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Tanzania 'mitigates climate change with more natural gas use'
By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is making strides in cutting emissions of greenhouse gases with the exploitation and use of natural gas in homes, at industries and in motor vehicles.

Selemani Jafo (pictured), the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) told academic staff and students at the University of Glasgow yesterday that this shift from charcoal, coal and petroleum is playing a significant role in conserving the environment.

VPO said in statement that the minister highlighted efforts of introducing gas in homes, in operating industrial plants and in vehicles to replace diesel and petrol was proceeding well, plus its use in wide capacity transit buses in the city of Dar es Salaam.

He said the issue of environment conservation is cross-cutting and involves various sectors so joint efforts are needed in combating degradation to build a clean, safe and sustainable environment for present and future generations. "In Tanzania we have made great strides in environmental protection by strategically improving laws, procedures and regulations," he stated, appealing for greater research cooperation on environmental issues,

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Investments, cultural links high in Samia, El Sisi talks

Joint press conference touches on discussion on security, regional issues



President Samia Suluhu Hassan talks with Egypt President Abdel Fattah El Sisi at the State House in Cairo yesterday, shortly after arriving in the country for a three days state visit. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi yesterday held talks which dwelt on economic cooperation between the two countries, among other issues.

A State House statement on a press briefing at the Cairo State House said President Samia underlined that the talks touched on enhancing diplomatic cooperation, tourism, education links as well as sports, where a major focus was the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station project.

The project for a 2,115 megawatts power station is billed to produce 5,920GWh of power annually once completed, being constructed by Egyptian firms Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric.

The two leaders exchanged views on various security matters, with President Samia expressing gratitude for training and exchange programmes that benefit Tanzania, in remarks on the first day of a three-day visit.

The two countries signed cooperation agreements in education and diplomatic ties, with President Samia commending the good work being done by the Egyptian companies working on the Rufiji River project.

Construction began in 2019 and is expected to be completed next year, for the main dam of 1,025 metres length at

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Heart ailments, diabetes top non-communicable diseases

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS Tanzania observes the Global Week of Non-Communicable Diseases with events being hosted here, at least 3000 people from the city have turned up for free open-air medical check-ups at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium.

The event goes hand in hand with the Covid-19 vaccination exercise, while a casual glance shows that more people scramble for free eye testing and checkups, coordinated by the Tanzania Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (TANCDA).

Dr Rachel Nungu, a consultant leading the exercise, said that cardiovascular problems seem to be affecting more people compared to other non-communicable diseases, listing other widespread maladies as high blood pressures, diabetes and eye problems, usually linked with being overweight.

TANCDA says that at least 34 percent of the population, those aged 25 years and above, are overweight, a situation

medical experts say is detrimental to their health.

A study conducted among 2266 residents of the city of Dar es Salaam shows that 40 percent were already suffering from hypertension, while nine percent were diagnosed as being diabetic.

Company executives and religious leaders, church priests in particular, were found to mostly suffer from high blood pressure, compared to other groups of city residents.

Prof Andrew Swai, the TANCDA chairman, said that this situation can be attributed to the nature of their occupations. They work in environments that do not allow them much mobility or physical exercises, the specialist noted.

High blood pressure cases affect up to 40 percent of the population, estimated at anywhere from 55m to 60m, before a proper census is conducted later next year.

A report from the study, on "prevalence of various conditions among Dar es Salaam

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The weeklong events will be capped by a scientific conference on non-communicable diseases under the theme 'change lifestyle for better health'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

CITY water woes shall be ended upon completion of water harvesting from Rufiji River following sharply reduced water volume from Ruvu River, Water minister Jumaa Aweso said at a press conference here yesterday.

Explaining successes of the water sector in the 60 years the country has been independent, he said that

President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed the ministry to work on the problem and ensure availability of safe and clean water

Rufiji river source to end city water woes

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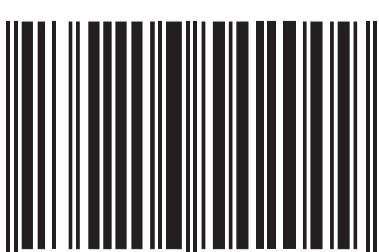
services in the commercial capital.

"We will end water rationing in Dar es Salaam through implementation of the new project by taking water directly from Rufiji River. This will add to the amount of water produced from other sources," he

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The Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa goes through the screening process to mark an inaugural event for 'The year of security culture' at the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) head offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Courtesy of TCAA



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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango officiates at the 25th annual research workshop organised by Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) in Dar es Salaam yesterday themed: Transforming Tanzania's economy through competitive manufacturing and trade. Right is REPOA managing director Dr Donald Mmari. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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stated.

There will be no more water rationing in Dar es Salaam after completion of the project, he affirmed, noting that water and sewerage authorities across the country face a major challenge of water loss, accounting for more than 20 percent of volumes produced, the figure usually stated to the loss level that water authorities face.

Illegal connections in some urban buildings including hotels add to the problem of water loss, he lamented, highlighting that in the past 60 years, access to clean and safe water services in urban areas has increased to 86 percent at present,

from 25 percent back in 1961.

Implementation of water projects faces a number of challenges including climate change effects and poor financing as such projects often require billions of shillings to carry out, he said, similarly remarking that water from Lake Victoria will be needed to address water woes in Dodoma.

Rising water demand has followed the fifth phase decision to relocate central government business to Dodoma, so the government is looking into boosting water supplies by piping water from the lake, he stated, pointing at similar projects in Kahama and Shinyanga urban centres.

The minister recalled existence of plans to respond to the effects of

climate change, where the ministry is readying for the construction of large dams at Farkwa (Dodoma), Kidunda (Morogoro region), Songwe (on the Tanzania-Malawi border) and Ndembera / Lugoda (Coast Region), along with medium-sized dams in various parts of the country.

The government shall implement projects on reliable water sources on the Great Lakes and major rivers, notably Ruvuma, Rufiji, Kivira, Songwe and Kagera, to take water from these sources to areas facing water scarcity, he stated.

The Kivira River water project is slated to supply Mbeya City, while the Ruvuma River water project will take care of Masasi, Mtwara, Nanyamba and Nanyumbu. The

Lake Nyasa water supply project will serve an estimated 150,000 residents in 30 villages, he elaborated.

Lake Victoria water is expected to reach towns and villages along the lake within Simiyu, Geita, and Mwanza regions, also expected to serve about 2.8m people in 300 villages, he specified.

"So far, 688.81bn/- has been spent on improving water supply in rural areas. Within this year the government is implementing 1,176 projects for clean water and sanitation in rural areas," he asserted.

Through the Covid-19 economic recovery funds for the sector, the ministry has allocated 139.4bn/- to implement 218 projects across the country, he added.

Tanzania 'mitigates climate change with natural gas use'

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including extending scholarship opportunities at the host university.

Prof Dan Haydon, Dean of the Faculty of Biodiversity, Animal Health and Health at that institution, said the university has provided around 11m pounds sterling for research in sustainable ecosystems, biodiversity protection, plus human and animal health issues, all part of environmental conservation.

"These research activities are fundamental and we are proud to

work closely with various Tanzanian institutions such as TANAPA, TAWIRI and TAWA. We would like to work together more in the coming years," the faculty head underlined.

In his visit to the university, the minister was accompanied by Dr. Agnes Kijazi, the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) CEO, Prof Dos Santos Silayo who heads the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS), VPO Director of Environment Dr. Andrew Komba and Farhat Mbarouk, the Zanzibar Director of Environment.

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crest level and a height of 131m. It also involves construction of a major bridge 250m high and 12m wide; and three power generation water ways of average length of 550m, to channel water to the hydro turbines.

The dam is billed to be the fourth largest in Africa, ninth largest in the world and the largest power station in East Africa, ministerial sources affirm. The 134 metres arched, concrete dam is expected to create a reservoir lake 100 kilometers in length, measuring 1,200 square kilometers (460 sq mi), holding 34bn cubic metres of water.

President Samia said Tanzania was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and in response it had invested heavily in boosting key sectors such as tourism, thus GDP growth is expected to reach 5.46 percent.

"Tanzania recognizes and appreciates Egypt's technical support, education scholarships that have helped increase the knowledge and experience of many Tanzanians," the president declared, also praising her hosts for allowing Kiswahili to be taught in Africa's largest Arab nation.

Tanzania will send a team of

experts to look at areas that need to be improved in that undertaking, she stated, elaborating that three agreements were signed, tasking ministerial executives to work hard in pursuing negotiations on other pending agreements.

Earlier, President El-Sisi said that their talks focused on how Egypt can help Tanzania in various fields.

"We are ready to cooperate and provide expertise in capacity building through our development agency. We will use our potential to increase trade between these countries, enhance political cooperation, increase Egyptian investments in Tanzania it access markets," he stated.

Substantial growth has been registered in Egyptian businesses in Tanzania owing to the long-term cooperation between these countries, he further noted.

Seven preliminary agreements were signed by the Tanzanian delegation, featuring Education, Science and Technology minister Prof. Joyce Ndalichako and the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation minister, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, the statement added.

Ethiopia 'siege' of Tigray hampering help for rape victims, says report

ADDIS ABABA

The Ethiopian government's "effective siege" of Tigray is preventing victims of rape committed by warring parties during the year-long conflict of getting access to health care, Human Rights Watch charged in a report yesterday.

The HRW claims coincided with a report by fellow campaign group Amnesty International that said Tigrayan rebels raped, robbed and beat up women during an attack on a town in Ethiopia's Amhara region, the latest disturbing testimony from the war.

HRW accused the warring sides of committing widespread sexual violence and deliberately targeting healthcare facilities, documenting the physical and mental trauma of rape victims aged six to 80.

"The government's effective siege of Tigray since June is doubly victimising survivors" by denying them critical medical and psychological care, it said.

The report said victims of rape required treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, broken bones, stab wounds and post-traumatic stress.

"One year since Tigray's devastating conflict began, survivors of sexual violence -- from gang rape to sexual slavery -- remain in desperate need of health care and support services," said Nisha Varia, HRW's women's rights advocacy director.

"Not only have Tigrayan women and girls experienced horrific abuses, they are confronting shortages of food, medicine, and other desperately needed support to rebuild their lives."

The Amnesty investigation, which drew on interviews with 16 sexual assault survivors in the town of Nifas Mewcha, followed an earlier report by the rights group that documented the rape of hundreds of women

and girls by Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers in Tigray.

The report yesterday focused on assaults during an August offensive by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), with 14 of the 16 women interviewed telling Amnesty they were gang-raped by the rebels, in some cases at gunpoint and with their children watching.

"The testimonies we heard from survivors describe despicable acts by TPLF fighters that amount to war crimes, and potentially crimes against humanity," said Amnesty's secretary general Agnes Callamard.

"They defy morality or any iota of humanity."

In one of the incidents detailed by Amnesty, Gebeyanesh -- not her real name -- said TPLF fighters gang-raped her while her children, aged nine and 10, wept.

"Three of them raped me while my children were crying," the 30-year-old food seller said.

"They slapped me (and) kicked me. They were cocking their guns as if they are going to shoot me."

Many of the rapists used ethnic slurs against their victims, with a 28-year-old mother-of-two telling Amnesty that one of the four men who assaulted her called her a donkey while her daughter watched.

"He was saying: 'Amhara is a donkey, Amhara has massacred our people, the Federal Defence forces have raped my wife, now we can rape you as we want'."

Another woman told Amnesty she fell unconscious after TPLF fighters raped her and beat her, using the butts of their guns. The men also stole her jewellery after assaulting her, she said.

Amhara government officials told Amnesty more than 70 women reported rapes in Nifas Mewcha during the TPLF's nine-day rule over the town.

AGENCIES



Minister of State in Zanzibar President's Office Finance and Planning Jamal Kassim Ali (L) is being briefed on the Social Security Funds operations when he visited Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) pavilion at the ongoing National Financial Week at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The week-long financial services display aims to provide education to the public on the opportunities available in the financial sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

FROM PAGE 1 communities,' was conducted on people attending community health centers, HIV clinics, reproductive and child health clinics, tuberculosis treatment centers and general outpatients departments, the don indicated.

Non-communicable diseases account for 53 percent of all medical

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ailment cases reported countrywide from January to June this year, while last year NCDs took up 55 percent of

total annual medical cases.

The weeklong events will be capped by a scientific conference on

non-communicable diseases under the theme 'change lifestyle for better health,' he added.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro and Germany ambassador to Tanzania Regine Hess (R) hold some of 380 electric wires which were unlocked at Nyerere National Park set up by poachers aimed to kill animals. Photo: Correspondent Lusungu Helela

Support local think tanks, VP exhorts private sector

By Correspondent James Kandoya

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango yesterday appealed to the business community to start supporting research organizations so as to reduce reliance on foreign donations.

Dr Mpango said private think tanks fail to produce quality studies for national development because of lack of local resources, urging private sector entities to support their efforts.

His remarks came during the officiating of the 25th annual research workshop organised by the economic research outfit, REPOA, themed "Transforming the Tanzanian economy through competitive manufacturing and trade."

He said this year's theme "dovetails very well that of the Third National Five Year Development Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26, of "Realizing Competitiveness and Industrializations for Human Development," underlining that it was important for the private sector to start supporting local think tanks to enable them produce quality research.

Dr Mpango hailed contributions made by development partners in supporting REPOA's missions adding that it was a time for the private sector to support the researcher's organizations.

He said since its inception, REPOA has made a notable contribution to policy research which enabled the country to shift to a middle income country.

"I call on the private sector to take the role of supporting our local think tanks to enable them to produce quality research that has a positive contribution to the nation's development," he added.

"We, as a government, will continue to put in place an enabling environment for local think tanks to pursue their missions to produce high quality policy, capacity building and engagement in national policy," he assured.

According to the VP, the government has a strong desire to transform the economy so that we can accelerate the speed towards attaining a higher income status, through industrial development, promoting value chains in agriculture, livestock, mining, and

forestry sectors.

Dr Mpango urged the private sector to appreciate and proactively support research work in the country noting that in the 21st century you cannot succeed without research.

He said since technology was changing rapidly, global competition was intensifying and every country struggled to overtake the other therefore, it was productive to invest in supporting the local think tanks to inform decision making.

He tasked the think tanks to come up with suggestions to transform small ones into medium and large and to attract larger industries saying that out of 8,477 industrial establishments, 92 percent are small or very small, 5.4 percent are medium, and 2 are large.

He said REPOA should also undertake assessments of all strategic crops, forest products as well as minerals to improve value chains that remain under developed and many commodities are exported in raw form.

Minister for Industries and Trade, Prof Kitilla Mkumbo said the government has used research in various ways to transform the country's economy adding that it had all the time.

He said the collaboration with local think tanks signifies the government commitment to engage civil society organizations.

"We're willing to learn from findings presented by our researchers and work to their advice", he said, adding: "We want more research findings that can enable us to transform from relying on natural resources to manufacturing."

According to him, developed countries have embarked on manufacturing from relying on natural resources.

REPOA executive director, Dr. Donald Mmari said out of 7800 research institutes 7.5 percent are in Africa.

He said out of those 30 percent are in danger of being closed due to lack of funds.

The don said domestic sources of funds from the government or private sector are very few and sometimes no fund.

7 killed by crocodile at Ruvu crossing the river

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

Seven people are claimed to have been killed by crocodiles since January, this year as they were crossing Ruvu river to nearby villages in Mbwawa Ward in Kibaha district, Coast region.

Crocodiles attacks to residents along Ruvu river have become a big threat in the area.

Mbwawa ward Councillor Judith Mluge says the beasts are not only a threat to human beings, but also to the livestock whenever they approach the river bank to drink water.

She added that despite government efforts to send in wildlife personnel to harvest the reptiles, the task has been difficult because they are not easily spotted the situation that has made many people believe that they are associated with witchcraft.

The councillor said they have taken various steps by reporting the matter to the district council and the ministry responsible, but despite the dispatch of wildlife officials, it was difficult to kill the beasts because the permits for the same are often issued when the river's water level is high making the entire exercise

hard to accomplish.

However, she said there is an alternative for a bridge to be built in order to solve the issue.

Speaking to this paper, Judith said the complaints have been around for a long time that now needs a bridge, or a ferry, and said already they have referred the issue to TANROADS officials in Coast region.

She said 90 per cent of Mbwawa ward residents depend on farming hence they have to cross the river using crude canoes to attend to their farms on the other side.

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

Tanzanians 725 died of coronavirus - govt

THE number of Tanzanians who have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic has reached 725, the government has said.

Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children deputy minister Dr. Godwin Mollel said in the National Assembly when responding to a question by Special Seats MP Halima Mdee saying the number of those who were tested positive reached 26,164 while 25,330 recovered.

The legislator asked the deputy

minister, "How many Tanzanians have died, how many were tested positive and how many recovered since the corona virus was reported in the country?"

Mdee also asked how much has been set aside and what had the funds done to combat the pandemic as well as what led to the increase in fees for testing Covid-19.

In response, Dr Mollel said Tanzania was among the countries that had

been hit by COVID-19, saying by 25, October the number of Tanzanians who died of the pandemic had reached 725.

Dr Mollel said the government has spent 158bn/- on purchasing personal protection equipment (PPEs) as well as machines for production of medical oxygen which had been installed in various hospitals across the country.

He said the health sector received

466.78bn/- from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which will be used in the fight against Covid-19 but also install 115 equipment at emergency medical department (EMD) in hospitals across the country.

He said the money will also be spent on maternity wards for 67 Intensive Care Units, purchase 253 ambulances and 95 X-Ray machines and 29 CT Scan machines. The money will also

be spent on 4 MRI machines and research on Covid-19.

Dr Mollel said the actual fee for testing Covid-19 was \$135 and the government was charging \$50 which means it was contributing \$85.

On medication for Covid-19 minister Dr Mollel said various research has been conducted but what has so far been discovered is medication for impacts of Covid-19 and vaccines.

FORM 58
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Dated at Dar es Salaam this 8th day of November, 2021.

IGP shakes up Police

By Guardian Reporter

INSPECTOR General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro has made changes among the Regional Police Commanders and other top officials, transferring some of them to other regions and others being promoted.

A police statement issued yesterday by its spokesperson David Misime named the Police Commanders transferred from their stations as including the Iringa RPC, ACP Juma Bwire who has been transferred to the Police headquarters, Criminal Investigation Department.

Misime said his position is has been taken by the regional Disciplinary Officer, ACP Allan Bukumbi.

Former head of operations at Dar es Salaam Special Zone, ACP Ali Mohamed has been transferred to Katavi region to become Regional Police Commander, replacing ACP Benjamin Kuzaga who now goes to Manyara region to become new RPC," Misime said in the statement.

He mentioned others as the former Manyara Regional Police commander, Morrison Mwakyoma who is being transferred to Dodoma region to become assistant supervisor of important government infrastructure while ACP Zuberi Mwombeki now becomes head of operations at Dar es Salaam special zone.

Misime further said the changes were normal aimed at streamlining and improving police operations to protect of the lives and property of the people.



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I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

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Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
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Government ramps up efforts to tackle female genital mutilation

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

The government has reiterated its commitment to end FGM, child marriage and teenage pregnancies. Deputy Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Mwanaidi Ali Khamis has vehemently castigated female genital mutilation (FGM) and called on the perpetrators to stop the practice at once.

