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By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

MESHA Singolyo, who in 2022 scooped the national highest prize for her painstaking efforts in fighting regressive Maasai practices of 'matrimonial slavery', has been appointed country director for the Global Fund for Widows.

GFW, an international nonprofit organisation based in the United States is dedicated to empowering widows and female heads of households to overcome poverty through achieving financial stability, self-sufficiency

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses a rally at Sagara village yesterday shortly after arriving in Singida Region for a three-day working visit. Photo: State House.

Samia opens two schools, glad at bigger classrooms

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has inaugurated Imbele primary and Mwanamema secondary schools in Singida Region, representing 302 schools built countrywide to boost teaching and learning in elementary schools.

She addressed a rally in Singida municipality after inaugurating the two schools costing a total of 230m/-, where she outlined government efforts to improve the learning environment by having fewer pupils in classrooms.

The finance came from the \$500m 'BOOST' project, elaborated as primary school learning

program for results (PF4R) approved by the World Bank board of directors back in 2021 to make Tanzania primary schools safer, more inclusive and child friendly.

It was also designed to enhance teachers' subject content knowledge and pedagogical competencies, strengthening education financing to boost education by

improved learning preparation of children from elementary to higher education.

The BOOST or PR4R project was conceived alongside the secondary education quality improvement project (SEQUIP), with

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Take caution over fake news, China tells African journalists

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By Francis Kajubi, Beijing

A TOP Chinese information executive has asked African journalists to take caution on fake news and make an effort to give space to seek accurate information from reliable sources given the current global environment.

Sun Yeli, the Communist Party of China (CPC) central committee deputy director of the Publicity Department and director of the State Council Information Office, made this remark in addressing journalists at the launch of the 2023 Belt and Road Journalists Forum here at the weekend.

He said that news is an established business and everyone wants to get into it even non-professionals, occasioning the spread of fake news far removed from global joint efforts of strengthening culture exchange,

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Tanzania roots for Kiswahili at IMF, World Bank meetings

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

TANZANIA has asked the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to make Kiswahili one of the languages of communication during its meetings due to the growth of the language and its wide use at regional and international meetings.

Dr Saada Mkuya Salum, the Finance and Planning state minister in the Zanzibar President's Office

issued this request yesterday at the 26th meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors from the first group of African countries.

Standing in for Finance minister. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, she said that it is now the right time to include Kiswahili in discussions of the Bretton Woods institutions governing board and executive committee meetings as "many of its member countries in sub-Saharan Africa speak the language."

Underlining that approximately 200 million people speak Kiswahili in the world," she said that the request is submitted as part of the Tanzanian government's effort to make Kiswahili join other official languages used at such meetings.

The request will be also be discussed during the 27th meeting of the first group during the IMF and World Bank spring meetings next April in Washington D.C.

During the weekend meeting, the first group delegates asked

the World Bank to provide funds to deal with the effects of climate change by facilitating carbon trading. This will support budgets of member countries and increase levels of low interest loans and to developing countries for various development projects, they said.

They also referred to the need for post-conflict development financing as in post-war Europe, arguing that African countries be supplied with funds when there are "problems of armed conflict."



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and accountability across the developing world.

It said in an online statement that Singolyo (37), who holds a BA Education qualification from the University of Arusha and is currently studying for an MA in project management from the Open University of Tanzania (OUT), was appointed to serve at the global widow rights defender organisation, starting on her duties right away.

The global NGO was founded by Heather Ibrahim-Leathers, an advocate for the rights of widows and child widows at the United Nations, who makes regular presentations at the Human Rights Council in Geneva and at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

GFW has footprints in Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, Egypt and Cameroon, with Singolyo now serving as country director, with the statement wishing her well "for her well-earned promotion."

She will supervise GFW operations, fostering widows' rights, representing the organisation in policy dialogues and in relations with the public authorities plus other stakeholders.

Mesha, a dedicated women's rights activist in matters of gender-based violence within the Maasai pastoral community, was born and raised among the Sonjo community in Ngorongoro district, Arusha Region.

"I've received this appointment with humility," she said in an acceptance statement, noting that the work ahead is to address historical injustices for widows in Tanzania to give them a new hope and create social equity.

She expressed gratitude to managers of the stoves and solar project named the International Collaborative for Science Education and

Environment (ICSEE), linking US and local environmental activists.

Dubbed 'master stoves,' the ICSEE project in which Mesha worked as a consultant, focuses on improving livelihoods of the Maasai community and its environment. The Sonjo minority group who live along with the Maasai community, does not exceed 30,000 on the basis of census conducted in the past two decades.

Like the Hadzabe ethnic group, a surviving unit of ancient hunter-gatherers, the Sonjo community basically survives on what nature provides, particularly wild fruits, honey, wild meat and make use of settled land for crops.

During the past decade, Mesha has reached out to an estimated 1,050 women in Arusha Region and with her new post she has the chance for touching more targeted groups and individuals, observers say.

A civil servant, she has served in various dockets as a district youth development officer, education officer, community development officer and a Torch Race coordinator for Monduli District in the region.

GFW says widows in the developing world suffer violations of their rights, by disinheritance, discrimination and harmful practices.

"Widows are still prevented from rightful inheritance, including things brought into marriage or contributed during married years," the NGO says in its mission statement.

Widows are prevented from accessing rights and government entitlements, deprived of access to justice and face social stigma, shame or taboo.

"Widows are grappling with harmful practices such as degrading and dehumanising cleansing rites and are subjected to intense sexual violence, among others," it affirms.



Africafe director Abdulhakim Mulla (C) briefs China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (R), at the Chinese Embassy in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on the firm's products. It was at a farewell event held in honour of departing members of a China International Import Expo delegation. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Ndulamo village accident death toll rises to seven

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

The number of CCM ward level leaders who died in a road accident on October 13, at Ndulamo village in Makete District, Njombe Region has reached seven.

The seventh leader, Blasia Sanga, the chairperson of CCM Women's Wing (UWT) in Lupalilo ward, has breathed her last yesterday at the Consolata Hospital Ikonda in Makete where she was receiving

treatment.

