

# Boundaries of five forest reserves put under review

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE government is set to review the status of forest reserves recently elevated, listed as Luganzo-Tongwe, Igombe, Wembere, Inyonga and Ugalla. Mary Masanja, the Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister, made this affirmation at the Mpanda municipal conference hall during the weekend, asserting that the move is meant to solve challenges regarding boundaries, as some village areas were incorporated in the mapped out reserve areas.

The review is expected to further boost conservation of natural resources, as biodiversity is being lost with relentless expansion of farming in the vicinity.

The new boundaries for Igombe Forest Reserve had brought about complaints from the vil-

# Samia rules out grain shortages

Graces Catholic women Jubilee bonanza



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has a feel of an assortment of food items displayed yesterday at the pavilions of various Catholic Church dioceses at an exhibition held as part of the run-up to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the organisation of Catholic women in Tanzania (WAWATA) – a member of the World Union of Catholic Women Organisations. The latter is primarily meant to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development. Photo: State House

#### **By Getrude Mbago**

RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday allayed fears of food insecurity, saying the country has over 150,000 tonnes of grains, three times the stock held in the past two years.

Officiating at the Catholic Women Organisation of Tanzania jubilee bonanza held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, she assured the gathering and the wider public that the country has enough food reserves despite low harvests in past seasons.

The past harvest enabled the adding of 50,000 tonnes of grain in the national storage facility, tripled the earlier stock, a stockpile that suffices food needs if a deficit occurs, she said.

She pointed at efforts to provide incentives to farmers especially regarding fertilizers and seeds to facilitate wider cultivation and good yields.

Similarly, she hinted that the incoming session of the legislature is expected to hear a bill for universal health coverage (UHC), where measures for compulsory contributions will be leveraged.

The country needs to be assured of quality and affordable services, where low income earners will obtain health insurance cards to ease access to health services, She said.

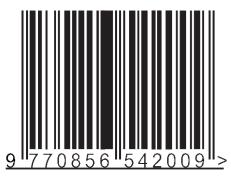
She appealed to women to take

lagers as they swallowed up village areas used for cultivation and building houses, she said. Luganzo Tongwe Forest Reserve boundaries have incorporated auxiliary areas including forest reserves of Mpanda Line, Tongwe West and Masito, along with Mishamo refugee camp area, she explained. The government has decided to remove the Ugalla River area from Ugalla Forest Reserve, thus remaining under the Sikonge District Council authorities, she stated.

The ministry will send a team of experts to prepare a map for Wembere Forest Reserve extending to Wembere marshlands straddling a shared area between Igunga, Uyui, Sikonge and Manyoni districts in Tabora and Singida regions.

After the map is redrawn, people need to respect areas designated for conservation, becoming key stakeholders in conserving forests, helping to protect water sources, she said. For his part, Mpanda Rural MP Selemani Kakoso was pleased by the government's decision, hailing the ministry for efforts to provide feedback to the people.

The ministerial team that handles acute land conflicts needs to visit Katavi Region as there are villages located in areas for which the government has made other decisions, he added.



# **Relocations likely due to wildlife corridors report**

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has reviewed the status of wildlife corridors, with some set for restoration and less important ones to be closed.

Wildlife Department director Dr Maurus Msuha said at the weekend that the report on wildlife corridors is being finalized by a taskforce and set for release next Saturday in the capital, at a meeting involving various conservation stakeholders.

He made the remarks to journalists on the sidelines of a meeting of conservation and tourism sector officials, where the basic decisions were reached on the corridors.

He said there are wildlife corridors that have been closed and cannot be reopened, those needing to be saved, functioning corridors used for wildlife migration.

The briefing was part of pursuits of

the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) project, "Let's Preserve of Natural Resources," sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Due to the importance of the corridors, he department is working with other stakeholders on the issue, he said, urging people to be ready for changes geared at better utilisation of land.

Other economic activities should

adhere to prioritization of wildlife passage in the designated areas without undue obstacles, he said.

Citing an example, he said that corridors that follow river sources can't be closed as that would cause floods, explaining that reopening corridors followed closure of corridors used by animals, and thus the frequency of

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up their care and moulding role, and strengthen their efforts to fight the deterioration of youth moral values with proper care of their children.

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NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-R) pictured in Mbeya yesterday presenting to Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) deputy chairman Sima Constantine Sima a dummy cheque for 120m/- in support of the association's four-day annual general meeting which Vice President Dr Philip Mpango is expected to open in the southern highlands zone city today. Looking on are the bank's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi (R), and ALAT secretary general Elirehema Kaaya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Mwinyi wants specialists in newer district hospitals

#### By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

AS the Zanzibar government finalises the construction of district hospitals in both Unguja and Pemba islands plus a referral hospital, President Hussein Ali Mwinyi says the Isles must have a specialist doctor in each of the hospitals. Bidding farewell to 21 doctors from China after a year-long tour of duty in the Isles, he called on the Chinese government to assist in staffing the centres with specialists When completed, the hospitals will have adequate equipment in all essential departments to improve service delivery, hence the next team of doctors from China will work in a better environment, he said, saluting the departing Chinese doctors for the good job they did in medical service delivery. He was satisfied with their efforts in passing their skills to local medical practitioners including nurses and other assisting staff, with Health minister

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Families and the wider society need to strengthen the protection of children and promotion of their rights, including fighting violence on children and women, she stated, pointing at moral decay among the youth as one of the biggest challenges that need collective efforts to address.

Women are the first line caregivers in a family and this requires that whenever she opens her mouth there is wisdom that facilitates the proper growth of the children, she said.

The rapid development of digital technologies pulls large numbers of youths towards a negative direction as the majority of them misuse those communication channels, she said.

"To rescue this situation, parents, religious leaders and the society have a role to control children and youth from falling into the trap of misusing digital space," she said.

Women have a burden to be close to their children and work to ensure that they grow up to be good people embraced by everyone in the society, she said.

"Women with support from their husbands need to be the child's idols, best friends and motivators who can implant moral principles in children. This produces a first-class society with successful adolescents," the president asserted, urging religious leaders to continue spending their time speaking to men to focus on appreciating their spouses instead of mental and physical pain, to lay the basis for a good society.

She was fulsome in assuring the Tanzania Catholic Women organisation of government support towards the setting up a microfinance entity, underlining her appreciation for their environmental conservation priority concern.

This is a vital matter in uplifting the society, she stated, praising the organisation for planting 530,416 trees when readying for the Jubilee, rolling off earlier in July.

Archbishop Gervas Nyaisonga, president of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) said the Catholic women organisation plays a key role in community development spiritually, socially and economically.

The archbishop, who heads the Mbeya archdiocese, hailed the president for showing a spirit of service to the people without discrimination.

Women are sensitized to become catalysts for change through living their faith and engaging in various development initiatives, which the organisation was devoted to putting into practice, he said.

Archbishop Jude Thaddaeus Ruwa'ichi, head of the city archdiocese, expressed gratitude to the president for accepting to grace the jubilee climax, to join women and the church in general in the watershed celebration. 



Egypt's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mohamed Gaber Abulwafa (R), has a word in Dar es Salaam late last week with Daudi Msasi (L), who doubles as the Health ministry's Director of Pharmaceutical Services and the Government Chief Pharmacist, and Medical Store Department (MSD) CEO Mavere Tukai (2nd-L) shortly after presenting medical equipment and supplies to MSD. P

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Ahmed Nassor Mazrui extolling the decades-long friendship between China and Tanzania.

Since 1964 China has usually brought in a new team of doctors to Zanzibar, he said, underlining the good work done by the departing doctors. The doctors did not only work in big hos-

pitals, but assisted in health centres in fairly remote rural areas, he stated. On their part, the Chinese doctors said the procedure for China to send in doctors to Zanzibar began in 1964 to assist in medical services delivery in the Isles and as a way to develop ties between China and Zanzibar. Elsewhere, Second Vice President

Hemed Suleiman Abdullah urged the Ministry of Education to review the criteria for picking headmasters for schools, to take account of qualifications stipulated in regulations, to stem the time of disrespecting the Isles education sector. Some school headmasters lack the relevant qualifications and thus they

need to be replaced, he said at a meeting with headmasters of secondary, primary and elementary schools in Zanzibar South Region. The government has decided to accord priority to the education sector for it to ensure quality output, so the ministry must properly supervise headmasters to uplift the sector, he added.

### Iringa Region to vaccinate children aged under five years against polio

#### By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

A TOTAL of 202,197 children under the age of five in Iringa Region are set to be reached and vaccinated against polio in the houseto house campaign which commenced on September 8 to 11, this year.

This is part of the national campaign that targets more than 12 million underfive children who will be reached with the vaccination in the country.

Speaking to journalists in her office, Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego said the third phase of the polio vaccination campaign for children under the age of five will record achievement

She said that the aim of the campaign is to increase the immunity of THE children and thus prevent the spread of the polio virus which was recently reported in the neighboring Malawi.

that the government is implementing the exercise in collaboration with various including stakeholders citizens, parents, guardians, various governmental and non-governmental organizations, religious sectors, famous people, and local government leaders to ensure that there is effectiveness in the exercise and to reach all the intended beneficiaries.

Dendego

She urged parents and cines caregivers to ensure that

they prepare their children for the immunization so as to protect them from the disease

She said the government continues to take appropriate measures to deal with the disease by strengthening the monitoring of all patients suspected to have

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explained the vaccine given in this exercise is the same that is JIWE LA MSINGI LA UJENZI WA SHULE YA given at health care centres ONDARI YA WASICHANA MARGARET SITTA and therefore, this vaccine is LIMEWEKWA NA safe and given free of charge SIM MAJALIWA MAJALIWA (MB) by skilled medical person-IRI MKUU WA JAMHURI YA UNGANO WA TANZANIA AREHE 9/9/2022 The Ministry of Health-Immunization and Vaccine Development (IVD) Programme is meant to strengthen the delivery of Tanzania's routine immunization services and to introduce new life-saving vac-According to the Iringa Regional Medical Officer (RMO), Dr Mohamed Mang'una said that our regional vaccination rate is at 97 percent which means routine vaccination and the percentage is the average of all the district councils in He said that the disease affects people of all ages and

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Japan's Ambassador to Tanzania, Yasushi Misawa, in cheerful mood during the inauguration of Margaret Sitta Secondary School in Urambo District, Tabora Region, at the weekend. The girls' boarding school is being stashed as a project jointly funded by the Tanzanian government and Japan Tobacco International (JTI) Leaf Services. Looking on is Urambo legislator Margaret Sitta. Photo: Guardian



#### By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

WATER Minister Jumaa Aweso has called upon Tanga Urban Water and sanitation Authority (TAUWASA) to increase the pace of water distribution due to population increase of people in the city's peripheries.

The minister made the call at the weekend at a short event to bid farewell the Authority's Board welcome the new Board.

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Aweso also called TAUWASA officials to make sure they listen to people's complaints,

"When we talk about TAUWASA, we mean an institution that serves the people, hence you must listen to their grievances, including the ones regarding inflated water bills," he said.

He also called on workers of the Authority

of Directors that completed its tenure and to to stop the habit of giving excuses in regard to complaints over water connection delays, sometimes up to three months' delays, and directed that water connection should be done within seven days, and not three months.

> "Also, why is it that consumers report on pipe leakages due to burst water pipes, but no one takes any steps until they refer the matter to higher authorities?" he queried.

He also disclosed that Tanga Regions has 62 strategic water projects; hence he called on the Regional Commissioner, Omary Mgumba to make sure the projects are well implemented by monitoring the contractors who were awarded the tenders. "Water engineers should supervise these projects, do not wait until a DC or RC goes to inspect when you accompany them, make sure you perform your duties accordingly," he added.

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human-wildlife conflicts. "The only solution is to find how the animals should pass," he emphasized.

Such areas will be properly designated and local people must comprehend the justification of this procedure, he said, stipulating that the minister will place a notice in the official gazette on the matter as an issue of better land use planning

The process of mapping out the corridors has begun, those still passable and thus being preserved, with the scheduled report putting in place a task plan for protecting them, he said.

Wildlife corridors are not government property when lying outside conserved areas but with population increase and attendant human activities, their conservation status needs to be clarified, explained.

He pointed at the controversial Kwakuchinja Corridor in Babati district, that if it is closed, "it will be the end of Tarangire and Lake Manyara national parks because it is the link between them." In the past it was altogether passable but now there are three narrow routes for wildlife, he elaborated.

Conflicts pitting humans and wildlife began just recently due to increase in the human population and widening of activities, while the land area remains the same.

The preservation of wildlife corridors project involves local governments as well as the land and livestock sectors, with the departments extensively cooperating with the department in the project, he added.

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### Tanzania walls up its coastline against rising sea levels

#### By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

TANZANIA is investing billions towards the construction of ocean walls barricading the country's coastline against rising sea levels.

The concrete buffer-zones along the coastlines are among the country's resilience creating efforts to offset some effects of climate change, including the rising sea water levels.

The National Focal Point Officer for Climate Change, Dr Freddy Manyika, reveals that the government is building a wall around the historical Mikindani district, in Mtwara Region.

The sea walling project which takes 4.5 billion/- is among the steps taken to safeguard coastlines and seaside settlements against being swallowed up by the increasing ocean waters.

"The funds also include the construction of yet another sea wall in Sipwese section of Pemba Island," says Dr Manyika who also happens to be the country's Principal Forest Officer, Environment Division in the Vice President's Office at Dodoma

Another barricading wall is being erected along the Ocean Road section in Dar-es-salaam City as well as in the Pangani area of Tanga Region; these other projects are being executed with inputs from the Climate Fund.

"In Pangani we are building a sea wall measuring 950 meters at the cost of 1.5 billion/-" said the Focal Point Officer, adding that erecting ocean buffer walls is a very difficult and expensive undertaking so far.

The officer was speaking to scribes members of the Journalists' Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

The journalists paid a visit to his office in their environment programs funded by the special environmental coverage initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the 'Tuhifadhi Maliasili,' Project.

Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hotel staff led by security manager Fabiano Matawa (R) carry an "accident victim" during a disaster preparedness operation at the Dar es Salaam hotel's premises at the weekend. Photo: John Badi

# Take immediate action to review media industry legislation

#### **By Getrude Mbago**

MEDIA practitioners and stakeholders have called on the government to take immediate action to review and amend various laws governing the industry as their presence continues to weaken and affect provision and access to information.

The laws include The Media Services Act of 2016, The Access to Information Act, 2016, The Electronics and Postal Communications Act (Social Media Content Regulations), The Penal Code, Cap 16, 2019 and The Cy-

bercrimes Act of 2015 and Zanzibar Broadcasting Commission Act. 1997.

In two reports launched by the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)-Tanzania Chapter in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, highlight several gaps found in the named laws emphasizing for immediate review so as to facilitate growth of the media

industry. Presenting findings in the report dubbed; "Tanzania Media Trends Analysis Report for 2015-2020, Edwin Soko, one of the consultants of the report called

and put emphasis for the review of the laws.

He said the government had earlier shown interest to review the laws but has for several months now remained mum while the media industry continues to suffer.

Soko said the report has highlighted several sections that need to be reviewed and amended as they affect stakeholders, adversely affect journalists and media outlets seeking to discharge their responsibilities.

"With these findings, we are

groundnuts.

on President Samia to intervene appealing for the government set up since 2015 remain ununder President Samia to take

immediate action to start reviewing the clauses of the laws that are seen affecting operations of media outlets and journalists because we are all building a better Tanzania," he said.

Bob Karashan, consultant of a report dubbed; "Tanzania Media Trends Analysis Report, changed.

"The media industry needs comprehensive media reforms to enable it to grow and contribute well in the development of the country. The laws include both in Zanzibar and mainland," he said

MISA-Tanzania vice chairman James Malenga said cited some of the items which stakeholders want to see reviewed or amended in the laws as including the powers of the Office of the Director of Information and the responsible minister to shut

down media outlets considered or suspected to have erred, without such issue or error being presented before any tribunal or court of law.

He said the two media trends studies have been conducted under special the International Media Support (IMS) programme that aimed at improving the capacity and working environment of civil society organisations and the media sector in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

"The project which is set to be completed later this month, has benefited over 600 media stakeholders including editors and journalists through various awareness seminars on media policies, freedom of expression and access to information but also advocacy on legal reforms," he said.

The project also reached online media content producers with training on Code of Conduct as well as capacity building training to journalists on their safety and security.

He hailed the European Union (EU) and the embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania for supporting IMS to execute the programme.







#### By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA has attained third position in African countries for the production of leguminous crops after it exported 455,304 tonnes in 2021 earning the country millions in foreign currency.

Out of the crop pigeon peas contributed 46 per cent of the total exports during the period.

This was closed here at the weekend by Senior Researcher on leguminous crops from the Ilonga Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Ilonga) in Morogoro Region; Meshack Makenge at a task meeting that brought together various stakeholders of the crops.

The meeting was tasked to evaluate strategies for the Accelerated Varietal Improvement and Seed delivery of Legumes and Cereals in Africa (AVISA) managed by TARI-Ilonga.

Makenge said in addition to Tanzania exporting leguminous crops, still their demand in foreign countries is huge averaging one million tonnes per year, hence, he added, through AVISA project, they have in place strategies to increase the production of quality seeds.

Now, the domestic market for the crops has opened up as there are sufficient processing factories, one of which is right here in Morogoro, but they are in great demand in India, hence through AVISA we target to produce quality seeds to be provided to farmers," he Added.

For his part, AVISA Project Coordinator, Emmanuel Mwenda said the implementation of the project began in 2019 in seven countries including Tanzania targeting beans, pigeon peas, grams, finger millet, sorghum and

2021/22 season due to their doing well in the market, even though they bring little benefits due to low production by farmers, most of whom use low yielding traditional seeds. For his part, Acting TARI-Ilonga Director, DR Emmanuel Chilagane said

He said pigeon peas and grams were added to the project during the

leguminous crops are of great benefits including as human nutrition, animal fodder, industrial raw materials and for enriching fertility of the soil.

Closing the meeting, the Director of Research and Innovation from TARI head office, Dr Joseph Ndunguru said the project supports President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in her Agenda 10/30 in regard to developing the farming sector through modern farming practices and use of technology.

### Owners of big buildings urged to arm their workers ready for fires

said.

#### **By Getrude Mbago**

OWNERS of big buildings, hotels and malls have been urged to invest in equipping their workers with basic firefighting and rescue skills so as to enable them to be able to overcome fire events during emergencies.

This was said by the head of security at Ramada Resort by Wyndham, Fabiano Matawa during the special fire preparedness exercise at the hotel in Dar es Salaam during the weekend.

He said as fire incidents have been mounting every day, claiming properties and people's lives, stakeholders including owners of big buildings should not rest in taking precautionary measures. Matawa hailed the Fire and Rescue Force for its efforts in providing support but urged for it to continue investing much of its efforts in providing awareness to the general public on how to prevent and overcome fire incidents in efforts to reduce the number of fire accidents.

"Most of us do not have knowledge on how to overcome fire; we are not aware of the techniques to use in case fire happens even in our homes and anywhere.

He also called on Tanzanians to ensure that their buildings consider both safety and security stressing that putting on secret exit points in their houses was vital.

Mashaka Pesa from SGA Security said when they were at the office, they received an emergency call from the hotel requesting for support due to a fire accident and reached immediately.

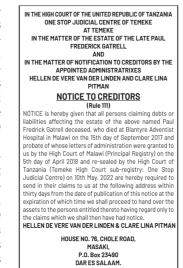
"We came here knowing that the hotel was in a fire accident

during emergencies," he

He said in a push to ensure that every one was reached with right information and education on fire fighting and prevention, the government as well as private security and rescue organizations have to continue to provide

training to people. Robert Anthony, sanitation and environment at Ramada Resort by Wyndham said they have been conducting the exercise two times per year as part of the hotel's plans to strengthen security as

but after arriving we saw well as rescue preparedness something different, there for its staff and guests during was no fire and the man- disasters. The Controller and agement informed us that Auditor General (CAG) Report it was a special exercise to of the 2016/17 highlighted that prepare its staff and guests the majority of public buildings to be able to overcome fire were not safe due to lack of essential equipment to overcome fire incidents.



ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzania -incorporated company with its head office in Dar es Salaam and its plant in Nzega District, Tabora Region .The Company is expecting to commence its operations as a Thermal insulation System Contractor for East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

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### Jafo: Construction of residences should observe environmental considerations

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE Government has directed that all infrastructure construction activities for human residences should abide by environmental considerations.

The directive was given at the weekend by the Minister in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo during his official visit in Kigoma Region to inspect environment activities in Mt Mlole area in Kigoma-Ujiji Municipality.

Dr Jafo said there building permits should incorporate the need for harvesting rain water as well tree planting in residential areas in order to prevent soil erosion during rains.

"In the main, municipal officials should ensure they explain to the people given these areas on the procedure to develop them by building infrastructures that abide by environmental considerations," he added.

Dr Jafo further said the Government, through its ports and environment experts has satisfied itself in regard to the absence of environmental effects at Kigoma Port, hence In the main, municipal ofhe sanctioned the development of human ficials should ensure they settlements in the area.

The step follows the reinforcing of and sand to Kigoma Port area.

Dr Jafo called on the environmental ex-perts to continue educating the communities **that abide by environ**to abide by the country's laws to avoid chal- mental considerations lenges they can face in their areas.

The prohibition order to develop human residences in the area was issued by Kigoma ports authorities in 2009 that called on the residents to suspend all residence building activities as well as other human activities. The stop order was issued in order to wait

for research findings, but later the government came up with a solution to strengthen the banks of the Rubengela River that helped to reduce soil erosion.