The deputy minister made the remarks here yesterday at the launch of the national strategy against FGM and called upon all stakeholders to continue fighting the vice adding that the government recognizes and appreciates their efforts to rescue young girls.

Female genital mutilation (FGM), also known as female genital cutting, female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) and female circumcision, is the practice of cutting or removing the external female genitalia without medical justification or consent. The practice is found in some countries of Africa, Asia and the Middle East,

and within communities abroad from countries in which FGM is common. UNICEF estimated, in 2016, that 200 million women in 30 countries—Indonesia, Iraqi Kurdistan, Yemen, and 27 African countries—had been subjected to one or more types of FGM.

Typically carried out by a traditional circumciser using a blade, FGM is conducted from days after birth to puberty and beyond. In half of the countries for which national figures are available, most girls are cut before the age of five. Procedures of FGM/C differ according to the country or ethnic group. It can include ritual nicking of the clitoral hood or removal of the clitoral hood.

Mwanaidi mobilised stakeholders to continue the fight against FGM to rescue small children from the vice. Earlier, speaking at the event, the Health Ministry's Permanent Secretary (Community Development Department) Dr John Jingu said customs and traditions to prepare girls to adulthood can

be done without subjecting them to FGM.

"There are good things in preparing the youth for adulthood, but FGM is not one of them, we have a big task before us to change the society's mind sets and if possible we should find alternative methods to develop our customs and traditions," he said.

Submitting the work plan for implementing the National Strategy Against FGM to the stakeholders, project manager from AMREF Health Africa, Dr Jane Semfano said acts of FGM in the country have gone down saying 1996 statistics the prevalence was 18 per cent while the research done in 2015/16 showed every one girl out of ten underwent FGM.

One of the retired circumcisors from Singida Region, Hawa Hussein said female circumcision was dangerous because she witnessed many adverse effects including deaths in her own hands; hence she called on all circumcisors to down tools.



A member from the Tanzania Diabetes Association Dr. Rachel Nungu (L) briefs a representative of Arusha regional commissioner, Hargeney Chitukulo (R) and other officials about diagnosis and monitoring of non-communicable disease on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Iringa

HUMAN errors, fatigue, use of liquor and illicit drugs have been cited as among the key causes road accidents in Iringa Region.

Iringa regional traffic officer (RTO) Yusuph Kamota revealed this here yesterday at the launch of the Road Safety Week, themed: "Care for your life and many others on the road".

According to Kamota, 72 per cent of road accidents in Iringa region are due to human errors, fatigue, use of alcohol and marijuana.

He said that in some circumstances, some passengers are to be blamed as they have been urging drivers to speed up buses and some passengers don't report to police when the driver go against traffic laws.

"It is our responsibility to take the opportunity to provide road safety education and the aim of this

RTO unveils major causes of road accidents in Iringa

week is to provide education now. Smoking marijuana restores sleep but these human errors contribute 72 percent," said RTO Kamota.

Chairman of the Iringa regional road safety committee, Salim Abri cited negligence as causes one of the road accidents.

"In Iringa we have many bodaboda and bajaj riders who don't obey traffic laws and many of them have no licenses, in turn contribute to road accidents in the municipality," Abri said, urging RTO to continue providing education to the people because there is a huge congestion of heavy vehicles passing through Iringa Town that is causing traffic problems.

Iringa Regional Police Commander (RPC), Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Juma Bwire mentioned

the statistics of accidents that took place within the Iringa region, where he urged drivers to be vigilant in the performance of their duties.

According to the 2020 figures, there were 28 accidents in which 48 people were killed including 41 men and seven women but in the year 2021 the number of accidents decreased to 24, where the casualties were 29 women 11 and 18 men.

Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga called on bajaj and bodaboda riders to be disciplined and to refrain from giving dirty and poor discipline to road safety officers.

She said that drivers who break the rules and regulations should be controlled as well as strict rules that can change the behaviour of drivers, who break the rules of the road,

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

Mbeya RC to reward councils for constructing classrooms

MBEYA Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera has promised to reward workers of the region's local councils that have done good work in the construction of timely classrooms for schools.

The RC made the remarks here yesterday at the district Councilors meeting saying the rewards will include livestock.

He said the Mbeya regional government received 15bn/- from the Covid-10 funds from the government to be spent in various development projects including the education, health and water sectors.

He said according to directives given, by November 30 this year every local council is required to complete classrooms construction.

"A council that will be the first to complete classrooms construction will be rewarded a cow to be slaughtered for workers, but most important you must abide by financial guidelines governing expenditure of the funds provided that should reflect the infrastructure built," said RC Homera.

For his part, Kyela district commissioner Ismail Mlawa assured RC Homera that work on classrooms construction was progressing well and that it will be completed by November 30, this year.

Meanwhile, during the meeting some councillors appealed to the

government to improve telcom infrastructure in Kyela district.

Njisi ward councillor Omary Rashid said there is no mobile phone communication in his ward as well as other areas, the situation that impacts on their daily activities.

He added that mobile phone signals from neighbouring countries, in particular Malawi, are much stronger than those of Tanzania.

For his part, Kyela District Council Chairman, Katule Kingamkono promised councillors to speed up the matter by talking to mobile phone operators to improve their services in the district.



Water minister Jumaa Aweso presents his ministry's success story since Tanganyika gained independence on December 9th 1961 at a press briefing in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Stanbic Bank named best investment bank in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has been named the best investment bank in Tanzania for 2021 by EMEA Finance. The EMEA Finance African Banking awards highlight the best commercial and investment banks across the continent, including brokers and asset managers.

Commenting on the award, the Chief Executive of Stanbic Bank Tanzania, Kevin Wingfield, thanked the bank's clients and said, the award is a result of mutual efforts between the bank clients and partners, adding that the bank's strategic priorities are to drive sustainable growth and value in Tanzania, by offering investment and transactional banking services that enable key projects and ventures to materialize.

"2021 has been a transformative year for the banking sector, as the global economy continues to recover from the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This recognition is a testament to the unmatched breadth and depth of expertise that we offer in Investment Banking in Tanzania and the region. We thank our clients for trusting us to serve them," Said Wingfield.

On the other hand, the bank's

Head of Investment Banking, Elibariki Ndossi, said winning the award reiterates the bank's tenacity in the face of adversity and continued leadership in the Investment Banking landscape of the country by quickly adapting and embracing change.

"Over the years, we have built strong in-country advisory and debt financing capabilities, creating innovative tailor-made solutions for our clients and delivered a comprehensive range of Investment Banking services across the country" Said Ndossi.

Stanbic Bank has partnered with clients in several development projects and ventures cutting across diverse sectors including Infrastructure, Power, Oil & Gas, Manufacturing, Construction, Telecommunication and Trade projects to mention but a few. The Bank believes that commercial and development financing is a driver of economic growth and is key to achieving Tanzania's industrialization goals.

Over 200 banks across the continent participated in this year's EMEA Finance African Banking awards and Stanbic Bank won in the Investment Banking category against 5 other banks.

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

Tanzania challenged to amend Marriage Act of 1971

TANZANIA has been challenged to amend the Marriage Act of 1971 to spare girls from child marriage.

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

The specific provision in challenge is Section 13 (1) of the Marriage Act of 1971 which specifies that "No person shall marry who, being male has not attained the apparent age of eighteen years, or being female, has not attained the apparent age of fifteen years."

Activists as well as the international

communities have raised concern over the age of 15 being too young for a girl child to become a bride as it is normally a time where the latter should be in school.

In its recommendations during the session, Norway called upon Tanzania to take necessary steps to outlaw all forms of child marriage.

For her part, Slovenia called upon Tanzania to amend the Marriage Act of 1971 by reviewing the age of marriage for both boys and girls to 18.

In an immediate rejoinder, the

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Prof Paragamba Kabudi said the state was in the process of reviewing the Marriage Act and has submitted its proposed Bill to the Parliament and the latter proposed further consultation with religious leaders on the age of marriage.

According to the minister, the decision had come following a high court ruling at a case filed by Msichana Initiative.

Commenting on the issues, Advocate Imelda Urrio said Tanzania was a secular State as it was not

aligned to any particular religion and wondered why religious beliefs had been used as a reason for failing to amend the Marriage Act over the years.

"So far we have not seen anyone interviewed to say on whether they wanted the law to remain the same especially on the age of marriage. The issue has been raised again and again in the UPR sessions in 2011, 2016 and now 2021. It is unacceptable for the country to embrace marrying off our young girls at the time where most

Tanzanians are well educated. The court has decided that the age is not valid, the same should be used to amend the law," stressed Urrio.

The Marriage Act through its section 13 (1) is in contradiction with not only the Law of the Child Act of 2009 but also the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Article 1 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child defines a child as every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.

Concurrently, the Law of the Child Act of 2009 under its Article 2: defines a "Child" as any person who is below the age of 18 years.

The Law of the Child Act, 2009 (Act No. 21 of 2009) (Cap. 13) provides for reform and consolidation of laws relating to children, to stipulate rights of the child.

It is further meant to promote, protect and maintain the welfare of a child with a view to giving effect to international and regional conventions on the rights of the child.



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Search for Common Ground invites interested bidders for purchase of used Vehicle, and as listed below. Successful Bidders will be responsible for the payment of related taxes as established by Government rules and regulations. However all vehicle are fully duty paid.

The items will be inspected from 1st November to 5th November 2021 from 09:00hrs to 15:00hrs and will be sold "as it is, where it is" as per list below:

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3	T348AGZ	RAV 4 OLD MODEL	Fair	DSM

Tender Conditions:

Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked description, Registration number of the vehicle and location to be purchased and quoted in Tanzania Shillings. Bids should be addressed and submitted to the address below not later than 28th November 2021 at 1500hrs.

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THE 14TH DUCE GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Principal of the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) is pleased to invite the College graduands of the 2020/2021 academic year and the general public to the Fourteenth Graduation Ceremony to be held at DUCE sport grounds on Wednesday, 24th November 2021 starting from 09.00 am. The Guest of Honour for the ceremony will be the Chancellor and the 4th President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellence Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

GRADUANDS ARE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Pay a total of Tsh 45,000/- being the cost for hiring academic costumes and convocation fee. Payments shall be made to NMB, NBC or CRDB Bank Accounts, agents, or through mobile banking by 22nd November, 2021 through control numbers to be obtained from ARIS accounts.
2. Obtain Agreement Forms for hiring the academic costumes from DUCE website www.duce.ac.tz. For any inquiries, please use the following contacts: landline +255 22 2850978; Mobile: +255 787 423178; email dpacademic@duce.ac.tz
3. Collect the academic costumes at DUCE from 12th November 2021 to 22nd November, 2021 between 11:00 am and 04:00 pm. During issuance of the academic costumes, each graduand shall be required to present a valid ID card (Student ID, National ID, Driving License, Voter's Registration or passport) and a duly filled Agreement Form for hiring the costumes.
4. Attend a compulsory rehearsal which will be held on Tuesday 23rd November, 2021 starting from 11.00 a.m.
5. All Graduands will cater for their own travel, lodging and incidental expenses.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALL OF ETAP NEW LICENSE – SINGLE COMMERCIAL LAN 500 BUS MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring ETAP new license – single commercial LAN 500 bus and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01314	SUPPLY AND INSTALL OF ETAP NEW LICENSE – SINGLE COMMERCIAL LAN 500 BUS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	20%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	10%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	10%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01314)	45%
Technical support letter from ETAP for supply and install ETAP license	45%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01314) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 19TH November 2021 (the "LOI Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Govt warns officers over laxity in revenue collection at cattle auctions

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MINISTER for Livestock and fisheries, Mashimba Ndaki has called on government accounting officers at Uplii Cattle Auction and other auctions in border areas to make sure they plug all revenue collection loopholes and to increase their efforts in their work.

Minister Ndaki made the call here yesterday at a meeting with the accounting officers, saying they should double efforts in revenue collection as the assessment made

on the revenue collection for the quarter of the year showed poor collection, reaching 50 per cent of the target.

He added called on the officers not to issue permits to traders in violation of the laid down procedures, saying every trader has to have a licence and a permit to transport livestock within and outside the country.

He also instructed them to make sure they control cross-border smuggling of livestock as the practice has been denying the government of its revenue.

The Livestock and Fisheries Minister also used the occasion to caution officers who will fail to perform their duties as expected saying they will not hesitate to remove them from their positions to make room for others.

Regarding auctions that were not registered by the ministry, he said these must be registered, "else they should be closed down immediately because we have discovered some of the auctions are used to smuggle out cattle to neighbouring countries thereby denying the government of its revenue."



Songe ward militia during their weekly training in Handeni district, Tanga region recently. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

OAF wins govt's accolades for equipping farmers with fertilizer and seeds on credit

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

AGRICULTURE minister Prof. Adolf Mkenda has commended the One Acre Fund (OAF) for helping farmers to get fertilizer and seeds on credit.

Prof. Mkenda made the remarks at Ugwachanya Village during an input distribution event in Iringa DC to farmers provided by One Acre Fund yesterday.

He said that the one-acre fund has had a good system of lending fertilizer to farmers and re-paying the money after harvesting their crops.

Prof Mkenda urged farmers to utilise the opportunity, which he described as helpful at a time when the price of the key farm inputs is skyrocketed.

He also urged farmers to apply lime before applying fertilizer or by mixing fertilizer with lime so as to get a very good harvest adding that the government continues to train extension officers to assist farmers in the use of lime.

Prof. Mkenda also called on people who can afford to bring fertilizer to the country to bring more fertilizer based on quality.

He called upon the private sector

to come forward and bring more fertilizers into the country as a result the price of fertilizer will definitely go down.

One Acre Fund CEO, Jennifer Lindgren said that the goal of the fund is to build a Tanzania in which every farmer can succeed.

She said that they wish every farmer could reap more; that's why they're here to use a lot of energy to devise ways to achieve these goals and measure themselves not for profit, but for the results that farmers get.

Lindgren said that in the



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distribution of inputs, they use hundreds of trucks to deliver better inputs to farmers near their homes; as they do today in Ugwachanya.

"We offer low interest-free loans, where farmers pay us in small amounts for the entire season," she said, adding that OAF staff provide practical training to farmers throughout the season and this year they are happy to announce several improvements to their programme.

Lindgren also added that they support the government by distributing alternative fertilizers like NPS and teaming up with the Ministry of Agriculture to run a sunflower experiment in Kilolo district and through their input stores in hopes of increasing sunflower production.

"For this season, we have invested 18bn/- to serve more than 70,000 farmers, and will supply 12,000 tons of fertilizer and more than 300 tons of seeds," she said, adding:

"Farmers' success is due to the partnership with the Government of Tanzania, On behalf of the company, workers, and farmers we work with, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your contribution to the agricultural sector and farmer development."

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

VODACOM Tanzania has launched a new service where they will be providing free maintenance to its customers who will buy smartphones in their stores.

Vodacom in partnership with Caricare Company has entered into an agreement for the maintenance of these phones where the services will be available in all their stores in the country.

Speaking at the launch of the service, Vodacom's Head of Sales and Distribution, George Lugata, said the service came after seeing their customers' good tradition in buying smartphones sold in the company's stores.

"This service will be provided

Vodacom launches new service to its customers

free of charge to our customers who purchases a smartphone in our stores, and from the start we will start with ITEL, Infinix and Tecno phones, they will receive maintenance services or replace the device completely free of charge," said Lugata.

In addition, he said those eligible for the free service are customers who have purchased a phone and are on warranty period.

"Some customers whose phone warranty period has expired, will receive services by paying a small amount of money," he added.

For her part, Winniel Michael, Assistant Manager of Caricare Tanzania, which will be responsible for the maintenance of the phones, said the company is the parent company of the manufacturer of the phones so they are sure to provide quality and proper service for the maintenance of the phones.

"I assure customers of these phones at Vodacom stores that nothing will fail when their phones get in trouble, they will be repaired and when we need to change the device we will do so," said Michael.



Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo speaks to Alumni and lecturers of the University of Glasgow Scotland yesterday. The university focuses on conducting research on environmental, human and animal health issues. The college works closely with Tanzanian institutions including TANAPA, TAWIRI, TAWA and Ifakara Healthy Institute. Photo: VPO

Govt allocates 18bn/- for road construction in Geita Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

THE government has set aside 18bn/- for the construction of three roads in Geita Region.

Geita Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule disclosed this yesterday when opening a one-day training seminar for transport stakeholders on the East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016 and its 2018 Regulations.

"In its 2021/22 Budget, the Ministry for Works and Transport, through TANROADS allocated 10bn/- for the construction of 50km Nyamirembe-Katoke road, 6bn/- for the 33km Geita-Kahama road, and 2bn/- for 54km Geita-Nzega road," said RC Senyamule.

She called on TANROADS to widen its scope in educating on-road weight laws in order to do away with challenges on road destruction done by overloaded vehicles as the government spends vast amounts of money to repair them.

Reading his report to the official guest, TANROADS Acting Manager for Geita Region, Eng. Gladson Yohana said the seminar on the 2016 East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act and its 2018 Regulations began to be held in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, Morogoro, Dodoma, Njombe, Mbeya, Rukwa, Kigoma, and after Geita Region other regions will follow.

For his part, Weigh Bridge Supervisor from the Works and Transport Ministry, Leonard Saukwa told reporters that the government has introduced a levy for vehicles

exceeding the permitted load weight to protect the country's road infrastructures.

He added that the levies change after every ten years due to changes in road construction costs.

On their part, transport stakeholders who attended the seminar at different times said what confuses truck owners is for one weighbridge reading different weights to the preceding weighbridge and hoped that via the seminar they will come to understand how and why that happens.

The East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016, and its 2018 Regulations are being applied by EA Community Member States and officially began operating in March 2019.



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2,609 absconded students returned to schools in Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Ministry of Education and Vocational Training have managed to return to their schools 2,609 students who absconded in both Unguja and Pemba due to various reasons.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Education and Vocational Training Minister, Simai Mohamed Said when addressing newsmen here on the one-year period under President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's leadership.

He said the 2,609 students who were returned included 1,978 girls and 631 boys through a special project of returning students who had absconded or who had not been enrolled at schools.

He said Pemba's Micheweni District was leading with a huge number of students - 307 - who were returned or had not been enrolled in schools.

He said another achievement is in regard to the enrolment of students at all levels of education that reached 552,328, out of who

91,074 were for elementary schools, 331,425 in primary schools, and 129,829 secondary schools.

He added that the government continues to provide loans to students joining higher education at various universities and other higher learning institutions within and outside the country.

"The number of students being provided with loans has increased from 4,040 students in 2019/20 to 4,316 in 2020/21," Simai said.

He said despite these achievements, there is still great

work to be done especially in the fact that students' pass marks in their national examinations have not been satisfactory.

He said schools were still being faced by the shortage of classrooms, the situation that was causing students congestion, especially in preparatory and primary levels.

He said his ministry has mobilized itself to find permanent solutions to all challenges and the government has set aside 69bn/- for improving the education sector.

TFA requests govt to provide 1,250-acre farm for sunflower cultivation

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Farmers Association (TFA) has appealed to the government to provide it with more than 1,250-acre for sunflower seeds cultivation aimed at alleviating the shortage of edible oil in the country, the shortage that compels the government to spend billions to import it.