Six people who died on Friday-October 13 are Tumaini Mbilinyi-CCM secretary in Tandala ward, Heblon Mbilinyi CCM publicity secretary in Tandala, Eva Sanga-UWT secretary in Lupila ward, Linus Sanga- chairman of CCM Parents'Wing in Tandala, Spelancia Sanga-UWT secretary in Ipepo ward and Luth Sanga-UWT chair in Lupila ward.

Hundreds of mourners includ-

ing party and government leaders yesterday joined in a special service to pay last respects to the deceased.

Speaking during the funeral service, Halima Mamuya, member of the CCM National Executive Committee (NEC) expressed condolences to the family calling them and the citizens to remain united.

Njombe Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka said the government will ensure that the families

are supported in the whole period of mourning as well as medical treatment for the casualties.

Robert Kitundu, secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) said: "In order to ensure that families remain strong during this difficult time and continue to have faith in God, we have brought pastors to serve them with words of encouragement and other support."

CCM chairman for Makete dis-

tributed, Clement Ngajilo asked members of the family and general community to continue praying for God to provide his strength.

University of Iringa (UoI) chancellor, Venance Mabeyo urged residents in the district to have hope, courage and pray to God to provide them strength to endure the pains which have occurred suddenly.



Dr Saada Mkuya Salum (L), Minister of State (Finance and Planning) in the Zanzibar President's Office, heads to a session of the just-ended International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual gathering of finance ministers and central bank governors in Marrakech, Morocco, yesterday. She is with Finance ministry permanent secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

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the president asking parents countrywide to send their children to school to ensure they get education as the government was building enough elementary, primary and secondary schools.

Mohamed Mchengherwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office, said that the government has budgeted 1.15trn/- for building schools especially through BOOST and SEQUIP projects

over the past two decades.

This financial year 230bn/- has been provided to build 302 primary schools, 364 elementary schools making 2,929 classrooms and by last month 194 new schools had been built, with 2,303 classrooms.

Dr Elpidius Baganda, the regional education officer, said that in implementing BOOST projects, Form V expansion and SEQUIP, Singida Region was provided with 21.3bn/- in this financial year.

The region received 9.024bn/- from BOOST project funds for the construction 12

new primary schools, 11 having double streams and one single stream, he said.

New two-stream school were each provided with 493.4m/- for building 16 classrooms, one administrative building, 24 pit latrines and one incinerator while 318.8m/- was disbursed for the construction of nine classrooms, 16 pit latrines, one incinerator and one administrative building, he stated.

Expansion of high schools had the region receiving 3.026bn/- to expand secondary schools' facilities, he elaborated, noting that the money was

used to build 15 dormitories, 44 classrooms and 82 pit latrines in Ikungi, Iramba, Manyoni and Singida districts.

SEQUIP projects in the region took up 9.3bn/- for building of one girls school and nine ward schools, he said.

"In general, in all three projects - BOOST, Expansion of Form V/VI and SEQUIP (Phases I and II) the region received a total of 21.38bn/-; he told the gathering.

The money brought big economic changes and a learning revolution, the top educator in the region declared.

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safeguarding peace, unity and fostering win-win economic development.

Journalists should advocate people to people exchanges and cooperation, serving as a bridge between communities of different backgrounds, he said, pointing at the need to enrich collaboration among media organisations and expanding fields of cooperation.

In this pursuit, journalists should explore new ways of enhancing international media cooperation, increase people-to-people connectivity and advance the progress of human civilisations, he stated.

Civilization seeps into all aspects of life, just as a drizzle moistens everything in silence, he explained, appealing to media organisations in countries to work with others across borders and continents in a friendly, inclusive and pragmatic spirit to achieve win-win cooperation.

Through hard work media organs can help countries create a better life, extend friendships, facilitate cultural exchanges and mutual learning, embracing greater prosperity of world civilisations, he declared.

Theo forum was organised under the theme 'building a beautiful silk road, jointly promoting prosperity and development', featuring a media tour and exposures on Chinese civilization. It is an initia-

tive also meant to push for green action initiatives for harmonised existence of man and nature, the director underlined.

Sun urged that journalists across the world play their roles as professionals, pay attention to historical and cultural inheritance and conservation, fully exploring the charming histories and cultures of different nations and their values.

"We should promote development driven by innovations, and facilitate the same innovations through communication means, content creation and technical application to increase the communication effect and capacity," he said, noting that this would serve creative transition and innovative development of cultural legacies.

More than 200 agreements with upwards of 150 countries have been entered between China and the rest of the world through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) since 2013, he pointed out.

These agreements focus on financial integration, people's ties and help to uplift world peace, he affirmed, while He Ping, president member of the Belt and Road Journalists Network (BRJN) and president of All-China Journalists Association (ACJA) reminded journalists to adherence to responsibility and mission of media organizations.

That entails building up worldwide consensus, uphold social justice, enhancing understanding

and trust. "We should tell stories of friendly cooperation, common development and mutual benefit, hence win-win results among civilizations from the perspective of various cities," he elaborated.

"We should champion the shared values of peace, development, equity, democracy and freedom to build a better future for mankind," he stated.

