem deforestation clashes with traditional ways which can't be effectively altered unless these units (energy, agriculture sectors) are part of global flows of capital, can be bought and sold.

Then their technological preferences would be altered as companies with equipment lying in stock without a buyer would take up the firms or land to start using it differently. But countries identify themselves with public ownership, specific patterns of land use and settled populations, unquestionably.

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## Nigeria needs industrialisation, not infrastructure

By Francis E. Ogbimi

INDUSTRIALISATION is the solution to the myriad of problems confronting Nigeria. Great minds build great nations. Great minds listen and learn so as to increase their understanding. They are knowledgeable and are wise. They enjoy the grace of discernment. Many people agree that Lee Kuan Yew, founder of modern Singapore and Mao Zedong of the Peoples' Republic of China were men with great minds. Lee Kuan Yew industrialised Singapore speedily. Mao Zedong initiated the rapid industrialisation of China in 1949. Today, China is a world power. Yew and Zedong did wise things; they imitated things history and science had demonstrated lead to success. One who imitates success cannot fail woefully.

Nigerians agree that Nigeria is faced with myriad of problems especially mass unemployment, poverty, insecurity, indebtedness. Our decades-long curiosity-driven research results showed that it is industrialization that Nigeria needs, not mere erection of infrastructure. What is industrialisation or industrial revolution (IR)?

IR or industrialization in modern history is the process of change from an agrarian and handicraft economy to one dominated by industry and machine manufacturing. The Western industrialisation began in Britain in the 18th century. Whereas the term IR was first used by French writers, it was popularized by the English economic historian Arnold Toynbee (1852-83) who used it to describe Britain's economic development 1760-1840.

The features of the IR were technological, socio-economic and cultural.

The technological changes were: the development and use of new basic materials, chiefly iron and steel; use of new energy sources, including both fuels and motive like coal, the steam engine, electricity, petroleum and internal combustion engine; invention of new machines like the spinning jenny and powered looms which facilitated increased production; the emergence of a new work organizational structure known as the factory system which entailed division of labour and specialization of functions; development of advanced transportation and communication systems like the steam locomotive, steamship, automobile, airplane, telegraph, radio; the increased use of theoretical science in production; application of science and technology to improvement in agricultural productivity. These technological changes led to tremendous increase in production of goods.

The socio-economic, political and cultural changes consequent to the scientific and technological changes were many. Some of them were: high demand for labour, child labour; decline of land as wealth and power; wider distribution of wealth; increase in international trade, shift in political power and state policies due to shift in economic power; growth of cities; growth of modern infrastructure; development of working-



class movements (labour unions); workers' acquisition of new skills - they became machine operators, no more tools craftsmen and subjected to factory discipline; and great increase in government's revenue.

The region occupied by modern Western Europe was the ancient Gaul. Ancient Gaul was harnessed into the Roman empire in 55 B.C. The western part of the empire broke-up in 406 A. D. From the ruins of the empire, the boundaries of most of the nations in Western Europe today became defined in the period between the 10th and 13th centuries. When Britain achieved the first modern IR, the roads in Britain were still the ones built by the Roman Empire. Following the industrialisation, the nation quickly built canals, railways and other modern transport systems. Agricultural/artisan Britain did not borrow and accumulate debts to erect complex infrastructure before achieving industrialization.

Following the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) in which the Americans colonists became independent of Britain, the Americans wrote the popular American constitution in 1787, adopted it in 1789 and transformed the confederation into the American federation. Britain was clearly more technologically advanced at that time. America did not award big contracts to Britain or Britons to erect complex infrastructure for America so that America can achieve effortless development overnight. Morrison (1974), narrated the American experience in developing infrastructure in the 18th century. By 1790, there were many thriving communities in south New England. It soon became clear that roads wide enough for a yoke of oxen and forest trails for men on foot were insuffi-

cient means for the kind of transport such an expanding territory required. It was also apparent that the solution to this problem did not lie in building a network of roads to tie the various parts of the region together. This, the Americans believed would cost a great deal to build and present a continuing difficulty of maintenance. So, a search was made for a reasonable alternative. New Englanders turned in time to watercourses that existed and focused on building canals. The Chinese IR which began in 1949 was again internal.

The Western industrialization which began in England was first manifested in the textile industry. Textile manufacture involves three major activities: spinning of fibers into yarns(s), weaving of yarns into cloth(w) and bleaching/dyeing of fabric(b/d). Eight major scientific and technological inventions and innovations related to textile manufacture improved productivity dramatically in Britain.

They were: One, Hargreaves spinning jenny, invented 1770 to automate spinning(s); two, Arkwright water frame(1771/s); three, Crompton's mule (1799/sw); four, Cartwright's power loom (1785/w); five, Watt's steam engine (1769/sw); six, Berthollet's/Tennant's chlorine bleaching activity (1785/bd); seven, Maudslay's screw-cutting lathe (1797); and 8) Eli Whitney's interchangeable manufacturing practice (1798).

Six of the eight major innovations were developed in Britain. Britain was therefore scientifically more prepared for the industrialisation hence it took place first in Britain.

Thus, in the period between 10th century to 1750, the economic activities of the English and Britons were mainly subsistence agriculture/ar-

artisan-industry devoid of theoretical science and marked by very low productivity. But the situation changed as from 1770 when Britons achieved scientific/technological maturity or technological puberty. The great scientific/technological developments occurred in the short period 1770-1799, about 30 years, after a very long time of preparation.

From the developments described above, industrialisation or IR is primarily a scientific process. This explains why economists and other social scientists, accountants, bankers, lawyers, etc., who have been playing central roles in the management of the Nigerian economy cannot promote sustainable economic growth and industrialization (SEGI). Sadly, industrialisation is the solution to the myriad of problems confronting Nigeria. Whereas Lee Kuan Yew and Mao Zedong were not scientists, they through providence and good advice, did scientific things. They mobilized their people for learning and industrialisation. They did not just erect infrastructure.

Our research results also showed that infrastructure is depreciating asset which when erected today is not there tomorrow. Is that not our experience? Learning is the primary basis for achieving SEGI.

The more the people mobilized for learning the sooner a nation achieves industrialisation. Japan mobilised all her citizens 1886-1905 and achieve industrialisation. China mobilised all her citizens for learning in 1949 and achieve industrialisation in the early 1980s.

Mobilising all Nigerians for learning (education, training, career employment and research) and industrialisation is the sure route to making Nigeria a great nation.



# Attack on Justice Odili : 'Judiciary had it coming, and must now redefine its future'

By Joseph Otteh



ON Friday October 29, 2021, armed operatives from different law enforcement and security agencies stormed the official residence of Supreme Court Justice, Hon. Justice Mary Peter-Odili CFR, (pictured) to execute a search warrant issued by an FCT Chief Magistrate. The Supreme Court has described the incident as a "dehumanising treatment". Law enforcement and security agencies, whose operatives participated in the incident have denied that they were part of it, while the Inspector General of Police has reportedly set up an investigation. On discovering that the search warrant signed was used for the search of a Supreme Court Justice, the Magistrate who signed the warrant reportedly revoked it unilaterally.

Reacting to the incident, the Supreme Court, through its Director of Information, Dr Festus Akande, warned that the Judiciary should not be misconstrued by any institution of Government as the "weeping child among the other arms of Government". This response is probably the strongest remonstrance against actions of a Government targeted at the Judiciary, there has been. The Judiciary further said that, it has had "a full dosage of this fusillade of unwarranted and unprovoked attacks on our judicial officers and even facilities across the country, and we say it loudly now that enough is enough".

Is this Another Straw in the Wind?

This case has familiar resonance with the past, and anyone familiar with the shenanigans of this Government, can pick the signals of what is likely cooking from afar. Nigeria's President has hardly hidden his politics on the Judiciary. His desire has been to "reform" the Judiciary, and he has often spoken about how the Judiciary has frustrated him again and again,

both before and after he became President. Mr President's reform mantra however, simply provides a peg on which to hang motives that are both parochial and possibly bigoted, but clearly less than altruistic - and it is to forge a new Supreme Court whose loyalty he can count on.

We see this in the way the Presidency recently arm-twisted judicial authorities into recommending Justices favoured by it, for appointment into the Supreme Court. It should, of course, be remembered that the Presidency withheld its approval of four recommended Justices of the Court for about a year - apparently not for any legitimate cause - but so that judicial authorities would "do the right thing"; he only made the appointments just as soon as he thought the "right" people were added to the list, and recommended to the President for appointment. This was in spite of the fact that, over a long period at that time, the Supreme Court was being crushed by the weight of its workload given its lean workforce.

With this regime, it seems reasonably obvious that no barrel is too deep to be scraped once the line has been drawn, and that is why we must ponder, with some trepidation, what the "search" of Justice Mary Peter-Odili's house represents. And, we wonder, because the parallels with past incidents concerning "marked" Su-

preme Court Justices are strikingly familiar. Not too long ago, following "whistleblowing" by an "activist", former Chief Justice, Walter Onnoghen, was ignominiously removed from office, in the most imponderably blatant way.

It may be that this search is a prelude to something more ominous, and, were it not, one would have expected that the body language of the Presidency would be different. The Presidency has, not unsurprisingly, been mute over the harassment of a senior Justice of the Supreme Court. So, we may not have heard the last of the matter.

A Long Road to Perdition

How did we get here? Not even in the despotic haughtiness of military rule was the Supreme Court so disparaged. Why are Supreme Court Justices - and in fact, the entire Judiciary - at the receiving end of repetitively disrespectful and sometimes ruthless behaviour from the Executive? This, after all, is a constitutional democracy, and the branches of Government are independent and ought to enjoy some form of co-equal respect from each other.

It is hardly possible to separate what is happening to the Nigerian Judiciary from the state in which the Judiciary is at the moment, and some may, in fact, interpret this and other events of the last few years, as prophecies foretold. But, we did not arrive here overnight.

Over the course of many years, a once highly-rated Judiciary across the Continent (and notwithstanding the adulatory forms of expression and clichés we apply in composing our protocols for our Judges every time), gradually lost its sparkle, stature and authority. And, then failed to do much to rebuild and reinvent itself. In the absence of hard political power or the authority of its "soft" power, the Judiciary simply became a vulnerable target of predatory Executive power, of the sort this administration is well skilled at.

A weak Judiciary will likely avoid confrontation with Government, and in doing so, shy away from enforcing the rule of law or individual rights, if acting so will place the courts in the crosshairs of Government. In other words, a weak Judiciary will largely be unable to enforce constitutional limits on governmental power, and, even

where it barks, will not bite.

Judiciary's Indulgence of Impunity has a Role to Play?

But, there are also social and governance costs of being impassive. The rule of law will always be in danger as long as courts are not spirited in its defence, and while labels - whether "conservative" "moderate" or "liberal" - can count on occasion, they ought to be of no importance when it comes to safeguarding the rights of citizens.

A weak Judiciary too, will not likely receive much political support from civil society if it runs into confrontation with the Executive, because of trust deficits in society's perception of the judicial institution. Where a Judiciary will not enforce citizens' rights, alongside its authority when Government flouts its orders and judgements, and is ever so ready to accommodate impunity in order not to appear confrontational, it loses its moral

capital, and is perceived more as an appendage of Government than a bulwark of liberty. And, civil society will legitimately ask: if the Judiciary will not be there for them in times of trouble, why should they be there for the Judiciary in times of its distress?

Other Constitutional Judiciaries Rising to the Occasion

A Judiciary must be ever so ready to fight for the rule of law no matter how bruising that struggle is, and Judiciaries of constitutional democracies have known that there will be times when their strength, independence and authority are tested. Indian courts have a storied history of resisting efforts by government to control it, whether it be in terms of appointing Judges, or allocating budgets to courts, or enforcing mandatory orders against government. The Indian Judiciary enjoys considerable global respect, today.