TFA Board Chairman, Peter Sirikwa made the remarks at TFA shareholders meeting held here recently.

He said they have submitted the request to the Ministry of Agriculture in writing and were waiting for the response.

Sirikwa said to achieve this aim, TFA was also appealing to the government to access to ordinary loans to enable it produce quality sunflower seeds to make them available to farmers at affordable

cost.

"Our goal is to increase the availability of quality sunflower seeds at affordable cost in order to increase edible oil production," he said.

He further said the Association continues to work together with the government in the imports of farm inputs including fertiliser, pesticides to make them easily available to farmers.

He further disclosed that TFA has begun producing various types of farm inputs including fertiliser registered under the name TFA and whose quality has been certified by the farm inputs regulator.

Speaking on behalf of the finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, Mbeya Regional commissioner Juma Homera praised the Association for its creativity in wanting to produce sunflower seeds saying the seeds were in high demand

in the country at the moment.

Homera said sunflower is among the country's strategic crops which the government has prioritized for its increased production in collaboration with various stakeholders including the private sector.

He said TFA was essential for the national development from its great assistance to farmers in accessing farm inputs at affordable cost and called on it to also assist farmers to find markets for their crops.

TFA Vice-Chairperson, Cathy-Elizabeth Longway said the association has more than 5,000 with not more than 1,500 active members due to various reasons.

She said some of the members despaired years back when the association was making losses and added that they should now return to the fold to develop their shares as the situation has greatly improved.



Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (R) in discussion with Rungwe district commissioner Dr Vincent Anney (C) and Kyela district commissioner Ismail Mlawa shortly after a meeting to discuss cocoa cultivation in the region. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW VEHICLE OUTRIGHT PURCHASE AND OR LEASING SERVICES REFERENCE: 0010007221

TOTAL East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide New Vehicle Purchase or Leasing Services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets.

The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to provide New Vehicles through outright purchase or lease that includes:

- Medium size SUV, Estate Wagons or Mini Vans with Automatic transmission and minimum capacity for 5 seats (Qty approx. 30 to 50 vehicles over the next coming year)
- Provision of Double cabin 4X4 pick-up trucks with Automatic transmission (Qty approx. 60 to 80 vehicles over the next coming year)
- Provision of Maintenance services for the vehicles (Preventive and periodic) including tyre maintenance and management
- Provide a list of branches and/or associates in Tanzania.
- Please provide information pertaining to safety ratings equivalent to NCAP Safety Rating
- Provide information to make or any model currently in stock and planned inventory for the coming year

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
 - Proof of registration as a Car Dealer Leasing or Rent a Car Company as required under Tanzanian Law.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
 - Brief description of experience in car leasing and vehicle maintenance services.
 - Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the New vehicle Leasing Service outlined above
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the year.
 - Registered with the EVURA (Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Evidence of organization H3SE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 25th November 2021. Email Subject should be 0010007221.

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

Weather forecasting has a long way to go

CURRENT efforts by the government to modernise weather forecasting includes the setting up of a network of seven weather-specialised radar facilities, where five are in existence and two are billed for construction, in Dodoma and Kilimanjaro regions respectively. Those already in operation are stationed in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Mtwara, often in rural outposts suitable for setting up such facilities. This additional focus shall more intensely cover weather patterns over the respective areas, in which case a modification of weather forecasting can be practiced.

At the moment the pattern of weather forecasting is to collect the data from the various stations and figure out the patterns likely for the various zones, and then issue periodic updates of what to expect in the next month or two, and somewhat longer projections. This has definitely helped to create an overall impression of where the country stands with regard to rainfall prospects, for instance at this moment it is clearly known that the country will be enveloped by a relatively warmer and rather drier period. That is, up to major rains in April (or starting somewhat earlier).

Even without using much time glancing at the news pieces involved - aside from an actual weather patterns documentary which is out of reach for the general public - it is clear that the broad intention is the grain cultivation outlook. Grain prospects are vital for economic life as a whole as underproduction of the vital food stock, maize for that

matter, rattles markets and creates a negative situation for checking inflation as a whole. In the current season there is the background of a bumper harvest before oil prices rose; a poor harvest and oil price rise is risky.

Yet there is an area where weather forecasts are equally applicable but are hardly being used, one reason being that they aren't detailed enough, but at the same time the sphere involved, mainly horticulture, is often identified with irrigation farming. So forecasting here may relate to relative supply of water or if any crisis is developing as to sources of irrigation water as horticultural crops often fetch astronomical prices in world markets, and provoke frenetic expansion of farms. It is bad for conservation as villagers and even district authorities push back conservation limits.

There are other areas which could definitely make greater use of weather forecasting if their economic activities were technologically improved, for instance harvesting grass for later use in case there are good rains during end year periods or long rains season. Cattle can't be grazed on all grassy areas when there is plenty of grass but lack of grass harvesting techniques wastes such resource to dry out, depend on rains for grass to come up again in good time.

With unpredictable rainfall patterns in the climate change context, this can be rectified, but it requires that grazing land be mapped out and leased to individuals for long periods, so that economics can flourish.

Women's empowerment academy could also focus on bigger markets

NEW efforts are being heard from women's empowerment organizations in the United States working with counterparts in the country, to teach entrepreneurial skills to women in selected spots around the country. So far a batch of 32 women has been put to 13 weeks of training in commerce and entrepreneurship, courtesy of a US Academy of Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) programme. This effort is consonant with usual US targeted development efforts, which have a women's empowerment resonance and quite often targeting youths to access applicable skills.

With statutory initiatives like setting aside 10 per cent of district council earnings for loaning to women and youth, as well as a battery of other instruments by small and medium financial institutions, there is plenty that a woman with usable skills can put herself to do. The overall goal is to make women more visible in independent economic activities that have a good chance of weathering the challenges that start ups ordinarily face, as a dimension of empowerment as a whole. It changes the face of society as it generates more equitable, less violent domestic ties.

When initiatives of this sort are put up, one unavoidable parameter that each prospective unit that the newly fangled entrepreneurs will be putting their minds to sort out is markets. Too often small investment units pile up usable cash into an effort that is somewhat misplaced and soon runs out of steam, abundant examples being in money

transfer (taking over from selling mobile phone vouchers at the start), that the supply of innovators soon clouds out effective market need for the service. That is obviously the case within the perimeter where the service is being offered.

At the political level, there is considerable emphasis on agricultural initiatives especially in export-oriented farming, whether it is traditional cash crops or horticultural produce. Here it is easy to notice that the kind of enterprise that women entrepreneurs can more easily pursue are linked with limited possibility of accessing wide expanses of land, which characterises most traditional cash crops. It follows that limited access to rentable farms for instance, or urban business premises for service pursuits, are more suitable for women entrepreneurs, generally.

One area that is hard to fathom by a random effort is how far there is possible convergence between entrepreneurship opportunities and market feasibility, as it is evident that the rate of failure of start ups is usually high. Yet this failure doesn't always reflect limited total demand but poor location or market focus, etc and without widening markets, increased uptake, no science of how to locate markets can help any sort of entrepreneurs, not just women or youth starters as in this case. That is where complex economic issues come up, that instead of just offering training for entrepreneurs, US agencies can set up recyclable loan facilities in banks to ease lending, the acquisition of landed property to enhance overall circulation of money, widening target markets.

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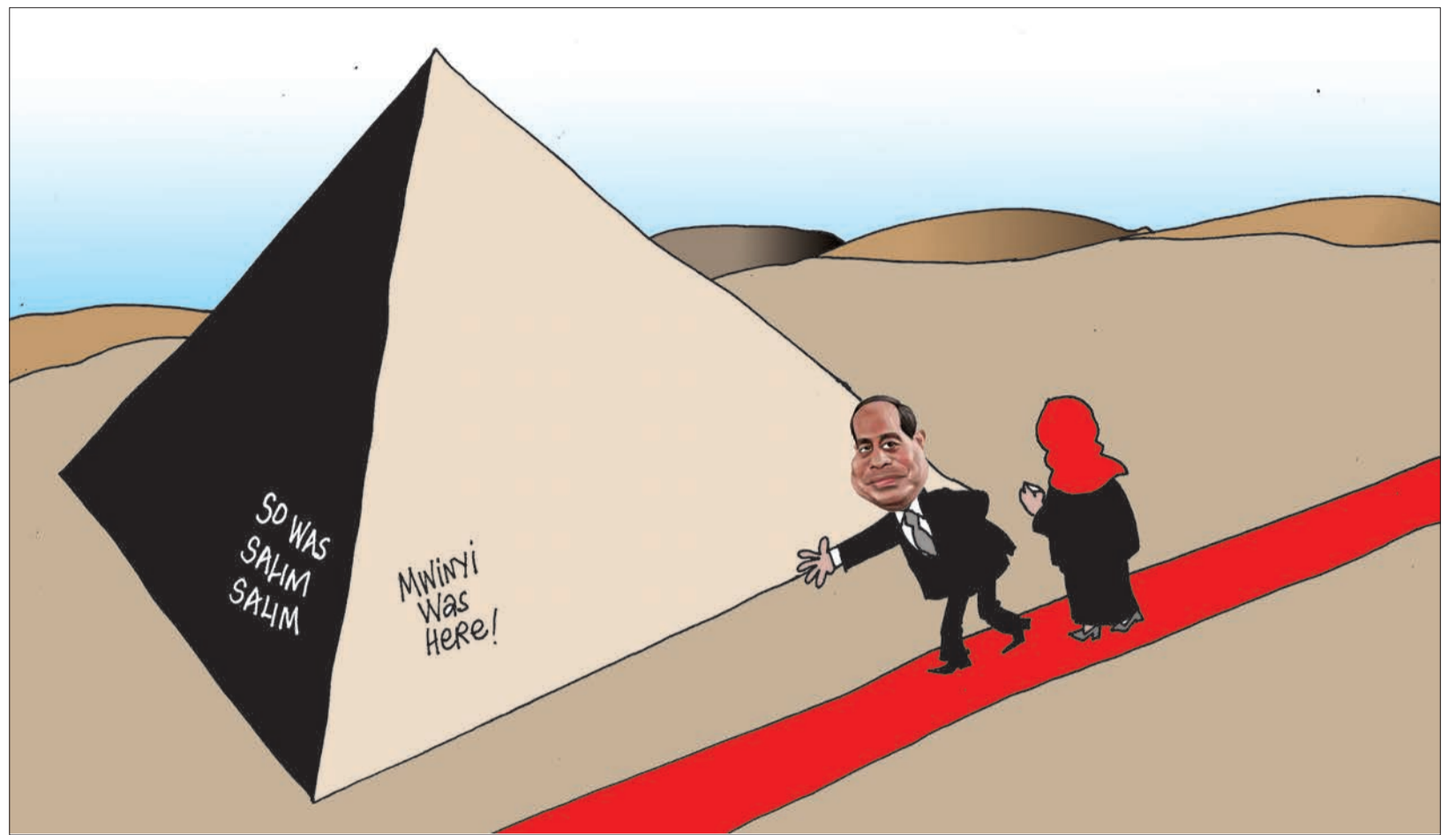
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Editors and life beyond the newsroom

By Omoyemi Olatunde

THE best of Nigerian editors gathered in Abuja last month for the 17th All Nigeria Editors' Conference (ANEC). The theme was, Media in Times of Crises: Resolving Conflict, Achieving Consensus. It was all about national security including food security, energy security, among others.

The Managing Director/CEO of the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL), Aliyu Abdulhameed, was one of the resource persons. He spoke on Accessing Capital for Alternative Career Development for Editors. But it was more than speaking.

It was an eye opener for Nigerian editors, some of whom are already fiddling with farming but largely on a low scale due to dearth of capital. It was therefore fitting that NIRSAL was on hand not only to encourage editors to look to agriculture for a better tomorrow but also to use their respective platforms to tell Nigerians the good news of a new lease in agribusiness under President Muhammadu Buhari.

For emphasis, NIRSAL was launched in 2011 and incorporated in 2013 wholly by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). It is not a direct money-lending financial institution like commercial banks but it acts as guarantor of loans. It is the unseen hand behind the agriculture revolution that has come to define the Buhari government, a revolution evidenced by the jump in the number of employments created in the agribusiness sector through a deepening of the agribusiness value chain.

The statistics are in your face. By the second quarter of this year, the contribution of agriculture to GDP stood at 23.78 percent, followed by Information and Communication at 17.92%, according to the National Bureau of Statistics, NBS.

Over 12 million Nigerians are today actively engaged in the agriculture value chain. The rice dunes in Kebbi, the busy rice mills in Ebonyi, Edo et al, speak of a new dawn in Nigeria's quest to achieve food security. Add to the list, the revival in cocoa farming and export, the rubber plantations and latex production: rice, cassava, palm produce and many others including poultry that constitute a staple in Nigeria are being produced in commercial quantity with value addition in a manner never before seen.

In a world roiled by climate change, insecurity, hunger and poverty, delivering and deepening the agriculture value chain is touted



as the most sustainable strategy for achieving food security which will ultimately reduce poverty and ship more people out of the breadline.

The World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), among other relevant bodies have continued to advocate for more people to be mainstreamed into agriculture especially among developing nations. This, they argue can be achieved through structured financing that would reduce loan risks and ensure inclusivity of more players in the value chain.

This is what NIRSAL is doing in Nigeria: Facilitating and de-risking loans. Under Abdulhameed, it has improved the nation's agribusiness, making the 'farm-to-fork' mantra a reality. Statistics showed that NIRSAL has facilitated investment to the tune of N165.4 billion; created over 590,000 direct employment; impacted over 3.5 million lives; provided guidance on the establishment of Risk Sharing Facility (RSF) models for African countries under the aegis of the African Development Bank (AfDB). This is an international endorsement that the Nigerian model of agribusiness risk-sharing model is not only working but a worthy example for other African nations.

On account of the roaring success of the Nigerian model, NIRSAL recently concluded the setting up of the Togo Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (TIRSAL) locally popular by its French acronym, MIFA. Other African nations including Ghana and Benin Republic are on the queue to benefit from the Nigerian model.

The success of NIRSAL points to a glorious tomorrow for Nigeria, nay Africa, in the march towards food security. Nigeria, especially,

is endowed with vast arable land capable of growing an assortment of crops. But the challenge has been the lack of funding for agribusiness. This has also been the challenge of many journalists and other professionals who desire strongly to venture into agriculture on a commercial scale.

But Abdulhameed successfully assuaged the anxiety of editors over availability of funds when he said that so far over N134.64 billion loans and investments had been facilitated by CRG; over 760 projects guaranteed, over N1.4 billion interest draw back paid; and N4.6 billion claims paid to date with N4.09 billion recovered. He presentation outlined the various opportunities and entry points within the value chain where editors can take advantage of and participate actively. And NIRSAL is willing to do more; he assured.

For instance, he said Nigerian editors can be a part of NIRSAL's Agro Geo-Cooperative Formation (AGC) initiative by participating in the AGC formation process. The AGC helps to dimension the agribusiness value chain from production to marketing, making it possible for players to play more than passive roles in the value chain. Benefits of the AGC initiative include: Mechanization, improved inputs, exposure to modern agricultural technologies, mentorship and monitoring, governance and positive peer pressures with concomitant peer review, secure supply for markets (quality and quantity), controlled loan repayment, among others.

Simply put, editors in Nigeria can form their own cooperative for the sole purpose of accessing loans and sundry benefits that accrue from the NIRSAL initiative. It gives the editors a stronger platform for negotiation. It makes them competitive and avails them the opportunity to build

production as well as marketing synergies.

Abdulhameed wants Nigerian editors to take advantage of the inherent opportunities in the nation's agricultural value chain and NIRSAL's agriculture/agribusiness finance facilitation and de-risking value offerings. He is inviting editors to become agribusiness people, playing active roles in production, processing and marketing of agriculture produce. The invitation was handy. It came at a time Nigerian editors were pondering and tinkering with survival strategies for life after the chair; how to still live a good, productive life outside the newsroom.

NIRSAL has evoked huge interest in agribusiness among Nigerians, particularly among editors. And the opportunities and focus are as diverse as the natural diversity of the nation. Opportunities abound in fruits and vegetables, hibiscus (this is beyond flower, it's money wrapped in beautiful red petals), sesame, cashew, ginger, shea nuts (collection and processing), rice, beans, cotton (including processing to thread), livestock (poultry, beef, dairy), maize, soya, potato (sweet & Irish), aquaculture, wheat, sugar cane farming and processing. It is a long list and it speaks to the unsearchable riches of the Nigerian soil. Those riches beckon on Nigerians, on editors, doctors, engineers, lawyers, etcetera. The strong hand of NIRSAL is outstretched to help them turn potential to produce.

Abdulhameed was all smiles when he extended an open invitation to Nigerian editors, and indeed to other Nigerians. His message was: Take advantage of NIRSAL and let's turn your dream to reality. The ball now rests invitingly in the court of editors.

Climate Africa: Resilience and adaptation

By Mark Mwandosya

“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one most adaptable to change”. Charles Darwin (1809-1882).

I would like, at the outset, to congratulate Aliu Akoshile, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief and the Team at NatureNews Africa, for making it through what has been, globally, a very difficult year.

Covid-19 has caused havoc to the extent that we can only meet virtually, at least for the time being. One year of existence under the conditions of the coronavirus is something worthwhile to celebrate. Bravo Team NatureNews Africa.

The 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (COP26) is right now in session in Glasgow, Scotland, (Oct 31 to Nov 12).

The expectations are high. I must add that it depends on one's perception of success when it comes to global negotiations on climate change.

My anticipation is measured and is borne out of a long experience of participating in a number of Conferences of the Parties.

I had the unenviable yet unique task of chairing the group of 133+ countries, the Group of 77 (G77) and speaking for the G77 and China in 1997 during the negotiations which led to the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, a multilateral instrument that was the precursor to the Paris Agreement.

I worked closely with Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo (Nigeria), Bernard Muller (The Philippines), Rungano Karimanzira (Zimbabwe), Madeleine Diuf (Senegal), Mohamed Salem al Saban (Saudi Arabia), Zhenmin Liu (China), Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa), Buruhani Salum Nyenzi (Tanzania), Eric Mugurusi (Tanzania), Verdiana Macha (Tanzania), and other delegates.

My friend, colleague and fellow university alumnus Abdoulaye Bathily was then Minister for Environment of Senegal.

Background. In 1985, scientists from across the world met in Villach, Austria, under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) in order to discuss the effect of greenhouse gases on the climate. They concluded that climate change was plausible and its occurrence a serious probability.

From then onwards, a number of studies and meetings have supported these conclusions. Policies for the reduction of greenhouse gases (mitigation) and strategies to minimise the impact of climate change (adaptation) were proposed.

These efforts led to the establishment of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988 and the inception of World Climate Conferences.

The United Nations took the lead in the matter and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was signed by 154 states in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the 'Earth Summit' held in June 1992.

The main objective of the Convention is "to achieve stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentration in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system".

The objective has a timeframe that is "sufficient to allow eco-systems to adapt naturally to climate change to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner".

Through the Convention structure, intergovernmental negotiations take place under its Conference of Parties arrangements.

The main objective of these negotiations is to arrive at a global consensus on the setting of, and agreeing upon, the temperature increase beyond which the earth would be propelled into catastrophic circumstances, and how to adapt to the impacts of climate change that are now discernible.