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Dr Dorothy Gwajima (in blue head-cloth), Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, symbolically presents gas stoves Coca-Cola Kwanza donated to over 360 women food vendors in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The firm, a wing of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa, also donated 120 benches, 15-kg liquefied petroleum gas cylinders, aprons and T-shirts as part of its 'Mwanamke Shujaa' women empowerment campaign. Photo: Guardian Photographer

# 360 women food vendors take path to business success

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

A total of 360 women food vendors have been equipped to take their rightful place as equals in the economy through a partnership between Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA) in Tanzania and the Institute of Social Work.

The women received business and entrepreneurship training, focusing on bookkeeping and capital growth, as part of CCBA in Tanzania's Mwanamke Shujaa campaign, (which means "A

Brave Woman").

CCBA presented 120 customer benches to the vendors to make their outlets more welcoming, as well as 15kg Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), gas stoves, aprons and t-shirts to support their businesses

Minister for Community Development, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, attended the official handover function at the Institute of Social Work, accompanied by CCBA in Tanzania Managing Director, Unguu Sulay.

In March this year, on International Women's Day, CCBA in Tanzania committed to empowering 1 000 women this year through education, employability, and entrepreneurship programmes as part of its Mwanamke Shujaa campaign.

This weekend's activity was an opportunity to contribute to that commitment.

"Because women and youth are integral to Africa's shared success, we seek to empower them by enabling their economic inclusion throughout our markets on the continent," said Sulay. Sulay said that CCBA has adopted the three pillars of education, employability and entrepreneurship as a framework

for its economic inclusion strategy. "We define economic inclusion as the opening of gainful economic opportunities by providing access to markets and other economic activities leveraging the business and the entire industry," he remarked.

He adde that the company's aim is

to boost income, provide decent earning potential and improve skills and business knowledge for women, giving them greater access to income opportunities.

"We have a particular focus on current or potential entrepreneurs with the possibility to link to the Coca-Cola value chain today or in the future," Sulay said.

Sulay said CCBA remain focused on ensuring that women run successful enterprises, increasing their participation in the formal economy through education and initiating programmes to prepare them for the world of work, in partnership with like-minded stakeholders.

"When we grow our business the right way, not just the easy way, we help create inclusive growth opportunities for our communities, women and youth, our customers, our employees and our shareholders, for a better shared future," said Sulay.

Airtel Africa due to complete construction of submarine broadband cable next year



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#### **By Guardian Reporter**

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Information Communication Technology, Dr Jim Yonaz yesterday inspected a landing site of a submarine broadband communications cable that will be managed in Dar es Salaam.

Dr Yonaz who was accompanied by his ministry's ICT experts said the submarine cable is an important investment to improve internet communication in the country

The Airtel Africa broadband cable will also lower communication costs, the PS noted. The ultra-modern submarine cable is an important infrastructure that connects the African continent to Europe.

Airtel Tanzania CEO, Dinesh Balsingh told the PS that the cable with speed of 180 terabytes is one of the largest in the world and will make internet connection both cheap and faster.

"This cable will also enhance availability of 4G and 5G communication in the country," Balsingh said.

He assured Dr Yonaz that the telecommunications which are partly owned by the Treasury is committed towards improving communication of millions of people in the country.

Dr Yonaz congratulated Airtel for the investment saying, "When completed the project will help realize the government's inclusive digitization and economic plans for the Tanzanians."

When completed in 2023, the Airtel 2 African submarine cable project will have 35 landing sites covering 26 countries in the world.

Dar es Salaam regional education officer Abdul Maulid (R) presents a Primary School (Standard Seven) leaving certificate to student Fatma Mohamed (C) of Dar es Salaam's St Anne Marie Academy at graduation ceremony held at the school at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

# Stop denying student to do final exams, private schools told

#### By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has directed all private schools to stop denying students to do their national final examinations on the basis that they haven't completed their school fees.

This was said over the weekend by the Dar es Salaam Regional Education Officer Alhaj Abdul Maulid, during the St Anne Marie Academy 19th graduation ceremony.

He also wanted schools that have been eliminating students from sitting for final national examinations for failing to meet their school's standards, to stop it immediately.

He said the government will never entertain such behavior that frustrates parents and guardians when their children are eliminated from conducting national schools for failure to meet their standards.

"You may find that a child starts standard one to standard seven or form one up to form four at the same school but when national examinations arrive some private schools put their own standards to eliminate some students to do the final examinations. This is not acceptable and we are going to deal with such

#### kind of schools," said Maulid

Alhaj Maulid mentioned another problem whereby some students are prohibited to do their final examinations with the criteria that they have not completed school fees payment.

"Make sure the children study and conduct examinations smoothly without being bothered, payment of school fees is a contract between school and parent, so deal with the parents and not children, this is unacceptable. There are no laws or policies that allow you to do this and a student is not allowed to repeat class unless he/she is sick and not otherwise,"

#### he insisted.

He urged private schools and parents to sit together and address the school fees issues amicably before the examinations time so as to avoid any act which may cause stress to the students.

Maulid however commended St Anne Marie Academy schools for investing in providing quality education and thus performing well in district, regional and national examinations.

"All this success doesn't come as miracles but it is because of the diligence of the teachers and supporting staff and you are lucky

to have a very brilliant head master who has been the cornerstone of all this school's achievements. There are many schools in this city but I have chosen come here because of your good records," said Maulid

Meanwhile, Alhaj Maulid told parents and guardians to make sure they conduct close follow up of their children so as to protect them from abuse.

He further urged private schools to employ qualified and competent matrons to take care of students and thus ensure suitable security to the children.

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### **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### 1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On behalf of The Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA), Public Service Recruitment Secretariat (PSRS) invites dynamic and suitable qualified Tanzanians to fill one (01) vacant post mentioned below;

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The Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) is a parastatal academic institution offering undergraduate and postgraduate training courses. It is established by the Institute of Accountancy Act No.1 of 1990 (Cap 240 RE: 2002) and is located at Njiro Hill, seven kilometers Southern-East of Arusha City. The Institute has three working campuses of Dar es Salaam, Babati and Dodoma. It is underway to establish the fourth campus in Songea.

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	iv. To initiate and establish foreign (abroad) campuses.	ii.		
	v. To initiate and manage construction projects related to campus	iii.		
	expansion.	iv.		
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	vii. Capability to enhance IAA revenue for growth and sustainability			
	viii. Business continuity mind-set person.			
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Relationships:	ii. Supervises Deputy Rectors, Directors, Heads of Departments,			
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esponsibilities:	i	vii.		
	i. Be the Accounting Officer and spokesperson of the Institute.	viii.		
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	institute.	X.		
	iii. Be the Principal Academic and Administrative Officer of the	xi.		
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	iv. Be responsible to the Governing Council for the implementation	xii.		
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### **Focus on Talk with Taikonauts event**

Editor's Note: On September 6, 2022, the Chi- Award Ceremony of "Call for Questions to Chinese Science and Technology of Tanzania. Around 60 outer space and asked various questions to them.

Astronauts and African Youth" TV Live and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, were curious about the Chinese astronauts' life in publish this special supplement.

nese Embassy in Tanzania held the "Talk with Tai- Astronauts" Activity at the embassy. The event was teachers and students from schools in Dar es Sa- To encourage Tanzanian students to learn more konauts: Dialogue Between China's Shenzhou-14 officiated by Prof. James Epiphan Mdoe, Deputy laam participated in the event. Many students about the outer space and natural sciences, we

# **Remarks at the "Talk with Taikonauts" Event and the** Award Ceremony of "Call for Questions to Taikonauts"

#### By H.E. Chen Mingjian, Ambassador of China to Tanzania

I am delighted to have so many friends, teachers and students attending the "Talk with Taikonauts: Dialogue Between China's Shenzhou-14 Astronauts and African Youth" TV Live and the Award Ceremony of the Prior "Call for Questions" Activity. I'd like to extend my warm welcome and heartfelt gratitude to all of you!

It is such a pleasant experience to watch the African youth dialogue with Chinese taikonauts via video link. Since the successful launch of the manned spacecraft Shenzhou-14 on the 5th of June, three Chinese taikonauts have been working in the outer space for three months. "I'm feeling good," said Mr. Chen Dong, one of the crew members, while having his first spacewalk a few days ago. Today, we have so many youth here and I believe you must admire these spacemen and dream of becoming a taikonaut and walk in the space one day.

In the prior Call for Questions to China's Shenzhou-14 Astronauts activity we organized not long ago, interesting questions concerning how the spacemen live in space station were raised though the participants' vivid videos, paintings and drawings, including how they carry out the missions, how they drink and eat, etc. A total number of 58 relevant videos and pictures were submitted by students from schools and learning institutions in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Arusha and the Confucius Classroom in Zanzibar. I am really impressed by their curiosity and enthusiasm in science and questioning spirit, and I'd like to congratulate all the participants, especially the winners of the activity!

In October 2003, the spacecraft Shenzhou-5 was successfully launched. sending China's astronaut to space for the first time. In June 2012, Shenzhou-9 spacecraft carrying 3 crew members docked with Tiangong-1 under accurate manual control, marking the success of China's first manual docking and first scientific experiment in space station. During the past decade, more spacecrafts were launched successfully and crew rotation on orbit has been realized. The manned spacecrafts and space station bring mankind an unprecedented opportunity and advantages to explore and learn more about the universe, which provides a new tipping point for the progress of human science and technology!

When addressing the opening ceremony of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) via video link on November 29, 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping declared that China will help to establish and build China-Africa Satellite Remote Sensing Application Cooperation Center for African countries. Chinese Scientists are willing to conduct research on space travel and exploration along with Tanzanian scientists and scientists from other African countries. Indeed, universe exploration invites the cooperation of all people in the world. Therefore, I hope the students present here and those who are not here but live in this country would love science, pursue dreams, explore the unknown, and work harder for our future, the future of all human beings!

Dear friends, the close friendship between Chinese and Tanzanians has grown for many decades and is growing more profound. Recently, many Tanzanian students are preparing for return-



Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Chen Mingjian makes remarks at the "Talk with Taikonauts" TV Live and the Award Ceremony of "Call for Questions to Chinese Astronauts" Activity, Dar es Salaam, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Embassy in Tanzania)

more are planning to start their high- Aeronautics, Astronautics and relelearning in China. Among er them, quite a lot of students are studying to China to continue their study, and ing in Chinese universities featuring operation initiated by Chinese and science for Chinese and Tanzanian

vant majors and areas. I do believe, there will be more exchanges and co-

Tanzanian youth together in the near future. They are going to write a new chapter in the development of space

peoples, and for people in Africa at large!

Thank you once again for your participation.





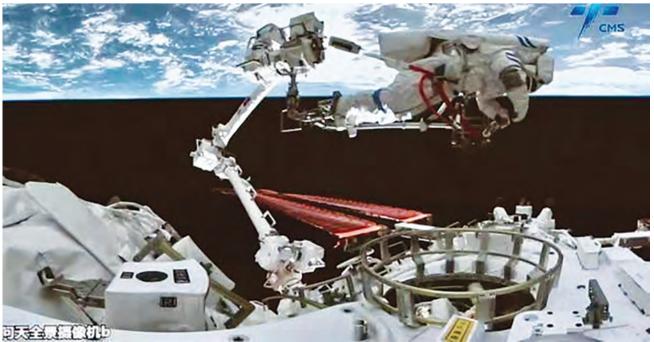
Prof. James Mdoe, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Tanzania, presents prizes to the students who won the second prize in the "Call for Questions to Chinese Astronauts" Activity, Dar es Salaam, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Embassy in Tanzania)



Two students from the Benjamin William Mkapa Secondary School in Dar es Salaam conduct the Water Siphon Experiment during the "Talk with Taikonauts" TV Live event, Dar es Salaam, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Embassy in Tanzania)



Young Tanzanian students "wear" Chinese astronauts' space suits to take photos after the "Talk with Taikonauts" TV Live event, Dar es Salaam, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Embassy in Tanzania)



Chinese taikonaut Chen Dong and Liu Yang get out of the Wentian lab module of China's Tiangong space station to conduct extravehicular activities. The photo shows one of them outside the lab module, Sept. 2, 2022. (Photo/China Manned Space Agency)

### **Focus on Talk with Taikonauts event**

## Transcript of the Dialogue Between China's Shenzhou-14 Astronauts and African Youth

Chen Dong: Hello, friends in Africa. have mastered the technology for auton- ing is a challenge in space. In a zero-grav-I'm Chen Dong, an astronaut from China.

#### Liu Yang: I'm Liu Yang.

#### Cai Xuzhe: I'm Cai Xuzhe.

**Chen Dong:** In 2019, Liu Yang and I visited Africa. The friendly and hospitable people and the vast expanse of the African continent left us with beautiful memories. Today, we're glad to talk with our African friends in this special way. We're also very happy to answer your questions.

#### *Question 1:* We know that most of the time you have work to do on the space station. But what do you do in your spare time? (from Nigeria)

Liu: Our life in space is very rich. Arriving together with the Wentian lab module were several experimental cabinets. We now have more experimental projects and our schedule has become tighter. In our spare time, we watch news and videos, listen to music, do some reading, and we also talk with our family on the phone and share our work, life and the marvels we see in space.

All of us in the crew share a hobby, which is to look out over the beautiful earth and take photos. The planet we have been living on for generations gleams quietly in the universe, creating a fairytale picture. The sun shines on the sea's surface and reflects blue waters in different hues. The earth's landforms and coastlines are clearly visible from space. The view is magnificent. A random snapshot can be a photographic masterpiece. We also fly over the African continent and look over the golden dessert, rolling mountains and brightly-lit cities at night. All of these enrich our spare time.

#### **Q2:** How long does it take to travel into space? What's the biggest challenge for long-term space travel? Is it illness or homesickness? (from South Africa)

**Cai:** Generally, from the launch of a rocket, entering the pre-set orbit takes less than 10 minutes. When it is in orbit, the manned spacecraft follows a predetermined procedure and begins to dock with our space station. At present, we omous rendezvous and docking. The time used from the launch of a manned spacecraft to the completion of rendezvous and docking has been shortened from two days to six hours. From the launch of a spacecraft to astronauts' entry into the space station after docking, it only takes a little over nine hours.

**Chen:** During long-term space travel, of course, we miss our families. When the spacecraft had just entered orbit, we felt a little bit uncomfortable. But both of these can be overcome. The biggest difficulty is the challenge posed by the mission on our general abilities. Firstly, the mission requires us to be in extremely good physical condition. Space flight requires overcoming a myriad of adverse factors including hypergravity, zero gravity, noise, and a narrow and confined environment. Only with strong, healthy bodies and complete on-ground training, can we endure and adapt to these special conditions. Second, the mission requires psychological strength. In the special environment of space, to complete tasks with a high degree of quality and deal with any emergencies that may arise, we must stay calm, cool-headed and mentally stable. Third, the mission requires special expertise and skills. We need to master the expertise and skills necessary for on-orbit construction of the space station, its maintenance and repair, extravehicular operation, and space experiments so that we can fulfill our tough missions.

#### Q3: How is life in space different from that on the earth? How do you eat, sleep and take a bath in a zerogravity environment? What do you eat on the space station? Does it taste good? (from Ethiopia)

Liu: The biggest difference between space and the earth is gravity. Everything floats in space. Look at the object in my hand. When I let it go, it won't fall, but floats instead. So, in space, we need to put objects in fixed positions. Food and water are placed in special containers. We have a microwave oven and a refrigerator to heat and preserve food. On the space station, we have separate sleep cabins, but the zero gravity makes us feel like we are standing when sleeping. Bathity environment, we cannot take a shower as we do on the earth. Researchers have developed a special bathing tool. We use it to clean our hair and skin.

**Cai:** Our ground team has prepared more than 100 varieties of space food for us. Look, we have delicious purple rice porridge, tasty sauté sweet corn with pine nuts, sauté diced beef in black pepper sauce. We also have rice and vegetables. Look, this is brassica chinensis fried with shrimps. We also have fresh fruit. With balanced nutrients, rich variety and good flavor, the food provides sufficient nutrients for us.

*Q4:* It is said that you can see the Great Wall from space. Can you see the Sahara Desert and Mount Kilimanjaro from the Tiangong space station? How do you tell directions in space? What do the earth, the horizon, the moon and other planets look like when seen from space? How many sunrises and sunsets can you see on the space station? (from Algeria)

Chen: Actually, we cannot see the Great Wall from space. However, when we are above the African continent on a clear day, we can see the Sahara and Kilimanjaro through the porthole. We can also see some big cities. Particularly at night, brightly-lit cities are easy to see.

Cai: We use different methods for finding directions in space. We divide the space station into different cabins and sections. Each cabin and section is further divided into quadrants and areas. For example, the Tianhe core module is divided into a large column section, a small column section and the node cabin. The large column section is further divided into rear cone, areas A, B, C and D. and forward cone. We use the cabins, sections, areas and quadrants as references in determining directions.

Without the interference and influence of the earth's atmosphere and clouds, we can see a clearer and brighter moon on the space station. We also have a clear sight of the starry sky and the vast universe.

Liu: Seen from the earth, the sun rises in the east and goes down in the west every 24 hours. But in space, the sun goes



Chinese taikonauts Chen Dong (middle), Liu Yang (right) and Cai Xuzhe greet African youth via video link from China's Tiangong space station, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/China Manned Space Agency)



The screen shows Chinese taikonaut Cai Xuzhe introducing their food at China's Tiangong space station to African students. The photo was taken at the headquarters of the African Union, which is the main venue of the "Talk with Taikonauts" event, Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Mission to the AU)

up and down frequently. We can see 16 to be an astronaut. In addition, you need all fulfill training tasks and pass evaluasunrises and sunsets every day. When the to undergo comprehensive and systemsun rises in space, we first see a golden atic training and pass a myriad of evaluaarc on the edge of the earth. Soon, there tions and appraisals. After that, you can is glaring sunlight, and it is clearly visible become a qualified astronaut. that the line between daytime and night is gradually moving. Against the deep darkness of space, the earth is so magnificent. The sea water is as blue as cornflowers, and the clouds are as white as snow. The earth is our home. We must love her, protect her and cherish her.

tions to a high standard. In fact, in every walk of life, there are outstanding females dedicated to their positions. As long as we cherish our dreams, we will have power. As long as we aim high and work hard, we can unleash the potential of our intelligence and realize our dreams.

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Eight African students ask questions to Chinese Shenzhou-14 taikonauts from their respective countries, Sept. 6, 2022. (Photo/Chinese Foreign Ministry)

Q5: What's the focus of your research during this mission? What tasks will you fulfill? (from Namibia)

Cai: We focus on studying the impact of long-term exposure to zero gravity on astronauts' health and corresponding protection measures, looking at astronauts' behaviors and capabilities, and delving into the application of traditional medicine in space. We also do experiments on variable gravity science, life and ecology science, biotechnology science, physics of fluids, and combustion science. These experimental research projects will provide support for astronauts to live a healthy life and work with high efficiency on the space station, and lay the groundwork for future exploration into deep space.

Chen: We will realize on-orbit control of the Wentian module, the Mengtian module and the core module, manage the two-module or three-module combinations, and conduct joint tests on the large and small robotic arms. We'll also carry out extravehicular activities, on-orbit equipment maintenance, space application experiments, space medical experiments, and on-station lectures among other tasks.

Q6: Astronaut is an honorable profession. It is also a risky and challenging profession. What makes a great astronaut? What are the essential qualities and what is the pathway to **becoming an astronaut?** (*from Senegal*)

**Cai:** To be an astronaut, you have to pass the recruitment tests. You have to go through medical checks, and tests on your physiological functioning, psychological condition and physical endurance and adaptability in special environments. You also need to pass exams on related knowledge and skills. A healthy body and mind are the basic conditions

Q7: Ms. Liu, you're China's first female astronaut. Do you find it difficult to be a female astronaut? How did you achieve your life goal and dream? What's your assignment on the space station? Are you married? You are undertaking a manned space mission on behalf of women across the world. Could you please give us, especially women from Africa, some words of encouragement from space? (from Egypt)

**Liu:** It is widely acknowledged that being an astronaut is one of the most challenging and risky jobs. Requirements for astronauts are very exacting and stringent. Men and women do have differences in physical capabilities, but in the harsh and complicated environment of space, you won't get preferential treatment for being a woman. Therefore, the stringent requirements in astronaut selection will not be relaxed for gender reasons. In the face of the same tasks and challenges, we need to double our efforts.

In June 2012, I, on behalf of Chinese women, went to space for the first time. In June 2022, together with Chen Dong and Cai Xuzhe, I came to space once again to build the space station. In July, we welcomed the first massive module--the Wentian lab--in the core module, entering a new era in which our space station runs multiple modules. In the future, we will welcome the Mengtian lab module, relocate it to its permanent position and verify its functions. We will carry out extravehicular activities, space technology experiments, and research tasks on scientific applications and support technologies.

I'm happily married. I have a supportive husband who shares the same career pursuits with me. We have a daughter and a son. I put my family photo on my bedside. It makes me feel that they are flying with me. Love and support from family give me infinite power and courage.

A great deal of flight data tells us that men and women show no difference in their work performance in space. We can

Q8: Can children go to space? Are there any age-related restrictions? As admirable astronauts, what do you want to tell our younger generation in **Africa?** (from Somalia)

Chen: In space, long-time exposure to the zero-gravity environment will lead to loss of muscle and bone mass. This might be risky for children who are still growing. To perform space missions, you need to go through professional training. and have sound physical and mental qualities and the necessary expertise and skills. Of course, with the continuous development of technology, space tourism will become more popular. You will be able to travel to space as a tourist and experience staying in a zero-gravity environment and enjoy the beautiful view of the earth from space.