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START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

# ... Hot dogs and biscuits...Stay away and learn to love spinach...instead!

JAMBO for the week, which finds me wondering if I should leave TZ whilst the big heat is on, and return when it isn't, but maybe even that time of the year, could be uncomfortable.

Anyway, heat stroke or not, I'm currently removing many faded news cuttings from my office notice board, and some of them go back years, which make interesting reading because of it.

I often write about wasteful research, like a study done last year involving a large group of people, which revealed that those who smile a lot are happier than those who don't...this beggars belief, and is a good case for questioning the funding that's sloshing around.

In a more sensible era, those doing worthwhile research usually scouted for the funds, though nowadays it often appears that the funders go in search of the recipients, and possibly get commission for doing so. But a cutting I'm looking at now is the gem of the genre, with a heading of "Half of Brits injured by biscuits". Does this reveal the lunacies of the advanced economies, (I'm cutting down on using the term 'the western world')...I think so. ....well, an appreciative reader asked me to mention this humorous topic again, and the last time we did so, learnt that according to a survey, more than half of all those in the UK, locals and non citizens, had suffered injuries from biscuits, as reported in a British newspapers.

.....And an estimated 25 million adults been hurt whilst eating biscuits during a tea or coffee break, with hundreds landing in hospital.

Research company Mindlab International were commissioned to conduct the research, and found that almost a third of adults said they'd been hurt whilst dipping a biscuit

into a hot drink, 28% had choked on crumbs, while one in ten had broken a tooth.

.....heavens above, who would have thought that life can be so dangerous, and last week, in a new study, I read in the press that eating a hot dog can shorten your lifespan by about 36 minutes, as revealed by researchers from the University of Michigan..... but whereabouts in the chain does the 36 minutes kick in and finish you off...I'll have to think about this one.....just give me some time...next week...or the one after...maybe!

Well, one of the cuttings falling from my notice board, tell us "About half the buildings in the city are supposed to be condemned, as they're occupying potential areas of land which can be sold to developers, and many are worth 300m/- to 400m/-." Most of the condemned houses are on Samora Avenue, and it's the duty of the Ministry of Lands and National Housing Corporation to sell them".

....Just glancing at the above paragraph, seldom ceases to depress me. This incriminating statement was published by PST news services in June 2000, and was said by a senior planner, with Kinondoni Municipal Council, who all seemed unaware of the implications of the words, and wished to remain anonymous..... understandable, if you're that uncultured.

But this issue is forever topical, how can it not be, as long as there are historical buildings to destroy for profit, or misguided necessity...

and a local journalist, recently posed the question..."how long will we be able to resist development by force? Well not for long it seems, if the so called planners with blinkered vision who've destroyed so much of the character in Dar es Salaam and continue to do so, by equating pro-

gress only with high rise office blocks etc. Their European counterparts and others, also made the same mistakes on a massive scale, and have been trying to rectify the disastrous effects ever since.



**A Dar es Salaam gem, the old German building that once housed the popular Salamander Cafe, which was demolished along with much else historic value in the city centre. Many such structures have often been declared unfit for human habitation and often sold off to dubious developers. Can we be sure therefore, that what little is left in the conservation category is now soundly safeguarded.**

gressive only with high rise office blocks etc. Their European counterparts and others, also made the same mistakes on a massive scale, and have been trying to rectify the disastrous effects ever since.

Towns and cities can't remain static, but a balance should be found

between preserving the old, which portrays the history of an area, whilst allowing well designed modern buildings to exist alongside, as a challenging contrast.

But time to close on a relevant note...during the time of the demolition excesses in 1996, an invest-

ment company wanted to build on some land off Samora Avenue, and a spokesman said, "it depended on feasibility studies, and whether the plot was still up for grabs".

..... Marvelous...a perfect description of the crooked land disbursement methods at the time, but 23

years later....we've fortunately moved on .....haven't we? .....social duties for your readers to engage with..... keep an eye on dangerous biscuits.... and the newcomer "Hot dogs"! Oh yeah!

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# Of Palestinian anguish and selective application of international law

By Tendai Makaripe

**T**HE global arena in which state and non-state actors interact is anarchic. Anarchy is the idea that the world lacks any supreme authority or sovereign. In an anarchic international system, there is no hierarchically superior, coercive power that can resolve disputes, enforce the law, or order the system of international politics.

International law, which is a system of treaties and agreements between nations that govern how nations interact with other nations, citizens of other nations, and businesses of other nations becomes handy in an anarchic international system.

This is because it supports global order and the attainment of humanity's fundamental goals of advancing peace, prosperity, human rights, and environmental protection.

By becoming parties to international treaties, States assume obligations and duties under international law to respect protect and fulfill human rights.

The obligation to respect means that States must refrain from interfering with or curtailing the enjoyment of human rights.

When a state violates international

law, it may be subject to diplomatic pressure, or economic sanctions.

Other states may also adopt unilateral sanctions against those who flout international law provisions.

In some cases, domestic courts may render judgment against a foreign state for an injury.

While this sounds very logical on paper, the enforcement of international law leaves a lot to be desired.

Selective application of the law has been the order of the day and this has resulted in a sad situation where the powerful trample upon the law without any consequences.

Article 2(1) of the United Nations Charter provides that: "The organisation is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its members," but a different situation plays out on the ground.

States like the United States enjoy hegemonic status and use their standing as a superpower to dominate other smaller states.

Those that bandwagon with the superpower also exhibits bullish tendencies to states not be singing from the same hymn book with the hegemony.

The story of Israel and Palestine easily comes to mind.

Israel has been a long-time ally of

the US which explains why the latter has played a key role in the decades-long Israel-Palestine conflict.

US has assisted with arms, financial support and UN vetoes.

On the military front, since the creation of the Israeli state, the United States has provided US\$146 billion in foreign aid, nearly all of it military-related, as of November 2020.

It currently provides US\$3.8 billion per year in military aid to Israel.

Research has shown that the United States is the largest seller of weapons to Israel, whose military arsenal now includes 362 US-built F-16 warplanes and 100 other US military aircraft, including a growing fleet of the new F-35s; at least 45 Apache attack helicopters; 600 M-109 howitzers and 64 M270 rocket-launchers.

Some of these weapons have been used to launch attacks on Palestine and the United Nations, the custodian of the UN charter has not reined in Israel.

This is despite Article 2 (4) of Charter providing that: "All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations."

The purposes of the UN include peaceful settlement of international disputes in such a manner that does not endanger international peace and security and justice.

However, whenever Israel launches unprovoked attacks on Palestinian civilians violating international humanitarian law principles the UN replies with its customary response-silence.

This is despite the fact that international law, through 159 Articles of the Fourth Geneva Convention protects civilians in areas of armed conflict and occupied territories.

The Articles theoretically safeguard civilians from murder, torture or brutality, and from discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, religion or political opinion but realistically, Palestinians have not enjoyed this protection.

They have borne the brunt of inexorable Israeli attacks and further compounding the situation is the fact that instead of playing a role in solving the conflict as the 'laboratory of democracy' in the words of Alexis de Tocqueville, US has been protecting Israel.

Washington has exercised its veto in the UN Security Council 82 times, and 44 of those vetoes have been to

shield Israel from accountability for war crimes or human rights violations.

In every case, the US has been the lone vote against the resolution, although a few other countries have occasionally abstained.

This has contributed to a climate of impunity and exacerbated the cycle of violence affecting both Palestinians and Israelis.

An April 2021 Human Rights Watch (HRW) report titled A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution noted that Israel is guilty of two crimes against humanity in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) which are: apartheid and persecution.

According to Article 7(2)(g) of the Rome Statute, persecution involves "the intentional and severe deprivation of fundamental rights...by reason of the identity of the group," including on racial, national, or ethnic grounds.

The discriminatory widespread confiscation of privately owned land such as that attempted in Sheikh Jarrah is an example.

In February 2021, the International Criminal Court (ICC) ruled that it had jurisdiction to investigate Israel's alleged war crimes in OPT because crimes against humanity have a per-

emptory status and Article 53 of the Vienna Convention provides that states are not permitted to derogate from these provisions and must ensure that they comply with their obligations.

However, despite Israel being in grave and serious breach of international law provisions, nothing has been done to bring it to book.

The world cannot continue to pay a deaf ear to the cries of the Palestinian people and a blind eye to their teething troubles.

The UN should develop teeth and ensure that war crimes against Palestine are not perpetuated.

The role of the UN in the conflict varies from impotent to accomplice to broker and more over the decades.

It was both venue and player in the complicated international diplomacy that led to the partition of Palestine in 1947 and the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

It is high time the organisation steps up as noted by Professor of Modern Arab Studies at Columbia University Rashid Khalidi and come up with solutions that do not result in the "dead letters" of Council resolutions on the Palestine problem that have been systematically disrespected since the founding of the United Nations.

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## Grumeti Fund conservation pavilion shines in Serengeti Safari Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent, Serengeti

THE Grumeti Fund pavilion was a huge attraction during the just-ended Serengeti Safari Marathon held at Ndadaka gate in Serengeti National Park over the weekend.

"Many people have visited our pavilion to see alternative ways of preventing elephants from destroying crop farms and means of dealing with invasive weeds," David Mwakipesile, the Grumeti Fund Relationships Manager said.

Grumeti Fund is a non-profit organization that supports conservation and community development activities in Western Serengeti.

"Other people have been impressed with the technology of using papers to make charcoal and this is a technique innovated by secondary school students who had received training from Grumeti Fund Environment Education Centre," Mwakipesile added.

Establishment of a nursery tree planting was also another thing that impressed many people at the Grumeti Fund pavilion, he said.

"Some have also been eager to see how we control bush fire," Mwakipesile said.

The event attracted several hundreds of athletic lovers, conservation and tourism stakeholders from inside and outside the country including German Ambassador to Tanzania Ms Regine Hess who actively participated in a five-kilometer race.

"This year's Serengeti Safari Marathon has been very successfully, it has seen participants from different parts of Tanzania and outside country," Serengeti National Park Chief Warden, Masana Mwishawa said.



Grumeti Fund relationships manager David Mwakipesile (L) briefs people who visited the organisation's pavilion about conservation activities during the Serengeti Safari Marathon held at Ndadaka gate in Serengeti National Park last weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## COTUL urges academicians to promote reading culture to boost knowledge, skills

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

ACADEMICIANS, students, researchers, librarians have been challenged to imbibe a reading culture to boost knowledge and skills in their areas of specializations.

Consortium of Tanzania University and Research Libraries (COTUL) deputy secretary, Abbas Mohamed Omar made the call here yesterday when speaking at the ongoing 3rd COTUL Scientific Conference and Workshop 2021.

Omar said: "It's high time for people in the education instituting to inculcate a reading culture of various books,

research papers and other learning materials as a good way of a proper use and utilization of the resources."

"We're working hard to ensure that academic journals, research findings papers, and books are digitized so that they can offer creative possibilities for expanding access as well as changing learning, teaching and research; but one of the main challenge is utilization of the resources, particularly e-resources."

"Purchasing of the e-resources database is very expensive that's why COTUL has joint-efforts to buy them through various university members, but one of the chal-

lenges we have experienced is the low utilizations and uses of the resources in our country compared with other developed countries," he explained.

COTUL has purchased e-Resource Database like Emerald and Ebsco using a very limited funds from some subscription fees and dues from its members, appealing other higher learning institutions and research centres who are not members of the Consortium for sustainable utilization and uses of the academic journals, research findings papers, and books both analog and digitally.

COTUL Executive Secretary,

Dr Vincent Msonge said that to date his institution has a total of 105 member whereby 75 of them are active members.