I attended the first Conference of the Parties (COP1) to the Convention which took place in Berlin in March/April 1995. Angela Merkel, the then Minister of the Federal Republic of



Germany responsible for the environment, nature conservation and nuclear safety, was the president of COP1.

The ongoing multilateral discussions on climate change have resulted from the decisions taken at COP1, and specifically Decision 1 of COP1 (the Berlin Mandate).

COP1 reviewed the implementation by member states of their obligations under the Convention and found them inadequate in the quest for the stabilisation of the global climate system.

Therefore, the Conference decided to kick-start a process to strengthen the commitments of developed countries through the setting of quantified limitation and reduction objectives, within specified timeframes.

It was mindful of the global nature of climate change, which calls for "widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions".

The negotiations during subsequent COPs have centred on the review of the commitments and obligations of member states in the furtherance of the objective of the Convention, informed by science. The foregoing provides the context for COP26 meeting in Glasgow.

The industrialised world is responsible for historic emissions concentrations. The Kyoto Protocol did set quantified limitation and reduction objectives within specified timeframes for them.

However, even at that early stage, it was realised that emerging nations, such as China and India, were on a trajectory to overtake developed nations in 'current emissions'.

The Paris Agreement has as its goal the limiting of global warming to well below 2 degrees, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels. Greenhouse gas emissions peaking before, and neutrality by 2050, is central to the achievement of the temperature goal.

Unlike the Kyoto Protocol, which targeted industrialised countries only in greenhouse gas mitigation, the Paris Agreement embraces all nations within the remit of the Convention. Poverty reduction is the paramount objective for Africa and developing countries in general. Climate change has become an added burden.

Greenhouse gas emissions from them are minimal. According to the Brookings Institute, Africa contributes about 3.8 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. Consequences of climate change, however, are more marked and more severe in developing countries owing to their inability to meet the costs of vulnerability and adaptation.

In the book I wrote in the aftermath of Kyoto, I referred to emissions by developing countries as 'survival emissions', those emissions that are absolutely necessary to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development.

The Paris Agreement adopts the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities among nations by recognizing that peaking, and greenhouse gas emissions neutrality, will take longer for developing countries to achieve.

Central in the ongoing discussions in Glasgow is the authenticity of goals set by industrialised countries to attain greenhouse gas emission peaking and neutrality. The phasing out of coal is bound to feature prominently.

In respect of coal, it will be interesting to hear the positions of the United States, Australia, Japan, Germany, China, India, South Africa and other coal producers and users.

Low to zero-carbon technologies (and the transition to renewable en-

ergy technologies) and other solutions, which are required in mitigating climate change, should form an important part of the negotiations.

It is worthwhile to bear in mind that the development and ownership of the technologies is largely the preserve of developed countries.

Developing countries constitute a disparate group. They include: India and China; highly populated, huge economies and high greenhouse gas emitting countries; and the African continent.

The classification also includes petroleum-producing countries, mainly members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and associated petroleum producers.

The main concern of the latter group relates to the sustainability of their economies in the light of future declines in demand for petroleum.

Small island states are highly vulnerable to sea water level rises. They are, and rightly so, the conscience of the world when it comes to forcing the pace of negotiations. They are likely to demand, as they have done so often, that nations take drastic actions, urgently, to avert a looming catastrophe.

Many foreigners consider Africa to be, or think that it is, a country. Perhaps it should be. It is a continent comprising 55 countries of different sizes, geography, natural resources, and wealth and poverty levels.

According to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 46 countries are categorised as Least Developing Countries (LDCs) - 33 of them in Africa.

LDCs are "low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets".

They include: Angola, petroleum producing, OPEC member and mineral rich; the Democratic Republic of Congo, mineral rich and bearer of a large forest and carbon sink of global importance; Chad, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mali and other Sahelian countries.

Also in the category are: Burundi, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi and other land-locked countries; eastern and Southern African states of Mozambique, Lesotho, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, Somali, and Ethiopia; and the small island states such as Cabo Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, and the Comoros.

There are many manifestations of long-term climate impacts in Africa. They include: the steady expansion of the Sahara Desert; the shrinking of Lake Chad by a staggering 95 per cent between 1963 and 1998; and the severe floods of Sudan and South Sudan.

Among the others: the drying up of the Lake Faguibine system in Mali; the disappearance of Maziwe Island in the Indian Ocean in coastal Tanzania; the shrinking of the glacier on Mount Kilimanjaro.

Internecine conflicts are now more climate-related than in the past, taking the form of clashes between cattle herders and farmers.

Africa has been resilient to disasters, both human-induced and natural. These have in the past included slave trade, colonialism, internecine wars and pandemics.

African populations have over the centuries shown resilience to climate variability. However, climate change resulting from human-induced global warming is upsetting life patterns and livelihood.

Water scarcity and the resulting food insecurity are indicators of climate variability and climate change. Water scarcity calls for efficient management of transboundary and internal water basins. The mantra should be 'more produce per less drop of water'.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TEREX SPARES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

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PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
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Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01343)	60%
Ability to supply OEM – Terex Parts	20%
Warranty terms clearly stipulated	20%
Dealership proof clearly indicated	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01343) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 19th November 2021 (the "LOI Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Indigenous peoples want to move towards clean energy sovereignty

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In the community of Bella Bella on Turtle Island in the western Canadian province of British Columbia, the indigenous Heiltsuk people capture heat from the air through devices in 40 percent of their homes, in a plan aimed at sustainable energy sovereignty.

"We use less energy, pay less, and that's good for our health," Leona Humchitt, a member of the Heiltsuk

community, told IPS during a forum on indigenous micro-grids in the so-called Green Zone of the climate summit being hosted by Glasgow, Scotland since Oct. 31. "The project coincides with our view. We need to have a good relationship with nature."

For native groups, these initiatives mean moving towards energy sovereignty to avoid dependence on projects that have no connection to local populations, combating

energy poverty, paving the transition to cleaner sources and combating the exclusion they suffer in the renewable energies sector due to government policies and corporate decisions.

The modernisation process that began in the first quarter of 2021 lowered electricity rates from 2,880 dollars a year to about 1,200 dollars for each participating household.

In addition, the switch to heat pumps eliminates five tons of pol-

lutant emissions per year and has reduced the community's annual diesel consumption of 2,000 litres per household, which is usually supplied by a private hydroelectric plant.

Funded by the Canadian government and non-governmental organisations, the "Strategic Fuel Switching" project is part of the Heiltsuk Climate Action plan, which also includes measures such as biofuel and biomass from marine algae and carbon credits from marine ecosystems.

In 2017, more than 250 remote indigenous communities, out of 292 in Canada, relied on their own electricity microgeneration grids, dependent especially on diesel generators.

The venture in the Heiltsuk community, which is part of the three major Canadian native peoples, is included in a portfolio of indigenous transitional energy initiatives that have been incorporated into the non-governmental Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) social enterprise in Canada.

A global hub for social entrepreneurship was one of the initiatives launched in the Green Zone, an open event held parallel to the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), whose annual session ends Nov. 12.

ICE has a list of 197 projects - 72 in bioenergy, 127 in energy efficiency, and 19 in other alternative sources - with more than one megawatt of installed capacity. These initiatives together represent 1.49 billion dollars in revenue over 10 years.

Mihskakwan James Harper, an indigenous man from the Cree people of Sturgeon Lake in the western Canadian province of Alberta, said it is not only about energy sovereignty, but also



about community power to dispose of their own resources.

"We change our self-consumption and the communities benefit themselves from the energy, and the earth get benefits as well. Without us, we are not going to reach the climate goals. We show that indigenous peoples can bring innovations and solutions to the climate crisis," Harper, who is development manager at the NR Stor energy company, told IPS.

NR Stor Inc. and the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation in the Canadian province of Ontario are building the Oneida battery storage project - with a capacity of 250 MW and an investment of 400 million dollars - in the south of the province.

The facility, which will prevent some 4.1 million tons of pollutant emissions, the largest of its kind in Canada and one of the largest in the world, will provide clean and stable energy capacity by storing renewable energy off-peak for release when demand rises.

ICE estimates 4.3 billion dollars in investments are needed to underpin this energy efficiency that would create some 73,000 direct and indirect jobs and would cut carbon dioxide emissions by more than five million tons over 10 years.

Slow progress

The increase in clean sources plays a decisive role in achieving one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in 2015 by the international community in the 2030 Agenda, within the framework of the United Nations.

SDG 7 is aimed at affordable, modern energy for all.

But processes similar to Canada's ICE are proceeding at a slow pace.

Two projects of the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples (REP), launched in 2018 by the non-governmental Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development, are being implemented in El Salvador and Honduras.

In El Salvador, the project is "Access to photovoltaic energy for indigenous peoples", carried out since 2020 in conjunction with the non-governmental National Salvadoran Indigenous Coordination Council (CCNIS).

It is financed with 150,000 dollars from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme to provide 24 solar power systems to three communities in the town of Guatijaagua, in the eastern department of Morazán.

In Honduras, the Lenca Indigenous Council and the Pro Construction Committee are installing a mini-hydroelectric plant to benefit two Lenca indigenous communities in the municipality of San Francisco de Opalaca, in the southwestern department of Intibucá.

The project "Hydroelectric power generation for environmental protection and socioeconomic development in the Lenca communities of Plan de Barrios and El Zapotillo", launched in 2019, received 150,000 dollars in GEF funding.

Clean alternative sources face community distrust due to human rights violations committed by wind, solar and

hydroelectric plant owners in countries such as Colombia, Honduras and Mexico, including land dispossession, contracts harmful to local communities and lack of free consultation and adequate information prior to project design.

The evolution of energy initiatives has been slow, due to funding barriers and the limitations imposed by the covid-19 pandemic.

"Our main interest is to enable access to affordable renewable energy and for indigenous peoples to participate in the projects," Eileen Mairena-Cunningham, REP project coordinator, told IPS.

"These processes should be led by indigenous organisations. Of course we are interested in participating in the global networks," added the Miskita indigenous woman from Nicaragua.

After the always difficult first step, indigenous communities want to accelerate progress towards these goals.

In Bella Bella, Canada, the hope is to progressively replace diesel with biofuel in vehicles and in the boats that are vital to the fishing community.

"We are not going to electrify transportation overnight," Humchitt said. "But we see an opportunity in biodiesel. We have to go forward on this issue." Harper concurred with that vision. "Of course we want EVs, as they become accessible and satisfy our own needs. We want to get rid of diesel. The communities have to lead the process of the local transition," he said.

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By Special Correspondent

There are high chances that the leaders of the East African Community (EAC) will approve the application by DR Congo to join the regional bloc during the Heads of state summit scheduled to convene before this year ends, it has been learnt.

According to sources, Kinshasa presented a strong case for admission into the bloc. The 21st ordinary meeting of the Summit of the EAC Heads of State, held virtually on February 27 considered the application by DR Congo to join the Community and directed the Council of Ministers to expeditiously undertake a verification mission in accordance with the EAC procedure for admission of new members into the bloc and report to the next summit.

By September, a report by a regional verification mission on the DR Congo's eligibility to join the bloc was ready to be looked at by the Council of Ministers and Manasseh Nshuti, Rwanda's Minister of State for EAC Affairs, at the time indicated that it was positive.

The East African Busi-

ness Council (EABC) also urged EAC Heads of State to direct relevant organs to fast-track the admission of the DR Congo into the bloc.

On Tuesday, November 9, Nshuti told the Press that regional ministers in Charge of EAC Affairs are set to meet from November 26 to 27 in preparation for the Summit and that the "Council will confirm the date after agreeing on substantive issues to be presented to Heads of State."

Besides the exact date of the Summit, a venue will also be confirmed in due course.

Asked specifically about DR Congo's admission chances, he said: "As regards the entry of DR Congo, I am almost sure it [Summit] will approve admission."

Congolese President Félix Tshisekedi on June 8, 2019, wrote to the then EAC Chairman, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, expressing his country's wish to be a member of the regional bloc now comprising Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Tanzania.

Ordinarily, the EAC Summit is held on November 30, which is EAC Day. The Summit is usually

EAC leaders set to approve Congo's admission to bloc



EAC Secretary General Peter Mathuki presents the East African Community flag to President Felix Tshisekedi to mark the unveiling of the mission of DR Congo to join EAC

preceded by a meeting of the Council of Ministers.

"However, this (Summit date) is subject to consensus by the members of the Summit. As per the EAC calendar of activities, the 41st Ordinary Meeting of the Council is set for the last week of November

2021 (23rd - 29th November, 2021)," said Simon Peter Owaka, the EAC's Senior Public Relations Officer.

Regarding key items of agenda and other important matters that might be discussed in the upcoming Summit, Nshuti noted

that ministers are still preparing and "after deciding on issues then the Chairperson can set the agenda."

"The Council will meet next week 26th to 27th; after that, the Chair can call for Summit. The Summit should be held this year."

Covid-19 risk

Information about the next Summit's agenda is still scarce but the minister noted that leaders will focus on the "welfare of the people of the Community especially in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic."

Nshuti said: "The impact of the pandemic on our economies and people and how, together, all the six countries, we can manage the situation, will be important. Covid-19 has hit all corners of our countries and we must look at mitigation measures jointly."

"Robust harmonized measures are critical. If, for example, we manage Covid-19 here in Rwanda, and neighbours don't we shall still be affected. We need to rethink how it impacted our economies and how best we can, as a community, respond collectively."

Recruitment issues

Nshuti also shed light on where things stand as regards efforts to sort out an unresolved recruitment dispute at the EAC Secretariat.

Nshuti noted that a Council meeting is scheduled for November 18 to 26 to look into the matter, again, and wrap things up.

He said: "We are meeting to see how to sort it out. It is an issue, basically about the quota system. It is being worked on. We should get it right this time. There were mistakes which we can be correct-

ed." Ministers in charge of EAC affairs on October 19 pledged to address issues causing a standoff in the ongoing staff recruitment exercise after some regional lawmakers alleged that the process was marred with irregularities and unfair treatment of citizens from some countries.

The ongoing process of the recruitment of staff for the EAC, in general, aims to fill positions that have remained vacant for some years.

More than 15,000 applications were received from all partner states, delegates profiled and candidates subsequently shortlisted but interviews which were to commence on October 18 and end on November 2 could not commence as scheduled due to quorum.

Earlier, Uganda's EAC Affairs minister Rebecca Kadaga, wrote to the Secretary-General demanding that the interviews set for October 18 for various advertised jobs at the EAC organs and institutions be postponed until the Secretariat submits the available quota points for each country as at the time or date of advertising the jobs.

The growth of Chinese traditional medicine in Africa threatens wildlife

By Special Correspondent

THE Beijing-backed expansion of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in many African countries risks fuelling the illegal wildlife trade and threatens the future of some of the world's most endangered species, a new report has warned.

The growth of the TCM market, coupled with the perception of Africa as a potential source of TCM ingredients, is a "prescription for disaster for some endangered animal species, such as leopards, pangolins and rhinos", the London-based Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), which investigates wildlife and environmental crime, said in the report published on Wednesday.

China has been promoting traditional medicine, which dates back more than 2,500 years, alongside its flagship Belt and Road Initiative, which is developing road, rail and other major infrastructure projects across Africa.



Pangolins have been driven to the edge of extinction by demand for their scales in traditional medicine. Like human finger nails, the scales are made of keratin

While most treatments are plant-based, demand from the industry has been blamed for pushing animals, including pangolins and rhinos, to the brink of extinction.

"Ultimately, the unfettered growth of TCM poses a serious threat to the biodiversity found in many African countries, all in the name of short-term profit," EIA Wildlife Campaigner Ceres Kam said in a statement.

"Any utilisation of threatened species in TCM could potentially

stimulate further demand, incentivize wildlife crime and ultimately lead to overexploitation."

The report, Lethal Remedy: How the promotion of some traditional Chinese medicine in Africa poses a major threat to endangered wildlife, said TCM products had never been more accessible in Africa, with TCM companies and clinics established in countries across the continent and Beijing stepping up promotional activities in line with the COVID-19 pandemic.

It said some retailers were looking to establish complete supply chains from source to sales, and urged stricter oversight of TCM as well as government action to prevent the use of threatened wildlife in its products.

While China has sought to crack down on rare species in traditional medicine, there are still some who prescribe such remedies as aphrodisiacs or to treat illnesses from cancer to skin conditions. The status of a ban on the use of rhino horn and ti-

ger parts imposed in 1993 and suddenly lifted in 2018 before the government made an apparent U-turn, remain uncertain.

"We understand that traditional medicine is integral to many cultures and plays an important role in healthcare in Africa and beyond," Kam said.

"Our very real concern is that such a huge expansion of TCM in Africa, as is happening under China's Belt and Road Initiative, will have the knock-on effect of drastically increasing demand for treatments containing wildlife and, in turn, cause more species to become threatened or extinct."

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, healthcare, including strengthening the ties between TCM and traditional African medicine, is likely to be a key issue at the forthcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), which is due to start in Senegal later this month.

The EIA noted that South Africa, Cameroon, Tanzania and Togo were among African countries that had already signed agreements with China to develop TCM while South Africa and Namibia had recognized TCM as of their public health systems.

China replaced the United States as Africa's largest trading partner in 2009, and total trade topping \$200 billion in 2020, according to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

Govt in to make financial sector contributes 10pc to GDP by 2030

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is determined to transform the financial Sector so that it contributes 10 percent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2030.

Presenting a paper recently in Dodoma, Finance and planning ministry assistant commissioner for financial sector, Dionisia Mjema said currently, the sector contributes only 3.7 per cent to the GDP, which is low.

She said: "We're working in a number of strides to reach the target including executing the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21-2029/30."

In the master plan, increasing financial literacy is one of the key aspects towards meeting the target, Mjema said, noting that the government intends to make 80 percent of the population aware of the financial matters by 2025, as a result of the implementation of the financial education programme.

"In realizing this long-time dream, the ministry, in collaboration with various stakeholders in the financial sector, has prepared a financial education teaching tool which has identified key areas of consideration during the provision of financial education to the public," she said.

These areas include personal finance management, saving, credit, investment, insurance, deposit insurance, taxes and bonds.

The official described financial sector as key in scaling up country's socio-economic development.

"This sector is like blood vessels in the human body," she said, pledging that the government will continue providing public awareness to deepen the financial markets and benefit people.

She said that the plan aims to make the country's financial sector strong and resilient due to its contribution and importance to the economy.

Dionisia said the implementation of the plan through regulatory authorities—Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) and Social Security Funds will make the financial sector grow and contribute to the economy and eradicate poverty.

According to 2017, Tanzania Fin-Scope Survey Of 2017, only 48.6 percent of the labour-force

use formal financial services and therefore many Tanzanians do not benefit from these services leading to missing opportunities to improve their livelihood through various economic activities and ultimately contribute to GDP growth.

Ministry's commissioner for financial sector development, Dr Charles Mwachaja said: "The ministry has organised the National Financial Services Week aimed at reaching various stakeholders." Among the stakeholders, according to Dr Mwachaja include public servants, students, teachers, women, youth, people with special needs, small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs), non-government organisations, editors and journalists, financial service providers - and the general public.

Financial services include banking, insurance, capital markets and social security schemes.