The younger generation is the hope of our future. I hope you work hard and live happy and healthy lives. I hope you remain passionate about exploring the universe. The sky is a vast spectacle, and we look forward to you joining us as we explore the mysteries of the universe.

Chen: Thank you for your participation. On behalf of the Shenzhou-14 crew, I wish the event a resounding success. May China-Africa friendship last forever, and China-Africa cooperation thrive. Bye!

Liu and Cai: Bye.



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### Skills fund will boost private sector's hopes

THE new launched Skills Development Fund (SDF) is a good initiative that will bring the remedy to Tanzania's lopsided labour market and the private sector.

The government launched the 13.6 billion/- initiative funded by the World Bank seeking a solution to the skills gap in the country's transformation into a semi-industrialised middle income country.

The fund will benefit over 30,000 youth from universities, technical education and training institutions, vocational education and training centres as well.

In the same vein, Trade between Tanzania and France is still low at around 200 million Euros in favour of Paris, as authorities in both sides figure ways of increasing the volume.

Trade figures, according to French Embassy in Dar es Salaam, shows Tanzania imported goods worth 135 million euros while exported 70 million euros in 2016.

France Embassy's Economic and Trade Advisor, Beatrice Alperte said early this year that trade volume from either side was low as most are pharmaceutical from Paris and raw agricultural goods from Dar es Salaam.

France-Tanzania Business Forum which took place in April, this year in Dar es Salaam seeks to alter the figures to better . The forum which was conducted by the private sector aimed at strengthening and nurturing trade initiatives whose ultimate goal is to improve the two countries' business partnership.

The event focused on sectors that will support the Tanzania strategy of

industrialisation: Energy, including renewable energies, transport, digital solutions and sought how to provide capacity building to local businesses.

It is open secret that French participation in East African bloc trading and investment was low compared to West Africa but said we hope things would change. Total is well known in East Africa, but France have bigger companies as well on energy, IT, manufacturing with a number of subsidiaries. Total, one of the largest petrol-products distributors, has been operating in the country for some four decades.

The firm this year acquired GAPCO's assets in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania-- thus strengthening its logistics in the region. Big French companies which operate in East Africa, Africa and new ones attended the event including Total, Engie, Egis, Bouygues and the like. Engie, a power company, through Power Corner last October, commissioned a mini electricity grid that is supplying solar power to Ketumbeine, a village that is home to 800 people, in Arusha.

The installation of a minigrid of solar panels, which will progressively be replicated throughout Africa, constitutes one of Engie's key objectives, which is to provide rural populations with access to environmentallyfriendly energy. Data shows that in 2015 Tanzania imported from France pharmaceuticals, and aircraft and related equipment comprised over 50 per cent of total volume. On other hand France imported from Tanzania unmanufactured tobacco, precious stones-both semi and uncut stonesand coffee.

#### Climate change and conflicts should not fuel hunger in 2022

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## Climate collapse is not inevitable but 'great leap' is basic necessity

#### By Paul Virgo

IN 1972 the Club of Rome alerted the world to the harm human economic systems were doing to the health of our planet in its seminal, best-selling report, The Limits to Growth. With the devastating impacts of the climate crisis hitting home harder than ever, especially in the Global South, that warning about the dangers of exponential economic growth has been fully vindicated.

The club, an international network of scientists, economic experts and former heads of State and government, is marking the 50th anniversary of that landmark work with a new contribution that builds on 'Limits' and the dozens of other reports that it has released over the last half century to consolidate the case for an overhaul of the prevailing economic paradigm. If humanity snaps out of its collective denial, it can move to a 'Great Leap' scenario in which global temperatures are stabilized at below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. To bring this about it is necessary to address the fundamental inequalities that are the root cause of the ecological crisis 'Earth for All: A Survival Guide for Humanity', which is coming out late in September, warns that if the world continues with the economic policies of the last 40 years, the rich will get richer while the poor fall farther behind, creating extreme inequalities and growing social tensions within and between countries.



CLIMATE change occurs when changes in Earth's climate system result in new weather patterns that last for at least a few decades, and maybe for millions of years. Human activities can also change earth's climate, and are presently driving climate change through global warming.

Whereas conflict is a clash of interest. The basis of conflict may vary but, it is always a part of society.

Basis of conflict may be personal, racial, class, caste, political and international. Conflict in groups often follows a specific course. Routine group interaction is first disrupted by an initial conflict, often caused by differences of opinion, disagreements between members, or scarcity of resources.

At this point, the group is no longer united, and may split into coalitions. This period of conflict escalation in some cases gives way to a conflict resolution stage, after which the group can eventually return to routine group interaction.

Millions of people across sub-Saharan Africa could face grave hunger in the first half of 2020 because of armed conflict, political instability and climate change-linked disasters, a report says.

The report published by the UN World Food Programme (WFP) this month says that the countries affected will require life-saving food assistance and investment to prevent humanitarian catastrophes.

According to estimates of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, about 70.8 million people are displaced worldwide by war, violence and persecution, with low- and middle-income countries bearing the brunt of the problem. "In some countries, we are seeing conflict and instability combine with climate extremes force people from their homes, farms and places of work," said Alexandre Le Cuziat, World Food Programme

Climate change seems to be creating refugees on its own, with the World Bank estimating in a 2018 report that over 140 million are expected to migrate within countries by 2050, mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

"In some countries, we are seeing conflict and instability combine with climate extremes force people from their homes, farms and places of work," says Alexandre Le Cuziat, a co-author of the WFP report.

"In others, climate shocks are occurring alongside economic collapse and leaving millions on the brink of destitution and hunger."

The WFP report is an internal analysis that is compiled every two months and used to identify countries of high prioritisation for emergency assistance. The agency identified critical and complex emergencies at risk of descending further into crisis without a rapid response and greater investment.

According to the report The Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and Central Sahel region comprising Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are more vulnerable to hunger.

Zimbabwe is experiencing its worst drought in decades, with temperatures hitting over 40 degrees Celsius. This has severely affected food production and highlights the severe impacts of climate change affecting the broader sub-region, which has seen the worst drought in 35 years," explains the report. In this 'Too Little, Too Late Scenario', political division and lack of trust will make it increasingly difficult to address climate and ecological risks, with regional societal collapse, driven by rising social tensions, food insecurity and environmental degradation, increasingly likely.

The good news is that it doesn't have to be like this.

If humanity snaps out of its collective denial, it can move to a 'Great Leap' scenario in which global temperatures are stabilized at below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

To bring this about it is necessary to address the fundamental inequalities that are the root cause of the ecological crisis by: ending poverty through reform of the international financial system; addressing gross inequality by ensuring that the wealthiest 10% take less than 40% of national incomes; empowering women to achieve full gender equity by 2050; transforming the food system to provide healthy diets for people and planet; and transitioning to clean energy to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

"With bold action now a large population can thrive on a livable planet," Owen Gaffney, one of the six authors of the new report, told IPS.

"We argue that we need five transformations in parallel at speed with the biggest effort this decade on poverty, inequality, food, energy and gender equity".

"This is the minimum. This does not lead to some utopia, but this leads to societies that are functional enough to deal with the scale of the crises we know are coming."

Gaffney, a sustainability analyst at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, said that it is neces-

sary to break away from "a system that will create the first trillionaire this decade" and distribute wealth more fairly to create a system that benefits the majority in the long run.

"High wealth inequality has a destabilizing influence in societies," he said.

"It erodes social cohesion. Compare Sweden to the United States. In the US there has emerged an 'elite versus the rest' worldview. This, compounded by race and religious divisions, has contributed to an increasingly dysfunctional society.

"In more economically equal societies there is more trust in governments. We need trust in governments to allow societies to take large, long-term decisions".

Earth for All, which is the result of a two-year research project, goes on to give 15 policy recommendations with the greatest potential to accelerate these turnarounds.

It also calls for the creation of a novel financial innovation, the Citizen's Fund, which would distribute the wealth of the global commons to all people as a Universal Basic Dividend, in order to tackle inequality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide a safety net for the most vulnerable through economic shocks.

Furthermore, the book tackles the fierce debate between support-

sary to break away from "a system ers of 'degrowth' and advocates of that will create the first trillionaire 'green growth'.

It sides with the latter, saying the 'Giant Leap' would not spell the end of economic growth, but the end of the directionless economic growth that is destroying societies and the planet.

"Exponential economic growth comes hand in hand with exponential growth in material consumption, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in the current economic system," said Gaffney.

"This does not necessarily need to be the case. An energy transformation to clean energy will cause economic growth in the clean energy sector and a contraction of the fossil fuel sector."

"So, it depends what is growing. If we have growth in circular economies and regenerative economies, this is good."

"If we continue growing the linear 'take, make, break, waste' model then we don't have a long future on Earth".

Although the solutions proposed in the book are largely macro-economic ones that can only be implemented by governments, the book is also a statement against climate doomism and a call to action for everyone.

Gaffney points to the impact social movements like Fridays for Future and Extinction Rebellion are having and to a survey done for Earth4All with Ipsos MORI of G20 countries which suggests that 74% of people in G20 countries want economic systems to change.

He hopes that we are reaching a positive "social tipping point" in which these new ideas take hold and embed in the political sphere rapidly.

Remarkably, one of the authors of the report is Norwegian climate expert Jorgen Randers, who was also among the co-authors of The Limits to Growth.

"We are standing on a cliff edge," Randers said. "In the next 50 years, the current economic system will drive up social tensions and drive down wellbeing."

"We can already see how inequality is destabilising people and the planet."

"Unless there is truly extraordinary action to redistribute wealth, things will get significantly worse. We are already sowing the seeds for regional collapse."

"Societies are creating vicious cycles where rising social tensions, which are exacerbated by climate breakdown, will continue to lead to a decline in trust."

"This risks an explosive combination of extreme political destabilisation and economic stagnation at a time when we must do everything we can to avoid climate catastrophes."

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### Guardian

#### By Correspondent Theresia Victor

ECREATIONAL swimming is big all over the world. It is fun and a positive way to practise new skills, be physically active and spend quality time with family and friends. After all, water is known to reduce the impact on joints, soothe the mind, body and increase energy levels.

This activity is ranked the fourth most popular sport in the United States of America with well over 91 million participants. It is also big in many Africa countries, Tanzania included.

However, unlike professional one, recreational swimming with all the fun, comes with risk of death as over 200,000 drown all over the world annually with an estimated 3000 deaths recorded in Tanzania. With 1,424 kilometer coastline of Indian Ocean plus lakes Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa as well as a number of rivers, the likelihood of recreational swimming going bad in the country is very high.

Most instances of fatal drowning occur when the swimmer is alone or in situations where others present are either unaware of the victim's situation or unable to offer assistance. After successful resuscitation, drowning victims may experience breathing problems, vomiting, confusion, or unconsciousness.

Occasionally, victims may not begin experiencing these symptoms until several hours after they are rescued. An incident of drowning can also cause further complications for victims due to low body temperature, aspiration of vomit, or acute respiratory distress syndrome referred to as respiratory failure from lung inflammation.

Speaking to this reporter in an interview recently, Moses Ntilema, a qualified beach life guard and lifeguard instructor by the National Royal Lifeboat Institute of United Kingdom (UK) since 2013 said more needs to be done in the country to enables people save lives instead of retrieving dead bodies.

The Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Lifeguarding recommended that it is time authorities in the country drafted a national policy on drowning prevention to save lives of people who just want to have fun but end up dying prematurely.

The international drowning prevention stakeholder who is currently part of a rescue squad with Bluewater Bay Surf Lifesaving Club based in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, is competent in various water rescues techniques including swift and flood water rescue.

In Tanzania, he said drowning prevention can be successful by 85 per cent by sensitizing authorities and communities near water bodies to put in place recreational water area supervision, training and teaching swimming skills. Awareness creation through public education on water safety in schools as well as uses of technology and media to spread the message can also prevent water disasters.

He added that learning to swim is the best method against drowning. Pool and all other recreational water areas must be fenced, use of sign boards alerting

# **Recreational swimming: Sometimes the fun goes wrong and brings sorrow**



Moses Ntilema (L), a Tanzanian life guard on rescue training with fellow Bluewater Bay Surf Lifesaving Club's Rescue Squad. Photo courtesy of Moses Ntilema

people near or around water areas by giving clear information about depth or danger of the water body.

The use of lifejackets and safety navigation systems are required especially in deep waters, he said. Also, encouraging people to take precautions such as never swimming alone and improving restrictions on water-related recreational

activities such as swimming, fly and free diving which may cause neck or

spinal injury or blackout at any time. Drowning is one of the top five causes of death for the children and teenagers aged between one and 14 within 48 of 85 countries whereby Australia is leading as well as the leading cause of unintentional injuries to young children aged one to

three years, he noted.

During World Drowning Prevention Day on 25th July 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Environmental Management and Economic Development Organization (EMEDO) reported that drowning rate in Tanzania rose from 2,000 plus to 3,000 people.

Ntilema said it takes only one to three minutes for someone to drown and if they are lucky to be taken out of water, the victim may die within 10 minutes depending on the situation and the most common cause of drowning is inability to swim and underlying health issues in some people.

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The drowning risk factors are wide ranging whereby most common are inability to swim, feeling overly tired, free access of water, use of alcohol, use of bathtubs, epileptic seizures, floods, water transport accidents and suicide.

The expert said that other general factors causing drowning in our country are lack of water safety awareness, unsupervised children near or around water bodies, aquatic and tourism activities in water risk areas and ignorance.

"I was shocked to hear of two drowning incidents within a month in May this year that led to the loss of lives of two students," he said.

The two incidents he referred to happened on 14th May whereby a secondary student named Kisa Mbwilo (16 years) drowned in the river while on scout camping activities alone. A day later, on15th May 2022, a college student named John Benoko drowned in Morogoro Region while swimming with fellow students.

He said there are many unreported drowning cases whereby young children drown in bathtubs, buckets, toilets, open walls, and unsupervised swimming pools.

"We need to have effective supervision especially for young children, youth and mostly important children with disabilities.' he said.

Ntilema added that Tanzania's national strategies for promoting blue economy should also focus on introducing safe beaches with international beach standards (blue flag beach) to boost national economy through beach tourism.

"Beach is not just leisure; beach can be a source of revenue and Dar es Salaam alone has 32 beaches. If all these beaches are well supervised, they can contribute a lot to the economy," he said.

Justine Mwesi (27) who spoke to this writer on Dar es Salaam's expansive and popular Coco Beach said he volunteers as water guide to people who come to beach but lack swimming skill.

"Majority of people who come here like to swim but they lack basic swimming skills and that is why I volunteer to save lives," he said.

"I have witnessed people die here due to lack of swimming skills. I have also saved many lives. I am happy because people really appreciate what I do."

## Building resilient food systems crucial for tackling hunger in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

ECENT catastrophes in Afri-

ca and the world including COVID-19, drought, fall armyworms, climate change, soaring food, fertilizer and energy prices, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine have exacerbated the food and nutrition situation on the continent.

These events have created a truly urgent need for rapid strengthening of food systems and accelerated transformation of agriculture. To respond to the situation, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) last week launched its new five-year strategy to help governments tackle hunger and enhance nutrition by building resilient food systems.

The new USD 550 million strategy that will run from 2023 to 2027 unveiled last Friday at the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) summit in Kigali, Rwanda, is designed to build on AGRA's achievements to date, and crucially the lessons it has learned with its partners.

In the strategic period 2017-21, AGRA's direct contributions included 11 million farmers directly; 26 million farmers reached through policy, state capability and partnerships work; facilitated 42 policy reforms and supported 11 national flagships.

Also, the strategy catalyzed USD1.4 billion in investment, 33,000 villagebased advisors trained, 75 percent of AGRA farmers adopted fertilizer use, 48 per cent of farmers adopted improved seed and 60 per cent adopted post-harvest practices.

However, despite progress made, Africa's food systems urgently need further radical transformation. Many countries still struggle to achieve food security and provide diverse, nutritious choices for their populations," reads the new strategy.

Also, supply chains that bring food to markets are often long and fragmented, leading to significant waste and higher costs for consumers. This is exacerbated by climate change and environmental degradation that threatens livelihoods, biodiversity



and sustainability across much of the continent's agricultural sector.

"We have demonstrated that when farmers have access to choices of inputs and when those inputs give a clear yield differential, farmers adopt and their lives change. We have also seen that this only happens sustainably when markets are available to farmers" said AGRA's President, Dr Agnes Kalibata.

"Our new strategy therefore will see us do more of what works for farmers and will see us trying to understand markets better. In all this we must bring more youth, more nutrition and be smarter in using environmental resources."

AGRA's new strategy concentrates on key areas of work from the last strategy, including seed system development and government engagement to expand

AGRA's work in sustainable farming and markets and trade. It focuses on three critical areas of change namely climate change, gender, youth and inclusion work, and transforming African diets.

Overview of focus areas and targets includes working with smallholder farmers whereby AGRA will aim to reach 28 million farmers in 15 countries to enable their full participation in sustainably growing Africa's food systems. It will also focus on developing seed systems by building on the 10 countries where the alliance has strengthened seed systems to ensure farmers gain access to affordable, productive and climate resistant seeds

The new strategy gives weight to sustainable farming with a goal of reaching 30 percent of targeted farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices that build livelihoods today and protect the environment for tomorrow.

It also targets to employ inclusive markets and trade with USD300 million through AGRA platforms to enhance market competitiveness for farmers while bringing nutritious food to consumers.

The plan also seeks to enhance policy and state capability by supporting 12 countries to develop strategies and investment plans for food system transformation pathways that create an environment where farming businesses thrive.

Also top priority is inclusivity with the new strategy set to see a 25 per cent increase in funding for women-led small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which will create new opportunities for women and youth to thrive in farming.

Another is nutrition whereby the new strategy aims to support targeted farmers to adopt improved varieties in-

provide affordable, diverse, and nutritious diets for consumers.

Climate adaptation has also been highlighted in the plan with the aim of helping 40 percent of targeted farmers to adopt varieties including climate smart and nutrient dense varieties. The new Strategy also speaks to the need for businesses to recognize growth opportunities and have the confidence, financing, and capabilities to serve farmers, trade produce and process food profitably.

Government representatives, NGOs, companies, small holder farmers, traders and all those involved in the growing, processing and distribution of food in Africa gathered in Kigali at the annual AGRF summit.

AGRA said it continues to explore new partnerships as it prepares to implement its new strategy. "AGRA is a proudly African institution," said AGRA's Board Chair, Hailemariam

Dessalegn.

"To work sustainably and inclusively, food systems need to be built on solid foundations. Together in partnership, we can transform our agriculture, protect our environment, create equitable prosperity and feed our communities and families."

Established in 2006, AGRA bills itself as an African-led and Africa-based institution that puts smallholder farmers at the center of the continent's growing economy by transforming agriculture from a solitary struggle to survive into farming as a business that thrives.

#### **FEATURES**

HARLES has been one of the highest-profile global propo-

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nents for protecting the planet in recent decades, from writing books and making speeches about nature to working with business to mobilise private finance to combat global warming.

At the UN COP26 climate conference in Glasgow last year, Charles said the world needed a "war-like footing" to tackle the "existential threat" of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Britain's new figurehead has called for governments to use incentives and regulations to encourage private-sector investment in climate action, and for the value of nature to be recognised on companies' balance sheets.

However, as king under a constitutional monarchy in Britain, Charles is expected to remain politically neutral.

The Thomson Reuters Foundation spoke to several experts about what that might mean for his climate advocacy.

#### What did Charles do for the environment as Prince of Wales?

While heir to the throne, Charles was an active campaigner for the environment over more than five decades. In 1970, aged 21, he gave his first major

speech on the issue, warning of the dangerous effects of plastic pollution. "He's been talking about these issues

for a long time, way before they became mainstream," said Ed Matthew, campaigns director of think-tank E3G.

In this manner, Charles played a "vital diplomatic role" to raise awareness, Matthew added.

Along with speeches on the global stage, Charles has worked with actors from the public, private and non-profit sectors

He established the International Sustainability Unit in 2010 to address challenges such as protecting rainforests and marine ecosystems, and last year launched a new charter of sustainable actions for companies to sign called "Terra Carta".

"I have laboured for so many years to bring this issue to the forefront of international consciousness - not just with 

#### **NEW YORK**

FOLLOWING the disastrous handling of COVID-19, the spread of monkeypox is another microcosm of the racial disparities and health inequity in the United States.

With the number of infections surpassing 20,000, the United States now

# The planet is watching - what will King **Charles's reign mean for climate action?**



King Charles III, then Prince of Wales, and a tour guide plant a tree as Rwanda's environment minister, Dr Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya (second from right), looks on in Umusambi Village, Kigali, on 24 June 2022. The British royal was in Rwanda for the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. File photo

words, but with practical action," said need the conservative case for climate the then-prince in a speech in May in Yellowknife, Canada.

Back home, Matthew said Charles' influence has been particularly valuable because - while being apolitical - he appeals to conservatives, in a similar vein to environmentalist David Attenborough, on an issue more often highlighted by the left.

"To make sure we go for really am-

change to be made," Matthew said.

During the race to become Britain's next prime minister - won by Liz Truss - activists criticised the lack of attention paid to climate issues by the ruling Conservatives.

#### What are King Charles' views on climate change?

Environmental campaigner Tony bitious climate action in the UK, we Juniper first met Charles in the early

1990s, and has worked with him on projects including the 2010 book "Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World".

"I think he probably has been about the most effective environmentalist in history," said Juniper, who chairs Natural England, the government's advisory body for the environment.