He named some active members as University of Dar-es-salaam (UDSM), ARDHI University, Saint Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Mzumbe University, State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), Tumaini University, and Zanzibar University (ZU), among many others.

Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof John Safari said that there are many good research findings journals, books and papers in

hardcopy form that need to be transformed in an e-resources format.

According to Prof Safari, new technologies have always been of interest for libraries both for the potential of increasing the quality of service and for improving efficiency of operations, and at present libraries of all kinds whether public, research academic or special libraries are overwhelmingly looking forward to adopt new technologies mostly use of e-resources due to its potential for cost savings in operations and the management of collections and Patrons.

"E-Resources are digital objects containing electronic

representation of books, journals and other form of reading materials and they are converted into a digitized form in order to be read by a computer. Many Library resources are now available electronically and can be accessed via the web. You can get the information you want, when you need it, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," he explained.

"As Academician I know there are so many good learning materials you can find in our libraries in various higher learning institutions that are in form of hard copies that cannot be available electronically, so my challenge for all of us here is to create awareness

on the importance of using e-resources for sustainable availability of our learning materials Worldwide through digitization," Prof Safari insisted.

"The development of computer and network technology is changing the education pattern and transforming the teaching and learning process from the traditional physical environment to the digital environment. Modern academic libraries, a conglomeration of printed books and journals as well as electronic resources (e-resources) where both forms of documents can be stored, retrieved and delivered as and when required,"

## Netherlands' van Lohuizen hosts photojournalism Masterclass in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

RENOWNED Dutch photojournalist Kadir van Lohuizen hosted a four-day photojournalism programme, titled 'Capturing Climate Change', in Dar es Salaam from November 8th to 11th for eight Tanzanian and Kenyan photojournalists with the aim to build their capacity in developing climate-related visual stories.

In a joint statement, Kadir van Lohuizen said: "The program has provided the photojournalists with the skills on selecting, editing and creating a visual narrative, using some of his own work as a strong example of clear and impactful storytelling and communication about the climate crisis."

Commenting on the programme, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, said: "The Masterclass has empowered the photojournalists with the necessary skills needed to create visual stories that will draw people's attention to the climate crisis and drive action. Climate change is the biggest challenge we face at this moment. By empowering the local photojournalists, we hope to contribute to give youth a voice and

raise awareness on how the climate crisis affects their communities."

Van Lohuizen said that the master class also imparted knowledge on the importance of research and credibility for those in the practice of photojournalism and highlighted the importance of professional practice and ethics in journalism, using his award-winning projects on Wasteland, Arctic as an illustration.

"The program provided the photojournalists with the skills needed to tell stories about how climate change is affecting their communities, how to work on long-term projects and how to create powerful work that will bring awareness and engages with adaptation strategies to confront the climate crisis."

Best known for his long-term projects on the seven rivers of the world and the rising of sea levels, the legendary photographer shared his visual storytelling knowledge and imparted the methods he uses to document major climate change stories around the world to eight photojournalists: Calvin Kulaya, Raheb Manyasani, Imani Nsamila and Michael Mbwambo from Tanzania and Anthony Ochieng, Cynthia Maiwa, Billy Miaron and Godwin



The ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer (R), presents a climate photojournalism masterclass completion certificate to Michael Mbwambo, a Tanzanian photojournalist who took part in training conducted by Dutch photojournalist Kadir van Lohuizen (C) with the aim of creating awareness on climate change. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Odhiambo from Kenya.

The programme is an initiative by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tanzania and Kenya

and supported by NOOR Images, PAWA254, the British Council Tanzania and the Alliance Française. 'Capturing Climate Change' en-

courages strengthening the photojournalists' documentary practices and, more broadly, bolsters climate change awareness in East Africa.

Starting February next year, the visual stories will be exhibited in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.

## 'Maendeleo Bank reaches the public through National Financial Services Week'

By Guardian Reporter

MAENDELEO Bank's manager for marketing and corporate affairs, Saidi Mkabakuli has described the just-ended National Financial Services Week as key platform for the public to understand full potentials available in the country's financial sector.

The week-long event held at the Dar es Salaam's Mnazi

Mmoja Grounds, between November 8th and 14th, themed "Improve your life through financial education" created an avenue for the public to know different products and services offered by the financial institutions in the country.

Speaking at the climax of the week, Mkabakuli said the bank participated in the exhibition to create awareness and understanding of TIB

activities on products and services to stakeholders available during the weeklong exhibition. Being one of the country's development financial institutions (DFIs), TIB used the week to increase its visibility and showcased different products and services to the public.

Mkabakuli said that the bank used the exhibitions for information dissemination

and finding out perceptions, concerns and information needs of the stakeholders.

"As one of the Ministry of Finance and Planning's institutions, we participated in this exhibition in order to reach the public in order to educate and increase public awareness on the usefulness of financial services to enhance economic growth and poverty reduction," he said.

He added that event is considered to be tool for beneficial and prudent for the bank's visibility in implementing the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30.

According to the Ministry of Finance and Planning, there are guidelines for improving financial education in the country including events and techniques that will be used

in the provision of financial education to the public. One of the strategies is to conduct Financial Services Week every year in which financial education will be provided to the public through various channels.

The main objective of the Financial Services Week is one of the strategies in the implementation of the Financial Sector Development Master

Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30. Moreover, the Financial Services Week aimed to reach various stakeholders including public servants; students; teachers; women, youth, people with special needs; small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs); non-government organizations; editors and journalists; financial service providers; children and general public at large.

# Why net zero pledges from the 'fossil fuelled 5' ring hollow

By Freddie Daley

NATIONS that have amassed vast amounts of wealth from fossil fuels over centuries are unwilling to give it up - when the wealth could be used to fund the transition to cleaner energy

Fossil fuels are the largest driver of climate breakdown. They are responsible for 86% of the carbon emissions released into our atmosphere this decade. Without explicitly addressing fossil fuel production, governments are skating round a huge elephant in the room.

It's like trying to address a pandemic without talking about the virus.

Despite the deluge of net zero pledges in the build up to COP26, new fossil fuel production could take global heating way beyond the goals of the Paris Agreement.

According to the most recent data, governments are planning to produce 57% more oil, 71% more gas and 240% more coal than is consistent with a 1.5°C target by 2030. To even have half a chance of keeping 1.5°C alive, at least 60% of oil and gas and 90% of coal must remain in the ground, never to be burnt. Our survival is worth better odds than a coin toss.

But it is nations that have amassed vast amounts of wealth from fossil fuels, over centuries, that are unwilling to give up their fossil fuelled privilege, ignoring overwhelming evidence that we need to phase out fossil fuels rapidly. Many of these nations are also the loudest and proudest self-declared climate leaders. They talk the talk on reducing domestic emissions, while driving global emissions growth through continued fossil fuel production and exports.

Some of the countries most guilty for this offense are the "Fossil Fuelled 5" - Australia, Norway, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. This is a wealthy group of countries that are burning our collective future.

Coal, oil and gas production must fall globally by 69%, 31% and 28% respectively between now and 2030 to keep 1.5°C alive.

The Fossil Fuelled 5, however, are set to increase oil and gas production by 33% and 27% by 2030. While coal production amongst these countries is set to drop, it will drop by only 30% - less than half of what is needed to stop temperatures breaching 1.5°C.

Underlying the gap between rhetoric and action on fossil fuel production from these five is a deeply root-



ed failure to deliver climate justice.

These five nations benefit from fossil-fuelled growth. While continuously growing their fossil fuel empire, they have inadvertently locked other nations into a dependency on polluting fuels.

Australia, for instance, is the second largest coal exporter and the largest gas exporter in the world. In

2020, 42% of all Norwegian exports were oil and gas. Historically, the US is responsible for 20% of all emissions since 1850.

Wealthy nations have the capacity and obligation to do their fair share and phase out fossil fuels faster than their peers, starting immediately. They must shoulder the financial burden for countries and communi-

ties that did the least to create this crisis, so the most affected people and areas may adapt to the impacts they are experiencing right now.

The wealth that fossil fuels have created for these five nations could be used to transition entire economies away from polluting fuels towards the clean technologies and energy sources of the future.

Their economies are also incredibly diversified meaning that they are not solely reliant on fossil fuels for future prosperity. In other words, they have the wealth and capacity to move markets and transition fossil fuel industry workers with relatively limited disruption, but they still continue to approve pipelines, grant subsidies and pass out licenses.

Instead, they must be doing the exact opposite: halt further licensing, phase out existing extraction, end financial support for fossil fuel production without caveats and re-direct that financial support toward helping developing countries move towards clean energy.

They should also formalise their climate leadership by joining initiatives such as the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

If we are serious about keeping 1.5°C alive and preventing the worst impacts of the climate crisis, we must address the root of our collective problem: fossil fuels.

For that, we need true policy leadership - not just press releases - from wealthy nations like the Fossil Fuelled 5 to put an end to fossil fuel expansion, start phasing out of existing stockpiles and jumpstart a just transition before it's too late.

# China stands ready to work with all countries to build an open world economy

By He Yin,

CHINA stands ready to work with all countries to build an open world economy so that the spring breeze of openness will bring warmth to all parts of the world, said Chinese President Xi Jinping in a keynote speech he delivered at the opening ceremony of the 4th China International Import Expo (CIIE).

He gave an in-depth summary of China's experience after the country joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) 20 years ago, and demonstrated China's resolve to open wider at a high standard, its determination to share development opportunities with the rest of the world, and its resolution to advance economic globalization.

His remarks have built a strong positive power for solidarity and cooperation that enables the world to pull together to tide over this difficult time.

The world is experiencing the combined impacts of major changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century. Unilateralism and protectionism are on the rise, and economic globalization is facing headwinds. Studies show a steady decline of the World Openness Index over the past decade and a weakening of global consensus on opening up, which are causes for great concern.

Standing at a critical crossroad of history, Xi encouraged all countries to build an open world economy, jointly promote the global economy, expand their common interests during development, and share oppor-

unities in cooperation, so as to build a brighter future for humanity.

Economic globalization is an objective requirement of the development of social productivity, and an inevitable result of technological progress. It is an irreversible trend of the history.

Xi said at the opening ceremony of the 1st CIIE that economic globalization is an overarching trend, something that is independent of people's will. "What we mankind can do is to understand, adapt to, and apply the law of history instead of trying to prevent it from happening," he remarked.

At the 2nd CIIE, he stressed that like the world's great rivers, the Yangtze, the Nile, the Amazon and the Danube - they all surge forward in relentless flow, and nothing can stop their mighty movement, not the current of undertows or hidden shoals or rocks beneath the water.

The CIIE is exactly a concrete step taken by China to support economic globalization.

The past 20 years since China joined the WTO activated China's development and a successful story of the world economy, and it indicated that it is a trend of the history for countries to integrate themselves into the global economy.

Now, a few countries blame economic globalization for their own domestic governance failures. They have set barriers and even been playing the "de-globalization" and "decoupling" games using the pandemic, which not only contradicts the economic law and the trend of



Fresh fruits produced around the world are exhibited at the Food and Agricultural Products Exhibition Area of the 4th China International Import Expo (CIIE) on Nov. 6, 2021, the second day of the event. File photo

history, but also goes against the common aspiration of all people around the world.

Xi's remarks made at the CIIE have sent a strong voice that could shatter the barriers against economic globalization. At the 1st CIIE, he said that in a world of deepening economic globalization, practices of the law of the jungle and winner-takes-all only represent a dead end, and in-

clusive growth for all is surely the right way forward.

"We need to build trust rather than second-guess each other; we need to join hands rather than throw punches at each other; and we need to consult rather than slander each other. Bearing in mind the common interests that bind us all, countries need to work together to make economic globalization more open, inclusive and balanced

for the benefits of all," he noted at the CIIE the last year.