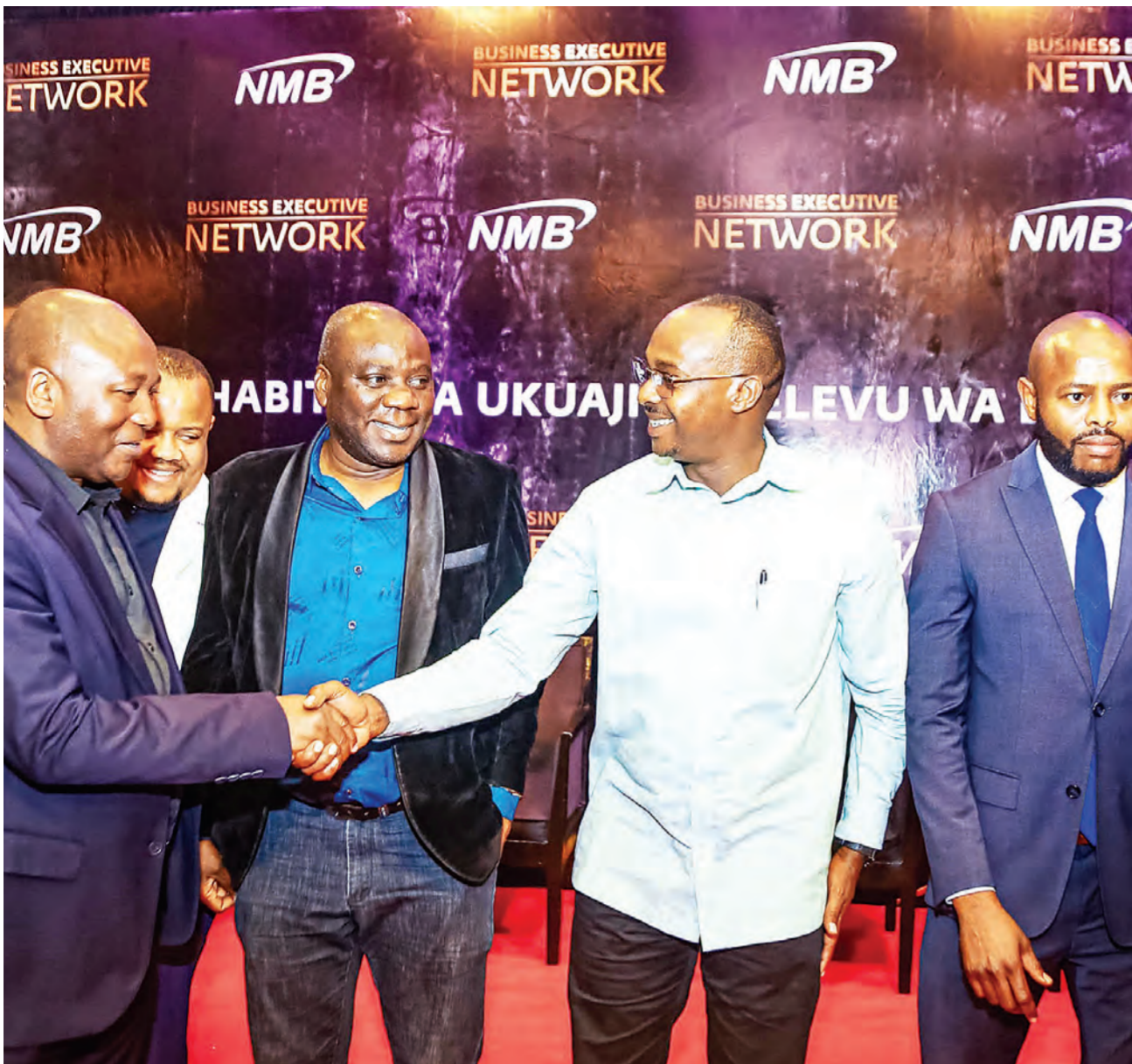
The workshop experience is likely to help participants to grow professionally and in personality, advancing their mission to help better the world through media and communications, he asserted.

About 68 journalists from Africa, Europe and Asia are in Beijing for elaborate exposure on the Belt and Road Initiative for 15 days from October 12.

Organized by the BRJN Secretariat in collaboration with the ACJA, the in-person learning sessions are hosted at the Communication University of China (CUC).

Organisers say it combines the highest standards of academic rigour with a practical understanding of conducting business amidst the media convergence trend worldwide.

In 2013, President Xi Jinping, months after coming into office, put forward the Belt and Road Journalists Forum Agenda with the purpose of promoting development and strengthening cooperation of journalists from China and the rest of the world, they added.



Ihala district commissioner Edward Mpogolo (2nd-R) bids farewell to NMB Bank's Dar es Salaam zone manager, Dismas Prosper (L), after opening NMB Business Executive Network forum in the city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SADC govts, stakeholders urged to curb TB in region

By Getrude Mbago

GOVERNMENTS and stakeholders in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have been urged to heighten collaborations and implement best approaches meant to eradicate the growing burden of Tuberculosis (TB) in the region.

Anita Kyaruzi, gender and human rights specialist at the East, Central and Southern African-Health Community (ECSA-HC) made the call in Dar es Salaam recently at the closing of a two-day regional training of key population organisations and civil society organisations (CSOs) on human rights evidence-based advocacy, policy dialogue and programming to make TB services better in their countries.

"TB remains a significant public health concern in the SADC countries, particularly among the key populations (KP) working in the mining sector, including miners, ex-miners, women in mining, artisanal and small scale miners, and communities living around mining areas as they have the highest incidence of TB globally, due to a combination of factors such as migration, poor health and safety conditions in mines, and limitations in prevention and treatment," she noted.

She said the training was part of the tuberculosis in the mining sector in southern africa, phase iii project (TIMS III) which aims

to reduce the burden of TB among these key populations by ensuring that they have access to quality TB prevention and treatment services and improved working and living conditions.

"To address this issue, there is a critical need to empower these KP organisations and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) implementing TIMS, with the knowledge and skills to engage in evidence-based advocacy, policy dialogues, and programming that uphold human rights principles," she said.

As per the 2022 World Health Organisation (WHO) global TB report, it is estimated that in the year 2021, 9.9 million persons were affected with TB, of which 56 per cent are men, 11 per cent children and 8 per cent people living with HIV.

The report also updated the list of high burden countries for TB where the SADC region contributes significantly to the global burden of TB.

She underlined deliberate multi-sectoral collaboration to eliminate TB among the people living in mining areas.

"We need to work together; the ministries of health are not going to do by themselves in the countries, so all the ministries, all the mining companies, key populations and CSOs should come up with the best plan to end TB," she emphasised.

Anita further said the training coordinated by ECSA-HC seeks to empower key populations and CSOs in SADC countries to play a more

active role in the fight against TB in the mining sector while upholding the principles of human rights.

"It is expected that the knowledge and skills gained during this training will contribute to more effective and equitable TB responses in mining communities throughout the region." She added.

Chairperson of SADC Women in Mining Association, Nametso Ntsoasa said the workshops were fruitful for her while pledging to share it with their fellow associations when she returned to Botswana.

"The knowledge which we have fetched here in the training will not benefit only us, but many other targeted groups back in our working areas," she said.