He said awareness on financial issues for Tanzanians was less than 50 percent, saying that level was causing people fail to understand the principles, benefits and financial strategies to grow their economy and the nation at large.

"It is difficult to find money but it is easy to lose it. Financial education has not reached many people, they have less than 50 percent and this jeopardizes social welfare because money is everything in achieving programmes, for example small savings are important in supporting financial circulation," said Dr. Mwachaja.

He also said the government's plan is to work with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, to develop a curriculum that will be specific to educating financially from school, saying that such education will increase awareness of the proper use of digital finance.

"The leading financial sector is through mobile phone companies, many citizens are using this service. The ministry's plan is to see the next 10 years Tanzanians reach out and become aware of services, official empowerment opportunities in our region but also globally," noted Dr. Mwachaja.

He also said that the lack of awareness on financial issues is causing people to be unaware of their rights in the sector, and called on the public to participate in the ongoing National Financial Services Week in Dar es Salaam.

IFC partners with liquid independent fibre to boost digital infrastructure

By Special Correspondent

WORLD Bank Group member IFC has entered into a partnership with independent fibre and digital services provider Liquid Intelligent Technologies to increase digital connectivity and inclusion in Africa and to support the region's growing digital ecosystem.

The partnership aims to expand data centre capacity and the rollout of fibre-optic cable across Africa to support universal and affordable broadband access.

"We are very pleased that IFC continues to support Liquid. The investments in our data centres and fibre broadband network will directly support our growth plans over the coming years by encouraging the adoption of new services such as cloud and other digital services, services that are critical in driving sustainable

development across Africa," said Liquid Intelligent Technologies executive chairperson and founder Strive Masiyiwa.

IFC's equity and debt investments in Liquid Intelligent Technologies, which to date total about \$250-million, will support the company to grow its hyperscale data centre capacity in Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa through its subsidiary Africa Data Centres.

The investments will also support Liquid Intelligent Technologies' continued rollout of its fibre broadband network, which currently spans more than 100,000 km across sub-Saharan Africa.

"The continued build out of the network will help to connect businesses and individuals to the Internet across the continent and position Liquid Intelligent Technologies to be at the forefront of

Africa's digital transformation with the provision of complementary digital services," he said.

"Digital technologies are rapidly transforming how people, businesses and governments communicate, transact and access information and services. By working with Liquid Intelligent Technologies, we can help expand access to infrastructure and digital services that power Africa's digital economy, creating new opportunities for growth and jobs. This is an essential element for Africa's economic transformation and building back better," added IFC MD Makhtar Diop.

Sub-Saharan Africa requires about \$100-billion and at least 250,000 km of new fibre to achieve universal, affordable and high-quality broadband access.

IFC's digital strategy in Africa is aimed at enabling ubiquitous,

reliable and affordable connectivity, which includes investing in the growth of independent tower operators, data centres and broadband, as well as support to mobile operators primarily in fragile and conflict situations and low-income International Development Association countries.

IFC's latest investment in Liquid follows its investment in the company in February 2021 through Liquid's bond placement on Euronext Dublin, Ireland's main stock exchange, the issuance of which raised \$620-million

The partnership with Liquid Intelligent Technologies, Africa's leading independent fiber and digital services provider, aims to increase digital connectivity and inclusion in Africa and to support the region's growing digital ecosystem.

UN's 'Indispensable Partners' barred from entering secretariat building

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations has come under heavy fire for continuing a 20-month-long ban on non-governmental organizations (NGOs) - even though the Secretariat is expected to return to near-normal by November 15 after a pandemic lockdown going back to March 2020.

Louis Charbonneau, UN Director of Human Rights Watch, told IPS: "The Secretary-General has repeatedly spoken of the vital importance of civil society to the proper functioning of the UN. Now he needs to prove he means it by re-admitting accredited NGOs - the only category of UN pass-holders still barred from entering UN headquarters."

"We know certain countries are overjoyed that critical civil society voices on human rights and humanitarian issues are currently locked out of UN HQ. They probably want the ban to go on forever," he said.

If the Secretary-General truly considers civil society essential in ensuring the UN is accountable to the people of the world, he should end the ban on NGOs immediately as more than 60 UN member states have called for (at a meeting last week), said Charbonneau.

The staffers who were mostly teleworking from their homes are expected to back in the building next week. While diplomats were never barred from the UN during the lockdown - and while some "essential" staffers were permitted access to the building - all NGOs were banned from the premises. The UN has also refused to renew their passes to enter the headquarters building.

The mounting protests against the continued ban have come from several NGOs, most of whom have been partnering with the UN providing humanitarian assistance in conflict-ridden countries, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Sudan and Ethiopia.

Sherine Tadros, Deputy Director of Advocacy, Amnesty International, told IPS: "It's wonderful that Secretary-General Guterres often speaks of how much he values civil society, it's great that he re-iterated recently that we are an integral part of the UN ecosystem".

"But that only makes it more difficult to understand why he continues to allow a situation where we are banned from entering the UN building in New York. We urge him to address this as a matter of urgency, so that we can do our work protecting human rights," said Tadros.

During an event marking the 75th anniversary of the UN Charter last year, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said civil society groups were a vital voice at the San Francisco Conference (where the UN was inaugurated). "You have been with us across the decades, in refugee camps, in conference rooms, and in mobilizing communities in streets and town squares across the world."

"You are with us today as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. You are



The high-level segment of the UN General Assembly in late September 2021 was attended by more than 100 world leaders and over a thousand delegates from 193 countries - despite the UN's pandemic lockdown. But NGOs were banned from the Secretariat building - a 20-month-old ban which still continues. Credit: UN Photo / Mark Garten

our allies in upholding human rights and battling racism. You are indispensable partners in forging peace, pushing for climate action, advancing gender equality, delivering life-saving humanitarian aid and controlling the spread of deadly weapons. And the world's framework for shared progress, the Sustainable Development Goals, is unthinkable without you," he declared.

In an interview with IPS, James Paul, former Executive Director at the New York-based Global Policy Forum (GPF) said for many years, the UN has placed increasingly onerous restrictions on NGOs, especially with respect to NGO access to the UN headquarters in New York.

Hinting at the UN's political hypocrisy, he said that in spite of regular statements by the Secretary General that NGOs are "indispensable partners" of the organization, the UN has tightened the rules and steadily restricted the possibility for effective NGO action.

So, it comes as no surprise that the recent relaxation of Covid restrictions on delegations, staff journalists and other favored interlocutors has not been extended to NGOs, said Paul, author of "Of Foxes and Chickens", a critical analysis of Oligarchy and Global Power in the UN Security Council.

He said the opening of the General Assembly in late September 2021 saw many journalists, large national delegations and a growing staff presence, but the UN kept the door firmly shut to NGOs.

Now, more than a month later, the portcullis is still down and there have been no encouraging statements from UN leaders that might suggest a lifting of the ban any time soon - or any plausible reasons given for this situation, he noted.

"Protests from the leaders of major human rights organizations have been to no avail. Is this, then, the beginning of the end of NGO active presence at the UN?" he asked.

Currently, there are thousands of NGOs worldwide who are either affiliated with the UN's Department of Global Communications or provided consultative status by the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The UN says NGOs have been partners of the Department of Global Communications (DGC) since its establishment in 1947. Official relationships between DGC and NGOs date back to 1968.

The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1297 called on DGC to associate NGOs with effective information programs in place and thus disseminate information about issues on the UN's agenda and the work of the Organization. Through associated NGOs, DGC seeks to reach people around the world and help them better understand the work and aims of the United Nations.

Andreas Bummel, Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders told IPS civil society representatives need to be given access to the UN building and meetings on an equal basis compared to other stakeholders.

"I cannot remember any time when they were barred for so long while others had access. There is a growing suspicion that concerns related to Covid-19 safety are used as a pretext for restricting civic space. For too long, the UN Secretary-General has let this happen. It is overdue for him to intervene," said Bummel.

Michael Bröning, Executive Director of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

(FES) New York, told IPS: "Keeping the UN in New York Covid-free by making it a civil-society-free environment puts a whole new meaning to the notion of diplomatic immunity - and begs the question of protection at what price."

Paul said some Western media outlets have sought to give the restrictions a false political spin, by claiming that the restrictions are due to the fact that the head of the UN department responsible for NGO accreditation is a Chinese national! This is pure propaganda.

The Western powers - in particular the United States and the United Kingdom - have been quietly pushing for more NGO restrictions and less funding for NGO-supportive UN "focal points" for more than two decades, even while they have been giving lip service to the cause of NGO access, he pointed out.

"This policy has come from dislike of NGO disarmament initiatives, disapproval of NGO social, economic and environmental campaigns, fury at NGO opposition to the Iraq conflict, and much more."

As early as 1999, he said, the Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary General issued draconian guidelines excluding NGOs from open access to the all-important second floor of the headquarters complex. More restrictions were to follow, often pushed by US police and security services as a response to "terrorist threats."

UN leaders started to talk about the "dangerous wave of NGOs," even though there was no measurable increase in NGO numbers, said Paul.

"The UN membership more generally has not stood up for NGOs against the pressure of the big powers. These smaller states are today

less supportive or even less tolerant of NGOs than they used to be, seeing NGOs as a source of embarrassment or annoying opposition on one topic or another."

At a time of increasingly right-wing governments, getting rid of opponents is a natural step for the new breed of diplomats. Even among friendlier governments, few are ready to use political capital to defend the creative and essential democratic role of these organizations, Paul added.

Meanwhile, he argued, they have applauded the UN's open door for business representatives, foundation bigwigs and other smooth-talking proponents of the international status quo, especially those with cash to spread around.

"An argument can be made that the exclusion of NGOs has gone so far and become so blatant that it has become a violation by the UN of its own Charter, which in Article 71 calls for the Economic and Social Council to establish "suitable arrangements for consultation" with NGOs."

The UN leadership now says its "electronic platforms" are suitable, at least for the foreseeable future. But if this is so, why are others able to come and go while even the most respected NGO representatives are turned away?

"This may be the time to bring the UN to legal accountability. Could a case be brought in an appropriate legal body (perhaps the World Court) to test the matter?" asked Paul.

Meanwhile, Dr Agnes Callamard, Secretary-General of Amnesty International and Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, wrote a strong letter of protest to Guterres last week.

Responding to the letter, Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, UN's Chef de Cabinet, said: "I wish to assure you of the utmost importance we attach to civil society engagement in the work of the United Nations at all levels and its active participation throughout the year, including during high-level events".

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been balancing the safety and security of personnel, representatives of Member States and other stakeholders with the need to ensure that the work of the Organization continues. In March 2020, the premises in New York were closed and the majority of our personnel worked remotely to ensure continuity of critical functions, including inter-governmental meetings, which had to be conducted virtually."

The letter also says: "As the situation in New York has gradually improved, the United Nations has been able to follow a gradual and phased approach to its reopening in order to protect the health and safety of all individuals concerned. Based on medical guidance, we are currently in Phase 2 of our reopening plan with most personnel working remotely for up to four days a week."

This phased approach continues to require limiting the number of persons that can be physically present on the premises and in meetings to ensure compliance with the physical distancing recommendations of our health experts and the guidance issued by the host country authorities.

Preparations are under way to move towards Phase 3, known as our Next Normal phase, which would allow us to increase our overall footprint in the building and to reopen more fully, she said.

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Banker challenges BoT to reign in financial institutions charging double digit in market

By Francis Kajubi

BANK of Tanzania officials have been challenged to reign in financial institutions that are charging double digit interest rates despite the central bank's move to reduce its lending rate to banks to 7 percent.

Vunjo lawmaker, Dr Charles Kimei said the central bank has a mandate to ensure that interest rates in the market are falling in line with its own move to reduce lending rates to banks. "I'm aware that interest rate is a matter between the lender and borrower but this has to be reviewed because most of the commercial banks are still lending at an average of 16 percent despite the central bank's rate cut," Dr Kimei who retired from CRDB Bank Plc after a 21 year successful spell in 2018, said.

He said despite the changing market conditions including the coronavirus outbreak, people are failing to repay loans which are charging interest rate of up to 16 percent hence rendering the majority to default. The central bank has twice cut the discount rate to 9 percent in August 2018 before lowering to 7 percent earlier this year.

Dr Kimei who also served as Bank of Tanzania Director of Policy before taking over at an almost collapsing state owned



Veteran banker cum Vunjo lawmaker, Dr Charles Kimei speaking in parliament recently.

Cooperative and Rural Development Bank in 1996, argued that the central bank has no mandate to audit loan contracts signed between banks and their clients.

He dismissed allegations that some dishonest banking officials collude with clients to give them loans beyond their repaying abil-

ity saying, such a scenario is next to impossible. "From my experience, loan appraisal processes are well observed by lenders through special teams and a borrower can hardly collude with a bank employee to negotiate the business secretly along the process," the Vunjo legislator ar-

gued.

He reiterated that issues such as hiked interest rates being charged by financial institutions in the market, can only be addressed squarely by BoT which will also lead to a reduction in non-performing loans which are already threatening the existence of some banks.

Dr Kimei advised that the central bank shouldn't interfere with contracts between lenders and their borrowers under the excuse of controlling a surge in NPLs because such a move will likely threaten borrowers.

"The purpose of introducing a discount rate is to bring affordable loans to ordinary borrowers, which in this case, has failed. Banks are busy lending to public institutions and enterprises which are capable of paying the hiked interest rate of 16 percent because the majority middle class can't afford to pay such interest," he affirmed.

Dr Kimei stated that its abnormal because the prevailing market interest rate has also defied falling inflation rates

saying delays in paying suppliers and services providers by the public sector has also affected loan repayment by the private sector.

In a statement released last week, BoT's Governor, Prof Florens Luoga issued a number of directives to banks in a bid to curb a surge in NPLs. Prof Luoga blamed some dishonest bankers of colluding with likeminded borrowers who get bloated loans beyond their mean to repay.

"To a great extent, employees of some banks and financial institutions are directly responsible through issuing loans without following procedures, fraud/corruption or other practices that are tantamount to lack of integrity," the central bank chief said in his statement.

He said the growing number of NPLs is one of the main reasons pushing up lending rates in the market, a situation that may lead to instability of the banking industry. According to the BoT chief, NPLs slightly dropped from 9.58 percent in 2019 to 9.42 percent in 2020.

Months of trade wars slash imports from Uganda 34pc

NAIROBI

The value of imports from Uganda dropped 34 percent in eight months to August as trade wars between the two countries took a toll on the flow of goods.

Trade data from Central Bank indicates that the imports from Kenya's landlocked neighbour dropped from a record high of Sh3.2 billion in February to Sh2.09 billion in the review period, hitting a seven-month low. The two countries have had trade disputes now running into the second year after Nairobi banned products like milk and poultry from Uganda.

Kenya's delegation plans to visit Uganda this month to resolve the impasse on trade issues, according to the Livestock Principal Secretary Harry Kimtai. "We have been exchanging some correspondence with Uganda and agreed that we shall be going there next month for a fact-finding mission," said Mr Kimtai later last month.

However, export earnings jumped 32 percent in eight months to August to Sh60.4 billion from Sh45.8 in corresponding period last year. In March, Kenya banned maize imports from Uganda owing to high levels of aflatoxin, which exceeded the required limit of 10 parts per billion.

In September, Kenya cut sugar imports from Uganda by 79 percent on its scheduled sugar exports to the country, reigniting trade disputes between the two East African Community members. The Sugar Directorate said traders will only be allowed to import 18,923 tonnes of sugar from Uganda, down from 90,000 tonnes that Kenya had earlier said would be shipped in.

Trade Cabinet Secretary Betty Maina and her Ugandan counterpart had in April agreed that Uganda would export 90,000 tonnes of sugar to Kenya as soon as the verification mission on the country of origin was completed. The forthcoming trade delegation to Kampala comes at a time when Uganda has been allowed to access the Zambian market, giving them an alternative for their commodity.

The Pearl Dairies, makers of Lato milk, have secured annual supplies of milk to Zambia after the company suffered major losses when Kenya stopped exports of its products in 2019. The firm is the largest processor of milk in Uganda with a daily capacity of 800,000 litres.

CRDB, NMB market dominance rallies stocks at DSE as Q3 profits surge

By Correspondent Geofrey Nangai

BARELY a month gone since announcing strong third quarter results that dwarfed the banking sector, shares of CRDB Bank Plc and NMB Bank Plc rallied to dominate trading at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange.

NMB which remains the market's most profitable bank, reported a 43.3 percent increase in profit after tax at 210bn/- for the quarter while closest rival, CRDB managed a 40 percent net profit at 167bn/-, both of which are comparable to performance during corresponding period last year.

According to the DSE's weekly Market Report, the bourse recorded a turnover of 953m/- being a 17.6 percent decrease compared to last week's performance.

Local investors dominated trading on both the buying and selling counters while foreign investors managed 35.12 percent of purchasing and 16.8 percent of selling.

The net foreign inflow for the week was 174m/- compared to the previous week's net foreign outflow of 106.2m/-. Meanwhile, Zan Securities weekly report, strong Q3 earnings helped fuel activities at the bourse as NMB and CRDB stocks traded a combined 1.9bn/-.

"We anticipate seeing next week's turnover to continue being dominated by stocks that have recently released their Q3 results. Strong earnings will push stock prices up as we head towards the end of the year for NMB and CRDB," the report stated. The Zan Securities report added that there will be a similar trend in other com-

panies as the business environment recovers from the perils of the coronavirus outbreak.

Meanwhile, Orbit Securities weekly report said NMB was this week's top mover, accounting for 43 percent of turnover. "The All Share Index (DSEI) lost 26.29 points in value as JHL and KCB share prices declined by 6.0 percent and 2.2 percent respectively," the report said.

On the other hand, the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) lost 52.49 points as NMB, DSE, TPCC and JATU share prices dropped during the course of the week. In another development, the secondary bond market generated a 55.8bn/- turnover, being a 35.4 percent increase from the 41.2bn/- bond face value turnover that was generated the previous week.



Brokers at work at DSE last week.

TymeBank hits milestones, reaches 4m customer mark

JOHANNESBURG

Retail digital bank TymeBank has reached the four million customer mark, a milestone for the three-year-old financial institution. The bank says it is experiencing an acceleration in its customer acquisition rate, with 140 000 customers being onboarded monthly, as opposed to about 110 000 previously.

TymeBank, which is majority-owned by African Rainbow Capital, the empowerment investment company owned by Dr Patrice Motsepe, says the acceleration in customer sign-ups is due to its products and transparency in banking fees.

"We are pleased to have achieved a four million customer base within

about 32 months. We've expanded our offering and enhanced product functionality to ensure we can give customers everything they need in a single banking account, while empowering them to pay nothing - or next to nothing - on banking fees, depending on their banking behaviour. The acceleration in customer growth tells us we're on the right track," says TymeBank CEO Tauriq Keraan.

"TymeBank's hybrid model of digital banking and physical service points is what sets us apart, which is why more than 80% of accounts are opened at our instore kiosks. That said, we're seeing more customers making use of our digital channels, which is in line with the rapid growth in digital adoption among ordinary

South Africans, largely driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as increasing trust and confidence in digital banking."

TymeBank has recently taken an aggressive growth path, including injecting fresh capital and penning multiple deals with retailers. It sealed partnerships with Pick n Pay and Boxer, and says these alliances have been an integral part of its strategy to acquire customers and drive usage.