Economic globalization is an engine driving global growth, and countries should grasp the general trend of economic globalization and promote open cooperation to achieve common development.

As Xi noted, "History tells us that openness and cooperation are a major driving force behind dynamic international economic and trade activities. The current situation calls for openness and cooperation to foster steady global recovery. Looking ahead, openness and cooperation will remain essential for continued human progress."

China is an advocate for building an open world economy. It believes that countries around the world should work together to make the pie of the global market even bigger, strengthen the mechanisms for sharing benefits globally, and explore new ways of international cooperation, so as to release more positive effects of economic globalization, and bring the benefits of economic globalization to different countries, classes and groups of people.

Putting the common good of humanity first, China will firmly safeguard true multilateralism, firmly share market opportunities with the rest of the world, firmly promote high-standard opening up, and firmly uphold the common interests of the world, so as to build an open world economy with the rest of the world.

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## BUSINESS

## GOOD-NEWS

## Local currency stable against major currencies: BoT report

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE Tanzanian shilling remained relatively stable against major international currencies as of September this year thanks to steady greenback inflows from minerals exports, manufactured goods, cereals and horticultural products.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) said in its Monthly Economic Review for October that the stability of the shilling was also supported by low inflation differentials with major trading partners, prudent fiscal and monetary policies sustained over the period, and orderly foreign exchange market operations.

The BoT report indicated that the Tanzanian shilling traded at an average rate of 2,309/- per the US dollar during the month compared to 2,310/- recorded during the previous month. "On annual basis, the shilling recorded a marginal depreciation of 0.03 percent from an average rate of 2,309 /- per US dollar registered in September 2020," the report said.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank has projected that inflation in Tanzania will remain within the target of 3-5 percent in the remaining period of 2021/22, hence consistent with East Africa Community

(EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) benchmarks.

The BoT said the projection is bolstered by adequate food supply and stable exchange rate, which are expected to partially dampen the impact of high oil prices. Tanzania's inflation rate however rose to 4 percent in September 2021 from 3.8 percent that was recorded during the preceding month of August 2021.

"Core inflation, which accounts for 73.9 percent of overall CPI, rose to 4.6 percent from 4 percent, driven by accommodation, transport, clothing and footwear, recreation, and sports and culture," the report noted.

According to the Central Bank, food inflation in September 2021 remained broadly unchanged, ranging between 3.6 and 4 percent between August and September, on account of low prices of food crops owing to adequate supply in many parts of the country.

"This was reflected by high food stocks held by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) ranging between 107,384-150,057 tonnes in recent months. The food stocks consisted of maize, rice and sorghum," the report added.



Stacks of 10,000/- bills.

## VOLUNTARY

## Kenyan rush to comply as KRA hunts rich cheats on social media

NAIROBI

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) on Wednesday said Kenyans are rushing to verify their tax compliance status following revelations that the taxman is training its guns on rich Kenyans displaying lavish lifestyles on social media but paying little or no taxes. KRA on Wednesday said in a statement that they have recorded a steady rise in the number of individual taxpayers rushing to verify their tax compliance status since the report was published.

"The rise has been attributed to a media article attributed to KRA Commissioner General Githii Mburu published this week confirming that the authority actively utilizes technological solutions for tax compliance surveillance," said KRA in a statement. Business Daily on Monday reported that KRA has a team focused on smoking out tax cheats through social sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.

The taxman wants socialites and individuals who display lavish lifestyles

on the interwebs to pay their fair share of taxes as it races to bring more people into the tax bracket. The Authority's Deputy Marketing and Communications Commissioner Ms Grace Wandera said they are actively utilising technological solutions, including social media monitoring tools to ensure compliance.

"Within the confines of the law, we do apply social media scans among other technological tax compliance surveillance systems. This week, we have seen a more than 60 percent rise in the number of tax compliance certificates applications lodged on the online i-Tax platform," Ms Wandera said.

Ms Wandera said the spike means most taxpayers are willing to comply and that KRA "is a very dynamic organisation that will continue providing tax facilitation services to boost compliance." Further, the taxman said continued compliance has seen the country surpass collection targets. In the month of October KRA collected Sh154.383 billion against a target of Sh142.285 billion, a 108.5 percent performance.

## ADVICE

## Govt calls upon employers to submit their contributions to WCF promptly

By Guardian Reporter

EMPLOYERS in the country have been urged to submit monthly contributions to Workers Compensation Fund timely to avoid attracting penalty from regulators.

Deputy Minister in Prime Minister's Office, Petrobas Katambi said in Dar es Salaam yesterday after visiting WCF pavilion at the ongoing Financial Week exhibitions being held at Mnazi Mmoja that the fund is an important vehicle established by the government to compensate people who get hurt while on duty.

"I am requesting employers to voluntarily submit the contributions on time to avoid confrontation with regulators as per the law which established the Workers Compensation Fund," Katambi said while warning that the state will hold accountable those employers who don't comply with the law.

Briefing the Deputy Minister, WCF's Director General, Dr John Mduma said so far more than 90 percent of employers in the country have been registered with the fund which has since established their database.

"We have continuously reminded employers to submit the contributions on time so that the fund can pay compensation to employees who get hurt



Petrobas Katambi (L), Deputy minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Youth, Labour and Employment), with director general of Workers Compensation Fund, Dr John Mduma (C) and the Fund's head of Communication Unit, Laura Kunenge, at WCF's pavilion at the National Financial Service Week event which ended yesterday in Dar es Salaam. Photo: courtesy of WCF.

while on duty," Dr Mduma said while assuring stakeholders that WCF is strong and has enough financial muscles to meet needs of the market.

He said the WCF as one of the social security funds invests members contribution in profitable ventures for the purpose of safeguarding safety and sustain-

ability of the resources which are important to compensate victims of work hazards.

"We are in the financial sector because we collect members contributions but also invest the same to make profit so that funds are safe and secure," the WCF chief executive noted saying the fund remains an

active player in the financial services sector.

The weeklong Financial Week was organised by Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning with an objective to sensitise the public on the functioning of the sector but also inform them of opportunities available in the area.

## APPRECIATION

## Minister Ummu applauds achievements made by USAID's BoreshaAfya project

By Guardian Reporter

HEALTH stakeholders in Tanzania have celebrated the climax of a five-year US funded health mega project known as USAID Boresha Afya, an integrated health service delivery which covered 12 regions.

The United States Agency for International Development funded project executed interventions in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, family planning and malaria control has been hailed as a success story as it finally came to an end.

"This is an event that issues hope that we are on the right track towards providing health services to every Tanzanian," said Ummu Mwalimu, Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government.

Mwalimu who was guest of honour at the closing ceremony of Boresha Afya project, noted that it has tremendously impacted on the lives of millions of Tanzanians. "It can be said with sincerity that in the past five years of execution

of Boresha Afya, USAID was the actual key implementing agent for health services delivery at our district councils," she acknowledged saying the government also appreciates the capacity building of human resource in the health sector.

The US\$222 million Boresha Afya project was aimed at improving the health status of all residents in the targeted areas with focus on three result areas, namely: improved enabling environment for health services; improved availability of quality, integrated health services at facility level; and increased access to health services at community level.

The project was implemented between October 2016 to September 2021, with funding from US President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief through USAID. It was implemented by The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Deloitte, together with its key sub-partners, Engender Health, MDH and FHI260.

"As a result of Boresha Afya activities, over 8.3 million Tanzanians received HIV testing services

of which nearly 340 thousand learned their HIV positive status," said Kate Somvongsiri, Mission Director for USAID Tanzania.

Somvongsiri said that the project, which employed dynamic and innovative solutions to address the challenges, reached over 10 million clients through the provision of family planning outreach services.

The EGPAF was responsible for the North and Central Zone covering Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Dodoma, Singida and Tabora regions where it provided overall leadership and management oversight to the project.

On the other hand, Deloitte was providing overall leadership and management oversight for HIV/AIDS, TB, family planning, mother and child health and malaria programmes for the Southern Zone, covering Morogoro, Iringa, Njombe, Ruvuma, Mtwara and Lindi.

"We look forward to a day when all Tanzanians will be healthy and there will be no more needs

for such projects," said Deloitte Consulting's Director, Caron Jones who noted that progress in the country can only be realized when all the citizens are healthy.

Jones was backed by Prudence Masako, Country Representative for EngenderHealth, which was key sub-partner for both zones, said, "We are proud to leave in place with a robust functional system that delivers integrated health services to the people." Masako credited the success of the project to strong leadership and collaboration among stakeholder, good teamwork among consortium leaders and ability to fix technical issues expeditiously.

USAID's BoreshaAfya Technical Director for North and Central Zones, Roland Van de Ven also said that they made sure the human side of the project received due attention because the project was about the people. "Boresha Afya was unique because it had combined various tested approaches typical of USAID health delivery projects," van de Ven said.



Ummu Mwalimu (R in headscarf), Minister of State in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, is briefed on achievements made by USAID-funded Boresha Afya by the project's senior technical advisor for gender, Grace Munisi (L) in Dodoma last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

## INTEGRATION

# Deputy PS salutes GIZ and EAC secretariat for backing regional One Health Strategy

By Guardian Reporter

A national validation meeting for the EAC Regional One Health Strategy which started in Arusha last week is a major step towards integrated the six member countries health systems.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Kaspar Mmuya who presided over the meeting's official opening ceremony thanked German government through GIZ and East African Community secretariat for supporting the initiative.

"The One Health approach has been recognized as a major element of disease control and prevention strategies as it emphasizes the relatedness of human, animal, plant and environmental health, and the importance of trans-disciplinary efforts,"

Mmuya said.

He pointed out that recent global disease outbreaks have highlighted the increasing effects of zoonotic pathogens on human and animal health. "Changes in the environment, including agricultural intensification, population growth, urbanization, climate change and human encroachment into wildlife habitats are drivers for zoonotic disease emergence," he said.

He stated that the aim of national validations is to give various stakeholders a chance for internalisation and ownership. In remarks to welcome the Deputy Permanent Secretary, a Manager of the Support to Pandemic Preparedness in the EAC Region (PanPrep) project, Dr Irene Lukassowitz, said the relevance of the One Health approach is more prominent following the coronavirus

outbreak.

"It all started as a health issue but quickly developed into a threat for lives and livelihoods of the people and the economy as a whole. It had an impact on several sectors including trade, tourism and education," Lukassowitz said.

She said the EAC is pursuing a wide One Health approach that goes beyond human, animal and environmental health approach applied in many countries and includes all sectors and disciplines in the prevention of and response to events of public health concern.

Lukassowitz commended the government for attaching the One Health Unit to the Prime Minister's Office and thus above sectors. "This should facilitate the implementation and mainstreaming of One Health in the country," the PanPrep chief noted.



Kaspar Mmuya, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, speaks during the EAC One Health approach meeting held in Arusha city last week.



Bottles of Guinness Smooth.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## SBL manager thanks Southern Highlands customers for support

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMERS of alcoholic drinks manufactured by Serengeti Breweries Limited have been commended for buying its brands hence allowing for the introduction of new beers.

Speaking during the trade launch of Guinness Smooth beer in Mbeya on Saturday, SBL's Innovation Manager, Bertha Vedastus also commended key distributors, restaurants and pubs owners in the Southern Highlands for staying loyal to the brewer's brands.

"Southern Highlands' residents have always been loyal to SBL's brands, for which we are very grateful and we really value their unwavering support to us," she said after the Guinness Smooth launch.

"Today, we have brought to them a new beer in our growing Guinness family that will give them a new experience through its perfect smooth taste and rich flavour," Vedastus said adding that the new beer has also been well received by consumers in Dar es Salaam and northern regions where it was launched a few days ago.