Justin Mahimbo, communication and advocacy specialist- ECSA-HC, said the project is focusing mainly in mining sectors.

He said the training brought together 35 participants representing key populations including miners, ex-miners, women in mining, representatives from communities living around mining areas, and CSOs actively involved in TB work in the mining sector, from across the participating SADC countries.

"In conclusion, the training programme seeks to empower key populations and CSOs in SADC countries to play a more active role in the fight against TB in the mining sector while upholding the principles of human rights," he said.

'Road accidents claim 1,198 lives countrywide in nine months in 2023'

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

A TOTAL of 1,198 people have died in 1,334 road accidents in a period of nine months this year, an increase of 30 accidents, or 2.5 per cent compared to the same period last year.

The statistics were given by the country's Police Road Traffic Department involving motor vehicles that had caused a big number of deaths including motorcycles that caused 339 accidents and

263 deaths.

Tanzania police head of road safety desk, ACP Michel Deleli issued the statistics at a weekend at a forum of road safety ambassadors (RSA) representing the commander of the country's road traffic department.

Deleli said the road traffic police has been facing various challenges while curbing road accidents including insufficient street cameras, few personnel and an increase of the number of motor ve-

hicles on the roads, especially motorcycles that are estimated to be more than two million plying the roads.

"There are more than two million motorbikes in the country, while the number of road traffic personnel overseeing them has remained the same," he said.

He said it was now time to change the concept of motor vehicles drivers to abide by road traffic laws and regulations without coercion, saying among issues that cost many families is road ac-

cidents.

"We like every one of us to abide by the laws, but the challenge is big because education regarding road safety should start to the person who starts to own a motor vehicle, basically this education should start from the family level.

"In 1990s deaths from road accidents were between 3,000 to 4,000 per year but the truth is that we don't like to witness these accidents.

"There have been an increase of the number of vehicles on the roads since then, at that time the population was around 40 million but now it is over 60 million, hence in fact we have reduced deaths and injuries by 50 per cent."

He said despite many challenges, the traffic police continue to provide education to the people and that in a sense, these statistics are big achievements especially in reaching out to 3,302 schools and 1,425,389 students.

"Our goal is to collaborate with stakeholders in order to reduce accidents by educating the public. We also advise the road traffic laws should be amended to benefit all stakeholders," he added.

For his part, RSA chairman said the institution aims to provide education on road safety to the public and thanked Dangote Company for sponsoring the workshop during the Road Safety Week held in Mtwara Region.



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IN LOVING MEMORY of Gosbert Stanslaus Mutagaywa



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Your darling wife- Irene, your lovely daughter- Evelyn, Sister- Rosemary, mother in-law, sisters in-law, brothers in-law, other relatives, colleagues, friends and our neighbors miss you everyday and will forever love you. Until We Meet Again.

Romans 14:8
If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.



Students of Tarime District's JK Nyerere Secondary School perform to add colour to graduation ceremony held at the school at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt: People living in El Nino-risk areas told shift

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

THE Prime Minister's Office (Parliament, Coordination and Public Service Management) has said that people living in risk areas during the expected El Nino rains will not be compensated instead they are required to move out from the areas.

The warning was given at the weekend by Prudence Constantine, Assistant Director at the Disasters Communications Centre in the PMO when addressing reporters at the international event to mitigate the effects of natural disasters.

He said there is no legal basis for anyone to live in risk areas even if they have lived there for a long time, they should move.

Constantine said they should not keep on saying they have all permits for them to live in those places, they should not expect any compensation.

The disaster expert said there is no compensation to human life and in case of disaster happening, the responsible regional committee only classify disaster hit areas but no compensation, only token payment to victims.

He further said in order to face the effects of the El Nino rains, PMO team of experts is currently in 14 regions in the country which TMA has identified to be likely hit by disasters from the reins to provide education on how to withstand the disasters.

He named the regions as including Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Kigoma, Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Coast, Morogoro Unguja South, Manyara, Pemba Unguja North.

For his part, Head of Natural Geological Disaster Unit from the geological survey of Tanzania (GST) Gabriel Mbogoni said adverse effects can be caused by natural disaster such as tsunami, hurricanes and earthquakes.

For his part, Kekilia Kabalimu, expert on forest fire disasters from Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS) said they provide education on fire disasters, saying fires are a big disaster that destroys the environment.

Kabalimu said people who prepare their farms should contact to the Land Natural Resources and Environment Committee that comprise not less than five members for permission.

Students thank North Mara Barrick Gold Mine for building school

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

STUDENTS of Julius Kambarage Nyerere secondary school in Nyamwaga Village, Tarime District have expressed thanks to Barrick North Mara Gold Mine for building the school for them.

They also thanked the mining company operating in partnership of the government through Twiga Minerals for being the school's big development stakeholder as well for its support to government's efforts to boost the country's education sector.

In cementing its partnership with the government, Barrick provided USD 40 million to build road infrastructure and USD

30 million for boosting the country's education sector. The students expressed their thanks at the weekend in their statement at the school's seventh graduation ceremony for Form IV students that was attended by various community and government leaders, including Nyamwaga Ward Councillor Mwita Marwa Magige.

They said that Barrick North Mara Gold company met the cost for building the school in 2014 and in 2017 the first Form IV graduation took place.

They added that later the school started enrolling Form V and VI students and that so far it has received Form V students four times. "Since the establishment of the school

Form IV examination passes have been increasing year after year," the students' statement said.

They also said that the school faces various challenges, the main of which is water and appealed to the government and other development stakeholders to look into the issue for addressing.

A total of 111 students (58 boys and 53 girls) are expected to sit for their Form IV national examinations in November, this year.

Meanwhile, the students, through their special stage play, called on the youth to avoid crime including invasion of the mine area, saying such acts can disrupt their life dreams as well as endangering their own lives.



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Samwel is a Fellow Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA International) and a registered tax consultant with the Tanzania Revenue Authority. He is also a member of the ACCA Member Network Panel and assists the Association as a resource person in facilitating trainings for its members. He holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from Mzumbe University Tanzania.

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TREES FOR THE FUTURE INC TANZANIA



INVITATION FOR BIDS TENDER No.2 OF 2023 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PONDS

- Trees for the future Inc (TREES Tanzania) has set aside funds for operation during the financial year 2023. TREES is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Construction of water ponds (Siuyu & Makotea villages - Ikungi district, Singida Region).