Last month, the bank signed a deal with TFG (The Foschini Group), targeting the fashion retailer's 26 million customers. In February 2020, TymeBank announced a partnership with the Zion Christian Church, in a deal that gave it an opportunity to sign up members of the 12 million-strong congregation.



Absa Bank Tanzania's chief financial officer, Obedi Laiser (R) chats with some of the bank's senior officials during the opening of a financial services week exhibition at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

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Banking trojans have dramatically increased over the last year as digital banking has become more widespread, a trend Nokia sees continuing into the future which reinforces the need for better online practices and having robust endpoint security in place.

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One bot called Mozi, which uses a peer-to-peer command and control protocol, has been used to create botnets consisting of around half a million individual devices. Mozi actively scans the network and uses a suite of known vulnerabilities to exploit additional IOT devices.

NEWSINDEPTH

Banks' bad loans rise to Sh441 billion in August

NAIROBI

Defaults in the banking industry rose to Sh441.8 billion in the eight months to August, reversing a decline in the non-performing debt that had been seen in recent months.

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The regulator did not give the reason for the Sh10.9 billion increase in defaults in the August Monthly Economic Indicators report. Some of the sectors that were hit

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economic outlook amidst easing of restrictions and ongoing vaccinations.

Provisions have the effect of hitting the bottom-line while eroding the capital base, meaning that a reduction in the amount set aside to absorb losses boosts earnings. Part of the provisions represent estimates of potential losses from defaults expected in the near future because of general economic weakness or problems specific to certain industries and customers.

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The report advises users to avoid mobile banking from easily accessible public WiFi access points; and to use both multi-factor authentication when available and strong passwords. Kevin McNamee, director of Nokia's Threat Intelligence Center, says threats continually evolve and look for new opportunities.

Banking trojans have dramatically increased over the last year as digital banking has become more widespread, a trend Nokia sees continuing into the future which reinforces the need for better online practices and having robust endpoint security in place.

According to the report, IOT botnets are responsible for 32% of the malware incidents detected by Nokia's NetGuard Endpoint Security. Essentially a network of devices connected by malware, these bots continue to grow in size and sophistication, due to the rising use of IOT devices, such as smart refrigerators and video surveillance cameras.

One bot called Mozi, which uses a peer-to-peer command and control protocol, has been used to create botnets consisting of around half a million individual devices. Mozi actively scans the network and uses a suite of known vulnerabilities to exploit additional IOT devices.

NEWSINDEPTH

Banks' bad loans rise to Sh441 billion in August

NAIROBI

Defaults in the banking industry rose to Sh441.8 billion in the eight months to August, reversing a decline in the non-performing debt that had been seen in recent months.

The NPLs rose to peak at Sh444.2 billion in February on the economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic and had recently shrunk to lows of Sh433.3 billion before the August spike, according to Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data.

The regulator did not give the reason for the Sh10.9 billion increase in defaults in the August Monthly Economic Indicators report. Some of the sectors that were hit

hardest by the pandemic have, however, continued to recover from the easing of the restrictions put in place to fight the spread of the disease.

"Repayments and recoveries were noted in the tourism, restaurants and hotels and building and construction sectors," the CBK said in its Monetary Policy Committee press release. The banking sector's profitability grew in the eight-month period despite the increase in defaults, as lenders made smaller provisions for the NPLs compared to last year when the pandemic crisis was unfolding.

Pre-tax profits increased 57.2 percent to Sh127.8 billion in the review period from Sh81.3 billion a year earlier as banks reduced their provisions on a brighter

economic outlook amidst easing of restrictions and ongoing vaccinations.

Provisions have the effect of hitting the bottom-line while eroding the capital base, meaning that a reduction in the amount set aside to absorb losses boosts earnings. Part of the provisions represent estimates of potential losses from defaults expected in the near future because of general economic weakness or problems specific to certain industries and customers.

Beginning January 1, 2018, banks have been required to make provisions for expected loan losses rather than those already incurred following the adoption of the more conservative International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS 9).



Central Bank of Kenya governor, Patrick Njoroge.

WORLD

In test, UN skirts Taliban to pay Afghan health workers

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations has paid nearly \$8 million in salaries to some 23,500 health workers across Afghanistan over the past month, bypassing the Taliban-run health ministry in a test case to inject much needed liquidity into a dire Afghan economy.

The UN development agency UNDP and the Global Fund health aid organization teamed up to resurrect a program that had been funded by the World Bank until it suspended assistance when the Taliban ousted the Western-backed Afghan government in August.

The United Nations has been struggling to get enough cash into Afghanistan to help deliver humanitarian aid to millions of people on the brink of famine and

prevent the collapse of the economy and health and education services.

"Someone had to step in. We were confronted not just with a health system that was collapsing, but also a financial system that was collapsing," UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, Kanni Wignaraja, told Reuters.

"Global Fund took the financial risk, we took the implementation risk to make these payments happen," she said. "We've shown it's possible, it can work ... it goes a huge long way to saving at least the people's economy in the country."

The Global Fund provided \$15 million, of which nearly \$8 million was used for salaries, while much of the rest was spent on providing basic medical equipment, essential drugs and supplies. UNDP worked out



A health worker administers polio vaccine drops to a child during a vaccination campaign in the old quarters of Kabul on Tuesday. AFP

how to get the funds into the country and into the hands of health workers in 31 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces.

Wignaraja said UNDP wired some of the money to the Afghanistan International Bank and then used a large money service provider, which UNDP declined to identify for security reasons, to distribute the rest.

'Pretty crazy test run'

The health workers paid so far - working in nearly 2,200 health facilities - had money deposited into bank accounts, while another 2,500 health workers will shortly be paid in cash because they are in remote areas.

"It's given hope to these families. It's

reignited healthcare services," said Wignaraja, adding that the program would now be run by the World Health Organization and the UN children's agency UNICEF for the next three months.

"Without this, you literally would have all the Afghan doctors, nurses, technicians, heading across borders," she added.

The UN would continue using the formal banking system and money service providers to get cash into Afghanistan for the next few months, Kanni Wignaraja said, although she added that UN agencies were also considering a need to bring US dollars into the country

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Xi says China ready to work with US

WASHINGTON

BEIJING stands ready to work with Washington to bring "one of the world's most important bilateral relationships" back to the right track, Chinese President Xi Jinping said in a congratulatory message sent to the National Committee on US-China Relations as it hosted its annual gala Tuesday evening.

Expressing his appreciation and recognition to the US committee for its long-time dedication to the growth of China-US relations and to the exchanges and cooperation between the two countries, Xi noted cooperation is the only right choice for the two countries as their relations enter a "critical historical juncture".

He said that following the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, China is ready to work with the US to enhance exchanges and cooperation across the board, jointly address regional and international issues as well as global challenges, while properly managing differences.

The purpose is to bring China-US relations back to the right track of sound and steady development, Xi said in the message.

"I hope the committee and

all those who care for and support the development of China-US relations will reinforce confidence, keep up your good work, and contribute even more wisdom and strength to the advancement of China-US friendship to the benefit of people in our two countries and around the world," Xi said.

Xi's message was read by Chinese Ambassador to the US Qin Gang at the gala dinner in New York.

In his speech, Qin noted that some people say that the China-US relationship cannot go back to the past.

"Is it the reason why people can take it lightly, or even damage it as they wish?" said the ambassador. "We reject this view."

Qin said China's policy toward the US is "highly" consistent and stable, and the Chinese side always bears in mind the fundamental interests of the people of both countries and the whole world, and handles China-US relations from a strategic and long-term perspective.

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Chinese Ambassador to the US Qin Gang reads out President Xi Jinping's congratulatory letter at the annual gala hosted by the National Committee on US-China Relations as it hosted its annual gala on Tuesday.

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"Today, our world is at an inflection point in history. From tackling the COVID-19 pandemic to addressing the existential threat of the climate crisis, the relationship between the United States and China has global significance," Biden said.

In a video speech, former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger, age 98, said it is "an imperative" for the US and China to find a road to coexistence and cooperation.

"It is essential for China and the United States to overcome their difficulties. It is even more important for China and the United States to find some common projects on which they can cooperate," Kissinger said.

Speaking at the reception, NCUSCR Chairman Jacob Lew said stabilizing the relationship, now at a "dangerous point", must be a shared priority and responsibility.

The "escalating hostility" cannot be allowed to lead to

either a fully economic decoupling or even worse, an outright conflict, said Lew, who served as US treasury secretary from 2013 to 2017.

The NCUSCR gala honored Ming Hsieh, a Chinese American entrepreneur and philanthropist, for his contributions to the development of China-US relations.

Hsieh is chairman, president and chief executive officer of biotechnology company Fulgent Genetics Inc.

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Japan's Kishida re-elected PM in special Diet session

TOKYO

LEADER of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, Fumio Kishida, was re-elected as prime minister in a special parliament session yesterday after the LDP secured majority of votes in the House of Representatives election on Oct 31.

Having served as the prime minister for around a month after coming into power on Oct 4, Kishida will launch his second Cabinet Wednesday afternoon as his Cabinet resigned en masse as required by the Constitution prior to the three-day Diet session through Friday.

Kishida is expected to appoint former education minister, Yoshimasa Hayashi, as his foreign minister, who leads a non-partisan parliamentarians' group promoting Japan-China relations.

Most of the current Cabinet members will remain unchanged as it was launched last month.

Toshimitsu Motegi, who has stayed in the post of foreign minister since 2019, became the LDP's secretary general earlier this month to replace Akira Amari.

The powerful chamber elected Hirofumi Hosoda, a former chief Cabinet secretary, as its speaker, and picked Banri Kaieda, a former industry minister and a member of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, as vice speaker.

Former prime minister Shinzo Abe will succeed Hosoda as the chair of LDP's largest faction, which he left in 2012 to become the country's leader.

Following the special session, the LDP is looking to convening an extraordinary Diet session later this year to pass a supplementary budget for fiscal 2021, including stimulus measures to alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extra budget, expected to be worth 30 trillion yen (\$266 billion), will include distribution of 100,000 yen handouts (\$886) in cash and vouchers to those aged 18 and younger as well as resumption of the government's "Go To Travel" tourism promotion campaign that subsidizes a part of domestic travel spending.

Kishida also aims to achieve salary increases for care workers, nurses and nursery school staff.

In the Oct 31 election, the LDP won 261 seats in the lower house, 15 fewer than it previously held but sufficient to effectively control all standing committees and force through legislation when needed, with Komeito increasing the number of seats to 32 from 29 previously.

Lavrov points to rising tensions in the field of arms control

MOSCOW

TENSIONS are rising as new challenges and threats emerge in the field of non-proliferation and global arms control, Russian top diplomat Sergey Lavrov said at a board meeting of the Russian and Belarusian Foreign Ministries yesterday.

"We need to discuss the situation in the field of non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control. Tensions and uncertainty are rising as new challenges and threats emerge.

Attempts continue to erode the existing system of international agreements on arms control amid a rise in political and military factors undermining global strategic stability," Lavrov (pictured) pointed out.

According to him, Moscow and Minsk call for restoring trust and constructive dialogue in the Euro-Atlantic region in order to prevent an arms race and a rise in military activities that may harm the long-term security interests of the countries of the region.

"We place great importance on efforts to coordinate our steps, particularly within the CSTO [Collective Security Treaty Organization] and the CIS [Commonwealth of Independent States]," the Russian foreign minister noted.

Lavrov emphasized that Russia and Belarus also planned to discuss the situation following the United States' withdrawal from the Treaty on Open Skies. In addition, Lavrov said that Moscow and Minsk continue to call for searching for ways to ensure predictability and restraint in the field of missiles following the termination of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, initiated by Washington.



Continued internet outage in Sudan negatively affecting economic, social conditions

KHARTOUM

THE internet service in Sudan has not yet been restored, despite a judicial ruling on Tuesday requiring the communication companies to immediately resume the service, which has been blocked since Oct. 25.

Sudanese economic experts and analysts believe that the internet outage for more than two weeks has negatively effects on

the economic and social conditions in the country. "The banking sector is the most affected sector by the outage of internet services," Mohamed Mustafa Ishag, a Sudanese banking expert, told Xinhua. "Those dealing with Sudanese banks suffer from inability to manage their accounts and daily transactions," he said, adding that "many banking transactions requiring dealing via the internet

have been disrupted, and most of those transactions are made through liquid money (cash)."

Ali Ismail, a Sudanese economic analyst, pointed to the negative impact of cutting the internet service on the communications companies themselves. "Certainly, the communications companies themselves have sustained great losses, especially if we know that the size of their daily business is

estimated at about 6 million U.S. dollars," Ismail told Xinhua. Other sectors have also been affected by the internet outage, such as transportation. "A broad sector of the population of the capital Khartoum suffers from inability to deal with the 'Tirhal' application for transportation due to the outage of internet in mobile phones," he said.

Essam Al-Zein, director of an import and export company in

Khartoum, said that it is difficult to work in light of the outage of internet. "Our business has been greatly affected, and there is a significant decline in the movement of export and import due to the lack of internet," Al-Zain told Xinhua. According to unofficial statistics, there are nearly 14 million internet users in Sudan, about 30 percent of the country's population of 44 million people. Xinhua

China witnesses surging demand in roadside assistance due to exploding vehicle population

CHINA is seeing a rising demand for roadside assistance as the country's motor vehicle population expands rapidly, hitting 297 million by September this year.

According to statistics, a total of 92.4 million events of roadside assistance were handled across the country last year, and over 200,000 people are currently working in the industry.

Yang Zhi is a roadside service specialist of Chinese electric car-maker Nio. At 9 pm one day, he received an assistance order from a Nio user on his mobile phone. After confirming the location and

demand of the user, Yang went for him on a roadside assistance vehicle.

Unlike traditional roadside assistance events, which often happen on expressways, this time, the vehicle needing assistance was in an underground parking lot of an office building.

"The owner of the vehicle said he'd have a long trip by the vehicle tomorrow, but he had no time to charge it. So he invited us to help him, and the whole assistance must be completed within two hours," Yang said.

After arriving at the designated

location, he inspected both the exterior and interior of the vehicle and then uploaded a video of the inspection. Simultaneously, the inspection system, based on the battery life and available charging facilities near the location, generated an optimal solution - battery swapping and then charging.

Yang looked at his watch after completing all operations and commented, "We're half an hour earlier."

A moment later, Yang's mobile phone rang. "A user's power battery got only 10 percent left, and he's stuck. We must go to him with

our mobile charging vehicle," Yang said.

After a dozen minutes' drive, Yang pulled over in front of the vehicle that needed assistance. He opened the tailgate of his charging vehicle, and two fully charged battery packs were inside.

"They look clumsy, but they charge faster than fixed charging poles," Yang explained, plugging a cable into the charge point, and soon the user's vehicle "revived."

"To help the users overcome their range anxiety is also a kind of assistance, and we'll reach them wherever they are as long as they

need us," Yang told People's Daily. The man traveled over 3,000 kilometers during this year's National Day holiday to offer roadside services for Nio users. "I finished over a dozen orders one day, and there was no time left for me to sleep," he said.

"I've visited almost all tourist sites around Beijing since I started working two years ago," Yang told People's Daily.

"Look, though I need only a phone, a toolbox, and a working suit for my profession, it's never simple. All devices are digital. If you are blind to coding, you'll nev-

er get the hang of it. The operation also has standards, and even the torques are set when you turn the screws," he said.

People's Daily



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UN staff members detained in Ethiopia as crisis worsens

By Bloomberg

THE United Nations said 16 staff members have been detained in Ethiopia's capital, as a leader of the Tigray rebels warned mediation efforts to end the crisis in the Horn of African nation may fail.

"There has been no explanation" for the detention, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters in New York on Tuesday. "Our staff on the ground is working with the national authorities," he said, noting the detentions occurred "over the last few days."

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission said on Nov 8 that the government was detaining people "in a manner that appeared to be based on identity and ethnicity," following widespread arrests after the state of emergency was declared.

UN security officers "have visited the detained colleagues," Farhan Haq, another UN spokesman, said. Formal requests have "also been sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs" seeking "the immediate release of the detained personnel," he said.

Ethiopia has declared a state of emergency as rebel fighters advanced toward the capital, Addis

Ababa. The yearlong conflict between the federal army and the Tigray People's Liberation Front has escalated since the start of October, with the rebels advancing steadily south.

The TPLF downplayed a mediation initiative by the African Union after the special envoy, Olusegun Obasanjo, a former president of Nigeria, met with Debretsion Gebremichael, the leader of the rebel group.

"Doomed to fail"

"Any effort that fails to address the conditions we have put forward is doomed to fail," Getachew Reda, a senior TPLF official said. "It is clear this is mostly about Abiy's survival, not Ethiopia's," he said.

The humanitarian situation is dire in Ethiopia, with an estimated 7 million people in need of assistance. Both parties to the conflict have been accused of committing violations that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and the United Nations Human Rights Office found in a joint investigation.

The UK advised its nationals to leave the country, after the US did the same last week. A US special envoy, diplomat Jeffrey Feltman, is in Ethiopia to try to advance talks on ending the civil war.

Obama: Trump stalled climate progress

GLASGO

FORMER United States president Barack Obama has criticized his successor, Donald Trump, for pulling the country out of the Paris Agreement, which he said stalled US progress on climate issues.

In a speech at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, or COP 26, in Glasgow, Scotland, Obama said Trump oversaw "four years of active hostility towards climate science" while president.

"Of course, back in the United States, some of our progress stalled when my successor decided to unilaterally pull out of the Paris Agreement in his first year in office," Obama said on Monday. "I wasn't real happy about that."

But Obama said the US is "once again engaged and prepared to take a leadership role" now that the country under President Joe Biden has rejoined the agreement.

During the World Leaders Summit at the conference on Nov 1, Biden took the unusual step of apologizing for Trump's withdrawal, which he said had left the US "behind the eight ball" on climate issues.

China's special climate envoy, Xie Zhenhua, told reporters last week the US withdrawal had hindered progress toward the agreement's goals, and that leaders had to work together to make up this ground once more.

"Five years have been wasted due to the US' withdrawal (from the Paris Agreement). Now, we need to make up the lost time," Xie said.

Practical solutions needed

Obama was speaking on a day at the conference dedicated to climate



Activists in Glasgow draw attention to funding needs for climate action on Monday. AP

adaptation, where delegates were charged with delivering the practical solutions needed for nations to adapt to climate impacts and address loss and damage.

Fourteen nations committed \$232 million to the Adaptation Fund, which backs developing countries to take action where they most need it.

"Climate-vulnerable communities are particularly at the forefront of my mind, and will be so throughout these negotiations," COP 26 President Alok Sharma said. "They, and the generations to come, will not

forgive us if we fail to deliver in Glasgow."

On Monday, the United Kingdom allotted \$372 million to support countries across Asia and the Pacific region, so they can plan and invest in climate action, improve conservation, and deliver low-carbon development.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan, the UK's secretary of state for international trade, said on Monday: "We must act now to stop climate change from pushing more people into poverty. We know that climate impacts disproportionately affect

those already most vulnerable."

Wang Yi, a senior scientific adviser in China's delegation at COP 26, said it was essential that rich nations make good on a promise to deliver \$100 billion in climate finance to developing regions each year, a target that was missed in 2020. "China would like more effort on supporting developing countries," Wang told The Guardian, a UK newspaper, on Monday.