Guinness Smooth is the latest addition to the celebrated Guinness family. It boasts a distinctly smooth and refreshing taste, with the perfect balance of flavours that are ideal for enjoyment while catching up with friends, anytime, anywhere. The new tittle has all the refreshments of a stout, with the renowned fine character of Guinness. "This smooth beer is produced here in Tanzania at our Moshi brewery," Vedastus noted.

According to her, Guinness has an enviable long tradition of brewing extraordinary beers, churning out full-flavoured, striking and uniquely satisfying beers since 1759. She noted that the new Guinness Smooth continues to reaffirm SBL's commitment to bringing consumers flavourful beers they can enjoy at all social gatherings.

"Therefore, for something special and refreshing to enjoy when catching up with friends, be refreshed by our great smooth beer, Guinness Smooth," the SBL Innovation Manager added.

## TECH SAVVY

# Telcom partners Norwegian fintech to provide Saccos with digital payment platform solution



Wakandi Group SA's CEO Espen Kvelland.

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of savings and credit group with access to Tigo Pesa can now access digitized financial services provided by Norwegian based Wakandi Group SA.

On Friday, Tigo Tanzania signed an agreement with Wakandi Group which integrated its Tigo Pesa payment platform with Wakandi's Credit Association Management System (CAMS) for savings and credit cooperative societies (Saccos) and microfinance institutions.

Wakandi's CAMS enables Saccos and microfinance institutions manage their financial services effectively and digitally, without needing any installations or purchasing of servers. "Saccos are now more

mature and they need more sophisticated financial management platform.

They store huge amounts in savings, provide loans and manage interests," Tigo's Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Service, Angelica Pasha said. She said, "This is, therefore, an opportunity for Tigo Pesa to collaborate with Wakandi to digitize all Saccos transactions across the country."

In remarks after signing the agreement, Wakandi CEO, Espen Kvelland said the aim is to reach newer heights with Tigo Pesa and help Saccos move into the digitized financial realm. "It is an opportunity for us to establish ourselves deeper into the Tanzanian market. This partnership is a significant step in our journey of offering a completely

cashless experience in Africa," Kvelland said.

To access the service, Saccos and microfinance institutions need to be registered with Wakandi Credit Association Management System for their members, who are Tigo Pesa customers to complete their transactions seamlessly.

Established in 1995, Tigo through its distinctive and diverse product portfolio in voice, text messages, high-speed internet and mobile financial services, the telco has pioneered digital innovations such as the first smartphone in Kiswahili, free Facebook in Kiswahili, Tigo Pesa application, Tigo Mobile application as well as the first East African cross-border mobile money transfer with currency conversion.

## BREAKTHROUGH

# Chipper Cash opens US equities market to Ugandans

KAMPALA

Ugandans can now access a Fintech platform that allows them to make cross-border investments into equities markets in the United States.

This follows Fintech start-up Chipper Cash's integration with digital trading finance platform, DriveWealth. Chipper Cash recently attained a US\$1-billion valuation that catapulted it into unicorn status.

It has integrated with DriveWealth's API-based equities brokerage infrastructure

to enable "the Ugandan population to gain affordable access to investing in US equities." The companies assert that Africa has a large unbanked population that has driven interest in Fintech start-ups.

Investment prospects for Africa-based investors into stock markets in the United States currently requires "high minimums and was only accessible for high net worth" individuals, leaving out "much of Uganda's population." The partnership looks to address this and provide the required access.

"We are excited to add investing in US

equities to our platform to complement our initial offerings of peer-to-peer transactions and cross-border payments," said Ham Serunjogi, CEO of Chipper Cash. "The US market is now easily accessible to all members of the Ugandan population. This will enable citizens to improve their financial well-being and become owners of their financial futures."

Under the new partnership, Ugandan investors will be able to invest into equities in the US "on a dollar equivalent basis (through fractional shares) in over 6,000 US securities and ETFs" allowing

consumers to invest with no minimum requirements.

Bob Cortright, founder and CEO of DriveWealth, said, "What Chipper Cash has been able to accomplish in its few short years is helping Africans to access a range of financial services inexpensively from their phones. Equipping underserved investors with the tools they need to break down the barriers to investing is a critical step towards democratizing investing worldwide." This platform is scheduled to be rolled out in Nigeria and South Africa.

## CENSURE

# World Bank blacklists Kenyan consultancy firm over fraud

NAIROBI

The World Bank has blacklisted a Kenyan consultancy firm that has undertaken several multimillion shilling projects for top government agencies over fraud.

The multilateral lender said an investigation conducted by its corruption-fighting unit had established that the Nairobi-based Africa Development Professional

Group (ADP), which says it provides "consultancy and advisory services on management, investments, business solutions, corporate finance and business development" had engaged in fraudulent practices during a bank-funded project in Somalia.

ADP and its affiliates have been debarred for 21 months and will be ineligible to participate in any World Bank-financed projects

during the period. "The (Somalia) project was designed to strengthen the staffing and institutional capacity of selected line ministries and central agencies to perform core government functions," said the World Bank in a statement.

The debarment also qualifies for cross-debarment by other multilateral development banks under the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment

Decisions, including the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The financial institutions, which are mostly owned and financed by governments, have been keen to curb corruption in their projects which run into billions of dollars annually. "The debarment makes

ADP ineligible to participate in projects and operations financed by institutions of the World Bank Group," said the bank.

"It is part of a settlement agreement under which the company acknowledges responsibility for the underlying sanctionable practices and agrees to meet specified corporate compliance conditions as a condition for release from debarment."

ADP says on its website its past clients include Kenya's Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, the Gambian Office of the President, the Government of Ghana, the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Kenya) and the Department for International Development (DfID), Rwanda. The above projects are however not related to the debarment.



## WORLD



Director-General of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

# WHO warns vaccine alone won't end pandemic

LONDON

THE head of the World Health Organization has stressed that vaccines alone can not end the pandemic.

During a media briefing on Friday, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said while vaccines reduce the risk of hospitalization, severe disease and death, they do not fully prevent transmission.

"Some European countries are now reintroducing restrictions to curb transmission and take the pressure off their health systems," Tedros said. "We continue to recommend the tailored and proportionate use of testing, masks, physical

distancing, measures to prevent crowding, improve ventilation, and more. And get vaccinated when it's your turn."

Tedros' warning comes after 2 million COVID-19 cases were reported in Europe last week.

This is the most in a single week in the region since the pandemic started, the WHO head said, adding that Europe reported some 27 thousand deaths, more than half of all COVID-19 deaths globally last week.

"COVID-19 is surging in countries with lower vaccination rates in Eastern Europe, but also in countries with some of the world's highest vaccination rates in Western Europe," Tedros said. "It's

another reminder, as we have said again and again, that vaccines do not replace the need for other precautions."

The WHO noted that with a right mix of measures, it's possible for countries to find the balance between keeping transmission down and keeping societies and economies open.

But Tedros said countries cannot vaccinate their way "out of the pandemic".

He added: "It makes no sense to give boosters to healthy adults, or to vaccinate children, when health workers, older people and other high-risk groups around the world are still waiting for their first dose. The exception, as we have said, is immunocompromised individuals."

Tedros again criticized countries that have high vaccine coverage, and which

are continuing to stockpile vaccines, when low-income countries are still having to wait.

He pointed out that COVAX, a worldwide initiative aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, is working. The initiative has shipped some 500 million vaccines to 144 countries and territories.

"To reach WHO's target of vaccinating 40 percent of the population of every country by the end of this year, we need an additional 550 million doses, about 10 days' production," Tedros said. "Vaccines alone will not end the pandemic, but we cannot end the pandemic unless we solve the global vaccine crisis."

Agencies

# China's pandemic-containing strategy effective -expert

BEIJING

RENOWNED epidemiologist and academic Liang Wannian said China's pandemic containment strategy has proved to be effective.

China has successfully contained dozens of sporadic COVID-19 resurgences over the past year or so, ensuring a balance between epidemic prevention and economic development, Liang, professor at Tsinghua University, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

He reminded the public to exercise caution against the virus and called for unremitting efforts to prevent both domestic resurgence and imported infections.

## Minimizing Adverse Impact

"The COVID-19 pandemic situation across the world remains grave with increasing virus mutations, and there hasn't been any significant drop in the mortality rate associated with the disease," Liang said.

Inadequate preventive measures will



Renowned epidemiologist and Tsinghua University professor Liang Wannian

lead to a resurgence of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the number of severely ill patients and deaths will continue to increase, which was seen in several countries, said Liang, noting that China should stick to its current strategy of clearing COVID-19 infections in a timely manner.

He, however, pointed out that such a mechanism does not equal a zero-tolerance

policy against any infections. "The regular prevention measures aim to ensure early detection, swift response, targeted containment, and effective treatment of COVID-19 patients to prevent community infections."

"This approach can help curb infections and avoid strain on medical resources so as to better serve people's medical needs while minimizing the impact on social and economic development," Liang said.

## Restoring Normalcy

Liang called for adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures in a scientific way. Prevention policies should be consistently improved aligning with changes in the epidemic situation, he said, adding that risk grades for COVID-19 infection in different regions should be assigned precisely and properly.

Liang also urged efforts in accelerating vaccine and drug development, as well as strengthening the training on epidemiological investigation, treatment, and management.

While the COVID-19 patients and their close contacts might face inconvenience in the short term, swift containment of outbreaks will only help restore normalcy in the economy and society, he said.

Shedding light on the future of China's anti-epidemic strategy, Liang said things will depend on multiple factors such as how the COVID-19 situation pans out globally, virus mutation, the seriousness of the disease and China's vaccination rate.

China's epidemic prevention policies are constantly evolving, Liang said, noting that the country will be "closely watching the global pandemic situation, accelerate vaccination and adjust policies in due time."

Xinhua

# US military hid airstrikes that killed civilians in Syria - NYT

WASHINGTON

THE US military covered up 2019 airstrikes in Syria that killed up to 64 women and children, a possible war crime, during the battle against Islamic State, the New York Times reported on Saturday.

The two back-to-back airstrikes near the town of Baghuz were ordered by a classified American special operations unit tasked with ground operations in Syria, according to the report.

The newspaper said that US Central Command, which oversaw US air operations in Syria, acknowledged the strikes for the first time this week and said they were justified.

In a statement on Saturday, Central Command reiterated the account it gave the newspaper that 80 people were killed in the strikes including 16 Islamic State fighters



A fighter with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces stands guard on a hilltop overlooking the village of Baghuz in Syria's northern Deir Ezzor province, on March 24, 2021, where two years ago, the Islamic State Group made their last stand before being defeated. AFP

and four civilians. The military said it was unclear if the other 60 people were civilians, partly because women and children could have been combatants.

In Saturday's statement, the military said the strikes were

"legitimate self-defense," proportional and that "appropriate steps were taken to rule out the presence of civilians."

"We abhor the loss of innocent life and take all possible measures to prevent them. In this case, we self-reported and

investigated the strike according to our own evidence and take full responsibility for the unintended loss of life," Central Command said.

The number of civilians among the 60 fatalities could not be determined because

"multiple armed women and at least one armed child were observed" in video of the events, it said, adding that the majority of the 60 were likely combatants.

Central Command said the strikes took place while Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) were under heavy fire and in danger of being overrun and the SDF had reported the area clear of civilians.

The Defense Department's inspector general launched an inquiry into the March 18, 2019, incident, but its report was ultimately "stripped" of any mention of the bombing and a thorough, independent probe never took place, according to the Times. The newspaper said its report was based on confidential documents and descriptions of classified reports, as well as interviews with personnel directly involved.

Agencies

IT'S nothing new to control one robot to build a house. However, how does it sound like to have four of them working in phase of each other?

Japanese industrial robot manufacturer Nachi-Fujikoshi just brought such stunning technology to the 4th China International Import Expo (CIE) in Shanghai. At the company's exhibition booth, four robots worked simultaneously, placing assembly parts in designated points. A few minutes later, a "house" was built.