- TREES Tanzania now invites sealed bids from reputable company to construct water ponds as shown below:

No.1	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Siuyu village - IKUNGI	1 Pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total project Area=4,862.2 Sq.m Total Project Perimeter=280.2m Total volume of water to be collected = 5,900 Cu.m 	
No.2	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Makotea village-IKUNGI	1 pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total project Area=6,960.2 Sq.m Total Project Perimeter=370.9m Total volume of water to be collected = 9,700 Cum.m 	

Bidder should quote for Construction of water ponds, in each case Bidder must quote for all ponds and quantities specified in No.1. Incomplete bid will not be accepted. TREES Tanzania will evaluate the bids and award the contract to the most competitive bidder.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office TREES Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second Floor, or via email pendo.magagura@trees.org Mondays to Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:00PM except Public holidays.
- A complete set of the bidding Documents and additional sets will be offered free for interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given at paragraph 3, P.O BOX 1624 SINGIDA.
- All bids in one original plus two copies, properly filled in enclosed in plain envelopes must be properly addressed to the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second Floor, P.O BOX 1624 SINGIDA. All bids must be delivered by hand to the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania before the deadline for submission of bids.
- The deadline for the submission of bids will be on Tuesday 24th October 2023 local time at 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened in public and in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend in the conference room of the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second floor at 10:00AM local time on 24th October 2023. The outer cover must be clearly marked.

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DCEA nabs 69 for cannabis farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

THE Drug Control and Enforcement Agency (DCEA) has said it had nabbed 69 suspects involved in cannabis and khat cultivation in the period June to October, this year in various regions.

This was revealed on Saturday to reporters by DCEA Commissioner General, Aretas Lyimo after participating in the National Youth Week Festival and the apex of the National Uhuru Torch Race.

Lyimo said they are well mobilised to conduct crackdown in all areas growing the illicit drugs.

He added that in regard to the operations done already, in Arusha Region they nabbed 19 people, Kilimanjaro Region 11, Morogoro 19, Iringa 9 and Mara 11.

"The crackdown continue countrywide and we shall collaborate with officials from the village to national level to make sure illicit drugs are not grown in the country," he said.

He said they will work together with water basins authorities as the areas are where the drugs are cultivated and added that when they started the crackdown they began with industrially processed drugs including heroin and cocaine and to a great extent they managed to control the production.

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- * Performing any other duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

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Commissioner of Police Faustine Shilogille (L) presents a certificate of recognition in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to Serengeti Breweries Limited communications and sustainability manager Rispa Hatibu. It was in appreciation of the firm's efforts to make roads safer through 'Inawezekana' (literally: It can be done), a campaign meant to educate and sensitize motorists against drunk driving. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job Description

Job Title: Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Advisor
Report to: Technical Director, Breakthrough ACTION US and Director of SBC Coordination and Capacity Strengthening
Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Background:

Breakthrough ACTION is a cooperative agreement between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Program (CCP). The MNCH study aims to address empathy and compassion more intentionally within health facilities both for the benefit of providers themselves and for those they provide MNCH services to. The activity will focus on the implementation of an intervention package within a small set of private health facilities in Mwanza and evaluate whether the intervention cultivates compassion within the health system and supports health care worker wellbeing as well as measuring client satisfaction and perceived quality of care.

Job Summary:

The MNCH Advisor will coordinate project implementation of the compassionate care intervention package in close partnership with Community Partnerships for Respectful Care (CPRC). S/he will provide ongoing mentorship to the health facilities in the study to support implementation of the intervention package. S/he reports to the Technical Director of Breakthrough ACTION in the United States as well as a connection to the Director of SBC Coordination and Capacity Strengthening in Tanzania, and works closely with CPRC colleagues to implement activities and mentor staff in CPRC-supported health facilities over a 6-month period to ensure that the implementation guidance is used to continuously improve the quality of the intervention that contributes to the study outcomes. S/he will attend all relevant meetings as a representative of Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania.

Responsibilities:

- Provide mentorship and technical assistance and capacity strengthening to the MNCH compassionate care initiative that is aligned to national priorities and guidelines.
- Manage relationships with CPRC and its supported private sector faith-based health facilities that are part of the intervention.
- Represent Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania in relevant external meetings and events, which may include delivering technical presentations, networking, relationship building, and initiating and follow through with opportunities for collaboration.
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- Contribute towards reporting on activities for the Breakthrough ACTION team.
- Support results reporting to USAID by providing written documentation on MNCH activities, as appropriate.
- Maintain frequent, open, ongoing communication with program team members in all locations (offsite, in headquarters, and internationally).
- Liaise with internal and external partners.
- Adhere to JHU, CCP and donor rules, regulations, and policies.
- Upload and save deliverables on relevant knowledge management platforms.
- Assist with other activities as directed by the supervisor.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree (M.A., MHS, MPH) required. Ten years' related experience required.
- Tanzania national
- Experience working in Tanzanian health facilities, public and private.
- Oral and written fluency in English and Kiswahili

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Demonstrated experience working in partnership with host governments, international donors, and implementing partners.
- Experience working in MNCH programs.
- Experience working with SBC programs.
- Ability to work in a complex environment with multiple tasks, experience with monitoring and evaluation of health programs demonstrating a high level of responsibility.
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills.
- Excellent ability to articulate oral and written technical information clearly and effectively to both technical and non-technical audiences, and,
- Excellent past performance references

Travel Requirements:

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'Eye health services remain one of challenges facing Tanzanians'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

EYE health services remain one of the challenges facing many Tanzanians and others across the globe as it looks like a luxury in urban areas and not accessible to all, it has been observed.

Experts argue that everyone, including remote and rural communities, women and girls, people with disabilities, should have access to the services they need.

In a speech to mark the World Sight Day, the Godwin Kabalika, Country Director at Sightsavers, an international development organisation in the country, noted that globally, 1.1 billion people have an untreated or preventable visual impairment.

Sightsavers, ministry of Health and other eye health partners marked the World Sight Day by creating awareness to the people to love their eyes.