Capitol riot: Judge rules Trump can't block congressional probe

WASHINGTON

The US House of Representatives committee investigating the deadly attack on the US Capitol can access former president Donald Trump's White House records, a federal judge ruled on Tuesday in a clear win for congressional oversight powers.

US District Judge Tanya Chutkan in the District of Columbia rejected an argument by Trump's lawyers that telephone records, visitor logs and other White House documents should be hidden from the committee.

"While broad, these requests, and each of the other requests made by the Committee, do not exceed the Committee's legislative powers," Chutkan said in her decision.

Trump had argued that the materials requested by the House committee were covered by a legal doctrine known as executive privilege that protects the confidentiality of some White House communications.

He requested an injunction blocking the National Archives, a federal agency that holds his White House records, from complying with the committee's requests for hundreds of pages of documents.

Jesse Binnall, a lawyer for Trump, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Trump quickly filed a court notice indicating he would appeal the decision.

The committee has said it needs the requested materials to understand the role Trump may have played in fomenting the riot.

"That's a big deal," US Representative Bennie Thompson, chairman of the House of Representatives select committee, said in an interview on CNN. "I look forward to getting this information. I look forward to our investigators going through it with a fine-tooth comb to make sure that our government was not weaponized against its citizens."

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Kremlin slams Poland's intentions to close border as 'attempt to stifle Belarus'

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov slammed Poland's intentions to close the border with Belarus over the migration crisis as an attempt to stifle the republic.

"Such decisions will, naturally, only complicate the situation. These are nothing else but further attempts to stifle Belarus," he said.

Speaking about the allied relations between Russia and Belarus, the Kremlin press secretary said that Moscow had never concealed its readiness to provide all necessary assistance to Minsk in very difficult times. He also stressed that this was what Moscow was doing now.

"First of all, this relates to economic aid but also to all the other required assistance," Peskov said.

As the Kremlin spokesman also specified, Russian and Belarusian Presidents Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko discussed the migration crisis unfolding in the border area.

"This issue was discussed, of course. The Belarusian president told his Russian counterpart about what was taking place there and they exchanged opinions," Peskov said.

The migration crisis on the border of Belarus with Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, where illegal migrants are seeking to cross into EU territory, escalated on November 8.

Several thousand migrants have approached the Polish border from Belarus and are refusing to leave the area. Some of them have attempted to venture into Polish territory by breaking a barbed wire fence. EU countries have accused Minsk of deliberately provoking the crisis and called for more sanctions against Belarus.

For his part, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has said that Western countries are to blame for these developments because it is precisely their actions that have caused people to flee countries ravaged by wars triggered by the West.

Shanghai upgrades services for a successful CIE

SHANGHAI is going all out to hold another successful China International Import Expo (CIIE), from ensuring solid efforts in pandemic prevention and control, and constantly refining its service capabilities.

On the morning of Oct. 21, the first batch of cold-chain food exhibits for the fourth CIIE arrived at a cold-chain food storage warehouse in Zhuqiao township, Pudong New Area, Shanghai.

After opening the cargo area of the truck that carried the exhibits, sanitary inspectors in protective suits measured the temperature of the cargo area with infrared thermometers, and then the exhibits were transferred on a designated conveyer belt for disinfection.

According to Xu Liang, vice general manager of Shanghai Huachen Youan Supply Chain Co., Ltd., the warehouse covers a total area of 30,000 square meters and boasts a designed capacity of 12,000 metric tons. It is completely separated from the business areas of cold-chain enterprises. Porters, tally clerks, forklift drivers and managers have already started working at the warehouse, and are under closed-off management for better COVID-19 control, Xu said.

Shanghai has designated 37 medical facilities that offer 24-hour green channels of nucleic acid tests for those with CIIE certificates. Besides, 300 medical workers are working at a large temporary site for nucleic acid tests near the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shang-



The first China-Europe freight train carrying exhibits for the fourth China International Import Expo arrives in Shanghai from Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 29, 2021. File photo

hai), a main venue for the fourth CIIE, and the test results are uploaded to a cloud system soon after they are generated.

Shanghai has implemented full-chain, closed-loop, and traceable management, and all residents have been vaccinated and gone through COVID-19 screening, said Wu Jinglei, director of the Shanghai Municipal Health Commission, adding that the whole city has been disinfected and all accesses to it are approved upon strict screening measures. The city is working earnestly to ensure solid pandemic prevention and control, so as to make the fourth CIIE a success, Wu noted.

On the morning of Oct. 29, the first China-Europe freight train carrying exhibits for the fourth CIIE arrived at the Minhang Railway Station of Shanghai from

Germany's Hamburg. Prior to the train's arrival, a 15-member customs team had already established a green channel for the customs clearance of these exhibits at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), which is not far from the Minhang Railway Station.

These new models and facilitation measures have further upgraded the customs clearance of CIIE exhibits. By optimizing information input and a venue inspection application, Shanghai Customs updated its big data management platform for cross-border trade, which has made its monitoring work more digital, intelligent and facilitated.

Besides, Shanghai has employed the achievements of urban digital transformation in the fourth CIIE, so as to ensure

effective services with digital governance and better facilitate the participants with digital application scenarios.

At present, health information of the participants in the fourth CIIE, including their health codes, nucleic acid test results, and vaccination conditions, is being uploaded times a day by the municipal big data center of Shanghai, and such information acts as a determinant for the participants' access permissions. When they go through check points at the venues of the event, their temperature, security check, and verification information will be automatically recorded.

Apart from that, a special service is now available on the public service platform of Shanghai, through which the participants and visitors can inquire about everything about the event, from exhibitors to venues, and from activities to online exhibitions.

The fourth CIIE will fully support the use of digital yuan at its venues, so as to offer a one-stop consumption experience of the digital currency. To build a multi-dimensional financial support system, the Export-Import Bank of China has specifically tailored a service plan for the fourth CIIE that offers over 30 financial products.

Greenland Global Commodity Trading Hub, as a permanent trading and exhibition platform of the CIIE, introduced another 17 country pavilions last month. Over 800 exhibits of the fourth CIIE were put on the shelf in advance. **People's Daily**

WHO warns of shortage of 1-2b COVID-19 vaccine syringes

BERLIN / LONDON / COPENHAGEN

THERE could be a shortage of one to two billion syringes needed to administer COVID-19 vaccinations in 2022 which could also impact routine immunizations and undermine needle safety, the World Health Organization warned on Tuesday.

National health authorities should plan their needs well in advance to avoid the "hoarding, panic buying and type of situation" seen early in the pandemic with the

lack of personal protective equipment, WHO expert Lisa Hedman said.

"We could have a global shortage of immunization syringes that could in turn lead to serious problems such as slowing down immunization efforts as well as safety concerns," she told a UN briefing.

A shortage could lead to delays in routine vaccinations, particularly for children, and other health services, and it could also encourage the unsafe reusing

of syringes and needles, particularly in poorer countries, Hedman added.

About 6.8 billion COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered globally, almost double the number of routine vaccines, Hedman said, compared to total manufacturing capacity of about 6 billion immunization syringes a year.

That means the world could face a shortage of up to two billion syringes next year, unless more factories are shifted to producing the

right kind of device for shots, Hedman said.

"If we shift capacity from one type of syringe to another or attempt to expand capacity for specialized immunization syringes, it takes time and investment," she said.

In this file photo taken on Oct 19, 2021, a doctor examines a patient at the COVID-19 unit of a hospital in Kjustendil, Bulgaria. (NIKOLAY DOYCHINOV / AFP)

Bulgaria reported a record

number of daily coronavirus deaths on Tuesday as the European Union's least vaccinated country grapples with a fourth wave of the pandemic, official data showed on Tuesday.

New infections were 5,286, down from a peak in late October, while 334 people died of the virus, the highest daily death toll since the start of the pandemic.

Over 8,500 people were in hospital, including 734 in intensive care units, the data showed.

The Balkan country introduced a health pass entry to most indoor spaces last month in an effort to contain the spread of the infection and speed up vaccinations in the country, where only 30 percent of the adults are fully inoculated.

Over 250,000 people have taken at least one dose since the health pass was made mandatory on Oct 21, data showed.

Many Bulgarians remain vaccine sceptical amid entrenched mistrust in state

institutions, misinformation and contradictory messages by politicians and experts ahead of a third parliamentary election this year on Nov 14.

In this file photo taken on March 23, 2020, a sign reading "No visitors allowed" hangs at the main entrance of the Copenhagen's University research lab where researchers work on a vaccine against the COVID-19 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Eden Twins Foundation Chairperson, Diana Joy Mbena. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

Dar to host Twins Day celebrations

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

A variety of entertainments, including dance music and the new generation music, is expected to adorn the launch of the Twins Day celebrations, which will be held at Kijitonyama in Dar es Salaam today.

The festival is organized by a non-governmental organization Eden Twins Foundation, with the aim of mobilizing the community to recognize the barriers that families with twins experience.

The organization's chairperson, Diana Joy Mbena, said she had invited some entertainment groups, including dance music bands and new generation music artists, to get the festival underway.

"Kinondoni Municipal Mayor, Songoro Mnyonge, is looking forward to being the official guest at our festival which will be adorned with a variety of dance entertainment and new generation music," Diana disclosed.

She explained that apart from the

mayor, she has invited various stakeholders involved in child care from all parts of Dar es Salaam, who will have the opportunity to give a presentation at the festival.

"The aim of our festival is to inspire the community to recognize the barriers that families with twins face so that we can work together to overcome them," Diana revealed.

The chairperson said that most families with twins are those with limited economic capacity, a situation that causes them to be unable to provide basic medical care, nutrition and even clothing.

She said it was this environment that prompted the establishment of the Eden Twins Foundation, with the aim of sensitizing the community to recognize the barriers, so that at the end of the day they can be addressed.

"My call to Tanzanians is to show up in large numbers at the TTCL Kijitonyama grounds on November 11 to witness the festival while enjoying a variety of entertainment," the chairperson said.

People magazine names Paul Rudd as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive

LOS ANGELES

PAUL Rudd has been crowned as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine.

Rudd, known for his starring roles in Marvel's "Ant-Man" films, "This is 40" and "Clueless," was revealed as this year's winner Tuesday night on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

The actor tells the magazine in an issue out Friday that some will be surprised by him receiving the honor.

"I do have an awareness, enough to know that when people hear that I'd be picked for this, they would say, 'What?'" he said. "This is not false humility. There are so many people that should get this before me."

But of course, Rudd won't turn down the honor. He jokingly hopes the new title will grant him an invitation to "those sexy dinners" with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Michael B. Jordan – all recent winners.

Other past honorees include John Legend, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Hemsworth, Idris Elba, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and David Beckham.

"I figure I'll be on a lot more yachts," Rudd said. "I'm excited to expand my yachting life. And I'll probably try to get better at brooding in really soft light. I like to ponder. I think this is going to help me become more inward and mysterious. And I'm looking forward to that."

Rudd's first major breakout

performance came in the 1995 "Clueless," a cult classic starring Alicia Silverstone. He also made his mark in several comedies such as the "Anchorman" films, "The 40 Year Old Virgin" and "This is 40," a spin-off from the comedy "Knocked Up."

The actor reached superstar status in a slew of Marvel superhero films including "Ant-Man," "Ant-Man and the Wasp," "Captain America: Civil War" and "Avengers: Endgame." He'll star in the upcoming "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" and appear alongside Will Ferrell in the new Apple TV+ series "The Shrink Next Door," which premieres Nov. 12.

Rudd, 52, said his wife was initially "stupefied" after he told her the news. The couple has two kids, 17-year-old Jack and Darby, who is 12.

"But you know she was very sweet about it," he said of his wife, Julie, of 18 years. "After some giggling and shock, she said, 'Oh, they got it right.' And that was very sweet. She was probably not telling the truth, but what's she going to say?" Rudd expects his circle of friends to give him "so much grief." He won't blame them, because he would do the same.

"I mean, I'm going to lean into it hard. I'm going to own this," he said. "I'm not going to try to be like 'Oh, I'm so modest.' I'm getting business cards made. But all of my friends will destroy me, and I expect them to, and that's why they're my friends."

AP

NBC Premier League witnesses increase in red cards

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE NBC Premier League is on the international break for two weeks for the International Football Association (FIFA) calendar but the biggest surprise in the league is how many players continue to receive red cards.

So far eight players have been shown a red card while the league is in the fifth round, a trend which indicates that this season could set a record for most red cards for players.

Last season until the end of the Mainland Premier League, so far 21 red cards were shown to footballers, but this season the worst signs have begun to appear earlier.

Many soccer fanatics question whether it is either the harshness of the referees, who fail to be patient, or the players deserve the punishment due to the careless mistakes they make on the field?

So far, Simba SC has been the most feared team in the top flight as it has resulted in four red cards for the players of the opposing teams, whereas the Msimbazi Street-based squad received one.

Forward Anury Jabir of Dodoma Jiji FC was the first to taste the bitterness of Simba after being shown a red card in a game between the two teams held at the Jamhuri Stadium, Dodoma on October 17.

The defender received the card after fouling Simba midfielder Benard Morrison in the penalty area in a game played on October 27, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium Dar es Salaam.

The card, issued in the 90th minute, also resulted in a penalty for Simba, which was well taken by midfielder Rally Bwalya and gave his team three points.

Coastal Union forward, Benedictor Mwamlangala, is another player who received a red card in



Mtibwa Sugar forward, Kelvin Sabato (R), races past Prisons' midfielder, Dotto Shaban, as the squads faced off in a recent 2021/22 NBC Premier League tie in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

the match against Simba. The goal getter was dismissed for a second bookable offense, given he carelessly hit the ball away in the 74th minute in what was perceived as an effort to waste time.

Realizing that he had a yellow card, Benedictor delayed the ball by hitting it out when Simba defender, Henock Inonga, had already set out to take free kick.

But in the same game, Simba was not spared, as in the 90th minute, Inonga looked to have headbutted midfielder Issa Abushehe of Coastal Union, an incident that resulted in Inonga being shown a straight red card.

On November 3, midfielder Abdulaziz Makame of Namungo FC also found himself getting into a red card offense while playing against Simba.

The former Yanga midfielder found himself costing his teammates after his 51st minute dangerous foul on Simba fullback Shomari Kapombe ended in Abdulaziz getting marching orders.

The midfielder, who played poorly for most of the game, found himself costing his team that was ultimately 1-0 down thereafter, with the goal netted by Meddie Kagere.

Other players who have been shown red cards in the NBC Premier League so far are Joseph Majagi of Mbeya Kwanza FC who was shown a card in the game against Dodoma Jiji FC held on October 17 at Sokoine Stadium Mbeya, after knocking down Agustino Nsata in the penalty area while competing for the ball.

Defender Ismail Gambo of KMC FC has also entered the book of those who received red cards earlier this season after receiving a card in the game against Coastal Union on October 4, while

Ruvu Shooting defender, Santos Mazengo, also received a red card on November 2 after pushing Yanga's Fiston Mayele when the latter on his way to score a goal.

Former referee, Othman Kazi, said this season the cards will be shown in larger numbers due to the intense competition for the participating teams as the players have appeared to be out to showcase spirited performance.

"First of all the money dished out by Azam Media has caused many teams to fight hard on the field and that is why you see even the goals have not been scored in large numbers."

"These recurring card are a proof of the way players play zealously seeking to cash in on huge amount of money invested in the league this season."

"But the biggest thing is not knowing the rules for the footballers, as many of the rules are difficult for them. You can make a mistake and not know the consequences, so the players must know the rules of football so that they know the consequences of the mistakes they make on the field," Kazi revealed.

Regina lifts International Film Festival prize



Tanzanian singer-songwriter, actress and fashion designer, Regina Kihwele, alias 'Gynah', poses with a prize she was presented with in Lake International Pan African Film Festival (LIPFF) Awards, which were held in Nairobi. She was voted as the Best Actress. PHOTO: COURTESY OF REGINA KIHWELE

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIAN actress, Regina Kihwele, emerged victorious in the Lake International Pan African Film Festival (LIPFF) Awards which took place in Nairobi Kenya recently.

Tabasamu PR Consultancy, Account Manager, Natasha Kokutangilira, told The Guardian mid this week that the award was presented to Regina, alias 'Gynah', by the Founder and Director of Youth Film Platform (YFP), Rachel Wainaina.

'Gynah', who is as well a singer/song-writer, and fashion designer, was the only female actress from Tanzania, who was nominated to take part in the Best Actress category, which was organized by Lake International Pan African Film Festival.

She was voted as Best Actress among five actresses, who were competing for the category's prize in the festival.

The event was held at Prestige Cinema, Ngong' Road in Nairobi involving film industry members from South

Africa, Cameroon, Uganda, Morocco, and Tanzania.

The awards are a bridge to promote Tanzanian film industry and tourism through the young actresses who won the award.

Regina, as an artist and mental health advocate, believes that film is an easier way to spread mental health awareness to the Tanzanian community.

She also sees herself as an inspiration to aspiring actresses and being a part of the movement is a stepping stone to

achieving her dream to produce edutainment films from Tanzania.

'Gynah' lifted the prize via her film, titled 'Mulasi', which is a 'Gogo' word for friend, which also means 'Rafiki' in Swahili.

'Gogo' is the tribe from the Tanzanian capital city Dodoma. 'Mulasi' (My friend) is a film about a woman (Sechelela) who is going through clinical depression and struggles to deal with her family and work.

Her friends act as a shoulder to lean on as they embarked on a tour

of Dodoma.

The film was directed by an award-winning director and producer, Honeymoon Aljabri, that was born and raised in Dodoma, Tanzania.

She felt the set would be great to promote local tourism especially the beautiful central Tanzania which is yet to be explored. Honeymoon told the story in Swahili to promote the language and Tanzanian culture.

In order to connect to the Tanzanian and international audience she chose to speak about mental illness, the one thing people tend to ignore.

Regina is a multi-talented actress who played the leading role of 'Sechelela' in the film.

'Sechelela' is a strong character that carries the load of most Tanzanian women in marriages, which see the women hide their pain.

Tanzania was also among the category of Best Actor represented by Cojack Chilo-Nyara the kidnapping (Tanzania) who was contesting for the prize against contenders from Ghana, Uganda, Kenya and South Africa.

The award went to Rushabiro Raymond-Stain from Uganda, while Best Feature Film, Nyara the kidnapping - Tanzania came up against three nominees from Kenya and two from Uganda, the award went to film, titled 'Mission To Rescue', from Kenya.



Brazil, Argentina eye Qatar World Cup qualification

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL host Colombia in Sao Paulo today knowing victory will book their ticket to Qatar with six World Cup qualifiers to spare following a near perfect record so far.

Even a draw for the Seleccion would be enough if Uruguay lose at home to Argentina on Friday, and Brazilian media have reported that coach Tite is already planning to head to the Arab Cup in Qatar next month to check out World Cup venues and facilities.

Publically, though, Tite is not getting ahead of himself with a trip to face arch rivals Argentina in San Juan on the horizon next week.

"We have two important matches against two teams that, for me, are of the highest level," said Tite.

"A good performance and a good result against Colombia will provide us with a good preparation for Argentina."