It was the first time for the Japanese company to bring to China its container house construction system, hoping to apply the system in Chinese construction proj-

# Fourth CIE highlighted by new products, technologies

ects.

The CIE is a major platform for enterprises to debut their new products and technologies in China and even in the world at large. It is reported that the 4th CIE has attracted a huge number of big names, including the world's three major auction houses, the top three high-end consumer fashion brands, the four largest grain traders, ten major automobile groups, ten major industrial electric enterprises, ten major medical equipment manufacturers, and ten major cosmetics companies. Massive new

products have been launched at the event.

The numbers of launch events, as well as new products and technologies exhibited exceeded those in the previous three CIEs at the event's Medical Equipment and Healthcare Products exhibition area this year. The 4th CIE has established a special zone to hold 62 launch events for a variety of new products, technologies and services.

Varian, a proven leader in medical technology that has joined all four sessions of the CIE, debuted three solutions this year in

Shanghai, including a digital cancer hospital that integrates registration room, screening room, diagnosis room, cancer treatment and health management. The digital hospital is able to offer whole-process individual treatment services. Besides, the company also brought the world's first AI-assisted high-automatic contactless radiotherapy center, which reduces the duration of precise radiotherapy from 10 hours to just 15 minutes.

Among the new products launched this year, many were developed by local R&D teams of

foreign enterprises, and they are expected to find good markets overseas.

AstraZeneca, another company that has joined all four CIE sessions, established a booth for regional cooperation this year. At the first CIE, the company launched a drug developed in Beijing, and the drug hit the Chinese market earlier than it did in Europe and the U.S. This year, it debuted another new medicine it co-developed with Hutchison MediPharma, a global-focused novel drug discovery company in China.

# Austria prepares to lock down unvaccinated as cases spike

AUSTRIA is preparing to implement lockdown measures for unvaccinated people as coronavirus cases spike to record levels.

The plan is expected to be approved Sunday and come into effect a day later, the Austria Press Association reported, citing a draft document.

Under the new measures, people without proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 would only be allowed to leave home for essential activities, including going to work, grocery shopping, medical treatment and exercise.

Salzburg and Upper Austria, states with high COVID-19 rates and low vaccination levels, are expected to introduce the measures themselves on Monday.

State governors will likely meet Sunday to discuss ways to turn around Austria's sharply rising infections, which are increasingly straining medical facilities.

Austria's 7-day average of COVID-19 cases has more than doubled this month to more than 10,000, and its recent rate of infection is among the highest in the world. A record 13,152 cases were reported on Saturday.

Only about 65 percent of Austrians are fully vaccinated, one of the lowest rates in Western Europe. Hospitalizations have climbed, and deaths are averaging the highest levels since March, before vaccines were widely available.

Austrian Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg on Thursday rejected lockdown measures for vaccinated people.

"I don't see that two thirds should lose their freedom because one third is hesitating," Schallenberg said at a press conference. He called Austria's vaccine take-up "shamefully low."

The lockdowns would be enforced by spot checks and the threat of hefty fines.

"We don't live in a police state and are not able -- and nor do we want -- to control every street corner," Schallenberg said.

People without proof of vaccination or recovery are currently excluded from many activities in Austria, including concerts, restaurants and bars. **Agencies**

# Russian agencies, EMA cooperate for Sputnik V vaccine approval - Lavrov

PARIS

RUSSIAN agencies are collaborating with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to approve the use of the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters on Friday.

"No, the issue was not brought up today, but we have it under control," the Russian foreign minister said when asked whether the Sputnik V authorization was touched upon at the talks with the French defense and foreign ministers.

"France is among those in the European Union who are waiting for the decision of the World Health Organization (WHO). It is being delayed for some objective reasons, but also for some subjective ones. Our corresponding authorities work alongside the European Medicines Agency and, of course, we work with the World Health Organization," he said.

Lavrov pointed out that a number of European countries had opted for recognizing the Russian vaccine. He added that the pandemic had served to spotlight the need for cooperation between Russia and the European Union.

"We take an interest in working with the European Union. And the fact that there are such issues, and that they are not far-fetched, but quite real and rather thorny is proven in the situation with coronavirus infection, where we need to team up putting aside commercial interests," he said.

Lavrov recalled that Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested this April that patent protection of all vaccines be temporary lifted for the pandemic.

"This has simply gone nowhere, as no reaction followed. And of course, it is frustrating that in the face of such a truly global disaster many try to play to their own advantage and at the expense of others," the Russian foreign minister said.

Lavrov emphasized that Moscow remains ready to establish constructive relations with the EU, "which have been destroyed by the European Union itself."

Lavrov noted that the talks with EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell in Moscow this February have not brought about real action in the areas of health, climate, digitalization and green economy.

"However, nothing is working out so far. I think that it is due to the inertia of that Russophobic minority that imposes its policy on all sensible and sane members of the European Union," Lavrov concluded.

Sputnik V was authorized in Russia on August 11, 2020 to become the world's first officially certified COVID-19 vaccine. To date, Sputnik V has been approved for use in 70 countries with a cumulative population of four billion people. On March 4, the EU regulator announced the start of Sputnik V's rolling review. **Agencies**

"From an exhibition to a jointly built ecology of novel medicines, the CIE is a valuable opportunity for AstraZeneca and its partners to showcase their achievements. We'll see more innovative Chinese products hitting overseas markets in the next three to five years," said Leon Wang, Executive Vice-President, international and China president of AstraZeneca.

The HistoCore Spirit HE to be debuted is the first product developed and manufactured in China by Danaher. It holds six patents. Jason Peng, president of Danaher China noted that China is not only an important market, but a research center and a manufacturing base. **People's Daily**



## China, US communicating closely on leaders' meeting

BEIJING



A CHINESE Foreign Ministry spokesperson on Friday said that China and the United States are in close communication on the specific arrangements of their leaders' meeting.

Spokesperson Wang Wenbin made the remarks at a daily news briefing when answering a relevant query. He said that this year, President Xi Jinping has had two phone conversations with President Joe Biden at request. The two heads of state have agreed to maintain regular contact in various ways.

"We hope that the US side will work with China to make the meeting a success and bring China-US ties back to the right track of sound and stable development," said the spokesperson.

### BENEFICIAL NATURE OF TIES

The US should correctly view the mutually beneficial nature of China-US relations, and adopt a rational and pragmatic policy toward China, he said while commenting on US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's recent remarks that the US is going to compete vigorously with China across multiple dimensions, and there's no reason that the competition has to turn into conflict or confrontation.

Competition does exist in international relations, but it should be healthy competition based on observing the basic norms governing international relations, said Wang.

"We oppose unfair competition where one's own rules are forced on other countries as international rules. We oppose unjust competition where the word 'competition' is used as a pretext to undermine other countries' sovereignty and interfere in other countries' internal affairs. We oppose unethical competition where 'competition' is cited as an excuse to restrict other countries' development and deprives them of their legitimate rights and interests."

China and the US have both differences and broad common interests, and to define China-US relations with competition contravenes the reality of bilateral relations and deviates from US policies on China, he added.

"The US should correctly view the mutually beneficial nature of China-US relations, adopt a rational and pragmatic policy toward China, work with China to strengthen dialogue and communication, deepen mutually beneficial cooperation, properly manage differences and follow the path of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," he said.

## Last-minute climate deal agreed at COP26

LONDON

NEGOTIATORS agreed on a climate deal at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, or COP26, in Glasgow on Saturday night, after last-minute concessions on coal pushed the agreement over the line.

After weeks of mediation, COP26 President Alok Sharma was visibly emotional when he announced the Glasgow climate agreement. A key line in the text pertaining to coal was watered down for the second time this week in order to get the deal done.

"I think we can credibly say that 1.5 C is alive. But it's pulse is weak," Sharma said, referring to the target laid out in the Paris Agreement in 2015 to keep average global temperatures to within 2 and 1.5 degrees Celsius this century.

"I apologize for the way this process has unfolded. I am deeply sorry," Sharma said. "I also understand the deep disappointment but I also think, as you have noted, that it is vital that we protect this package."

Sharma said that a "gulf remained" between what countries have promised on emissions reductions and what is needed to meet Paris goals, though he said he remained hopeful future conferences could make meaningful progress.

"This multilateral process can deliver," Sharma said. "This package sets a course for the world to deliver on the promises made at Paris."

China welcomed the outcome of the conference, calling it "of great significance for safeguarding multilateralism and concentrating (international efforts) on implementation of the Paris Agreement."

Prior to the finalization of the agreement, representatives from several countries including China said that the text was not perfect but that had no intention to reopen it.

An initial draft had called for nations to "phase out coal" projects this decade, and this language was changed to "phase down", after stiff opposition from Indian negotiators, who said it was unjust for rich nations to require the phasing out fossil fuels in developing nations that are in the midst of industrialization and urbanization.

"How can anyone expect that developing countries can make promises about phasing out coal and fossil fuel subsidies when developing countries have still to deal with their development agenda and poverty eradication?" India's environment minister Bhupender Yadav asked on Saturday evening in Glasgow.

China's vice-minister of ecology and environment Zhao Yingmin supported this perspective.

"The current global warming has been caused mainly by the industrialization in the past 200 years, mainly involving the developed countries," Zhao said during a news conference late Saturday evening. "This historical responsibility has been clarified by the Paris Agreement, hence the 'common but differentiated responsibilities'. The developed countries, therefore, must take the lead to cut emissions instead of requiring the developing countries to stop consuming coal; it is unfair."

## Ex-Trump aide Bannon indicted for contempt of Congress

WASHINGTON

A US federal grand jury has indicted Steve Bannon, onetime adviser to former president Donald Trump, charging him with contempt of Congress after he defied a subpoena by the House select committee investigating the Jan 6 Capitol riot, the Justice Department announced Friday.

The indictment came as Attorney General Merrick Garland has been under pressure to prosecute Bannon after the House voted on Oct 27 to hold the former chief strategist of Trump in criminal contempt of Congress and referred the resolution to the Justice Department.

"Since my first day in office, I have promised Justice Department employees that together we would show the American people by word and deed that the department adheres to the rule of law, follows the facts and the law and pursues equal justice under the law," Garland said in a statement. "Today's charges reflect the department's steadfast commitment to these principles."

Bannon's indictment contained two charges of contempt of Congress, according to the Justice Department, "one contempt count involving his refusal to appear for a deposition and another involving his refusal to produce documents, despite a subpoena from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol."

Each count of contempt of Congress carries a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of one year in jail, as well as a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, the department said, adding a federal district court judge will determine any sentence for the 67-year-old Trump loyalist.

The House Jan 6 committee subpoenaed documents and testimony from Bannon on Sept 23. He missed both the Oct 7 deadline for documents production and the Oct 14 deadline for deposition.

Bannon's lawyer, Robert Costello, told the committee his client would not cooperate with the investigation because he had been so directed by Trump, who claimed the documents and testimony being sought were potentially protected by presidential executive privilege.

Costello told the committee that "the executive privileges belong to President Trump" and "we must accept his direction and honor his invocation of executive privilege."

President Joe Biden has refused to assert executive privilege with respect to witnesses and documents, citing the extraordinary nature of the attack on Capitol Hill on Jan 6 to stop Congress from certi-



Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., and Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., arrive as the House select committee tasked with investigating the Jan 6 attack on the US Capitol meets to hold Steve Bannon, one of former President Donald Trump's allies in contempt, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021. File photo

fying the result of the 2020 presidential election.

In seeking documents and deposition from Bannon, the Jan 6 committee said in the subpoena that Bannon spoke with Trump in the run-up to Jan 6, that he was present at a hotel in downtown DC used by the Trump team as a command center as the attack unfolded, and that he said on his radio podcast one day prior to the attack that "all hell is going to break loose tomorrow."