He said in Africa there were an estimated 26.3 million people have form of vision impairment, calling for eye health to be recognised as vital part of healthcare and development.

"Eye health should be equally available to everyone; no one should be disadvantaged because of where they live, their gender, health, or background," he said.

Kabalika added that the availability of eye health services and products like glasses varies across and within countries. They are often easily accessible in urban areas but less so in other places and for marginalised groups.

According to him, women account for more than half of blindness and visual impairment across the world. At the same time, compared to people without disabilities, people with disabilities are also three times less likely to get the healthcare they need.

He observed that this needs to change since when the issues are tackled,

children can learn and adults can earn, adding that eye health equals a ripple effect on the lives of individuals, families, and communities, helping nations to thrive and reducing poverty and inequality.

The director cited a new Lancet Global Health report which has found preventable and sight loss cost the global economy \$ 411 bn in the year 2020 due to lost employment.

"This figure far outweighs the estimated cost gap of addressing the unmet need of vision impairment estimated at about \$25 billion," he noted.

The impact of inclusive eye health can be seen through stories such as of one, Amina Yusuph from Kilosa in Morogoro Region who had bilateral cataract for two years but was operated under the Sightsavers and regional partnership eye care outreach programme and now she can see well.

Amina shared her experience of having blurred site for two years as dependence, she added that, a person loose freedom and privacy, everything you needs support from other person, therefore, eye services should be available for everyone in need.

Governments are working towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of United Nations (UN) goals which aim to reduce global poverty and inequality and protect the planet.

They include a target to achieve universal health coverage (UHC), ensuring everyone has access to health services. In 2021, global leaders also unanimously adopted the UN 'Vision for Everyone' resolution, which explicitly links eye health to all the SDGs.

To achieve the goals and resolution, inclusive eye health is essential. Unless it is recognised as a vital part of healthcare and development, efforts to achieve the SDGs and UHC will fail.

Indeed, the World Health Organisation

reported in September that "the world is off track to make significant progress towards universal health coverage" and that improvements to health services coverage have stagnated.

Kabalika noted that his organisation is working with the government and other partners to improve eye health services and we commend their efforts.

He argued, "But more needs to be done to ensure eye health is represented in health planning, resourcing, and funding. Including people with disabilities, women, and other marginalised groups, community outreach, and a geographically spread workforce, will help reduce disparity of access."

Sightsavers recently conducted project introduction of its Inclusive Eye Health project (Macho Yangu) in Dodoma and the representative from Dodoma Regional Referral Hospital mentioned that currently in Tanzania there are only at least 84 Ophthalmologists out of the needed 271, assistant medical officer in Ophthalmologist (AMOOs) are at least 86 out of the needed 564.

He added that as for eye health financing, the budget ranges on less than one per cent in most of the council budget. It is therefore recommended to encourage on-the-job coaching to facilitate a trickle down of learned skills among health workers and for other development partners to continue supporting the government to mitigate the shortage of eye health staff at all levels of health care delivery.

This can include continued advocacy to promote the prioritisation of hiring eye health professionals, promoting and supporting capacity advancement through eye health training, and staff retention.

'HEET project aims at helping country to increase number of science experts'

By Getrude Mbagi

THE government has said the implementation of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project is expected to help the country increase the number of science experts to stimulate economic development.

Director of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Dr Kennedy Hosea made the statement in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the launch of a special foundation programme for girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

He said the foundation programme is a special component of helping female students who fail to obtain minimum requirements for joining universities through special training at the Open University of Tanzania (OUT).

He said among other activities, HEET will also work to improve capacity on gender issues to higher learning institutions including building capacity on gender desks, strengthening institutions and training of deans and students on gender issues and sextortion.

"We want to raise the number of students joining universities, the number is still very low due to various challenges, so, through HEET a good number of girls will be supported to join various universities in the country by supporting them to get the required criteria needed to join the higher learning institutions," he said. Dr Hosea urged students who will benefit from this programme to stay focused, study hard to achieve their dreams. Prof. Elifas Bisanda, OUT Vice Chancellor commended the World Bank (WB) for participating greatly in supporting development of the university since it was established.

"We are well prepared to utilise this programme, marketing it for others to benefit, currently over 1000 girl students will benefit from the programme who will later be able to join various universities of their choice, we are now focusing on those who take science subjects," he explained.

Earlier, when explaining about the pre-entry programme, OUT Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics, Research and Consultancy, Prof. Deus Ngaruko said they are preparing to commence registration of students who will start their studies in December, this year.

"We will currently announce the second phase of the programme to reach 200 girls and the third phase will be in April, 2024. We thank the government and WB for supporting studies of these girls who will later turn out to be competent experts in science," he added.

HEET project has provided funding for 1000 students for a period of five years to study a special basic programmed (pre-entry course) for girls who currently lack qualifications to directly join universities at the undergraduate level. "So far, about 140 female students have successfully joined the training in the first phase, it is a one-year training and when the students graduate and get the required qualifications, they will join science, technology, engineering and mathematics degree studies in various universities," he said.

The Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project which is implemented by the government with support from World Bank, is aimed to help strengthen the capacity and quality of the selected universities and institutes to prepare faculty, researchers and graduates, and build a strong and flexible, high-skilled workforce that can address Tanzania's development challenges.

Sweden, Shujaa cancer agency organise awareness charity walk

By Getrude Mbagi

THE Embassy of Sweden in collaboration with Shujaa Cancer Foundation have organised a special charity walk to raise awareness and support breast cancer early detection and treatment.

Set to be conducted on October 21 in Dar es Salaam, the event will also be conducted with close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, World Health Organisation (WHO) and Elekta (a Swedish company).

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Swedish ambassador to Tanzania Charlotta-Ozaki Macias said that due to various challenges, many people in the country have poor access to cancer treatments such as chemotherapy, surgery and radiation therapy.

She said Umyy Mwalimu, the Minister for Health is expected to grace the event.

"This walk aims to raise awareness about the importance of breast cancer screening and self-testing. We aim to support those affected by breast cancer and highlight the importance of research, prevention, treatment, and rehab," she said.

She also said that the event also aims to raise money for cancer patients, survivors, and research as well as increase awareness of breast cancer among men and boys, to make them informed and support women.