Tite caused a surprise by recalling Barcelona's Philippe Coutinho to his squad after more than a year out, largely due to a nine-month absence with a knee injury that required three surgeries.

"It feels like it did the first time, that's how I see it every time I'm in the squad. It's an honor to wear this jersey," said Coutinho, who has struggled for playing time this season at his club.

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Salah has two goals as African World Cup qualifying intensifies

CAIRO

LIVERPOOL marksman Mo Salah leads Egypt against Angola this weekend with the clear objective of ending his scoring drought to help lift his nation into the final stage of Africa World Cup qualifying.

Qualifying for the 2022 tournament in Qatar intensifies on the continent with the last two group rounds, with victory in Luanda moving Egypt into the next stage as Group F winners.

The two-time African Footballer of the Year wants to get back on the goal trail in Angola having failed to find the net in his last three appearances for the Merseysiders.

Before his mini-slump, Salah had scored in 10 consecutive matches in all competitions for Liverpool.

Victory will take Salah and his team into the final qualifying phase to decide which five countries represent Africa in Qatar next year.

Here, AFP Sport highlights matchdays 5 and 6, which run from today through Tuesday, with 21 nations chasing eight final-round places, 17 out of contention and Senegal and Morocco already through.

GROUP A

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Riyad Mahrez-captained African champions Algeria and Burkina Faso are heading for a final round showdown on a Blida pitch publicly criticised by both teams as unsuitable for international football.

While Algeria can pick nine starters from the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations final against Senegal, Burkina Faso will lack leading scorer Abdou Traore and Aston Villa forward Bertrand Traore due to injuries.

GROUP B

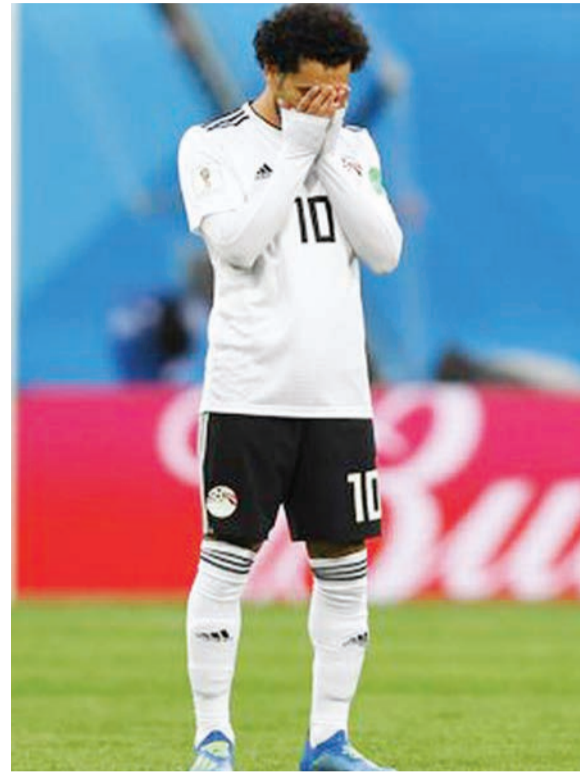
Victory for Tunisia away to closest challengers Equatorial Guinea will clinch first place with a match to spare, and Wahbi Khazri is a potential match-winner for the Carthage Eagles.

He scored a 68-metre goal recently in the French Ligue 1 and has notched three in four World Cup qualifiers, including the last in a 3-0 home win over the Equatoguineans.

GROUP C

Nigeria recovered swiftly from a stunning home defeat by the Central African Republic and will take an unassailable lead if they defeat Liberia in matchday 5 and Cape Verde fail to secure maximum points.

The Super Eagles have recalled former Manchester United forward



Mo Salah

Odion Ighalo and Premier League midfielders Wilfried Ndidi and Alex Iwobi have overcome injuries that sidelined them last month.

GROUP D

Matchday 5 wins for leaders the Ivory Coast at home to Mozambique and Cameroon away to Malawi will leave one point separating them heading into a final round showdown in Yaounde.

Ivory Coast will miss unavailable Crystal Palace winger Wilfried Zaha while Cameroon have

called up Ajax Amsterdam goalkeeper Andre Onana, who has completed a lengthy ban for a doping violation.

GROUP E

Mali appear the strongest of the African challengers who have never qualified for the World Cup and hold a two-point advantage over Uganda in a section where Kenya have fared dismally.

A Malian Eagles squad including Southampton winger Moussa Djenepo will seal top spot with a match to spare if

they win in Rwanda and Uganda fail to secure maximum points when they host Kenya.

GROUP F

Former Real Madrid manager and twice Manchester United assistant Carlos Queiroz has had an immediate impact on Egypt since replacing sacked Hossam el Badry after matchday 2.

Home and away victories over Libya gave the record seven-time African champions a four-point advantage and even if they lose in Angola, a win over Gabon in Alexandria will ensure progress.

GROUP G

A groin injury could prevent Arsenal midfielder Thomas Partey playing for Ghana against Ethiopia, but he is a likely starter in a probable group decider at home to leaders South Africa.

South Africa forward Victor Letsoalo, who has impressed for newcomers Royal AM in the domestic league, misses the home match against Zimbabwe through suspension.

GROUP H

Only pride is at stake in a group where Senegal boast a perfect four-match record and clinched first place last

month by winning away to Namibia through a Farama Diedhiou hat-trick.

Senegal have a powerful 'spine' of goalkeeper Edouard Mendy, centre-back Kalidou Koulibaly, midfielder Idrissa Gueye and forward Sadio Mane and are expected to qualify for Qatar.

GROUP I

Morocco have also secured a final-round place, helped by playing away matches against Guinea and Guinea-Bissau at home because of a Conakry coup and a Bissau stadium not up to international standards.

Bottom team Sudan are another country without a suitable venue for World Cup qualifying so they must tackle the Vahid Halilhodzic-coached Moroccans in Rabat.

GROUP J

The most intriguing section with co-leaders Benin and Tanzania, top seeds the Democratic Republic of Congo and surprise 2019 Cup of Nations quarter-finalists Madagascar all capable of finishing first.

Madagascar may be four points behind the pacesetters, but will snatch top spot if they defeat Benin and Tanzania and DR Congo draw their two fixtures.

AFP

Spain and Italy face decisive dates in World Cup qualifying

LONDON

THE first stage of European qualifying for next year's World Cup concludes over the next week with Portugal, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands among the nations facing crucial games in the quest to make it to Qatar.

The 10 group winners will secure qualification for football's global showpiece which kicks off on November 21, 2022. The 10 runners-up will get another chance to qualify in play-offs next March.

AFP Sport looks at what's up for grabs in the remaining group games:

- Spain have all to play for -

Spain showed on their runs to the Euro 2020 semi-finals and the Nations League final that they are again a force to be reckoned with. However, the 2010 world champions still have work to do to secure their place in Qatar from qualifying Group B.

Luis Enrique's side sit second, two points behind leaders Sweden. They head to Athens on Thursday to play Greece, who held them to a 1-1 draw at home in March. Failure to win this time would give Sweden the chance to clinch top spot with victory in Georgia.

Otherwise the group will be decided when Spain host Sweden -- including a 40-year-old Zlatan Ibrahimovic -- in Seville on Sunday.

- Italy, Dutch back on big stage? -

European champions Italy, who failed to qualify in 2018, are not there yet either. With



Italy and Spain met in the semi-finals of the UEFA Nations League last month (AFP)

two games left in Group C they are locked on 14 points with Switzerland, and the sides clash on Friday in Rome, five months after Italy won 3-0 there when the teams met in Euro 2020's opening game.

Whoever wins will be left requiring just a point in their final qualifier, with the Azzurri going to Northern Ireland on Monday while the Swiss host Bulgaria.

"We mustn't think that we have everything to lose," said coach Roberto Mancini. "We know what we are capable of, and if we play our game I think we will perform well. And we will have fun."

The Netherlands are tantalisingly close to returning to the World Cup after also missing out in 2018. Louis van Gaal's side are two points

clear of Norway atop Group G with a superior goal difference to that of the Norwegians or third-placed Turkey.

That effectively means a draw in Montenegro on Saturday should not damage them, as long as

they then avoid defeat against Norway -- who are without injured forward Erling Haaland -- in Rotterdam.

The battle between Russia and 2018 World Cup runners-up Croatia in Group H is tight, with

the Russians currently two points ahead before hosting Cyprus on Thursday.

As long as Croatia don't slip up in Malta, they can claim top spot when they host Russia in Split on Sunday.

- England, France almost there -

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal are currently second in Group A, a point behind Serbia. However, they have a game in hand in the Republic of Ireland on Thursday and a better goal difference. Whatever happens there, the group will be decided when Portugal host Serbia in Lisbon on Sunday.

Reigning world champions France can clinch qualification by beating Kazakhstan in Paris on Saturday. Even a draw would be enough provided Finland fail to win earlier, but otherwise Les Bleus -- without the injured Paul Pogba -- can wrap up their spot in Qatar when they travel to Helsinki on Tuesday.

England are three points ahead of Poland in Group I, so the Euro 2020 runners-up will qualify by taking at least four points from games at home to Albania and away in San Marino.

Belgium will win Group E by defeating Estonia in Brussels on Saturday, while an unlikely loss could set up a group decider in Wales.

- Already qualified -

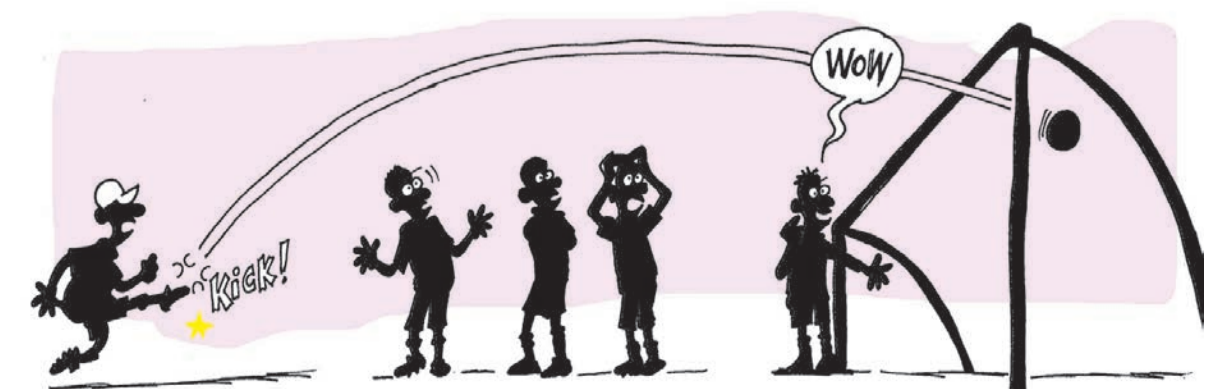
Four-time world champions Germany have already secured their place at the finals from Group J. Five members of their squad were forced into quarantine on Tuesday after one player tested positive for Covid-19.

Behind them, Romania, North Macedonia, Armenia and Iceland can all still take the play-off place.

Denmark have romped to qualification from Group F. Scotland need three more points from games in Moldova and at home to Denmark to take the play-off place.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Melis Medo

Coastal Union satisfied with head coach performance

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union's management says it is happy with the performance showcased by the club's head coach, Melis Medo, in the outfit's five fixtures played home and away since this season's NBC Premier League kicked off mid-September.

The Tanga-based side, alias 'Wagosi wa Kaya', is preparing to travel to Moshi, Kilimanjaro to confront Polisi Tanzania in a 2020/21 NBC Premier League tie at Ushirika Stadium on November 19.

Coastal Union which has collected four points after notching a draw in four games and losing one, opened the domestic top-flight campaign with a 1-1 draw with Azam FC at the former's home turf, Mkwakwani Stadium.

Coastal Union's Competition and Motivation Committee secretary, Salim Bawazir, told The Guardian through the phone that the squad's performance has met its plans, with the exception of a few errors which the head coach promised to address.

"We are satisfied with the team's head coach's performance as well as players, they are playing at required standard except for some errors shown by forwards and midfielders," he said.

He added: "Head coach, technical bench, and players should be congratulated because, in all five ties, Coastal Union locked horns with highly respected outfits that ended the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League in good positions."

Coastal Union, in some of the first five ties, came up against defending champions Simba at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, the clash ended with the clubs sharing the spoils with a 0-0 draw.

In the match against Ruvu Shooting which took place at Mabatini Stadium in Mlandizi, Coast Region, Coastal Union conceded 1-0 defeat.

Coastal Union went on to settle for 0-0 draw with Tanzania Prisons at Mkwakwani Stadium.

In the previous domestic top flight, Coastal Union was among two teams that maintained their place in the league, following victory in promotion/relegation playoffs.

The Tanga squad beat Championship club, Mwanza's Pamba FC, in playoffs which took place at Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza and Mkwakwani Stadium.

Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar too got hold of its position in the domestic top flight, seeing off Championship squad, Dar es Salaam's Transit Camp FC.

Taifa Stars confronts DR Congo in crunch World Cup qualifiers' match



Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports' Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas (L), speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday about Taifa Stars' participation in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers' fixture against DR Congo, to be held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today. Others are (L-R) Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports' Director of Sports Development, Yusuf Singo, and popular football stakeholder, Azim Dewji. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' is out to inch closer to making it to the African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup's final round, coming up against DR Congo in the qualifiers' second round duel in Dar es Salaam today.

The two teams need a victory in African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup's Group J clash to stay within reach of qualification for the final round.

The hosts are lately leading the rest of the pack in Group J after posting a victory in two outings, settling for a draw in one fixture, and conceding a loss in one.

They had opened their campaign with a 1-1 draw with DR Congo at the latter's backyard in Lubumbashi on September 2.

Forward Dieumerici Mbokani netted the opener for DR Congo on the 23rd minute, beating Taifa Stars' shot-stopper, Aishi Manula, from close range once he was picked by the fellow striker, Cédric Bakambu, from the left side.

Taifa Stars forward, Simon Msuva, helped his team level matters on the 36th minute with an equally well-taken equalizer, beating DR Congo shot-stopper, Joël Kiassumbuna, from outside the area.

The Tanzania side thereafter edged Madagascar 3-2 in Dar es Salaam on September 7, the third tie ended with

Taifa Stars losing 1-0 at home to Benin on October 7, winger Steve Mounié netted the visitors' winner.

Taifa Star against all odds cruised to a crucial 1-0 victory over Benin at the latter's turf in Cotonou on October 10 to get back in the hunt for progression to the next round.

Msuva turned out to be the visitors' hero, netting the all-important goal in the sixth minute.

The striker, who as well features for Morocco's Wydad Casablanca, collected a throw in from the right-wing, beat two Benin defenders, and connected home.

Benin, sitting second with seven points, is as well in action given it entertains Madagascar at Stade de

l'Amitié later this evening.

Third-placed DR Congo has come out victorious once, settled for a draw in two fixtures, and lost one fixture, followed by bottom-placed Madagascar which has notched one win and suffered a loss in the rest of the matches.

Taifa Stars had featured in drills in the city this week under head coach, Kim Poulsen, gearing up for today's tie.

The African section of the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification acts as qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, to be held in Qatar, for national teams which are members of the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

A total of five slots in the final tournament are available for CAF teams.

A previous proposal to merge the qualification rounds for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations with those for the World Cup was turned down after a CAF meeting on June 11, 2018.

CAF reverted to the format used for the 2014 FIFA World Cup qualification competition.

In the first round, 28 teams (ranked 27-54) played home-and-away over two legs. The 14 winners advanced to the second round.

In the second round, 40 teams (ranked 1-26 and 14 first-round winners) will be divided into 10 groups of four teams to play home-and-away round-robin matches. The 10 group winners advance to the third round.

The third round will see the 10 second-round group winners play home-and-away over two legs. The five winners qualify for the World Cup.

CRDB Bank Taifa Cup tournament rages on in Dodoma

By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's national basketball tournament, known as the 'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup', which takes place at Chingali courts in Dodoma, has drawn closer to the quarterfinals.

Unguja and Dar es Salaam have become favourites for progression to the last eight of the men's category, as the sides ended in the top two spots in groups A and B respectively.

CRDB Youth and Arusha that led the rest of the pack in groups C and D respectively are equally the teams that have cruised to the knockout stage, as disclosed by Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) Technical Director, Hal-luya Kavalambi.

Dar es Salaam, alias 'Dream Team', the last year's men's category finalists, are seemingly determined to restore their lost glory by clinching this year's title.

The Group B leaders completed their group stage campaign impressively after winning all of their four games to bag eight points.

Dar es Salaam booked their progression to the knockout round, clobbering Shinyanga 111-67 in the fixture played on Tuesday night in court A.

The tie's eventual winners dominated most of the game with Enrico Agustino scoring 20 points for them followed by Jackson Brown who slotted in 17 points.

Shinyanga's Marwa Charles emerged as the lead scorer of the game for the Lake Zone competitors that finished their group campaign with six points and are likely going to battle for the ticket to the quarter-finals.

The knockout stage's fixtures have been slated for tomorrow, they will start with the qualifier stage which will comprise second and third-placed squads in all four groups seeking progression to the quarterfinals.



Unguja women basketball squad's Sabrina Abdallah (R) negotiates her way past Jessica Lenga of Dodoma when the squads locked horns in this season's National Basketball Tournament, known as 'CRDB Taifa Cup' at Chingali courts in Dodoma on Tuesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Unguja has also made it to the quarterfinals after beating Rukwa 70-49 in an early game held early yesterday morning to finish at the top of Group A with eight points after winning their four group fixtures.

Eight men's teams from the four groups of five teams each will play in the qualifiers stage to seek four plac-

es left for a place in the quarterfinals of this year's CRDB Bank Taifa Cup.

According to Kavalambi, competitors in the qualifiers, seeking to make it to the quarterfinals, are Mtwara, Mwanza, Coast Region, and Kigoma. Mtwara and Mwanza finished in second and third positions respectively in Group A.

Mwanza beat Kilimanjaro 81-62 to book the playoffs progression while sending Kilimanjaro packing whereas Kigoma outshone Pemba 64-49 to go to qualifiers with Pemba exiting the showpiece.

Coast Region and Kigoma took the same positions respectively in Group B and in the qualifiers, which are today, Mtwara will face Kigoma in search of a place in the quarterfinals while Coast Region will confront Mwanza in another game.

In women's discipline Coast Region has cruised to the knockout stage as the team registered three wins in Group C to notch six points which put them at the top of the group which comprises four teams.

Coast Region Queens ended their group stage battle on Tuesday evening by defeating Tanga Ladies 58-48 in a thrilling game as both sides were targeting for victory, which would have made certain of their place in the last eight.

Following the defeat, Tanga Ladies and Mbeya with four and five points respectively will now play in the qualifier stage to seek for quarterfinal ticket while Singida, languishing at the bottom of the group with three points brought about by conceding loss in all ties, has exited the showpiece.

In Group B, which comprises Dar Queens, CRDB Youth, Arusha, and Mwanza, either Dar Queens or CRDB Youth will make it to the quarterfinals while Arusha and Mwanza will play the qualifier stage to seek a ticket into the last eight.

The quarterfinals will be played this weekend while the semi-finals will take place on November 13 and the finals will be on November 14 whereby Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa is expected to be the guest of honour.

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