He explained that a key idea Charles has advanced is the interconnecexpressed in depth in the book "Harmony", which Juniper helped to write. "One of the most important unique contributions that he's brought is this holistic perspective ... the need to keep all the different pieces of the jigsaw in view," he said.

In an interview in December 2020, Charles said humans are "a microcosm of the macrocosm" when it comes to nature.

"If we go on exploiting the way we are, whatever we do to nature - however much we pollute her - we do to ourselves. It is insanity," he told the BBC

However, Charles has been accused of hypocrisy due to his use of private jets and helicopters, whose planetheating emissions are much higher than other forms of transport and significantly more per passenger than commercial flights.

During the 2021-22 financial year as Prince of Wales, he took regular private flights domestically, as shown by royal financial statements.

#### Will Charles be able to advocate for the climate as monarch?

While Queen Elizabeth II strictly guarded her personal views, Charles has faced criticism for expressing political opinions - and analysts say he will have to be more careful now.

In the view of the media, Elizabeth was "untouchable", and it is "unknown territory" how they will react to King Charles, said Richard Black, a former BBC environment correspondent and founder of the non-profit Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit.

Black said Charles will be restricted by two main things: the pressures on tion between humans and nature, his time due to the ceremonial duties

of a king, and the likely scrutiny of his political neutrality.

This will make more hands-on work with businesses and in politics harder, but there are some environmental actions with little potential for controversy, he said.

For example, to mark Elizabeth's 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebrations after 70 years on the throne, the Queen's Green Canopy initiative was launched to encourage people to plant trees.

Black added that, in many ways, Charles has already done his bit in helping to build public awareness around climate and nature issues which is now well-established.

"One thing you have to praise him for has been his courage and consistency," he said.

"Whatever he does during his time as king, there's no doubt in my view that he's made quite a contribution already."

#### How could Charles make a difference given the obstacles?

As king, Charles could have an even larger influence - whether through speeches and behind-the-scenes meetings with world leaders, or private audiences with the UK prime minister.

On a personal level, he could lead by example, such as with his efforts to make the royal household greener.

Charles has been tracking and publishing his carbon footprint since 2007, making several changes such as installing biomass boilers and solar panels at his homes and converting his Aston Martin to run on surplus wine and whey from cheese-making.

And to help avoid controversy, King Charles could pass some projects onto family members, with his son Prince William also expressing a keen interest in environmental issues.

How to execute the role of monarch is up to the individual, said Juniper, the environmental campaigner, so Charles might need some time to figure it out.

"As far as I know, there is no job description for king." DM

Monkeypox again exposes yawning US racial gaps

slumped from 75 percent as of May 20 to 27.5 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Similar trends in racial disparities can be seen among U.S. states and cities with the most monkPennsylvania added, "I mean we saw it with COVID. It tional Convention on the Elimination of All Forms speaks to the fact that we have a lot of work to do to meet people where they are."

Total cumulative data show that Black, Hispanic, counsel for international advocacy. American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander people have experienced higher rates of COVID-19 cases and deaths than White people when data are adjusted to account for differences in age by race and ethnicity, according to a recent report by Kaiser Family Foundation.

of Racial Discrimination, according to Lisa Borden. the Southern Poverty Law Center's senior policy

Although the United States has signed and rati-

of the worst public health failures in modern times not only because of the pain and peril of the disease but also because it was so avoidable,' former FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb wrote in a July 30 essay, citing a slow ramp-up of testing, inadequate vaccine supply and "an absence of coordination among federal agencies."

leads the world in monkeypox cases. Like a replay of the COVID-19 outbreak, Black and Hispanic Americans in the country still bear a disproportionate burden in the public health emergen-CY.

They make up the majority of monkeypox cases but are underrepresented in vaccine distribution.Signs show the number of infections in the country is slowing, but racial divides are worsening in monkeypox cases and vaccine access.

Over 38 percent of the monkeypox infections are among Black people, who represent only 13.6 percent of the country's population of 335 million. Similarly, Hispanic or Latino people account for 28.3 percent of the total cases as of Sept. 3 but are only 19 percent of the U.S. population.

By contrast, the share of White people in the total contracted cases eypox cases. Black or African American residents make up 55 percent of all monkeypox cases but just 24 percent of vaccinations in Philadelphia, city data showed. White Philadelphians make up 24 percent of cases but have received 56 percent of first doses.

White and non-Hispanic people received 67.2 percent of monkeypox vaccines and only account for 35.2 percent of cases as of Sept. 4 in New York State, excluding New York City, the state's health department said.Up to 39.2 percent of cases are among Hispanic people, while they only got 15 percent of vaccines in the state.

Black and non-Hispanic people accounted for 18.5 percent of the total cases while receiving 9.3 percent of vaccines.

"Unfortunately, it's not that surprising," said Mark Abdelmalek, a dermatologist who has treated monkeypox patients. "History kind of repeats itself. We see health disparities across many aspects of medicine, and to think that this wouldn't be one of them is a little naive."

The associate professor of dermatology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of

The foundation noted in an earlier report that "underlying structural inequities place people of color at increased risk for public health threats, as was seen in COVID-19 and as is beginning to be observed amid the monkeypox outbreak.'

Robert Fullilove, a professor of clinical sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, said that the lack of trust and communication between the health department and the Black community resulted in the racial disparities, which were exacerbated by stigma and the long history of medical neglect and abuse of Black patients. "What's happening with monkeypox is just yet another chapter of 150 years of medical mistrust," Fullilove said.

The U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination raised significant concerns regarding the United States implementing the Internafied the treaty, Congress has never taken any step to incorporate its requirements into U.S. legislation. No administration has made an effort to do the same when developing and implementing domestic policy, said Borden in an article on Friday.

She said that the treaty is in force on paper, but any instance of compliance with its requirements is merely coincidental.

The committee said the United States has failed to create a national human rights institution or any similar coordinating mechanism to monitor the treaty's implementation.

Additionally, it lamented the continued absence of a comprehensive federal action plan to combat systemic racism and structural discrimination, urging the United States to proceed on both fronts.

Experts urged the U.S. administration to alter its slow pattern of responding to pandemics that has worsened the spread of COVID-19 and is dragging on the current fight against monkeypox. "If monkeypox gains a permanent foothold in the United States and becomes an endemic virus that joins our circulating repertoire of pathogens, it will be one

The first cases confirmed or suspected in Europe in May "should have been a code red for federal infectious disease response" here in the United States, Gottlieb said, criticizing the timeline for expanding testing to commercial labs, which didn't start until late June.

"In the end, monkeypox was a soft stress test for our public health system that we should have passed reasonably well after our jarring and humbling bout with COVID-19. The results, especially with more virulent bugs surely looming, are discomfiting," Jalal Baig, an oncologist, opined in an article on NBC last month.

"Unless something drastically changes," Chyke Doubeni, chief health equity officer at Ohio State University, told local media, "we'll see the same pattern in the next outbreak.'



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#### **NEWS/NEWS FEATURE**

### Mining employees offer education to female students in Geita Region

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

FEMALE workers at Geita Gold Mine Limited (GGML) have conducted a two-day seminar to provide professional training to female students in Geita Region in an effort to ensure that the community benefits from gold mining activities in the country.

The seminar, held at the Nyankumbu Girls' Dormitory built by GGML, through the Union of Women Workers who work in the mine known as GGM ladies

GGML's senior manager in-charge of communications and relations Manace Ndroma, said that women who work in the mine, have been at the forefront of promoting the importance of the position of women in society, especially the liberation of women who carry out activities arising from mining or business arising from value chain in the mining sector.

He said GGML through the union has been providing material and material aid including money and various equipment to special groups within the community to ensure that it benefits from the presence of mining activities.

"As a company, we have been at the forefront of collaborating with the Government to promote issues of gender equality. As you remember the 26th of August this year was Women's Equality Day. We as a company provided education through social networks and media about the important role of women in society. We have been doing that even in events to celebrate International Women's Day every 8th of March," said Ndroma.

He added that the seminar is a solution to the challenges of female students in understanding the right professions to choose in life after graduating from secondary education.

He said that there has been a challenge for many girls in their graduation year or after graduating from secondary education to fail to understand the future of the subjects they are studying and the reality of what they will encounter in higher education or later on the job market.

"We, the management of GGML, have organized this seminar so that those who would like to choose various career fields and even become miners or senior leaders in gold mining compa-



Geita Town Council executive director Zahara Michuzi (L) speaks during a two-day seminar organised by GGML's female workers and meant to empower students in Geita Region to ensure that the community benefits from gold mining activities in the country. Others are Nyankumbu Girls' Secondary School headmistress Georgia Mugashe (C) and the firm's senior manager in-charge of communications and relations Manace Ndroma (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

nies including GGML, can achieve their country, especially for the girl instead of to other countries. GGM has a great condreams by seeing women from GGML who are doing well in that profession," said Ndoroma.

Geita Regional Administrative Secretary Prof. Godius Kahyarara asked various stakeholders in the country to contribute Fortunately, our country has continued to ture of education and training like this to the development of education in the have a good education system compared that brings great productivity in the indigenous development.

leaving that responsibility to the government alone.

"I really congratulate GGM for showing a good example as stakeholders who con- the community has brought positive retribute to the development of education.

tribution to the economy of our country through the taxes they pay."

"The great effort they are showing in sults, including building the infrastruc-

community. Fortunately, this training is given to young girls, something that is not easy to forget," said Prof Kahyarara. Motivating students to achieve their dreams at Nyankumbu Girls' School, Geita Town Council executive director, Zahara Michuzi congratulated GGML and the female employees working in the company for preparing the training that gives light to many female students to know themselves and achieve the same goals as successful female leaders in various positions.

"Personally, I did not reach here on my own. I realized myself, put God first but also asked various people, including Professor Msofe when he was teaching at the University of Dodoma, to provide me with academic training that has helped me to this point to successfully lead the Geita Town Council," said Zahara Michuzi.

GGML has been a beacon of investment in the community since its inception in 2000 where the main priorities have been health projects, education, water, roads, income development projects and many other social projects to ensure the host community gets a better life. The company has built more than seven (7) Primary and five (5) Secondary schools within Geita Region over the past four years.

Earlier this year, GGML emerged as the overall winner in companies that perform well in the mining sector in Tanzania for the year 2020/2021 after grabbing awards in the aspects of corporate responsibility to society, environment, safety, best tax payer and

# **Ministry salutes Azania Bank for empowerment**

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

AN agreement signed between Azania Bank Limited and the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Children will go a long way in empowering communities economically.

The ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr Zainab Chaula said in Dar es Salaam on Saturday after signing the cooperation agreement that Azania Bank's management has made an important decision that aligns with the government's economic empowerment plan for Tanzanians.

"This agreement will ensure that Azania Bank works in ernment in the country," Dr Chaula said.

She pointed out that despite the many opportunities that the government offers to Tanzanians to empower them economically, many are still struggling in poverty. "It's time now for the public to get trained on basics of financial services, business management, banking and entrepreneurship so as to graduate into business owners," Dr Chaula underlined while pointing out that her ministry will seal similar agreements with other financial institutions to cover the whole country.

Under the deal, Azania Bank will also offer expert coun-



country

Speaking at the same event, Azania Bank's Managing Director, Esther Mang'enya thanked the gender and community development ministry for choosing the bank as a partner. "I assure you that Azania Bank has the capacity and muscles to deliver on this important assignment and that we will deploy our resources throughout our branches and partners countrywide to ensure that we reach agreed targets," Mang'enya said.

She pointed out that the move by the ministry will speed up economic empowerment of communities hence delivering on targets to reduce abject poverty in the country. "I urge the public to use our bank in exploiting expertise and financial services that we have to fight poverty which is an unacceptable malaise," the Azania Bank

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partnership with the ministry to train the majority ordinary Tanzanians on financial matters and various economic op- vices plus products available portunities availed by the gov- in the banking industry of the

seling to the public on how to run businesses, exploit markets and make use of various ser-

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dr Zainab Chaula (2ndL), exchanges contract documents with Azania Bank managing director Esther Mang'enya after signing the cooperation agreement in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Looking on are the ministry's director of legal services, Happy Msimbe (L), and the bank's legal director, Charles Mugila. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# DC: Govt won't spare anyone who tries to sabotage the Tembo Nickel project

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

NGARA District Commissioner (DC) Colonel Mathias Kahabi has warned that the government will not spare anyone who tries to sabotage the Tembo Nickel project calling on the residents also to protect it.

Col. Kahabi made the statement at different occasions in Rwinyana and Bugarama villages, during public rallies to explain the importance of land and asset survey for the community surrounding the Tembo Nickel project in Ngara District.

"This is a big project which we must take seriously, there is massive investment from abroad and the Tanzanian government has 16 percent ownership. The project is going to help us immensely.

He said there are people who come as far as Geita and Mwanza regions to convince the villagers in the project area to sell them land.

"They have come to buy farms for little money, they are speculators and thugs who want to cause havoc and derail the land and asset survey, but they should know that this exercise is being carried out in a highly professional manner and satellite pictures have been taken since July, this year, every crop on these farms has been recorded," he said.

He said the government's eyes and ears are on the Tembo Nickel critical minerals project and warned village leaders to stop being conned by speculators

"We have information that some village leaders are allowing speculators to

be part of the village land committees and giving them access to land, they did this in Rusumo but we are vigilant and refuse to allow this here. We know that there are some men who had left families and after hearing about the project have returned to sell land and property without caring about the future of their families, and we will not turn a blind eye to this injustice," he stressed.

Basil Shio, Relocation Consultant Lead for Tembo Nickel, from RSK, reiterated that the land and asset survey process is a legal one and to date 40 percent of the process has been completed.

"There are some areas we have not completed due to disagreements of boundaries, and we cannot work in areas with disputes."

He added: "We are currently in Rwinyana village; we plan to be in the field for four months, we have completed two months' work already and are at 40 percent of the survey process. We have already reached 549 people and surveyed more than 900 plots of land," he said.

In January 2021, the government and investors from three countries signed a joint venture agreement for the extraction of nickel, Kobellite and copper at Kabanga in Kagera Region.

The late President John Magufuli witnessed the signing ceremony in Bukoba Municipality in a deal that will see the government getting 50 percent of the proceeds and another 50 will go to investors from the United States, United Kingdom and Australia.

He said the operation is carried out under Tembo Nickel that oversees production of the minerals.



The Relocation consultant lead for Tembo Nickel from RSK, Basil Shio (R), shows Ngara district commissioner Col Mathias Kahabi (C) areas where the survey has been completed to allow for the Tembo Nickel project to proceed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

#### FEATURES

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#### **BY AMARAH ENNIS**

ECHNOLOGY in journalism is always evolving. From smartphone journalism to reporting the news on Twitter and TikTok and on to data journalism, modern reporters rely on new technology to make their jobs easier and their stories more impactful and engaging.

Today, large newsrooms are introducing a new technology, artificial intelligence (AI), to their work. Smaller newsrooms are interested in this tool too, even if they can't implement it yet.

Past predictions have speculated that 90 per cent of news will be written by AI by 2025. In fact, you've likely already read a sports story or election rundown that was at least partially authored by an AI.

AI can be generally understood as any technology that simulates human intelligence: extracting patterns from data, predicting future events and/or adapting performance based on past mistakes.

Not all AI is futuristic: transcription software, for example, uses AI to recognise and generate words from an audio file.

AI isn't meant to replace the work of journalists. Instead, it takes over repetitive, simple or data-intensive work so that human journalists can focus on stories that require creative insight, multifaceted analysis and good judgment.

London School of Economics' media think tank Polis and the Google News Initiative partnered in 2019 to create the JournalismAI initiative to promote the use of artificial intelligence among journalists.

The JournalismAI Fellowship Programme began this year with the goal of innovating new tools that assist the work of journalists.

To learn more about how AI is influ-

# New initiative pushing for artificial intelligence innovation in newsrooms



encing journalism, I interviewed initiative manager & team lead Mattia Peretti and fellowship programme manager Lakshmi Sivadas on the fellowship, the initiative and what JournalismAI's projects mean for the future of newsrooms.

The fellowship originates from a series of "Collab Challenges" that the JournalismAI staff held between 2020 and 2021.

According to Peretti, the Collab Challenges arose "organically", with no application process or formal organisation for people interested in participating.

Plenty of useful AI-based projects were completed during the challenges, many of which are still available online. The following year the process was formalised and altered to create the fellowship.

While the Journalism AI initiative is focused on

educating journalists unfamiliar with artificial intelligence, the fellowship programme goes a step further by fostering the skills of journalists already using AI technology in the newsroom.

"What we can do for them, through the fellowship, is connect them with a global network of people at the same level," said Peretti.

"By getting them to collaborate with each other, we can help them accelerate the adoption and implementation of AI, and show everyone in our community what is possible," added the team lead.

Forty-six journalists were selected for the programme. In total, 16 countries across six continents are represented in the group.

With problems already emerging with AI developing racial and gender biases and racially profiling people of colour, the JournalismAI staff heavily encouraged diversity when accepting fellows.

"Our idea was that if we bring in people who are representative of major populations around the world, they could recognise the kind of biases that exist in current data sets," said Sivadas.

She added: "Then, in the systems that they are building or developing right now with the fellowship, they would be able to figure out where bias enters the development process, and mitigate that as well."

The main goal of the fellowship is to create a software incorporating AI to benefit the teams' newsrooms and newsrooms globally.

Unlike OpenAI or Google's DeepMind, whose research focuses on creating artificial general intelligence - software that functions as an independent human brain - JournalismAI's projects are all tools that require the input or supervision of human journalists.

Most of these projects seek to assist with one of the three areas in news that the 2019 JournalismAI report outlined: gathering information, producing content or distributing the finished content to an audience.

Each of these areas has exciting potentials for journalism. Newsgathering AI can identify trends and monitor the mention of issues or events, and source information, for example by collecting and citing articles from various news outlets that all discuss the same issue.

News production AIs, which work in content creation, can write bullet-pointed articles or reformat stories for different audiences in a fraction of the time it would take a human to do so.

Finally, news distribution AIs take input from consumers to make news more impactful: finding likely audiences for an organisation's content, tracking readers' behaviour and personalising news flow for readers to see what they're most interested in. "There is not one single journalism student that decided to take this career path because all were dying to sift through PDF documents day after day," said Peretti, adding: "That's something machine learning does very well, and I think we should be excited that we can have the support of software doing all these things for us."

The mentors for the teams this year include Ines Montani, co-founder and CEO of the software company Explosion; David Caswell, former BBC News Labs product manager; and various members of the Knight Lab at Northwestern University. The mentors fill needs for fact-checking, advanced technical skill and more.

Peretti elaborated: "We didn't prepare a roster of mentors and tell the fellows: 'These are your mentors, work with them', because there would have been no point when we didn't know yet what the teams would want to work on. So we tried to find subject matter experts that could help them for the specific case that they are exploring. We start from the needs of our teams."

Ten projects are coming out of the fellowship this year. Among them is Attack Detector, which is meant to detect hate speech towards journalists and environmental activists in Spanish and Portuguese.

Another is Parrot, which identifies and measures the spread of state-manufactured media. These two, along with all the other projects, will be showcased at the JournalismAI festival in early December.

Peretti said that all of these projects are made with ethical AI use in mind. None of them is meant to run without human supervision, as it would be "extremely dangerous" to allow for unsupervised use at this time. **IJNet** 

### Media project probes corruption in primary health care across Nigeria

#### By Arinze Chijioke

HEAD of Nigeria's 2015 elections, the Jigawa State government promised to establish well-equipped primary healthcare centres across the state.

Under its "one ward, one health facility" promise, the state government vowed to build and rehabilitate health centres in each of the state's 287 wards and 27 local government areas.

Four years later, in the leadup to the country's 2019 elections, the government claimed that

ment, Inclusion and Accountability (CMEDIA) initiative, RHAP tracks and reports corruption to educate citizens about primary healthcare in Nigeria so that they can better engage and hold government officials accountable.

The RHAP investigation was inspired by the discrepancies between the large budgetary allocations made by the government for primary healthcare centres which provide essential services such as immunisation and antenatal care for many Nigerians and the realities on the ground.

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tive director Monturayo Famuyiwa.

RHAP has also investigated the decay of primary healthcare centers in Nigeria. One of these investigations revealed the consequences of cholera in Jigawa State amid a lack of access to health care.

At least 10,000 confirmed cases of cholera were reported in 2021, leading to the death of no fewer than 500 people. This happened as the government boasted about spending billions of naira on primary health care centres, most of which remained the need to adopt personal hygiene practices to prevent more cases, according to RHAP programme director Akoji.

The investigations conducted under RHAP are generating feedback and responses from the government and the community alike. Still, there remains the challenge of accessing data around governmental investments in primary healthcare, said Akoji.

The director added: "To enrich our stories, it is important to look at what the government claims it has spent on primary healthcare

it had completed the project, which cost over 12 billion naira.

However, a recent investigation carried out by the Rural Health Accountability Project (RHAP) revealed that these claims were false, finding instead that access to health care across rural communities in the state remains a major challenge.

Under-staffing, inadequate equipment, poor infrastructure and a lack of essential drug supplies are just some of the many issues that remain.

With funding from the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism's Collaborative Media Engagement for Developonly about one-third of the 30,000 primary health care centres across the country are functional, despite the huge investments made over the years by the federal and state governments as well as contributions by development partners," said programme director Elijah Akoji.

Akoji created RHAP to investigate further and help people better understand the impact of government spending on primary health care.

He explained that journalists on the project have examined mealth care initiatives against the budgets allocated for them by the the government. They have also is

recommended that community members actively participate in - and provide oversight of - governmental projects.

"We want to teach community members how to always hold the government accountable when they fail to deliver on their promises," he said, adding: "That way, they can begin to make primary healthcare a priority."