She said breast cancer is one of the diseases that affects people of all ages and genders, but was highly in women.

"We all know people whose lives have been cut short by cancer. It also causes significant losses to the Nation because the disease reduces the workforce and slows down the development of the individual and the Nation," she said.

She said breast cancer is the most common female cancer globally, with the most recent estimates of 2.1 million new cases per annum.

It is also the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among females worldwide with over 600 000 reported deaths annually, 62 percent of which occur in developing countries.

"All studies agreed on the advanced disease stage of diagnosis or late diagnosis. In Tanzania, approximately 80 percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed with advanced stage (III or IV) breast cancer due to limited availability of screening programs, late presentation, and poor access to treatments," she said.

Tanzania is projected to see an 82 percent increase in new breast cancer cases by 2050. Breast cancer is a significant global health concern, and late detection remains a challenge in Tanzania.

"For this reason, the embassy has partnered with Elekta which is working to meet the shortage of radiotherapy equipment in Tanzania together with Aga Khan Hospital which will be installed in their new cancer care facility," she added.

Studies have suggested that up to 6.5 percent of all breast cancer patients in Tanzania are males, which is over 10-fold higher than the proportion seen in most other parts of the world.

Government urges leaders and experts in ALE to assess community requirements

By Correspondent Zuwena Shama

THE government has urged leaders and experts in Adult Learning and Education (ALE) to assess community requirements and provide education as per needs for the populations to benefit from the programmes.

Adult education and learning is an integral part of the right to education and lifelong learning, and comprises 'all forms of education and learning that aim to ensure that all adults participate in their societies and the world of work.'

Acting director for Basic Education at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Josephat Luoga made the directives on Wednesday during the launch of the Kibaha Community Learning Centre (CLC) in Mtambani Ward at Ruvu JKT primary school in Kibaha, as part of commemorating International Literacy Week.

He said that proper utilisation of adult learning programmes can definitely provide ample opportunities to strengthen skills that will contribute to communities' socio-economic growth and sustained livelihoods.

The Kibaha CLC will cater for 20 adult learners' groups totaling 360 learners, and some of their activities include ag-

riculture and livestock farming, poultry, as well as batik, soap, and knitting production

The CLC was funded by the Institute for International Cooperation of the 'Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband' (DVV International) (the German Adult Education Association).

DVV International is working in two pilot regions (Dodoma and Coast) with two pilot districts each focusing in piloting CLCs as a hub for adult education service delivery and the improvement of integrated functional literacy skills development where by so far three CLCs have since been launched at Chisalu, Hogoro in Dodoma, and Mzenge in Kisarawe District.

Luoga said that the 2022 Census indicates an increasing trend in population, which has implications for both the formal and informal education systems that have to engage more pupils, youth, and adult learners, and ultimately people must find livelihood opportunities.

"The government has made efforts by investing in these centers to provide education to those who did not receive it, taking into account their surroundings. This is because education is an endless process," Luoga said.

He said that the public should stop

discouraging those who wish to join ALE and hence consider it as vital for their current lives and future as well.

Moreover, he urged education stakeholders to learn from DVV International by providing support for the establishment and development of sustainable structures for youth and adult education in the country and the Kibaha community in particular.

Kibaha District Commissioner, Nickson Simon said that about 800 people were enrolled in different CLCs across the district whereby 100 are female and 25 are male.

"One-third of individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are estimated to be illiterate, while figures from Tanzania indicate that 20 percent of the population is illiterate overall. Thus, the establishment of this CLC will be crucial therefore CLC is very important to curb illiteracy in our country" he said.

He added that the centre is an area that will shape learning and community development, and various services related to adult education such as useful reading, entrepreneurship training, savings and loans, libraries, agricultural and health services may be provided according to the adult learners' needs.

He noted that knowledge has no



Josephat Luoga, acting director (Basic Education) in the Education, Science and Technology ministry, speaks at Wednesday's launch of the Ruvu JKT Community Learning Centre in Kibaha District. He is with (front row, from right) DVV International capacity development advisor Mathew Mwita, DVVI regional director Frauke Heinze and Kibaha district commissioner Nickson Simon. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

boundaries and that societies that value education will obviously develop less criminal acts.

The DVV International Regional Director, Frauke Heinze said apart from celebrating International Literacy Week in Kibaha by sharing some key achievements in ALE and by launching the CLC, they are also dedicated to providing support for the establishment and develop-

ment of sustainable structures for youth and adult education worldwide.

"As the leading professional organization in the field of ALE and development cooperation, DVV International has committed itself to supporting lifelong learning for more than 50 years, aiming to fight poverty through education, lifelong learning, and support for development," she said.

According to Heinze, DVV International has since launched and rolled out three community learning centers: Hogoro CLC in Kongwa and Chisalu CLC in Mpwapwa Districts; and Mzenge CLC in Kisarawe, Pwani Region.

Asha Omar, one of beneficiaries of Kibaha CLC thanked the government for the support but there are some challenges which they are facing as teaching

Stakeholders call for resilient systems on World Food Day

By Felister Peter

AS the World Food Day is celebrated today, stakeholders have underscored the need for continued efforts to eradicate hunger and promote sustainable agriculture.

Since Tanzania is blessed with diverse agricultural resources, the theme "Water is life, water is food" holds profound significance especially when viewed through the lens of the Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) Tanzania.

FtMA a consortium of public and private institutions that aims to increase income and strengthen the resilience of smallholders while simultaneously increasing commercial viability for all value chain stakeholders has the vision to enable sustainable food systems through strengthened markets to empower farmers to increase their yields, incomes, and resilience and to improve African food security.

The pivotal role of water cannot be overstated. In the absence of sufficient and reliable access to water, crops wither, livestock suffer, and livelihoods are at risk.

In Tanzania, where rain-fed agriculture remains a common practice, the dependence on seasonal rains leaves farmers vulnerable to climate change and erratic weather patterns.

To address the challenge, FtMA has been working towards promoting sustainable water management practices through the dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). "Our programme has introduced smallholder farmers to innovative irrigation techniques, rainwater harvesting systems, and water-saving technologies. Through these efforts, farmers are empowered to take charge of their water resources and, by extension, their food production," FtMA said in a statement yesterday.