The select committee has so far issued subpoenas to 21 former of-

ficials in the Trump administration for documents, testimony – or both – related to their involvement in the Capitol riot.

Also subpoenaed by the panel, Trump's then chief of staff Mark Meadows didn't appear for his deposition scheduled for Friday at 10 am ET, risking the invocation of the contempt of Congress procedure by the select committee as it so warned Meadows on Thursday night.

Contempt of Congress prosecutions by the Justice Department often have been both time consuming

and notoriously difficult to succeed, oftentimes ending in acquittal or dismissal on appeal.

The last time the department prosecuted a contempt referral was in 1983, during the Superfund investigation in the Ronald Reagan administration. Then Environmental Protection Agency official Rita Lavelle was charged with contempt but her case ended in acquittal.

## Aircraft designer Gu Songfen wins China's top science award



Gu Songfen works in his office. (Photo courtesy of the Aviation Industry Corporation of China, Ltd.)

CHINESE aircraft designer Gu Songfen won China's top science award for his outstanding contributions to scientific and technological innovation.

An awards ceremony was held on Nov. 3 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to honor Gu, a leading scientist at the Aviation Industry Corporation of China, Ltd., as well as other scientists with major contributions.

Gu, an academician at both the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, was born in 1930 in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu province. He started working for the aviation industry after graduating from university in 1951.

In 1956, the first airplane design office of the People's Republic of China was established in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning province, and Gu was appointed the head of an aerodynamics group.

It was there that Gu encountered the first major challenge of his career - the aerodynamic design of the jet trainer Shenyang JJ-1, the very first jet aircraft of China.

Gu, who studied propeller-driven aircraft at university, didn't know much about jet aircraft. Therefore, he had to learn new stuffs, day and night.

He heard that Beihang University, previously known as Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, had the documents that he might need, so he went to Beijing from Shenyang. In order to minimize the disturbance to

students, he searched for and studied the materials in the university's library at night. Finally, he came up with the aerodynamic design criteria for subsonic aircraft and the engineering calculation method for aerodynamic properties, and completed the aerodynamic layout plan for the Shenyang JJ-1.

Following this initial achievement, Gu completed the aerodynamic layout plan for the Nanchang CJ-6, the first Chinese basic trainer aircraft, and established an aerodynamic design system for subsonic aircraft.

Immediately after that, he joined aerodynamic studies of supersonic aircraft, and the aircraft aerodynamic design system he established is still an important reference for Chinese aircraft designers today.

In 1964, China started developing its first high-speed and high-altitude interceptor fighter jets -J-8, and Gu led the aircraft's aerodynamic design as a deputy chief designer. Later, he was appointed the chief designer of the project.

Sixteen years later, he was again appointed the chief designer of J-8 II, the next generation of the J-8 interceptor that outperforms its predecessor in every aspect. He led over 100 design and manufacturing organizations, and sent the aircraft into the air in only four

years.

Gu said his biggest wish is to never leave the cause of aviation.

In 1986, Gu was transferred to Beijing for work, where his major duty was to make decisions on major national projects and to make suggestions on the aeronautic equipment system construction and the layout of the country's national defense.

He still pays close attention to the development of aircraft, and has joined the making of multiple airplanes, including the narrow-body airliner C919, the fighter jet J-10, the large military transport aircraft Y-20, the supersonic advanced jet trainer JL-9 and the regional jet ARJ21. Besides, he is also actively promoting the development of Chinese seaplanes.

Though the nonagenarian had gone through surgeries, he's still working every day. It takes him longer to cover the distance between his home and his office, which used to cost him around 10 minutes, but he is still punctual.

"To learn the new development of aviation industry is what makes me happy in my twilight years. All I can do now is to read some books, translate some materials and try to offer as much assistance as possible for the young people," he said.

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## Russia ready to help resolve migration crisis on Belarusian border with EU - Putin

MOSCOW

MOSCOW is ready to facilitate efforts to resolve a migrant crisis on the border between Belarus and the European Union, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with Rossiya-1's "Moscow, Kremlin. Putin" show.

"When we hear some statements and accusations against us, I would like to tell everyone: mind your own domestic issues, don't try to shift them to others because it is your related agencies that need to resolve them.

However, we are ready to do our utmost [to help resolve the situation] if there is anything we can do," Putin said in response to reporter Pavel Zarubin's questions.

He reiterated that accusations of involvement in the migration crisis against Russia "point to someone's desire to shift responsibility for the current developments."

"What does our Aeroflot air carrier has to do with it? Did anyone take an Aeroflot flight? I know nothing about it but some people surely could have taken a flight and traveled through third countries. What do we have to do with it?" the Russian president said.

### Responsibility for migration crisis

Western countries seek to avoid responsibility for a migration crisis on the border between Belarus and the European Union, Putin said.

"I have already said that we have nothing to do with it, absolutely nothing. Why are some talking about it? Because it is on their conscience. It indicates their desire to shift the blame to someone else," Putin said in response to reporter Pavel Zarubin's questions.

According to the Russian president, it is Western countries that are to blame for the crisis. "I have already explained why, there are political, military and economic reasons.

They were the ones who created conditions where thousands, even hundreds of thousands of people left their homes. And now they are looking for someone to blame in order to avoid responsibility for what is happening," Putin stressed.

The Russian president explained that he had learned about the migration crisis from the media. "I never discussed the issue with [Belarusian President Alexander] Lukashenko before. However, we have talked on the phone twice since the crisis emerged," Putin said.

The Russian leader earlier expressed hope that Lukashenko and Acting German Chancellor Angela Merkel would hold a conversation in the near future to discuss the situation because most migrants sought to reach Germany.

Tensions sparked by migrants seeking to enter Poland, Lithuania and Latvia via Belarus exploded on November 8. Several hundred people arrived on the Belarusian-Polish border. EU states claim that Minsk is deliberately escalating the crisis and call for sanctions. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, in turn, blamed the situation on the Western countries whose actions forced people to flee their war-torn homelands.

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Ditram Nchimbi

## Ditram Nchimbi leaves Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA forward, Ditram Nchimbi, has parted ways with the historic NBC Premier League champions after his contract with the club expired.

Nchimbi joined Yanga on December 19, 2019, from Polisi Tanzania, when he showed his edge after scoring a hat-trick in a match between his employers, Polisi Tanzania, and Yanga which took place in Dar es Salaam on October 3, 2019.

Polisi Tanzania recorded a 3-3 draw with Yanga in the tie.

While Yanga's squad was in Zanzibar to continue preparations for the NBC Premier League, the club's forward, Nchimbi, did not join his teammates as his contract ended.

Having served the team for two years after seeing his form drop and lose his spot in the first-choice squad, he decided to leave the side upon contract expiry.

The outgoing striker netted his last goal for Yanga on April 20, 2021, in a 3-1 victory against Gwambina FC, with Nchimbi scoring the game's first goal.

It was his first goal for the outfit after one year.

Nchimbi's memorable feat came when the attacker scored a winning goal that sent Tanzania to the African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals at the expense of Sudan in 2019.

Yanga Manager, Hafidh Saleh, confirmed that the player is not with the team after his contract expired and

the management has not shown any interest in extending his contract.

"His contract has expired, another player, whose contract is on the verge of extinction, is Adeyum Saleh, his contract comes to an end this season. I don't know if the management will have a deal with him," he said.

He said Nchimbi has left and will not be among the Yanga players, Saleh moreover talked about their preparations in general and said they are doing well and the coach's plans have gone smoothly.

Yanga took part in two friendlies against Zanzibar Premier League sides, KMKM, and Mlandege in the tour of the Isles.

Mlandege conceded a 1-0 loss to Yanga in the first friendly, with goal-getter Heritier Makambo notching the goal that separated the squads.

Yanga later cruised to a 2-1 victory over KMKM in the remaining friendly, with the winger, Ducafel Moloko, and goal-getter Fiston Mayeye notching the visitors' goals.

Saleh pointed out: "The coach asked for both games to be played. All players have seen their shortcomings and abilities especially the stars who were out of action, Yasin Mustafa is back and given time to play now it is up to him (coach) to decide."

The 24-year old Nchimbi formerly played for top-flight outfits, Azam FC, Njombe Mji FC, Mwadui FC, among other clubs.

## Geita Gold FC ready for Kagera Sugar in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NBC Premier League newcomer, Geita Gold FC, has said it has intensified preparations for the clash against Kagera Sugar FC set to take place at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera.

Geita Gold FC has not tested any win in the Premier League and sits 13th in the league log, it has played five games, lost four, and draw one.

The team is coming from a 1-0 loss in the hands of Azam FC.

Geita Gold FC information officer, Ahmed Kivuyo, said the club has intensified preparations as it seeks to register the first win in the NBC Premier League.

He said the next Sunday match against Kagera Sugar will present his side a perfect opportunity to start the competition on a high.

Kivuyo said the two-week

international break gave the team's interim head coach, Fred Felix Minziro, and his staff enough time to prepare for the games.

"Our team has been in camp during the two-week international break, we are preparing for our away game against Kagera Sugar, it is now time that we start winning our Premier League games," he said.

Kagera Sugar's head coach, Francis Baraza, whose team is coming from an away win against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, said they are not underrating Geita Gold FC.

He said they need to prepare well for the encounter as there are no underdogs this season.

"This season's NBC Premier League is one of the toughest, no team is underdog, we need to prepare well for any team and as I'm speaking the team is in camp," he said.

## DRC margin over Taifa Stars may have to do with local chicanery, paying off

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CHANCES that the regional soccer ranking was for once likely to be disrupted with Taifa Stars making a strong bid for Qatar 2022 World Cup are now ruined, which was on the horizon but what can be described as a massive outpouring of faith - or prayers - stood in the way of accepting the thrust of the competition.

One rather misplaced comparison was the recollection that the side won 3-0 over the Uganda 'Cranes' to reach AFCON finals during the tutelage of Emmanuel Amunike, skipping over the fact that Uganda had already qualified and had no reason to play to its actual ability. It would have to have a vendetta to play profusely.

The point that a portion of analysts and a majority of the fans kept avoiding was that DRC had to play to capacity in that encounter, having been forced to a draw in their home game, with Tanzania topping the list on points up to that moment.

On the contrary, the home side was under the impression that they were meeting the same side, and more to it, they had a home advantage - a view unlikely to have been cultivated by an experienced coach like Kim Poulsen but reverberating with the gallery, the stands or the fans.

But even then the edge could have been less intense, though such examples aren't far to seek at club level, etc.

That is why to a portion of observers, the singularly most important lesson of the DRC encounter is that playing at their best and with determination, Taifa Stars stand little chance of a positive score against DRC, though the margin the visiting side was likely to manage could be slightly narrowed.

There were plain hiccups in how chances could have finished well but did not, a few too many for many local spectators but football intelligence has it that there are never more than a few real chances, as no chance is factually one unless it is beyond the other side's ability to stop it.

In many cases there are neat



Senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' defender, Dickson Job (L), dribbles past Democratic Republic of Congo's fullback, Nathan Fasika, when the squads met in African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup's Group J match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

things, not real chances as the fans wish to believe, by projecting their imagination into the match, as an event.

Without belabouring the issue of a predictable or unavoidable margin of win for DRC, one thing that comes up is that there may have been a minimum of sabotage on the part of the home side, a fall scenario prepared by perennially protruding 'technical committees' especially linked with the city archrivals, Young Africans and Simba SC.

Those bringing up accusations of this sort direct them to the contending premier league hopefuls rather than the defending champions, but as usual one has to be fairly close to their inner groups to learn precisely what happened.