RHAP's work is made possible by the CMEDIA initiative. Similar to RHAP, the CMEDIA initiative, supported by the MacArthur Foundation, is determined to help Nigerian media hold government officials accountable. "CMEDIA seeks to strengthen the independence of media organisations, civic space at local, state and federal levels through investment in orientation and reorientation of journalists and media organisations on media rights, ethics, professionalism and safety," said CMEDIA execu-

underequipped, understaffed and nonfunctional.

In June, RHAP project journalist Omolola Afolabi led an investigation that looked at how families in Kwara State had spent large amounts of money on medical treatment even after the state had established a health insurance scheme to provide mandatory health insurance coverage to all its residents.

These stories have led to promises of policy change. For instance, after the cholera investigation was published, the Jigawa state government said it would launch a ward-to-ward campaign to inform residents on

against the reality on ground. But it is often difficult to access the data - even as they ought to be publicly available."

Government departments and agencies don't always respond to freedom of information requests sent to them, either, Akoji noted. Regardless, RHAP is determined to fill this important void, holding the government accountable when it comes to its promises around health care.

Freelance Nigeria-based journalist Arinze Chijioke covers global health, climate change, environment, conflict, corruption, social justice, human rights, business and the economy.



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# BUSINESS



# It is possible to up Mahenge production, says Black Rock

#### PERTH

Graphite developer Black Rock Mining's Tanzanian subsidiary Faru Graphite Corporation has struck a conditional framework agreement with US-based cleantech graphite processing company Urbix.

Under the terms of the agreement, the two companies would collaborate on establishing a new supply chain for the US and European battery industry, which could potentially allow Black Rock to bring forward construction of the second module at its Mahenge graphite project.

The second module could be built concurrently with the first module, with Urbix providing or facilitating substantial pre-payment or equity support for exclusive offtake of all of the natural graphite fines from the second module.

"Signing this agreement with Urbix is potentially transformational in the context that we are developing an additional US and European option for the processing of Black Rock's graphite into battery applications," said Black Rock CEO John de Vries.

"Increased geographic diversity of our supply chain allows us to be closer to our customers without the need to directly develop, fund and qualify

route allows a low carbon and low chemical footprint brand to be developed in a market that is increasingly environmental, social and governance (ESG) differentiated.

"Importantly, Urbix's technology will deliver significant environmental and economic benefits deploying our ESG footprint across the whole battery anode supply chain, further differentiating our offering from competing brands."

De Vries said that the potential to concurrently execute Module 1 and Module 2 provided significant leverage to Black Rock through securing economies of scale early in the project's life.

"Doubling the size of the initial project also approximately doubles our debt capacity, and combined with a substantial prepayment and/or equity support through Urbix, is expected to mean a similar company equity funding requirement to building Module 1 only.

"This agreement is complementary to our existing agreement with POSCO for Module 1 in that it supports access to funding directed at supply chain diversity not previously available. Being in a position to supply increased volumes of large flake is particularly beneficial in securing market share with Mahenge

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

he overall balance of payments slowed by 72 percent to a surplus of \$126.4 million during the year ending July, lower than a surplus of \$459.4 million in the preceding period, due to higher payments abroad, Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has reported.

During the year ending July 2022, the current account had a deficit of \$3,876.8 million compared to a deficit of \$1,860.6 million in the corresponding period in 2021, largely due to high imports bill.

According to Monthly Economic Review for August, imports of goods and services amounted \$14,422.3 million in the year ending July 2022 up from \$10,009.9 million in the year ending July 2021.

Much increase was recorded in the imports of intermediate goods particularly white petroleum products, iron and steel and plastic items.

Imports of refined white petroleum products surged to \$2,656.8 million from \$1,476.4 million, driven by both price and volume effects.

The war in Ukraine exerted upward pressure on prices of energy and other commodities particularly edible oil, wheat grain and fertilizers.

However, there was a notable decline in price of these commodities since May 2022, BoT says.

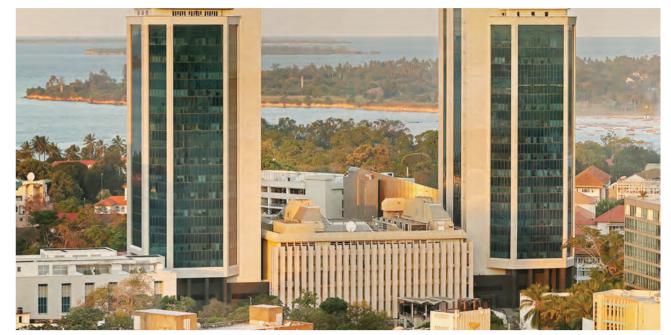
Services payments rose to \$2.080.5 million from \$1,339.5 million in the year to July 2021, driven by higher freight payments.

monthly basis, services On payments amounted to \$213.9 million, up from \$135.8 million in July 2021.

The primary income account deficit widened to \$1,282.4 million in the year ending July 2022, from a deficit of \$1,242.6 million in the corresponding period, due to higher interest payments.

In July 2022, the deficit was \$104 million, slightly above USD 98.6

# **Balance of payments surplus** declines by 72 per cent in July



The war in Ukraine has exerted upward pressure on prices of energy and other commodities particularly edible oil, wheat grain and fertilisers. FILE PHOTO

million recorded in July 2021. The review says the stock of foreign reserves was \$5.378.1 million in July 2022 sufficient to cover about 4.9 months of projected imports of goods and services.

Meanwhile, exports of goods and services amounted to \$11,226.5 million during the year ending July 2022 from \$8,927 million in the corresponding period of 2021, driven by non-traditional exports and services receipts.

Export of goods increased by 10 percent to \$7,083

million from \$6,438.9 million, with non-traditional exports rising by 9 percent. The increase was mainly in the exports of iron and steel, textiles, horticultural products, fish and fish

products and maize. Earnings from gold which accounted for 38.3 percent of goods exports were \$2,710.8 million, lower than \$2,990.5 million in the corresponding period.

Exports of traditional goods amounted to USD amounted to \$4,143.5 million 750.6 million up from \$593.7 in the year ending July 2022 million. almost double compared

Exports of all traditional with \$2,488.1 million in the crops increased except for tea and cashew nuts. The increase is largely

in the world markets.

million in July 2021, while

non-traditional exports were

\$546.6 million in July 2022,

slightly lower compared to

receipts

\$570.7 million in July 2021.

Services

corresponding period of 2021, boosted by travel and transport receipts.

associated with higher prices Travel receipts edged up to \$1,968.5 million from \$929.5 On a monthly basis, million, consistent with the traditional exports increased rise in tourist arrivals by 72.4 to \$36.2 million from \$23.4

percent to 1,208,559. The high travel receipts signal the recovery of the tourism sector though still threatened by the war in

Ukraine. On a monthly basis, services receipts were \$487.5 million, higher than \$263.7 million in July 2021.

# **Domestic bank's credit increases by 22.6 pct**

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

Total domestic credit, which comprised of credit extended to the private sector and central government by the banking system, grew at an annual rate of 22.6 percent in July 2022, compared with 8.9 percent in July 2021, Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has reported.



downstream processing facilities. Developing an option to step away from the conventional hydrofluoric acid

branded production a market that is increasingly short of large flake," he said.

## Jeremy Awori scoops top job with Ecobank Group

#### LOME

The recruitment process for the new chief executive of the Lomé-based pan-African Ecobank group is coming to an end.

The appointment of Kenyan Jeremy Awori, who will succeed Ade Ayeyemi, is just waiting for the validation of the regulator, as revealed by Africa Business.

Awori has already tendered his resignation to its current employer, Absa Bank Kenya.

In a statement at the end of last week Absa's Board of directors said Jeremy will be leaving the bank on October 31. He has served under the CEO position for almost 10 years, since June 2013.

The Board said in a statement that has already initiated the process of identifying a successor.

"Jeremy has been instrumental in driving significant growth and transformation of our business over the past decade and under his outstanding leadership, Absa Bank Kenya PLC has evolved into a modern-day business," Charles Muchene, chairman of the Board said.

Before joining Absa, Jeremy was the CEO of Standard Chartered Tanzania from 2008 until 2013.

His name has been circulating in West African financial circles for several days. Kenyan Jeremy Awori is set to succeed Ade Ayeyemi as head of Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) - Africa Business+ was able to confirm the news on 8 September.

After a recruitment process

conducted by the international firm Egon Zehnder, the choice of the board of Ecobank, which must still be validated by the regulator, is the 51-year-old Kenyan Jeremy Awori. Contacted, the Lomé-based bank did not wish to comment.

Recruited in 2015, the Nigerian Ade Ayeyemi will leave his position at the end of this year. Awori will succeed him at the start of 2023. Formerly of Citigroup, Ade Ayeyemi has worked for the past eight years to turn around the pan-African group present in 33 countries on the continent.

He took up his post in a context still marked by emblematic Arnold Ekpe, in 2012, and by the difficult governance crisis that led to the abrupt departure of Ekpe's successor, Thierry Tanoh.

Ayeyemi, a specialist in corporate banking, inherited a group whose net profit had fallen by 73% in 2015 and which had suffered a net loss the following year (205 million dollars).

As he hands over the reins, Ayeyemi will point to the fact that the institution has posted a net profit of \$262m for the 2021 financial year (of which \$40m was distributed as a dividend).

While many analysts thought that his successor would be chosen internally, to ensure some continuity and capitalise on the newfound stability, the choice of Awori came as a surprise. Until now the managing director of Absa Bank Kenya (formerly Barclays Africa Group), a position from which he officially resigned on 8 September, Awori will have to definitively turn the

In its Monthly Economic Review for August, BoT says private sector credit continued to register strong growth at 20.1 percent, compared with 19.4 percent in the preceding month and significantly higher than 4.1 percent in July 2021.

The increase in private sector credit growth continues to be backed by improved business environment in the country, recovery of private sector activities from the effects of COVID-19, and supportive fiscal and monetary policy conditions.

"During the year ending July 2022, all major economic activities recorded positive growth of credit, save for hotels and restaurants. It is worth noting that credit extended to agriculture sector recorded the highest growth for the second consecutive month," BoT savs.

Other economic activities that registered strong growth of credit include mining and quarrying, manufacturing and personal business undertakings.

"Personal undertakings continued to account for a lion share at 38.3 percent of outstanding credit, followed by trade, manufacturing and agriculture activities," it says.

BoT review shows agriculture recorded the highest credit growth with 37.8 percent in July this year from a contraction of 7.3 percent in July last year, although was lower than 42.1 percent during the year ending June this year.

Mining and quarrying recorded the second highest growth after attaining 25.7 percent from 8.7 percent respectively, following with manufacturing which grew by 31.6 percent in July this year from a contraction of 4.9 percent in July last year.

The dominant personal loan grew by 27 percent from 18.7 percent respectively, a slight decrease from the growth of 27.6 percent recorded during the year ending June. The share of personal loans has remained largest at 38.3 percent, a slight increase from 38.2 percent in June.

Credits to trade also recorded highest growth during the period

reviewed at 15.2 percent in July this vear from 5.4 percent in July last year, although slowed from a growth of 25 percent during the year ending in June, 2022.

The review shows credits to building and construction grew by 10 percent in July this year from a contraction of 8.6 percent in July last year while credits to transport and communication grew by 5.8 percent from a contraction of 4.2 percent respectively.

The review show, credits to hotels and restaurants continues to slowdown as the review show they contracted by 6.1 percent during the year ending July

this year from a growth of 9.2 percent in Iulv last vear.

BoT say the strong growth of credit was also attributed to additional monetary policy measures that were rolled out by the Bank in July 2021 to support credit growth to agriculture activities.

Interest rates charged on loans by banks remained almost unchanged in July 2022, with overall lending rate averaging 16.18 percent, compared with 16.22 percent registered in the previous month and 16.57 percent in July 2021.

Lending rate charged on prime customers (negotiated lending rate) averaged 14.23 percent compared with

14.25 percent recorded in the previous month and 13.83 percent recorded in July 2021.

Likewise, deposits interest rates remained virtually unchanged in July 2022, with overall deposit rates averaging at 7.56 percent, compared with 7.35 percent recorded in the preceding month.

However, the rate was slightly higher than 6.80 percent recorded in the corresponding period in 2021 (Table 2.3).

Negotiated deposit rate averaged 9.78 percent in July 2022, compared with 9.43 percent in June 2022 and 9.17 percent in July 2021.

Credit extended to agriculture recorded the highest growth for the second consecutive month. FILE PHOTO

#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

# Korogwe residents encouraged to grow mushrooms

#### By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

Guardian

OROGWE district commissioner, Basila Mwanukuzi has called on residents within the district to start cultivating mushroom as commercial activity, because of its high demands in the markets.

DC Mwanukuzi made a call here while opening the workshop on how to cultivate mushroom organized by University of Dar es Salaam's College of Natural and Allied Science, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

She insisted that as agriculture is naturally a wide sector, that employs large groups of people into various types of farming, mushroom farming is becoming another activity that will boost incomes of families that will transform lives of many people.

"I heard that there is a new method of cultivating mushroom that takes short time and small area where you can earn a lot of money. My advice is that people should not ignore this opportunity because experts have brought wealth on your hands to grab," she said.

For his side, Dr Juma Hussein, a lecturer from University of Dar Es Salaam, explained that according to various researches there about 2,000 mushroom species that are currently cultivated for medicines and food purposes globally, while in Tanzania, there about 100 species that are cultivated in different regions.

He said statistically only 5,000 farmers in Tanzania cultivate mushrooms, but many are not doing it commercially.

"The demands of mushrooms in the



Mushrooms are a rich, low-calorie source of fibre, protein, and antioxidants. FILE PHOTO

market are so high compared to current production and one kilogram stands at between 8,000/- to 10,000/-," he said.

"By taking into considerations in 2015, we started conducting room which are good for human keting research have found that

researches of mushrooms from range of Usambara Mountains into Korogwe and Lushoto districts respectively and we discov- nutrients for human healthy as ered various species of wild mush-

consumption".

"Mushrooms are rich in protein, oil, vitamin and other necessary well as livestock food. Our marthere is high demand for mushrooms because of their wider usages," insisted. For her side Professor Donatha Tibuhwa head of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Department at the University of Dar es Salaam said mushroom cultivation is type of farming that takes a short time and requires just a small area.

"We have come here to train you to transform from believing mushroom found in the wild can transform the lives of people while ensuring them with nutrition supplement," he told attended farmers.

Mushroom farming is now becoming a popular, commercial and job creator for farmers and traders in Tanzania.

The government and various nonprofit organisations are now touting commercial production of oyster mushrooms to increase incomes of the local farmers.

Mushrooms are a rich, low calorie source of fiber, protein, and antioxidants.

They may also mitigate the risk of developing serious health conditions, such as, heart disease, cancer, and diabetes

Mushrooms are also a good source of vitamin B, C, and D, including niacin, riboflavin, thiamine, and folate, and various minerals including potassium, phosphorus, calcium, magnesium, iron, and copper.

Mushrooms are also an essential part of the planet's ecosystem and the life cycle as they recycle nutrients, keeping forests healthy.

# Oil prices slump as recession fears grow

#### **NEW YORK**

Another turbulent week in oil markets carried crude prices to their lowest point since January, with thin trading and a blurry outlook for supply and demand driving a fitful 30 percent decline from this year's highs. A 5.9 percent gain since Wednes-

day notwithstanding, the main US oil benchmark has shed about \$35 a barrel since peaking above \$122 three months ago.

West Texas Intermediate closed Friday at \$86.79. Brent crude futures, the primary international price gauge, ended at \$92.84.

Much like what happened on the



#### year.

The decline in trades has reduced liquidity-the ability to carry out transactions at expected prices without causing big moves in prices or disorderly trading-in markets that were already hampered by thin trading and prone to wild swings, traders said.

Bernard Drury, chief executive of Drury Capital Inc., a commoditiestrading firm that uses momentuminvesting strategies that follow prices up and down, said that between oil that is about twice as expensive as it was before the pandemic and the added risk of elevated volatility, speculators including him can't take nearly as many positions in the futures market. "We'll trade maybe a third of the number of contracts we traded a couple of years ago and still get the same kind of risk exposure," Mr. Drurv said. "If everyone on the speculative side of things is acting like us, they might be participating more or less fully, but they're trading fewer

# Visitors at Mkomazi National Park rise until July

#### By Correspondent Cheji Bakari,Tanga

THE number of tourists who visited Mkomazi National Park during the period ending in July this year increased compared with the period ended in July last year, with conservators saying was impacted by the Royal Tour Film.

The park which is vital sanctuary for two highly endangered species including charismatic black rhino and sociable African wild dog received 1,870 tourists in July and August this year from 1,212 recorded in 2021. Mkomazi National Park conservator Emmanuel Muirama told The Guardian that they expect number of tourists to increase later this year.

Mkomazi National Park was established in 1951 with an area of about 3,245 square kilometres. It is one of the Northern circuit tourist destinations.

The birds of Mkomazi are even more numerous with over 400 recorded species. Doves, hornbills, weavers and guinea- fowl are all present in large numbers.

Mkomazi National Park is a magnificent, 3,245 square kilometer national park in northern Tanzania. The name was derived from Pare tribe's word for "scoop of water" meaning little water as the area is too dry especially

way up early this year, the decline in prices has been intensified by heightened volatility and diminished liquidity in the futures markets, which are meant to ease the movement of barrels around the world.

Traders and analysts said that an overwhelming number of variablesfrom calculating how much consumption will be reduced by China's Covid-19 lockdowns to handicapping how many of Russia's shunned barrels will make it to market-has made it unusually difficult to anticipate the direction of prices.

The decline in oil prices has been intensified by diminished liquidity in futures markets.

Other examples of uncertainty looming over the market include how long the Biden administration will dip into the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve to boost domestic supply, whether sky-high natural-gas prices in Europe will prompt utilities to burn oil instead, and to what degree the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its market allies are willing to throttle back output to sup-

port prices. A renewed nuclear deal between the U.S. and Iran could bring Iranian petroleum back to the market. Lately, fears of recession and reduced consumption have overshadowed concern about inadequate petroleum supplies and pushed prices lower.

BofA Securities analysts laid out cases in a recent note to clients for oil prices to both rise and fall by as much as \$20 over the next few months. "There is simply too much uncertainty around fundamentals going into the winter," they wrote.

The unpredictability has boosted volatility, which has sent traders to the sidelines. Open interest, a measure of trading activity, has lately been about half what it was five years ago in the most active U.S. oil futures contract and about 30% what it was last

contracts." That has made it harder for businesses involved in producing, transporting and consuming actual barrels of oil to find counterparties in trades that help them manage their own risk.

during the dry season. The Mkomazi National Park is a spectacular wilderness. Within sight to the northwest is Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest summit. To the south, the Pare and Usambara Mountains form a dramatic backdrop and, to the north, Kenya's vast Tsavo National Park shares a border with Mkomazi, making common ground for migratory herds of elephant, oryx and zebra during the wet season.

# New products to boost Apple's bottom line

#### CALIFORNIA

Apple has laid out its product roadmap for the next year on Sept 7, giving consumers a look at its iPhone 14 and Apple Watch lineups, as well as a new pair of AirPods Pro.

From Apple's push to make its higherpriced iPhones more appealing with unique designs and chips to its emergency satellite connectivity and high-end Apple Watch Ultra, the tech titan's latest offerings should help drive product adoption among existing and new users.

"We believe Apple is expecting another heavy iPhone Pro and Pro Max mix shift, which is a clear positive for [average selling price] heading into FY23," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives wrote in an investor note.

Despite rising inflation, Ives explained, there's still plenty of demand for Apple's iPhones. What's more, the analyst says Apple will likely sell more than 220 million phones in 2023.

According to Gartner, the company sold 239 million phones in 2021.

"While the softer macro will clearly play a role in the demand story, we believe the baseline for ~220 million iPhone units in FY23 is likely a low bar given the pent up demand story that we are seeing

globally for Apple," Ives wrote. It's not just about Apple's physical products, though. New hardware should push consumers into subscription services, adding to a business that brought in some \$68.4 billion in 2021, roughly

18.7% of Apple's \$365.8 billion in total revenue Apple kept the prices of its existing iPhones the same this year, but the company is clearly pushing users to spend more

on their phones. Let's start with the fact that the company ditched its entry-level iPhone mini, which cost \$699.

With the mini out of the picture, the new entry-level model is the \$799 iPhone 14. Yes, that's the same price as the iPhone 13 it replaces, but without the mini, you're now being guided to a pricier phone. Then there's the new \$899 iPhone 14 Plus.

Based on that pricing alone, it's clear Apple is working to raise the average selling price of its smartphones.

Then there are the Pro models. Apple has made its iPhone Pros the top phones in its lineup for years by adding a third camera and improved displays. But for the iPhone 14, the company chose to give the Pros a new processor, while giving the non-Pro models the same processor

#### as the iPhone 13.

The company also made big improvements to the iPhone 14 Pro camera by adding a 48-megapixel sensor. It also introduced its new "Dynamic Island," which, weird naming aside, provides some meaningful capabilities, including the ability to view timers, sports scores, and the music you're listening to.

Those upgrades will make consumers with money to burn want to make the jump from the base iPhones to the Pros, driving up Apple's average selling price and boosting revenue.

The \$799 Apple Watch Ultra won't be for everyone. It's a larger watch, though not massive, with 36 hours of battery life and enhancements designed for extreme and endurance athletes.

The Apple Watch SE and Apple Watch Series 8 will be the volume sellers of this generation, but the Ultra does serve one purpose – it will pull in owners of rugged watches produced by Garmin.

According to IDC, Apple controlled 30.5% of the global smartwatch market in Q1 2022, up 6.6% year-over-year.

If Apple can add those fitness enthusiasts to its own ranks, it will push its market share even higher. That will help it continue to outpace rivals like Samsung,



The Apple Watch Series 8 gets a more powerful processor and new temperature sensor.

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### Guardian

# **Oil, gas record \$10bn in Merger and Acquisition deals**

#### WASHINGTON

he last two energy crises that threatened hundreds of energy companies with bankruptcy have rewritten the oil and gas Merger & Acquisition playbook.

Previously, oil and gas companies made numerous aggressive tactical or cyclical acquisitions in the wake of a price crash after many distressed assets became available on the cheap.

However, the 2020 oil price crash that sent oil prices into negative territory has seen energy companies adopt a more restrained, strategic, and environment-focused approach to cutting M&A deals.

It is, therefore, hardly surprising that Big Oil executives have been somewhat trigger-shy after the last M&A wave turned into a disaster for acquiring companies.

According to data released by energy analytics firm Enverus, US oil and gas dealmaking contracted 65 percet Y/Y to \$12 billion last quarter, a far cry from \$34.8 billion recorded during last year's corresponding period, as high commodity price volatility left buyers and sellers clashing over asset values.

"The spike in commodity prices that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine temporarily stalled M&A as buyers and sellers disagreed on the value of assets," said Andrew Dittmar, a director at Enverus Intelligence Research.

Enervous has reported that deals by private equity firms saw a significant uptick in the first quarter as they bought assets that oil companies deemed as non-core to their development plans. These assets tended to lay outside oil-prolific areas like the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico.

"Private equity still has dry powder for deals. They are using this to target assets being tagged as non-core by public companies. Once you step out of the core of the Permian Basin and a few other key areas, competition for deals drops, and these positions are often available at buyer-friendly price points. That said, private equity is still a net seller in the space and likely to remain so for the foresee-



EQT Corp buys rival THQ Appalachia and XcL Midstream's assets for \$5.2 billion. FILE PHOTO

able future given the number of investments outstanding and how long that capital has been deployed," Dittmar has remarked.

Still, dealmaking in the U.S. oil and gas industry remains alive and well, with energy executives still cutting significant deals. Here are the more notable ones.

EQT Corp Buys Rival THQ Appalachia and XcL Midstream's Assets For \$5.2B

Back in May, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania oil and gas producer EQT Corporation (NYSE: EQT) unveiled a plan to produce more liquified natural gas (LNG) by dramatically increasing natural gas drilling in Appalachia and around the country's shale basins, as well as pipeline and export terminal capacity, which it said would not only boost the United States' energy security but also help break the global reliance on coal and on countries like Russia and Iran.

Well, EQT is moving fast to realize its LNG ambitions: confirming earlier speculation,

EQT Corp announced on Tuesday that it has agreed to acquire THO Appalachia's upstream assets and XcL Midstream's gathering and processing assets for a

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EQT has revealed that the assets acquired include 90K core net acres offsetting its existing core leasehold in West Virginia, producing 800M cfe/day and expected to generate free cash flow at average natural gas prices above \$1.35/MMBtu over the

The company also doubled its buyback program to \$2B and said it is increasing its debt reduction plan by year-end 2023 to \$4B from \$2.5B.

EOT has been one of the Shale Patch's most active dealmakers, buying up assets and companies around the Marcellus in a bid to consolidate the company's position. Last year, the company bought rival Marcellus producer Alta Resources for \$2.92bn. EOT CEO Toby

year as natural gas prices have soared to their highest levels in more than a decade. Oil and gas mineral and Royalty Company Sitio Royalties Corp is headed for a merger with Brigham Minerals in an all-stock deal with

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to bring in \$15 million in annual operational cash cost synergies.

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have nearly 260K net royalty

Sitio and Brigham shareholders will receive 54 percent and 46 percent of the combined company, respectively, on a fully diluted basis. Sitio Royalties recently reported O2 net income of \$72M on revenues of \$88M.

Mineral owners receive a 12.5 percent to 20 percent cut of the oil and gas pumped on their land in the form of royalty payments. They don't control the pace of development, but also aren't on the hook for drilling or overhead costs, either, meaning they directly reap the benefits of high commodity prices.

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# China issues \$30bn in emergency loans

#### BEIJING

China has doled out tens of billions of dollars in secretive "emergency loans" to coun- sands of loans from more than 300 Chinese tries at risk of financial crises in recent years,

China's global financing activities mostly by compiling data from countries that receive Chinese loans. The data set captures thougovernment institutions and state-owned combined \$5.2B in cash and

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turning Beijing into a formidable competitor of the western-led IMF.

The bailouts represent a pivot from the huge infrastructure loans China has extended over nearly a decade as part of its \$838bn Belt and Road Initiative, a programme that saw it eclipse the World Bank as the world's biggest financer of public works.

Three of the largest recipients of China's rescue lending have been Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Argentina, which together have received as much as \$32.83bn since 2017, according to data compiled by AidData, a research lab at William & Mary, a university in the US.

Other countries receiving rescue lending from Chinese state institutions included Kenya, Venezuela, Ecuador, Angola, Laos, Suriname, Belarus, Egypt, Mongolia and Ukraine, according to AidData, which did not provide details for these countries.

Such credit is aimed at enabling countries to keep up payments on foreign debt and to continue buying imports, warding off balance of payments (BoP) distress that can develop into full-blown storms such as the 1997 Asian crisis and the Latin American crisis of the 1980s.

The IMF's austere prescriptions in the aftermath of the Asian crisis were deeply unpopular, reinforcing a backlash against it that persists to this day.

Unlike the IMF, which announces the details of its credit lines, debt relief and restructuring programmes to debtor countries, China operates largely in secret.

China's financial institutions publish scant details of the credit it issues and Beijing does not predicate its lending on debt restructuring or economic reforms in recipient countries, analysts said.

In most cases, the objective of China's emergency lending is to prevent defaults on infrastructure loans extended under the Belt and Road Initiative, analysts said.

"Beijing has tried to keep these countries afloat by providing emergency loan after emergency loan without asking its borrowers to restore economic policy discipline or pursue debt relief through a co-ordinated restructuring process with all major creditors,' said Bradley Parks, executive director of Aid-Data.

The AidData research lab maintains the world's most comprehensive database on

entities across 165 low- and middle-income countries.

Parks added that China's approach often "postpones the day of reckoning".

"When Beijing acts as an alternative lender of last resort and bails out a distressed sovereign without requiring economic policy discipline or pursuing a co-ordinated debt rescheduling with major creditors, it effectively kicks the can down the road and leaves it to others to solve the underlying solvency problem," Parks said.

A study of the individual loans provided by Chinese financial institutions since 2017 to Pakistan, a key participant in the Belt and Road Initiative, shows a drip-feed of support in the form of loans from state-owned banks and SAFE, the agency that controls Beijing's \$3tn stash of foreign exchange reserves.

The terms on such loans are far from concessionary, often building in a margin of about 3 per cent above benchmark funding costs. In addition to these loans, the People's Bank of China, the central bank, has a currency swap agreement with its Pakistan counterpart that allows Islamabad to draw down funds when it needs them, the AidData records show. The PBoC has declined to comment.

Commentators said China's rescue lending risked prolonging and exacerbating debt distress and the crises that often follow in debtor nations. "I see these as a major impediment to crisis resolution," said Gabriel Sterne, head of EM macro at Oxford Economics and a former senior economist at the IMF.

As Sri Lanka's current financial meltdown demonstrates, Beijing's support is sometimes insufficient, analysts said. "The suspicion is that countries seek out the loan to avoid going to the IMF, which demands painful reform," Sterne added. "There may be circumstances in which the gamble for redemption works, but generally – as in the Sri Lankan case it just makes the adjustment more painful when it actually happens."

Sean Cairncross, former chief executive of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a US government foreign aid agency that provides grant funding on condition of democratic governance and economic transparency, said China's loans were provided in pursuit of long-term aims in competition with rival powers.

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#### BALMORAL

QUEEN Elizabeth's coffin began a six-hour journey from her home in the Scottish Highlands to Edinburgh yesterday, as crowds lined the roads to pay tribute to the monarch in the first of a series of solemn events leading up to her funeral on Sept 19.

At 10 am (0900 GMT), Elizabeth's oak coffin, which had been in the ballroom of Balmoral Castle covered with the royal standard of Scotland and with a wreath of flowers on top, was placed in a hearse by six gamekeepers.

Shortly afterwards, the hearse emerged from the gates of Balmoral to head towards the Scottish capital. The queen died at her summer residence on Thursday aged 96, after 70 years on the throne

Her death has drawn tears, sadness and warm tributes, not just from the queen's own close family and many in Britain, but also from around the globe - reflecting her presence on the world stage for seven decades.

Elizabeth Alexander, aged 69 and born on the day the queen was crowned in 1953, was waiting in the nearby village of Ballater to see the coffin go by.

"I think it will be very emotional for anyone saying goodbye, you don't know how you to know how you're going to feel when you see it," she said.

"It's like a family member, it overwhelms - the sadness - that she's not going to be with us."

The queen came to the throne following the death of her father King George VI on Feb 6, 1952,

when she was just 25. Her coronation took place a year later.

Accompanied by the queen's daughter, Princess Anne, the cortege will slowly make its way from the remote castle, winding through small towns and villages to Edinburgh where the coffin will be taken to the throne room of the Palace of Holvroodhouse.

The slow cortege is the first of a series of events leading up to the state funeral in London. Tens of thousands have gathered at royal palaces in the days since Elizabeth's death to leave flowers and to pay their respects.

"I know how deeply you, the entire nation - and I think I may say the whole world - sympathize with me in the irreparable loss we have all suffered," her son King Charles said at a ceremony on Saturday.

Charles became king immediately after his mother's death but was officially proclaimed the new monarch at the ceremony.

While Elizabeth's death was not totally unexpected given her age, the fact her health had been deteriorating and the passing of her husband of 73 years Prince Philip last year, there was still a sense of shock at the news.

"We all thought she was invincible," her grandson Prince William, now the heir to the throne, told a well-wisher on Saturday as he met crowds at Windsor castle.

#### Funeral

**WORLD** 

Elizabeth's funeral will take place at London's Norman King William the Conqueror Westminster Abbey and Sept 19 will be a public holiday in Britain, officials announced. US

the age of 96. AFP President Joe Biden said he would be there, although full details of the

event and the attendees have not yet been released. Before that, her coffin will be flown to London and there will be a sombre procession when it is later moved

from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall where it will lie in state for four days.

In 2002 more than 200,000 people queued to pay their respects to Elizabeth's mother while her coffin lay in state and aides have previously said there is an expectation that millions may want to visit.

"It goes without saying that we can expect large numbers of people," a spokesperson for Prime Minister Liz Truss told reporters.

Truss, whose appointment as prime minister on Tuesday was the queen's last public act, will join King Charles as both the new head of state and prime minister tour the four nations of the United Kingdom in the next few days.

Charles, 73, is now the 41st monarch in a line that traces its origins to the who captured the English throne in 1066.

He is king and head of state not only of the United Kingdom but of 14 other realms including Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Elizabeth's death has capped a difficult couple of years for the royal family, including the death last year of Elizabeth's husband Prince Philip.

Andrew, second son of the late queen and reputed to have been her favourite child, stepped down from royal duties in 2019 after a disastrous TV interview in which he had hoped to clear his name over his relationship to the late US financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Her grandson Prince Harry and his wife Meghan stepped down from royal life in 2020 to move to California.

Harry and Meghan have been alienated from the rest of the family since, with Harry and brother William said to be barely on speaking terms. But the death of their grandmother seemed to help heal the rift, as they appeared together with their wives outside Windsor Castle to meet the crowds on Saturday.

A royal source described it as an important show of unity at an incredibly difficult time for the family

### **Top Chinese legislator pays** official goodwill visit to Russia

#### MOSCOW

LI ZHANSHU, chairman of China's National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, paid an official goodwill visit to Russia from Wednesday to Saturday, at the invitation of Chairman of the Russian State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin.

During his visit, Li met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the country's far eastern city of Vladivostok, held talks with Volodin and Russian Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko respectively in Moscow, and also met with leaders of the five State Duma factions.

When meeting with the Russian president, Li conveyed cordial greetings and best wishes from Chinese President Xi Jinping to Putin. He said that under the strategic guidance and personal efforts of President Xi and President Putin, the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era has maintained a strong momentum of development.

Political mutual trust, strategic coordination and pragmatic cooperation between the two countries have reached an unprecedented level, setting a good example of good-neighborly friendship and win-win cooperation between major countries and neighboring countries, Li said.

Both China and Russia are at a critical historical stage of development and revitalization, enjoying great potential and broad prospects for cooperation, Li said.

China is willing to continue to work with Russia to firmly support each other on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns, implement the Global Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative put forward by President Xi, and turn high-level political mutual trust into more pragmatic cooperation results, Li said.

The top Chinese legislator said he firmly believes that under the leadership of President Xi and President Putin, the two sides will raise the bilateral ties to a new level and will follow the development path in line with their national conditions and achieve the great goals of their respective development and national rejuvenation.

Li also congratulated Russia on successfully hosting the 7th Eastern Economic Forum and briefed on the upcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Putin asked Li to convey his best wishes to President Xi. He said that the Russia-China comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era is special and important, and that the Russian side is satisfied with bilateral relations and cooperation with China in various fields.

Russia-China trade, especially against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, has shown a sound momentum of growth, Putin said, expressing his belief that the two sides will achieve greater goals of cooperation in this area.

More exchanges between the Russian and Chinese legislatures will play a positive role in promoting the development of bilateral relations, Putin said. He also wished the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China a success.

During his talks with Volodin and Matviyenko, Li said that the important task of cooperation between the legislative bodies of China and Russia is to promote the implementation of the important consensus reached by the two heads of state and provide legal protection for the healthy and stable development of bilateral relations.

The NPC will continue to deepen exchanges and cooperation with the Russian State Duma and Federation Council, tap the potential of the mechanism for regular exchanges. maintain a good momentum of high-level exchanges, and promote exchanges among friendship groups and special committees, Li said.

Chinese, US embassies share joys of festival

#### WASHINGTON

THE moon has turned out to be a muse, making the US and Chinese embassies do the same thing ing Mid-Autumn Festival.

The festival, observed according to the lunar calendar, falls on

After this poem was written, critics believed all the other poems on the harvest moon could be forgotten, Chinese writer and when it's full this month: observ- inventor Lin Yutang (1895-1976) wrote in The Gay Genius, a biography of Su Shi.

After the poem was read and



mooncakes, recite Chinese poems like "Though thousands of miles apart, we share the same beautiful moon", and tell the fairy tale about Chang'e flying to the moon

"What we express is a hope and pursuit of reunion and happiness, and our thoughts of our

Sept 10 this year.

"To honor this traditional festival, members of the US diplomatic community in Beijing made this video of the classic Mid-Autumn Festival poem written by the famous poet Su Shi in 1076," US Ambassador Nicholas Burns said on Twitter on Friday.

In the video, Burns leads the recital of "the best poem on the mid-autumn by any poet" by beginning the first two lines in Chinese, with English subtitles: When does a crisp full moon appear? Wine in hand, I ask heaven. Seven of his colleagues at the embassy finished reading the poem in Mandarin, some of them seemed to be at the very early stage of learning the language, but they managed to get Su's message through perfectly clear:

"Dim and shine, wax and wane as moon.

Nothing ever to heart's content.

May we live a long life, Share the same moon though thousand miles apart."

posted online, it was viewed more than 100,000 times on the embassy's WeChat account, and 127,000 times on Twitter as of Saturday evening.

"I want to say as an American in China how much I appreciate seeing actual diplomacy in action. So important to keep communication between our countries open for improved understanding. Thank you Ambassador, and best wishes to all my Chinese and American friends during the holiday," Peter Jolicoeur, a Shanghaibased aviation consultant, wrote on Twitter after watching the video.

While the US embassy marked the festival by savoring the food on thought, the Chinese embassy had a savory way to observe the Mid-Autumn Festival: making mooncakes, the traditional delicacy reserved for Aug 15 on the lunar calendar.

Nearly 200 people, mostly students from Sidwell Friends School, their teachers and family were invited to the embassy in

Chinese Ambassador to the United States Oin Gang makes mooncakes with a group of US students at the embassy on Saturday to mark Mid-Autumn Festival.

Washington to learn how to make mooncakes from rows of colorful ingredients and pastries.

In addition to the savors, the guests watched tea ceremonies, and performances of Chinese folk music, dance and martial arts.

They also had a chance to try on calligraphy, paper-cuts and paint Peking Opera makeups and classic round fans.

Ambassador Qin Gang, who made mooncakes with a group of students at a table, said China's Mid-Autumn Festival is similar to America's Thanksgiving Day. It

stands for harvest. The festival also stands for reunion, being known as the "Reunion Festival".

On this day, Chinese families would get together to share

loved ones who are not with us," he said.

At Saturday's event, two US students recited Night Thoughts, another famous moon-related poem by renowned poet Li Bai of the Tang Dynasty (618-907).

The performance won applause from other students, who recited in choirs the famous lines from the poem by Su Shi: "May we live a long life,

Share the same moon though thousand miles apart."

Xinhua

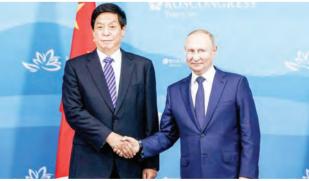
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Li said that the NPC is ready to work with the two institutions to create a favorable environment for practical cooperation through legislation as well as examination and approval of treaties and agreements.

He added that the two sides should strengthen exchanges of experience on national governance and legislation regarding fighting against external interference, sanctions and long-arm jurisdiction, among others.

Li thanked the Russian side for firmly supporting China on the Taiwan question.

Both Volodin and Matviyenko once again condemned Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region, saying that Russia firmly adheres to the one-China policy and is willing to deepen cooperation with China on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit. Xinhua



Li Zhanshu, chairman of China's National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok, Sept 7, 2022. XINHUA

### Porcelain culture well protected, inherited in Dehua, Fujian province

southeast China's Fujian province, is known for the production of white porcelain, one of the most important pieces of merchandise on the Maritime Silk Road.

In 2006, Dehua white porcelain was listed as a Chinese national intangible cultural heritage.

Over recent years, Dehua County has dug into the cultural connotation of white porcelain and vigorously advanced cultural relics protection.

Zheng Jiongxin, curator of the Dehua Ceramics Museum, introduced that among the 22 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Quanzhou, two are klin sites in Dehua, where six furnaces were excavated and over 10,000

DEHUA County of Quanzhou, porcelain specimens produced between the Song Dynasty (960-1279) and the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) were unearthed.

> Porcelain culture needs more than protection. It shall be carried forward. Dehua craftsmen have always been proud of their porcelain making skills. At present, there are 19 organizations in the county aiming at passing on the intangible cultural heritage.

The great atmosphere of porcelain culture in Dehua attracts many enthusiasts for porcelains. In Dehua county's Shigu and Xianjing villages, there are currently over 100 porcelain workshops started by porcelain- inspired by thangka, a Tibetan Budloving entrepreneurs from across

China.

Besides, Dehua County has built an industrial park of cultural products for young artists. So far, the industrial park has been joined by 64 professionals, including over 20 porcelain masters at provincial level.

With the support of relevant parties, traditional handicrafts are seeing innovative development and industrial upgrading.

Xu Ruifeng, the sixth-generation inheritor of "Xu-school" porcelain making, which has a history of more than two centuries, has developed a type of red-glazed porcelain dubbed "China red." Young artist Lian Zihua, dhist painting on cotton, invented a

new form of Dehua porcelain called "Jicai," which means "extreme colors."

The industrial chain of Dehua porcelain is restructuring. For instance, a cultural product industrial park in Dehua has partnered with over 100 designers and some 20 porcelain factories. General manager Xu Haiyan of the industrial park told People's Daily that trendy Chinese-style cartoons and illustrations popular on social media can soon be turned into delicate and fashionable porcelain products in Dehua county.

Besides, the porcelain industry of Dehua is also contributing to rural vitalization. In Zengban village of Shangyong township of Dehua, doz-

ens of ancient residential buildings have been transformed into practice bases of art schools and colleges, and the sites of ancient klins, roads and corridors are also repaired and protected. Recently, a porcelain gallery that displays 288 Chinese family names with porcelains opened to the public in the village.

Dehua's porcelain industry reported revenue of 45.9 billion yuan (\$6.65 billion) last year. To better introduce the porcelain culture to the outside world, Dehua has revitalize nearly 1,000 local porcelain workshops and galleries. It has also developed eight porcelain factories for tourism and over 300 companies making porcelain souvenirs.

At present, 70 percent of the porcelain products manufactured in Dehua are exported to over 190 countries and regions. The county has established long-term partnerships with a dozen foreign artists, and many renowned brands from home and abroad are negotiating with it over the production of porcelain products. The porcelain versions of Bing Dwen Dwen and Shuey Rhon Rhon, mascots of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, were produced in Dehua.

Today, Dehua porcelain artists are seeking innovation of Dehua white porcelain while inheriting traditional techniques and skills.

### **Iran condemns US sanctions** against its intelligence ministry

#### **TEHRAN / DUBAI**

IRAN on Saturday condemned the new US sanctions against its intelligence ministry, which has been accused of launching an alleged cyberattack on Albania.

"This new sanctions label, just like the previous illegal US sanctions against the Intelligence Ministry, will never be able to create the slightest upset in the determination of the security servants of the Iranian people," Nasser Kanaani, spokesman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry, said in a statement.