But the rumour is altogether affirmative that there was a climate of psychic sabotage that worked against the home side, that is, wizardry gone wild, impinging on the host - as it wasn't planned for the continental tournament but in preparations for the next city derby.

Such a situation isn't altogether strange, as it is well known that magic isn't a one-way affair as it is a sort of prayer that can be positively taken up and work for the demand side, or be refused and work against the perpetrator, as such action is wrong by definition.

In that context, it can be affirmed that planting a 'guided missile' against a rival side and then hosting another sort of encounter before that event carried the risk of that bomb exploding before time as it were, and as DRC is named 'Chui' as national side tag, it wasn't altogether faulty that this issue could have played a role in the outcome.

They are outsiders but as namesakes of the targeted group - based on the rumours - they could benefit by its backfiring.

It isn't strange that the perpetrator of a psychic crime suffers from its effects personally, even if some result is gathered in so doing.

The most memorable incident in that regard is still the way the then Msimbazi Street club chairman,

interestingly named Bamchawi, let off three birds from his main stand seat, two flew and one collapsed on attempting to fly.

As definitely expected, each of the birds would be a goal, so the side obtained two goals from the birds that flew off, and the third wasn't just a failure to get the third goal.

For some reason, it extracted a sacrifice in kind, by 'weaving' into the perpetrator, and he died.

The rumours notwithstanding, and the fact that from the viewpoint of local experience this kind of self-inflicted injury may substantially explain what happened, there is frankly speaking no need to extensively explore that dimension.

The point is that at a glance, there is a vast difference of head to head ability of the players, given the fact that the best player at the moment in the leading NBC Premier League side, Yanga, is Fiston Mayeye, a DRC native who is not needed in the DRC national squad. That is impossible for Taifa Stars.

## DTB FC set to sign experienced footballers in January transfer window

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

CHAMPIONSHIP league leader, Dar es Salaam's DTB FC, says it is satisfied with the work rate put to show by its experienced players, especially in the first five games.

The squad revealed its plans to add more top guns in the January transfer window that will be open next month.

The team's coordinator, Muhibu Kanu, said that the fact that they have not lost any Championship game so far is a clear indication that the experience and quality of the

stars who have formerly played in the Premier League have benefited them.

Kanu revealed his squad is out to add others to complete the work that has begun.

The official noted: "The team so far is in good shape and as you can see we are leading the league standings as we have not lost a single game and this proves that our players have good standards and their experience has continued to help us."

"In the mini registration period, we will add some players from Premier League

teams, who we believe will strengthen our squad so that we can achieve our goal of clinching NBC Premier League promotion."

"Those present are good but they also need to be strengthened and make the opponents have a tough time against us," Kanu revealed.

DTB FC has been in the best form, showcasing good performance in its matches, and it is expected to do well if it gets a promotion to next season's Premier League.

Former Yanga striker, Amissi Tambwe, David Mwantika,

Issa Makamba, James Msuva, Nicholas Gyan, Yusuf Mlipili, Emmanuel Mseja, Owen Chaima, Juma Abdul, Saad Kipanga, Tafadzwa Kutinyu, and Shaban Majaliwa are among DTB FC players doing well in the Championship.

In six outings, DTB FC came out victorious four times and settled for a draw in two games, scored a total of 11 goals, and leaked four goals.

Of the 11 goals scored, five have been scored by forward, Tambwe that previously turned out for Simba and Yanga.



Dar es Salaam football outfit, DTB FC.



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## National beach soccer team ready for COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona & Agencies

TANZANIA'S national beach soccer team depart South Africa today to battle it out in the Confederation of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAF-A) Beach Soccer Championship.

National beach soccer team head coach, Boniface Pawasa, said they are well prepared for the tournament which has attracted seven nations.

The teams which will compete at the event are South Africa, Mozambique, Seychelles, Madagascar, Comoros, Tanzania, and Angola.

He said in his squad he has six new players and retained eight players, he, however, could not unveil the new and retained players in his squad.

"We are well prepared for the tournament, the team is ready and the good thing is that we have met some of the teams before, we know how Mozambique, South Africa, Madagascar, and Seychelles play."

"We know Mozambique is coming from the World Cup, it will be a tough opponent, we are confident we will do well," Pawasa stated.

The inaugural Beach Soccer Championship was held in Seychelles in 2015 and won by Madagascar, who would go on days later to have tremendous success on the continental stage.

The next CAF Beach Soccer Cup of Nations is scheduled for Mozambique in 2022, which will in turn likely serve as the qualifiers for the 2023 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup.

At the group stage draw, the teams are split into two pools. Group A will contain four sides and Group B will have three. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the semi-finals.

The draw for the 2021 COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship took place in Durban on Saturday, providing the seven competing sides with a roadmap to regional glory at the November 17-21 competition.

The draw was attended by dignitaries from the City of eThekweni and KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government, as well as former Bafana Bafana international Mark Fish, who also played beach soccer for South Africa and will be part of the Technical Study Group at this year's tournament.

Hosts South Africa were the seeds in Group A and they have been drawn against Seychelles, 2015 COSAFA, and African champions Madagascar, as well as Angola. It appears to be a real Group of Death that will be tough to call.

Group B contains 2021 CAF Beach Soccer Cup of Nations runners-up Mozambique, Comoros Islands, and East African guest nation Tanzania.

Tanzania will not only be participating in the competition but will also be sending two referees to lend their experience, Jackson Msilombo, and Geoffrey Mwamboneke.

The inaugural COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship was played in Seychelles in 2015 and was won by Malagasy. Recently COSAFA signed a three-year partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government and the City of eThekweni to host several annual tournaments in Durban, including the beach soccer tournament.

The agreement runs from August 2021 to December 2023 and provides the COSAFA Cup, COSAFA Women's Champions League, and COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship with certainty over the hosting of the trio of annual events in what are the most uncertain of times.

The three tournaments will be staged in the coastal city each year over that period, making use of the world-class football facilities on offer and the excellent all-around infrastructure in travel, transport, and communications.

"As the City, we are excited to host the COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship. Durban is the perfect host city with our amazing sandy beaches, the warm Indian Ocean, and sub-tropical sunshine," said Musa Mbhele, Acting City Manager, eThekweni Municipality.

"Hosting the championship is a step towards realizing the vision of the City to grow beach sports. We want our beaches to be fully utilized for sports, leisure, and tourism."

COSAFA General Secretary Sue Destombes says they are delighted to have beach soccer back on the calendar.

## Yanga coach pleased with team's progress



Yanga midfielder, Mukoko Tonombe (C), races past KMKM defenders when the squads faced off in a friendly in Zanzibar last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, has stressed that with the competition he saw in his outfit's training camp, he believes they have a chance to outshine many teams once the NBC Premier League resumes.

The Premier League was suspended for two weeks to give room for the FIFA calendar for international fixtures.

He revealed that even if those in their respective countries' national teams return, the competition at Yanga will be intense as there is something he has seen in the footballers he had

in the camp in Zanzibar.

Yanga returned to Dar es Salaam last weekend from the Zanzibar camp ready for a trip to Lindi to face Namungo FC in a tough Premier League match slated for Saturday.

He said they have had the opportunity to practice a lot of tactics and fitness training in the camp, including playing two friendly matches against

Zanzibar Premier League outfits, KMKM and Mlandege.

The Tunisian coach stated each player on his side has shown interest in wanting to be allowed to play in the first team.

Nabi, who holds Tunisian and Belgian citizenships, disclosed: "I am very happy with the players who were in this camp as they have fought to show

they deserve to be given a chance to play in competitive matches. This is a good thing for us."

"That will increase the competition in the team but there will be no big difference between those who get a chance to start and footballers who will be on the bench. Everyone who gets a chance will do their job well."

Nabi said forward Yacouba Songne's injury is not a good thing for the side as he is among the players who started the season well.

The Burkina Faso striker was injured during Yanga's NBC Premier League tie with Coast Region's Ruvu Shooting at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

"Even if we make a change in a player in that position we will not abandon our approach, which we have started well with, each player fulfils his responsibilities and enables the side to garner good results in five league matches," Nabi revealed.

With Songne out due to a knee injury, Nabi has the opportunity to field Farid Mussa, Deus Kaseke, and Dickson Ambundo in the wing position.

Ambundo has not played any league matches this season since signing for the Jangwani Street side from Dodoma Jiji FC.

Yanga is aiming to do well this season to clinch the title, which has eluded the squad in recent years.

The team lifted this season's Community Shield by beating Simba SC 1-0 in Dar es Salaam with Congolese international Fiston Mayele, who is one of the new signings, netting the goal.

## Majaliwa graces CRDB Bank Taifa Cup climax

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa was yesterday expected to grace the final games 2021 National Basketball Tournament, known as 'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup' at the Chinangali courts in Dodoma.

The tournament had tipped off on November 5, with the Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, serving as guest of honour.

It has brought together 32 regional teams, 20 for men's discipline and 12 for women's discipline battling for the top prizes from the event's main sponsor, CRDB Bank.

The final ceremony was set to be coloured by various activities including entertainment from Bongo Flava artist, 'G Nako', and Dodoma Dancers.

In the first semi-final for women's discipline, defending champions, Dar es Salaam, recorded a win over Arusha Queens.

Dar es Salaam was 15-0 up in the first period, with their opponents failing to score a point in the period, the second period culminated with the defending champions taking 35-14 lead, the scoreboard read 50-14 at the breather.

In the third and fourth quarters, defending champions continued with their domination leading 20-4, Arusha Queens sought to prove their worth, forcing 12-12 results.

The victory saw Dar es Salaam progress to the final



Female basketballers put their skills to show in the previous season's national basketball tournament, known as the 'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup', which took place at Chinangali courts in Dodoma. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CRDB BANK PLC

with a 67-30 win and was now set to confront winners of the second semi-final game between Unguja Queens and Tanga Ladies who met yesterday night.

Men's semi-final matches began with Coast Region facing Arusha, eyeing qualification for final.

The two last semis played yesterday night had Unguja Queens locking with Tanga Ladies.

Men's discipline last semis game saw the last edition's finalist, Dar es Salaam 'Dream Team', took on hosts Dodoma, a fixture that was set to be pulsating.

The four sides which made it into the last four's stage

earned that chance after defeating their opponents in the quarterfinals played on Friday evening, Dodoma cruised to 70-59 win over CRDB Youth. Arusha walloped Tanga 102-80, Coast Region saw off Unguja 53-43, Dar es Salaam had an easy ride to the last four after getting a walkover against Kigoma.

In ladies' discipline Arusha defeated Coast Region 52-34, Unguja notched a 53-43 win over CRDB Youth, Tanga Ladies dismissed Mbeya Queen with 49-44 victory whereas the defending champions earned walkover over Dodoma Ladies.

The men's title was up for grabs given defending cham-

pions Mbeya had lost its title defense campaign battle in the qualifiers games for quarterfinals, going down 76-70 to Tanga.

Champions for both categories will walk away with 5m/- apiece, runners-up will collect 3m/- apiece, the Most Valuable Player (MVP) will take home 500,000/- apiece.

Apart from that the teams, which have made it to the semi-finals, Arusha Queens, Unguja, Tanga and Coast Region in women's discipline, Arusha, Dodoma, and Dar es Salaam in men's discipline have got 500,000/- each for their success.

Four squads that qualified for Sunday finals will pick

1m/- each, as well as cash for the most disciplined teams for both categories.

'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup' tournament's main sponsor CRDB Bank has also set aside 10m/- scholarship for sponsoring youths who will excel in the tournament to pursue further studies in various higher education institutions.

CRDB Bank's improved money prizes for this year's edition is the outcome of the increase in the bank's sponsorship package to 300m/- aiming at motivating youths to engage in sports through the bank's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) policy as well as improving the tournament to the best.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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