The US Treasury Department on Friday imposed sanctions on Iran's Intelligence Ministry and its Minister Esmail Khatib, citing alleged cyberattacks by Tehran on the Albanian government in July.

On Wednesday, Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran. The United States supported Albania's move and vowed to take action in response to the alleged attack on its NATO ally.

Kanaani said that Washington is the "designer of this scenario" and Tirana is only a victim of Washington's scheme.

He blamed the United States for, what he called, forcing Albania to host an Iranian "terrorist sect," referring to the Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO).

For years, America has provided the MKO with all-out support besides

training and arming it in the field of cyberspace, said Kanaani, adding that this organization has "constantly served and still serves as a tool in the hands of America to carry out acts of terror, cyberattacks, and wage psychosocial war against the Iranian government and nation."

Kanaani said the US government's move to instrumentalize the MKO, which he said has the blood of over 17,000 Iranian civilians and statesmen on its hands, is "a clear example of organized support for terrorism" against Iran.

Iran will use all its capacities within the framework of international law to realize the rights of the nation and defend itself against this sinister conspiracy, he added.

Also on Saturday, the Iranian state news agency IRNA reported that Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards have seized a foreign vessel in the Gulf for allegedly smuggling 757,000 litres of diesel out of the country.

The unnamed vessel's seven crew members, who are foreign nationals, have been handed over to legal authorities, IRNA reported without elaborating on the nationalities of the ship or its crew.

Iran, which has some of the world's cheapest fuel prices due to heavy subsidies and the plunge in value of its national currency, has been fighting rampant fuel smuggling by land to neighboring countries and by sea to Gulf Arab states.

PRINCE Harry and his wife Meghan joined William and wife Kate on a walkabout among crowds near Windsor Castle on Saturday following the death of their grandmother Queen Elizabeth, raising the prospect of a rapprochement between the brothers.

WINDSOR

The two sons of King Charles, once so close after the death of their mother Diana in a Paris car crash in 1997, have fallen out in recent years after Harry and Meghan gave up their royal titles to move to the United States.

The couple had been in Britain on a brief visit when the queen, Britain's longest reigning monarch, died on Thursday.

Like other senior members of the royal family, Harry rushed to be by the queen's side as she deteriorated at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, and a spokesperson for the heir to the throne said an invitation for the Windsor walk had been extended by William

A royal source described it as an important show of unity at an incredibly difficult time for the family. They emerged from the same car, all wearing black.

The two couples did not interact much during the 40 minute walkabout near one of the queen's favorite English homes, as they stopped to read messages left among the flowers, and shake hands and chat with the thousands of people lining the Long Walk.

"I think that really just sort of draws a line under what's happened historically, and it's a really strong sense of unity I think for the royal family. It was really lovely to see," said Raj Kaur, 41, who was in the crowd.



Prince Harry, Meghan join William and Kate on Windsor walkabout

From left) Britain's Catherine, Princess of Wales; Britain's William, Prince of Wales; Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex; and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex; on the Long Walk at Windsor Castle on Saturday, before meeting well-wishers. AFP

At one point Meghan was hugged by a woman in the crowd while others stretched to shake hands and talk to the four royals in the early evening. William spent some time bending down chatting to children, while Kate and Harry accepted flowers and messages of encouragement from those in the crowd.

Roval observers had been looking for signs of a detente amid the pomp and ceremony of a period of national mourning and Elizabeth's state funeral.

On Friday Charles used his first address to the nation as king to express his "love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas".

He also bestowed on William and daughter-in-law Kate the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales, which he and his late wife Diana previously held.

William was heard telling one well-wisher that the days

EU nations agree joint approach on energy prices

following the queen's death had been "so surreal".

'We all thought she was invincible," he said. Asked by someone else in the crowd how his children, George, 9, Charlotte, 7, and Louis, 4, who all started at a new school on the day the queen died - were coping, he replied:

"The kids are well, thank you. They are good. Not ideal to start new schools with everything happening." Under royal rules, the monarch's grandchildren are automatically eligible to become princes or princesses of the realm, so now that Harry's father Charles is king, his children, Archie, 3, and Lilibet, 1, can receive those titles. Lilibet was named after the queen's childhood nickname.

It is not clear whether they will take the titles.

"At the moment we're focused on the next 10 days. As and when we get information, we will update the (royal) website," a spokesperson for Charles told reporters.

Agencies

### **King Charles proclaimed** monarch of Australia, NZ

#### SYDNEY

KING Charles was officially proclaimed head of state of both Australia and New Zealand at ceremonies yesterday in the nations' capitals.

In New Zealand, the proclamation of Charles as monarch, taking over from Queen Elizabeth who died on Thursday aged 96, took place in the parliament in Wellington.

Speaking from parliament's steps, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the event acknowledged the queen's son, "His Majesty King Charles III as our sovereign".

Ardern told a crowd that in the wake of the queen's death, New Zealand had entered a time of change.

land, among 14 realms outside the United Kingdom, although the role is largely ceremonial.

Earlier, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said a national day of mourning for the queen would take place on Sept 22, with the day to be a public holiday

Albanese said he would travel to London on Thursday, attend the queen's funeral on Sept. 19 then return to Australia on Sept 21.

"Then the National Day of Mourning and the memorial service is set to be the day after," he told ABC television.

"That's to allow people to pay their respects for the passing of Queen Elizabeth," the prime minister said.

Albanese said Australia had offered

#### BRUSSELS

THE energy ministers of the European Union (EU) member states on Friday agreed a common position on temporary emergency measures to curb energy prices, according to senior officials. They have tasked the European Com-

mission to present "a robust and tangible proposal in a matter of days," Czech Minister of Industry and Trade Jozef

Sikela said after the extraordinary Energy Council meeting in Brussels. "We will do whatever it takes to help our citizens and companies who are facing high energy prices," he said.

The ministers identified four main areas where the member states expect the Commission to act, including capping the revenues of electricity producers that face low production costs, a possible price cap on gas, measures

for a coordinated electricity demand reduction across the EU, and measures that would help to solve the issue of decreased liquidity.

EU's Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson told journalists after the meeting that "There is no one solution that will significantly lower energy prices and ensure our security of supply." "We need to keep up our work and our determination on all fronts: diversifica-

tion of supplies, demand reduction and investments in renewables," she said. Simson said that the EU was working bilaterally with its trading partners to negotiate more affordable prices. She acknowledged that nothing was decided yet and said that "we will be proposing unprecedented measures next week." The ministers may meet again later this month to discuss and adopt the final plans. Xinhua

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"King Charles ... has consistently demonstrated his deep care for our nation," she said. "This relationship is deeply valued by our people. I have no doubt it will deepen."

In Australia, Governor General David Hurley, the British monarch's representative in Australia, proclaimed King Charles as head of state at Parliament House in Canberra. The proclamation was marked by a 21-gun salute.

The British monarch is the head of state in Australia as well as New Zeato fly 10 of his Pacific Island counterparts and New Zealand dignitaries to Britain for the queen's funeral.

Asked about how Australians would view the new monarch, Albanese said King Charles would have to "forge his own path".

As a mark of respect, national flags in Australia are at half mast, parliament has been suspended and a giant portrait of the queen was displayed on the sails of the Sydney Opera House. Agencies

### **Election campaign in Russia** is going smoothly – official

#### MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S election campaign is proceeding calmly - with only 10 regions filing complaints over the two days of voting, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission Ella Pamfilova announced yesterday.

"The election campaign is proceeding fairly smoothly, calmly, but also competitively, dynamically - we are following it," she said.

Pamfilova stated that the Central Elec-



**Chairwoman of Russian Central Election Commission Ella Pamfilova** 

tion Commission received just 93 warnings about probable electoral system irregularities during voting via telephone channels in two days. On September 9-11, Russia holds elections of 15 top officials in the regions (14 direct elections and by votfares. ing in parliament in Adygea), members of six legislative assemblies, 12 councils of people's deputies in

the administrative centers of Russia's constituent territories, and also members of local governing bodies.

nology companies Pony.ai and WeRide have been running commercial auto-driving business at different levels in a number of Chinese cities.

Chongqing citizens are now able to hail driverless vehicles on Apollo Go, an robotaxi hailing app developed by Baidu. Apollo Go's robotaxis are equipped with laser radars on the rooftop, and they are able to carry passengers to destinations safely.

Apollo Go robotaxis would give way to pedestrians crossing the street when driving at night. When making a left turn at intersections, they would make sure that the oncoming lanes are clear. Besides, they are able to maintain a constant speed in heavy traffic.

# to safer roads, smoother traffic

**Auto-driving technology leads** 



ing the auto-driving business issued by China in the recent days. On Aug. 1, the country's first regulation tailored for smart and connected vehicle management went into force in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong province. In July, Beijing issued permits to services providers that allow autopilot vehicles with a human safety operator in the passenger seat to collect

These supporting policies demonstrated the country's confidence in and expectation for Chinese autopilot technology.

Chinese tech giant Baidu, as well as autonomous vehicle tech-

based on actual traffic conditions and running speed. For instance, they can overtake the vehicles that are running slowly in front of them, and in another scenario where the traffic signal goes yellow and there's no vehicle around, Pony.ai robotaxis would go through the intersection at a constant speed rather than slamming on the brakes. Robotaxis have a great performance even

when it's raining or dark, as they have their "visions" - laser radars, cameras and millimeter-wave radars. With the equipment, they are better than human drivers at recognizing and tracking barriers, and comprehending traffic information. They can "see" their surroundings clearly in different road conditions, weathers and environments. Even in extreme weathers, they can drive safely.



Photo shows an in-service auto-driving robotaxi of Baidu's Apollo Go in Yongchuan district, southwest China's Chongqing municipality, Aug. 13, 2022. (Photo by Rong Zengfu/People's Daily Online)

Pony.ai is now testing its autopilot car-hail-There are even "drivers" standing by in coning services in a pilot area of auto-driving in trol rooms that would take over the robotaxis Yizhuang, Beijing. Its vehicles make decisions and control them via 5G network when emergencies happen.

Vice president of Pony.ai Zhang Ning told People's Daily that robotaxis consider safety, efficiency and comfort when making decisions on roads. With deep-learning algorithms, great engineering design, big data and system optimization, some auto-driving vehicles are even more skilled than experienced drivers. They perform well even in dangerous but rare scenarios.

At present, Baidu has a testing fleet of over 500 vehicles that are running on open roads in nearly 30 cities of multiple countries and they have amassed a total of 32 million kilometers of real world driving data, said Xu Baoqiang, general manager of Baidu's autonomous driving vehicle department.

According to Xu, Baidu's Apollo Go service

has received more than a million car-hailing orders in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

China will enjoy bright prospects in developing autopilot technologies. "Though China is a latecomer, it is leading the world in autopilot R&D and application thanks to its policy support and leading enterprises, as well as its advantages in capital, human resource, technology and industrial chain," said Zhang Xiang, head of a new energy vehicle technology academy under Jiangxi New Energy Technology Institute.

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# Guardian PORT



Dar es Salaam's FK International Schools' Head of Schools, Humphrey Kiuruwi (L), hands over a dummy cheque to swimmer Michael Joseph (R), a student at schools, after excelling in the 2022 FINA World Junior Championships hosted by Peru. Looking on is Joseph's mother Monica Joseph. The occasion took place at FK International Schools in the city. PHOTO: CORRESPOND-ENT

# **Dar school rewards** swimmer for shining in 2022 World Junior **Championships**

#### By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM's FK International Schools have handed U\$1,000 to Tanzanian swimmer, Michael Joseph, after excelling in the 2022 FINA World Junior Swimming Championships held in Lima, Peru.

Michael, one of the students at the school, held sway in the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships after setting three personal best times (PBs) and setting one new best time in the championships and that is why they are celebrating.

Kiuruwi noted: "Michael is really hard working and usually trains hard, I believe if the same efforts would be maintained, the country will celebrate winning many medals in various international competitions."

FK International Schools' boss added: "We have been inspired by Michael's performances in the World Junior Swimming Championships held in Lima, Peru.'

# Mwakinyo's career-defining fight thwarted by unknowns

#### By Correspondent Ernest Mwamwaja

OXING fanatics in Tanzania and their 2022, the most booked date in their diaries.

The country's professional Super Welterweight boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo, alias 'Tanzania Tornado', was on the day facing England's Liam Smith, nicknamed 'Beefy', in an international non-

Much as the pugilists were aiming at different targets heading to the fight, it was undoubtedly a career-defining fight in the pugilists' careers.

To Mwakinyo, the fight that took place at the M&S Bank arena in Liverpool aimed to reaffirm his introduction to the world stage after a long period of inactivity.

clear, which was nothing short of reclaiming his glory as a title holder.

In his latest interviews, he was bold enough to seek to challenge some of the popular fighters in the Super Welterweight division, the likes of Chris Eubank Jr and Jermain Charlo.

Before the bout against Mwakinyo, Smith, now aged 34, had a total of 35 appearances in the ring, which is indicative of a wealth of experience in facing fighters of different genres.

He once held a World Boxing Organization (WBO) Light Middleweight title (from 2015 to 2016) and was also a British and Commonwealth boxing champion in the same division between 2012 and 2015.

Mwakinyo, who is currently aged 27, has a total of 22 fights to his title. Although this is a much smaller number of fights he enjoys a superior knockout percentage of 60.87 against Smith's 50.78.

These statistics from Boxrec are enough to highlight some of the boxers' dispositions.

The Smith versus Mwakinyo match-up was probably more favour of Smith. The third round inspired by an impressive resume of the pugilists in their national as well as international standing. Although Boxrec rates Smith sixth and Mwakinyo 40th in the international ranking, they both sit on top of their respective countries' rankings. Given the popularity of the bout, it would probably be of interest if I first issue a technical coverage of the four rounds that were fought. Despite his low-key entry



Tanzanian professional boxer Hassan Mwakinyo

Smith's entry into the arena was performance, it is in this round more explosive, his ever-loud fans had only one thing in mind, and that is, a decisive win for their compatriot, or should I say sweet ankle sprain on the right foot revenge for their former boxing as he was stepping back from icon Sam Eggington that suffered the advancing Smith, and while the loss to Mwakinyo?

As expected, Smith had a very promising start in the first two rounds, Mwakinyo seemed somewhat troubled by Smith's stiff quick jabs to the head and body which aimed at locking Mwakinyo at a receiving end and neutralizing the Tanzanian's tremendous punching power.

Smith fought with good footwork and dominated the center of the ring, which means he was in firm control.

Mwakinyo, as a result, was forced to throw wild punches and stay on his back foot.

Although he knew that he is losing points at this stage, Mwakinyo needed time to study his opponent before launching his game plan.

continue. So, I scored these two rounds in The referee's stoppage at his second kneeling, which happened

judge in favour of the fighter's safety," Mlundwa, also a former professional boxer, said. While many other boxing

"As a referee, you always

experts and media went on to support the referee's decision, Mwakinyo continued to maintain that the judgment was unfair.

He strongly believes that his actions, spitting a mouthpiece and taking a knee, are a standard principle in boxing when a boxer is seeking the referee's attention, hence they should not have been interpreted as an act of surrender.

Well, Mwakinyo could also have a point in this, his claims are somewhat supported by the legendary Corrales versus Castillo fight that took place back in 2005.

The bout's referee, Tony Weeks, instead of stopping it opted to deduct a point from Corrales and give him an allowance of a few seconds with his coach.

Many people still believe that it is this tiny breather that offered Corrales a spark of survival and eventual victory against Castillo in a fight that the former probably should have lost.

Well, injuries like these are not uncommon in combat sports, boxing fanatics' memories must still be fresh on a similar incident that happened to an Irish pugilist, Aidan Walsh, who could not proceed to Tokyo Olympic Games' semi-finals.

Walsh had an ankle sprain after he over-joyously celebrated his victory in the quarterfinals.

Ankle sprains are probably more common in mixed martial arts fights than in boxing, as the sport usually involves violent leg kicks to the opponents.

While neither of these scenarios can sufficiently explain the extent of the injury that Mwakinyo suffered in his bout, one is left to believe that the injury could have been psychologically amplified by the intensity of the fight.

This version of the explanation can partly be substantiated by his quick recovery after the referee, Victor Loughlin, stopped the fight.

compatriots elsewhere made September 3,

title fight in Liverpool.

Smith made his intention all

outset

long course.

The country's other performer, Natalia Ladha, also featured in the competition and did well.

Michael registered 27.33 seconds in 50m Freestyle to beat his entry time of 27.51 before registering 59.67 seconds in 100m Freestyle to overwrite his 01.02.81 previous time and later recorded 29.70 seconds in 50m Butterfly against his entry time of 30.67.

He also set his first new time in a long course in 100 meters Butterfly after recording 1.10.37 minutes.

The FK International Schools' Head of Schools, Humphrey Kiuruwi, commended Michael for his best show in the event and pointed out the schools are proud of the performances the swimmer has showcased in the championships that featured more than 500 swimmers from across the world.

Kiuruwi said that Michael's hard work, commitment, and fighting spirit have helped him do well in the

Kiuruwi also challenged other swimmers at the schools to improve their performance in the game, as well as in their curriculum, to make their schools proud and win medals.

"It is clear the competition was not easy despite Michael's performances, he sweats for the best performances and achieved his goals that we now celebrating."

"He is now a great swimmer, we are challenging him to increase the efforts to have the best records," he said.

Michael thanked FK International Schools for rewarding him, noting the move has motivated him to do well in the next international competitions.

Other sponsors who enabled the swimmer to travel to Lima are CRDB Bank, Karaki House, parents, and friends.

"I have been inspired and believe the prize money is the catalyst for doing well in coming local and international events," Michael noted.

into the ring, Mwakinyo looked cautious but confident at the

was a game changer in many ways. It is at the end of the round that Mwakinyo opted to unfold and test his ammunitions - a few jabs and straights, which immediately worked magic for him.

This significantly reduced Smith's punch count and made him less aggressive.

Close to the bell for the round Mwakinyo connected some good body shots, an uppercut, hooks, and straights to the head which pinned Smith on the ropes, thus, this was Mwakinyo's round.

only a space of seconds from the first, was probably too quick but Mwakinyo's pushing of Smith and his shifting of attention from the fight to talking to the referee while taking to his knees left the referee with no option but stop the fight. It was the second Technical Knockout loss in Mwakinyo's record

Despite his improved

that things began to get weird for

most of the former's supporters

were too quick to blame the

slippery surface, he later claimed

that it was all on a faulty pair of

ring shoes which were almost

He received the shoes at the last

minute after he had lost his own

upon arrival at Liverpool airport.

knees twice in the fourth round,

the round which witnessed him

starting with a great sense of

control, the same way he began

In the first instance, he seemed

to fiercely disapprove referee's

counting which signaled that

it was a knockdown. However,

after the counting, he reassured

the referee that he was okay to

Mwakinyo dropped to his

He inexplicably picked an

Mwakinyo.

unbearably tight.

the third.

When Tanzanian veteran boxing referee, Emmanuel Mlundwa, was later asked for his opinion about the stoppage, he said that the referee took the correct decision.

unfolded, what options did Mwakinyo have in hand?

Well, my personal opinion is that Mwakinyo should not have left the matter in the referee's hands.

He knew too well that he was fighting many unseen enemies, whereas Smith had everything to lose if he lost the fight.

This fight was on the one hand a relaunch of Smith's campaign to regain world titles.

To be continued



Dar es Salaam's ballers take part in a celebrity match at the revamped Spiders' court in the city over the weekend. The event was facilitated by Hennessy and NBA 'In the Paint', a community-based initiative connecting local artists, art, and the basketball culture. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

### Katwila opens up on Ihefu SC's poor start in 2022/23 **NBC** Premier League

#### By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

IHEFU SC head coach Zubeir Katwila has explained two key reasons behind the failure of his team to register a win in three NBC Premier League ties.

The Mbeya side had started by locking horns with Coast Region outfit, Ruvu Shooting, at Highland Estates Stadium in Mbarali and went down 1-0.

Ihefu SC, later on, suffered a similar loss to Lindi's Namungo FC on August 19.

On September 7, Ihefu SC conceded a 3-1 loss to Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar at Manungu stadium in Turiani.

Katwila stated in an interview in all and is going to work on it," he added.

three matches, his outfit committed two

mistakes that led to the losses. He noted that they need to step up their performance to make sure they excel in the coming clashes.

The tactician revealed: "In the first two matches against Ruvu Shooting and Namungo FC we observed there was a lack of communication among our players."

The coach pointed out: "This was the reason behind the defeat in the two ties but, in the encounter with Mtibwa Sugar, Ihefu SC's players were overall below par."

"The technical bench has noticed it

## Why Manchester United supporters hate the Glazers, the club's American owners

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

FIRST impression is often a good indicator of what is to come, so the evening of June 30, 2005, would have told the Glazer family -- the American businessmen who have owned the Tampa Bay Buccaneers since 1995 -- all they needed to know about the road ahead for their ownership of Manchester United.

Having flown in to visit Old Trafford for the first time as owners, word got out that Joel, Bryan and Avram Glazer were inside the stadium, meeting senior figures and surveying the prize they had recently acquired. They had managed to get in unnoticed, but it was a different story as they attempted to get out. Hundreds of United supporters, chanting "Die, Die, Glazer," tried to enter the stadium, prompting the deployment of riot police and dog handlers. Fans erected barriers to stop the Glazers from leaving Old Trafford, forcing officers to bundle the trio into a police van in order to evacuate them safely.

"Life is not going to be at all easy for them [the Glazers]," Nick Towle, of Shareholders United, a group of fans who held shares in the club, said at the time. "I don't think they realise the full scale of the reception that awaits them. The hard-core fans will not give in this battle.'

The message was clear: The Glazers were not welcome at Manchester United, despite club director and legendary former player, Sir Bobby Charlton, apologising to the new owners for the actions of the supporters.

"I apologised to them for couldn't ignore the fans, who are so emotionally involved in the club, but who sometimes do go a bit too far."



The Glazer family ownership of Manchester United might be coming to an end after almost two decades. (Agencies)

fice in Washington.

and 2011.

Ibrahimovic,

£615m in 2019.

delivered the Europa

League in 2017, with United

winning just three trophies

since Ferguson stepped

down as manager in 2013.

United haven't come close

to winning the Premier

League without Ferguson

in charge, and have man-

aged just two unsuccessful

quarterfinal appearances

in the Champions League

since last reaching the fi-

nal in 2011. And while the

money spent on new play-

ers has kept pace with the

outlays of City, Chelsea

and Paris Saint-Germain,

"Attention might ebb and

never forgotten or forgiv-

Chilton, editor of the Red

News fanzine since 1987,

prehensible amount of

But to those unfamil-

the United fan base, the Glazers remain in control, but there is a growing sense of optimism among supporters and that the endgame is about to be played.

Three of the six Glazer siblings -- Avram, Kevin and Edward -- have sold almost £200m worth of shares within the past 12 months. Bloomberg reported in August that the family are considering selling a minority stake in order to fund plans to redevelop Old Trafford, which hasn't been expanded since 2005 and even saw fans soaked

when the main stand roof began to leak last season. Yet, after almost two decades of blanking out the

noise, are the walls closing in on the Glazers?

#### \*'Love United Hate **Glazer**' At Manchester City,

there is a banner at the Etihad Stadium thanking owner Sheikh Mansour bin Zaved al Nahyan for his investment in the club. Until Roman Abramovich was forced to sell his controlling stake in Chelsea earlier this year as a result of sanctions imposed on the what happened," Charlton Russian oligarch due to his Cavani and Alexis Sansaid. "I tried to explain they connections to Vladimir chez. This summer alone, Putin, a similar tribute to the "Roman Empire" was draped across one stand at Stamford Bridge.

"And for what? To profit Trafford to United's owners who, despite Joel Glazer a family who treat United promising in 2005 that the like a hostile acquisition. It family would "day in, day keeps me up at night; the out, reach out to supportcost in terms of finances, ers," said nothing publicly obviously, but to the club to the fans until apologisand most importantly, its ing for their involvement supporters. They should in the failed European Sunever have been allowed to per League plans in 2021. lump a heavy debt burden They are largely absentee that still remains." owners, rarely attending

In 2018, Sheikh Mangames, with Ioel overseesour's investment in City ing club business in his role broke the £1bn barrier, but as co-chairman from his ofin the same year, the Glazers passed a far less appealing milestone, as the total iar with the backstory, amount spent to finance United fans' opposition their ownership of United, to the Glazers can seem with interest and debt rebewildering. Since being payments and dividends, taken over by the Glazers, also went beyond £1bn. only Chelsea (18) and City These payments have aver-(14) have won more major aged out to around £70m a trophies than United (13) year in total. Put another in England. The Glazer way, that's the transfer fee haul includes five Premier for a world-class signing League titles and a Chameverv summer.

pions League win in 2008, And that is the crux of plus two losing finals, both the issue for United's supagainst Barcelona, in 2009 porters -- being owned by the Glazers has cost the They have spent £1.7 bilclub more than £1bn since lion on new players since 2005, money that could 2005, including star names have been invested in the such as Cristiano Ronalteam or Old Trafford, as do, Paul Pogba, Angel di has been the case at the Eti-Maria, as well as highly paid had with City and Sheikh free transfers like Zlatan Mansour.

Edinson "They have been disaster as owners," Towle, who predicted the years

ceived and rejected several offers to sell Manchester United since 2005. In late 2009, sources told ESPN that the Americans dismissed a £1.5 billion Middle East-based offer, believed to be from Oatar, for their entire stake in the club; a year later, attempts by a supporter-led group of wealthy individuals called the Red Knights to force the Glazers into a sale were also ignored.

At that point, the Green and Gold protest -- United fans adopted the greenand-gold colours of Newton Heath, the club which became United in 1902 -- had grown into a noisy

and visible campaign of defiance against the Glazers. Fans' groups enlisted the help of Blue State Digital, the U.S. tech company used by then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama during his 2008 presidential campaign, to help project their campaign and message to a global audience through social media, and former

United star David Beckham wore a green-and-gold scarf at the end of a Champions League game at Old Trafford with AC Milan in March 2010. But the Glazers were un-

moved. They had successfully turned the club into a commercial powerhouse -- the peak being a £750m, 10-year shirt deal with Adidas in 2014 -- and even when the trophies dried up, the money kept rolling in.

"You should never underestimate just how much the Glazers enjoy being United's owners," a source who worked with the Glazers told ESPN. "They own one of sport's biggest global brands, so they get an incredible amount of kudos from that."

Others have a different view. Another source who has had business dealings with the Glazers said,

buying Chelsea and Manproblem is, nobody is gochester United would be ing to want to invest millike sealing a deal for the lions in United and leave Denver Broncos and then the Glazers with 100% conbeing told vou could have trol. had the Dallas Cowboys."

United's public position on the Glazers has been that they remain "committed long-term owners" and that description has not changed during the recent weeks of protest, but sources have told ESPN that the owners do face significant financial challenges in the

months and years ahead. United have appointed architect firm Populous to draw up plans to redevelop Old Trafford, with initial estimates that an upgrade of the stadium will cost around £200m. The summer spending spree exceeded £210m, and the most recent financial accounts showed that the club owed £184m in purchase obligations -outstanding transfer payments.

Year-end accounts are due to be published before the end of September, but the most recent figure for the club's net debt, as of May 2022, was £495.7m. In September 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the debt was as low as £203.6m. The Glazer business model has taken a battering, which is why financial experts believe the next 12 months will be decisive if the Glazers are to continue as United's owners.

see why they wouldn't start to think about cashing in Richard Arnold, United's chief executive, shed light their chips." on the club's financial pressures when he was secretly recorded in June ing telling fans at a pub that United had "f---ing burned be in the midst of a perthrough cash" and that, to fect storm as Manchester rebuild the stadium and United owners. Supporters training ground, "I've got to are becoming increasingly have more cash than I have organised in their protests. now." led by a group called The

Andy Green, head of in-1958 -- a reference to when vestment at Rockpool In- the club had to rebuild afvestment, has previously ter the 1958 Munich Air

interest and energising the supporters' battle to force the Glazers out.

The 1958 group organised the mass protest ahead "But they have to pay for of the Liverpool game at the Old Trafford redevel-Old Trafford when fans marched outside the staopment and this summer's spending spree somehow, dium before kick-off, and and revenue is down bewhile reluctant to speak to cause of COVID and the the media, they told Red News that their only goal is lack of regular Champions League football. Suggesto remove the Glazers. tions that they will follow "The 1958 are all about fit

and proper ownership for our great club," they said. "We won't stand back and watch the club we love rot away to nothing. We are in this for the long haul and will mount sustained pressure on this ownership, sponsors, government bodies and other avenues. We will do everything it takes that falls within being legal and peaceful."

For fanzine editor Chilton, the latest movement against the Glazers is one that has to succeed if United are to return to the top of the game in England and Europe.

"I think it's a now or never moment," he said. "The Richard Arnold pub meeting was interesting because he said there isn't the money the club needs and the club needs investors. It was a startling revelation."

"Pressure has to be maintained. Even better if we're winning as it will shine a light on why we want rid of them. The world is changing, so their grip on the club might not be what it once was."

Yearlong conversations between the club and the Manchester United Supporters' Trust (MUST) about a fans' share scheme are, according to sources, close to coming to fruition with the intention of supporters being able to buy shares and have a significant voice in the running of the club.

The scheme would not affect the Glazers' major-

Seventeen years on, the United supporters are still protesting against the Glazers, who completed that £790 million takeover of the Premier League's most successful team by investing just £270m of their own money into the deal -- the rest was borrowed against United, instantly plunging the club into more than £500m worth of debt.

Until that point, United had been debt-free. Although listed on the London Stock Exchange with annual dividends for shareholders, profits were put back into the club, allowing Sir Alex Ferguson to sign Wayne Rooney for £27 million in 2004. Between 1992 and 2005, United almost doubled the size of Old Trafford from a 40,000-capacity stadium to one that held 75,000 fans. Success bred success and investment, but under the Glazers, debt repayments and interest charges were added to the mix.

Since 2005, through successful times -- 13 trophies, including a Champions League win -- and otherwise, fans have targeted the club's sponsors, vandalized and protested outside the properties of various club board members. In May 2021, they broke into Old Trafford, successfully forcing the postponement of a Premier League game against Liverpool.

Despite the fury and hatred they generate among

In and around Old Trafford, walls, seats, lampposts -- essentially anything that doesn't move -- are plastered with stickers bearing the simple slogan, "Love United Hate Glazer.'

At the time of the Glazers' takeover, organised groups such as Shareholders United attempted to block the sale, warning of the club being used as a lucrative cash cow to help fund the Glazers' U.S.based business empire, which included shopping malls across 20 states and the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Many fans vowed to never set foot inside Old Trafford to watch United again while under Glazer ownership; some even left to set up the supporterbacked club FC United of Manchester, which now plays in the seventh tier of English football.

It was a hostile takeover, it is the money going from too, with the Glazers slowly United to the Glazers that buying up shares, despite really focuses the anger of public misgivings from the fans. United board. David Gill, the chief executive who flow, but for a hard core of supporters, they have would go on to retain his position under the Glazen [the Glazers]," Barney ers until 2013, warned that "debt is the road to ruin and Manchester United told ESPN. "The financial will never go down that road," but by May 2005, the Glazers won control of staggering -- a legal, if immoral, takeover where the club after securing the 28.7% stake of Irish racing tycoons, JP McManus and costs have seen an incom-John Magnier.

money go out of the club There are no positive tributes in and around Old rather than on it."

United have spent £210m of turbulence in 2005, told on new players -- their big-ESPN. "Sir Alex took care gest single transfer window of everything when he outlay under the Glazers -was manager, but since he with Antony arriving from retired, the Glazers have Ajax for a fee of £84.9m. been found out and our And under the Glazers, predictions from 2005 United's commercial earnhave unfortunately been ings have almost trebled, borne out." from an initial £210m per "To their credit, the Glaz-

year in 2006 to a high of ers saw how football clubs would become a huge But all is not as it may source of revenue and they seem. The Glazer trophy got in on the ground floor, but United have paid a collection has ground to a halt since Jose Mourinho heavy price for that."

> A recent turnaround on the pitch, with four successive wins after the Premier League season began with two straight defeats, has lifted the mood at Old Trafford and brought a new sense of optimism, but the anti-Glazer protests continued before, during and after Sunday's 3-1 win against Arsenal, and highprofile figures say the time has come for the owners to sell.

"Everything now has to point towards the Glazer family," former United captain Gary Neville told The Overlap podcast. "If there is embedded rot over many years -- failure in performance -- then eventually it comes to the owners. You can't start having a go at people in the business if the owners aren't making the right decisions at the top."

"I have come to the configures under scrutiny are clusion now that it needs ownership change for the club to succeed in the fupointless debts and its ture."

> \*What is the Glazers' endgame?

> > The Glazers have re-

"They are business people and Manchester United is simply part of their business empire. They don't have an emotional attachment to the club. If the right offer comes along, they will sell.

"The Chelsea sale has set a benchmark and they will have noted that. If Chelsea is worth £4.25bn, (Chelsea was sold for £2.5bn in May with the buyers committing to a further £1.75bn of investment), then they won't be selling Manchester United for anything less than £5bn."

A source connected to one of the unsuccessful groups in the race to buy Chelsea told ESPN that the same individuals and private equity funds that were interested in buying out Roman Abramovich would be "falling over themselves to buy United."

"With all due respect to Chelsea," the source said, "the difference between

#### analysed United's finances in his blog, Andersred, and he has told ESPN that the Glazers are faced with big decisions.

"They have reached a crossroads now," Green said. "If they want to sell, they will only do so for a massive price and, despite the NYSE share price giving the club a valuation of around \$2bn (£1.73m), the reality is that Manchester United will command a much higher sale price because of its status as one of the world's premier sporting brands. They are worth

a lot more than Chelsea. "The Chelsea sale showed just how much money and interest is out there, particularly in the United States, so they won't struggle to find a buyer. Yet if they decide to limp on as owners, they simply have to find some finance from somewhere, either through borrowing or selling a por-

Disaster that claimed the lives of eight first-team players. Britain's richest man, Jim Ratcliffe, has announced his interest in buying the club.

the Barcelona route and

borrow against broadcast

deals would be so short-

sighted, but they have

done the equivalent of

building the squad with a

credit card, and may end

up doing similar to fund

To some within the fi-

nancial world, it makes lit-

tle sense for the Glazers to

hold on to United, drawing

down dividends of around

£20m per year, when they

could at least quadruple

that annual payment by

ey in 10-year U.S. govern-

ment bonds right now and

get 3.1% interest," a source

told ESPN. "So even if the

Glazers sold United and

walked away with as little

as £3bn, they would earn

£90m per year with zero

risk. Unless they can fore-

see another attempt at a

Super League or a way to

sell their own TV rights,

rather than collectively

within the Premier League,

it's increasingly difficult to

\*A perfect storm brew-

The Glazers could now

"You can park your mon-

selling the club.

the stadium rebuild."

Ratcliffe, a lifelong United supporter, was born fewer than 10 miles from Old Trafford in the Manchester satellite town of Failsworth and has since accumulated a fortune, according to Forbes.com. of £10.2bn by building the chemicals company Ineos. Ratcliffe already owns French club Nice, Swiss team FC Lausanne-Sport and, in May, attempted to buy Chelsea.

With interest rates escalating across the globe, the Glazers must either contemplate expensive borrowing, further adding to United's debt, to rebuild Old Trafford and retain control of the club, or face a prolonged campaign of fan unrest and the prospect tion of their holding. The of Ratcliffe maintaining his

ity holding, however, and former United director Michael Knighton, who failed in an attempt to buy the club for just £20m in 1989, recently described the proposal as a "smokescreen."

But for all the talk of a share scheme and the eventual outlay on new players this summer, nothing has changed for the Glazers at United since day one. The fans wanted them out then, and it remains the case 17 years later. The hostility is as fierce as ever, and even when beating Liverpool and Arsenal at Old Trafford this season, the stadium reverberated to chants of "We want Glazers out."

With potential buyers waiting to make their move and the cost of holding on to the club increasing with every interest rate hike, maybe the final chapter of the Glazer era is about to be written.

### GWIII by David Chikoko



# Mgunda: We are pleased but the tie is not over for Simba SC

Why Manchester United supporters hate the Glazers, the club's American owners

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By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ANZANIA's Simba SC stand-in head coach Juma Mgunda departed Bingu National Stadium pleased with his side's 2-0 win over Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC but aware that the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round tie is far from over.

The visitors edged an action-Champions packed CAF League's first preliminary round contest in Malawi on Saturday afternoon courtesy of a first-half sensational bicycle kick goal netted by Moses Phiri and John Bocco's tap-in late in the second half. The results put Simba

Tanzania's Simba SC players jubilate after the side's Zambian attacker, Moses Phiri, netted in the first leg of a 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round tie against Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC which took place in Lilongwe last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

SC firmly in control of the tie ahead of the second leg scheduled for September 17 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium. In a post-match interview,

Mgunda, who was only appointed on Thursday following the departure of head coach, Serbian Zoran Maki, said the battle is not yet over.

The gaffer stated: "First of all, I feel happy because we won away but I want to tell you one thing, the tie is not over until it is over."

Mgunda revealed: "This is the first leg, the second leg is in Dar es Salaam, there are some mistakes that our players have done today, so we go back to make corrections to make sure

we also win in the second leg." The tactician said: "In football, anything can happen, whether you play at home or away, it is not over until we

play the second leg. I respect Big Bullets FC, they are a good team, we cannot underrate them because we play at home, of course, we have two goals but it's football."

Mgunda stated: "A coach's work is reflected by the players, so I told them at the end of the day they are the ones responsible for the implementation of our plans."

The tactician revealed: "It is true I took over the team at a short notice but, as I said earlier, I found a coach that I have worked with on the national team for three years."

"I believed the team was in good hands and he briefed me on the squad status and what has to be done, I am glad for the support and wholeheartedly appreciate Selemani Matola."

Nyasa Big Bullets FC head coach Callisto Pasuwa admitted they gave their opponents too much respect in the first half.

"We gave them too much respect and the boys were also jittery as they could not keep the ball," the Zimbabwean gaffer noted.

The winners of the first preliminary round clash between Big Bullets and Simba SC will face either Zambia's Red Arrows FC or Angola's Primeiro de Agosto in the second preliminary round.

The Zambian champions. Red Arrows FC, lost 1-0 at home to Angolan football big guns Primeiro de Agosto in the first leg of the other first preliminary round tie.



## **Coach Nabi lauds Yanga's** resoluteness in 2022/23 clash against Zalan FC

**By Correspondent Michael** 

#### Mwebe

TANZANIA's Yanga put one foot in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's second preliminary round with a 4-0 win at Benjamin

Nabi, his side got a little bit nervous in the first half after missing easy chances which gave Zalan FC's goalkeeper confidence.

Nabi said: "We did not know about our opponents but we told our players they needed to respect make a change in reac-Mkapa Stadium which them. Even without any tion and we told about the liveliness of Dennis Nkane came after a frustrating idea about the opponents,

"We missed very easy

We were ourselves."

Commenting on winger

Nabi revealed: "Ambundo lost his confidence because he missed a few easy chances, it happens and when he was a little demoralized, we had to be responsible and quickly

**By Guardian Correspondent** 

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## **NMB** Marathon preparations in top gear

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THIS year's NMB Marathon charity race targets to collect 600m/- to support the treatment of women suffering from fistula in Tanzania who are treated at the CCBRT Hospital.

The race's preparations have gathered pace after the successful inspection of the routes that will be used for the showdown slated for September 24 in Dar es Salaam.

This is the second season of the race, which started last year, to collect 1bn/- in four years, but the success that helped the race collect 400m/- instead of 250m/pushed NMB Bank, which coordinates the marathon, to come up with a plan to raise 600m/- this year.

The inspection of the routes to be used by the runners of the race was held on Saturday involving 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers, and 21 kilometers, which started and ended at Leaders Club, Kinondoni in Dar es Salaam. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa will be the official guest of the showdown to be held at the ground.

Speaking after the inspection, the race's organizer Suleiman Nyambui said the route inspection tests have been successful, adding they hope the athletes who will register for the race will enjoy the preparations.

Nyambui noted: "There has been a great success in this inspection, and the participants are happy with the road signs on every corner of the road, and drinking water stations."

"Races' challenge is often the placement of markers in the running routes for participants of the races but, in the NMB Marathon, no one will get lost, unless someone decides to get lost," Nyambui revealed.

The organizer mentioned Emmanuel Giniki and Failuna Matanga as some of the runners who will participate.

NMB Bank's Chief Human Resources Officer, Emmanuel Akoonay, said that the inspection, which involved more than 100 runners, has been carried out with great efficiency.

The official requested Tanzanians to continue registering for the race in the bank's branches and online to fulfil the collection of 600m/-.

He stated: "This race is a continuation of last year's race, we set a goal of collecting 1bn/- but only in the first year we got 400m/-, the efficiency pushed us to set the goal of collecting 600m/- this year to complete the four-year target in the first two years."

The founding leader of the EFM Jogging Club, Maulid Kitenge, praised NMB Bank for investing in the preparation of the race, adding he is sure the athletes who will participate in it will enjoy being part of the event that will restore smiles to women suffering from fistula.



Tanzania's Yanga midfielder, Khalid Aucho (R), dribbles past South Sudan's Zalan FC forward Makuet Wol during the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round tie which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

#### against a spirited South Sudan club, Zalan FC, on job to be done." Saturday.

A hat trick netted by Fiston Mayele and another not let our opponents goal by Feisal Salum in the second half gave Yanga a gain confidence. Unforcommanding lead ahead tunately despite creating of the second leg on Saturmany chances we could day at the same venue. not score early."

The reigning Tanzanian champions slunk down goal-scoring opportunithe tunnel at halftime ties which gave the goalhaving been frustrated by keepers confidence and the South Sudanese side we started to get a little bit who thwarted many goalscoring chances including second half, scoring early two that were flagged for which put things in order. offside.

Luckily, it turned out Dickson Ambundo's subthat concern was unnecessary because a shakeup stitution, Nabi admitted of the team for the second he felt the winger had lost half spurred Yanga to four his confidence after missgoals and an easy coming easy chances. mand of the tie.

Ambundo was replaced According to Yanga's by youngster Dennis Nkhead coach Nasreddine ane who made a big im-

first half of the encounter we knew the players had brought still a little livelito give 100% effort for the ness and all that so it's normal when the player is The tactician pointed not in good shape or very out: "We wanted from the confident, you have to

pact in the game.

start to try to score and make a change." On early scoring issues, Nabi downplayed them, insisting it is normal to struggle for goals in the early stages and improve as the season progresses.

The Tunisian gaffer stated: "You know it's not, I don't think it's a problem. I believe the same thing nervous. We had a good happened last year, we didn't score many goals at the start of the season, and we had a little bit of trouble scoring."

> The tactician stated: "Afterwards, it disappeared and I don't see that it's a real problem and with a little more focus and decision making things will get better."



### Flexibles by David Chikoko