"Water is not just a resource; it's a lifeline through which we can nourish our communities, empower our farmers, and ensure a food-secure Tanzania for generations to come. Together, we can build a world where water truly is life, and life is bountifully nourished by the fruits of our land," reads the statement.

It said as global populations continue to grow, there is need to produce more food with less water while ensuring fair and equitable water distribution and access is equitable.

Sharing his story, Yohana Ngovano (39), a smallholder farmer from Madbira, Mbarali District in Mbeya Region, said that he used to rely solely on rain-fed agriculture leaving him vulnerable to unpredictable weather patterns.

Yohana said he has experienced significant improvements through FtMA's interventions.

He said: "Through attending trainings on climate smart agriculture, which included creating water-retaining pits, use of improved crop varieties, timely transplanting, system of rice intensification (SRI), I can now harvest more compared to previous years," he added.

Yohana said he has been able to efficiently utilize limited water resources for irrigation and experience increases in yields and income.

In Situ-rainwater harvesting has allowed Yohana to capture and store rainwater directly in his paddy fields, ensuring adequate moisture for his crops even during dry spells.

His story is just one of the many farmers who have been transformed due to FtMA interventions. By harnessing the power of water, smallholder farmers are increasing their productivity, reducing post-harvest losses, and making substantial contribution to food security in Tanzania.



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45	Branch and Head office network connectivity
46	Servicing and Maintenances of data cabling & Network Equipment.
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48	Printing Services
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Samia initiative on Foreign Service shows limits of diplomatic methods

CIVIL servants and diplomats in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation must be thinking deeply about how their work is likely to change, or their careers being reorganised, in the wake of a new initiative encompassing the ministry. It is unveiling of presidential fellowships for mastering services linked with foreign countries to groom Tanzanian youth for international relations and economic diplomacy. It is a vote of no confidence from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who has repeatedly sought to school new envoys on this essential subject.

The programme to be set within the President's Office will take up talented and qualified youths from various spheres, train them for two years and attach them to various units once they graduate. Clearly they aren't being trained in diplomacy as such but in things like marketing, psychology of seeking out partnerships, the deft use of information and communications technology, name it. It comes down to being market savvy, to seek out people rather than to wait for them in an office.

Explaining that initiative, the president said that the main objective is to revamp operations in the ministry, requiring new input to make the ministry efficient in seeking out potential stakeholders in what the government wants to see done. The president talked about the need to serve different spheres in the international community and excel in attracting investments. The shift is to make the ministry more or less an investments, markets and tourism outreach facility, not cozy diplomats to explain the country's position, or nuances,

but being really proactive.

The move was decided or otherwise finalised in its design after the president received a report from a committee formed six months ago to review the ministry's performance. There is an affirmation that reviewing the National Foreign Policy of 2001 was in the final stages, which implies cultivating a wholly different set of goals and work methods for the diplomats and other public servants. It is an effort to review the 'business as usual' attitude where diplomats explain the situation and opportunities available in Tanzania but do little to find out potential stakeholders.

Specifically, the purpose of the review is to help stimulate initiatives in current economic diplomacy, attract investments and utilise such opportunities overseas. Marketing the country's opportunities overseas by proper implementation of duties is the content of the whole idea of improving the structure of the ministry. It is an effort at strengthening public advocacy and economic diplomacy into one, since at the moment we are singularly focused on investment advertising, not outreaching.

The report especially criticised the ministry's handling of stakeholders' contacts or initiatives, pointing at a number of complaints from various stakeholders on the poor coordination and operations at the ministry. There was a time that the president pointedly said that one host country was saying that Tanzania's ambassador or high commissioner was quite simply not on the post, as if he was on a holiday tour. In the past that was alright; an interested person comes into an embassy office to inquire about

Most regions need SAGCOT model agri-business clusters

SOMETHING is in the air that could attract a wide range of stakeholders in the agricultural sector, as to the phenomenon of small holder farmers joining agro-business clusters, so far being applied initiated by the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT). The agency says that farmers becoming part of such clusters had increased eight fold from 100,000 to 847,385 in the past decade, an affirmation made at a two-day meeting on measures to increase crop production in Njombe, Iringa and Ruvuma regions. It is a sort of role model, as these clusters constitute the framework of a different attitude to agro-sector work.

Improved agricultural and livestock keeping activities are among objectives of the clusters, to bring a wide range of small holders in an area into the same methods of agro-sector practices and expectations. The idea is that this will stabilise basic agro-sector activities around acknowledged good practices such that being in that sector is more assured to be instrumental in poverty alleviation. This is what SAGCOT said is happening in the areas that farmers' groups are increasingly being linked with agri-business supply firms and similar service providers.

Looking at the number of farmers joining such clusters, on the basis of an evaluation of SAGCOT activities for 2022, it is clear that the term agri-business is somewhat threadbare. They are forming linkages at various levels, in much the same way as cooperative unions used to do, and at present, an independent or private sector actor like the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA). There is also a wide array of organisations in the Agricultural Non-State Actors Forum (ANSAF) who can also constitute a series of clusters in relation to spheres of interest for their various stakeholders. The SAGCOT model may in that sense not be so new if one is talking about TAHA, but definitely new if it is the Pastoralists Indigenous Non Governmental Organizations Forum (PINGOs Forum), largely.

When read widely, the notion of clusters can actually vehicle a properly agri-business sort of culture, the way it happened

in the course of Chinese modernization. It constituted in forming cooperatives, which means not just membership but intertwined activities on the basis of land ownership and ability to transact on the land being part of that understanding. The SAGCOT model is about links with supply firms, stockists, buyers, etc and not apparently about capital, insurance, collateral or collective credit arrangements, etc. That means the model isn't proper agribusiness just because there is supply lines of raw materials, crop sales, in which case there is room for uplifting clusters to credit, collateral units.

NGOs at the moment working with farmers need to take a higher role and take part in commercial arrangements as the clusters are focused on proximity of small owners. With loan-based cooperatives where land is collateral are likely to obtain bank loans as land can be exchanged within a village if someone is selling or it is seized by a bank within an agreement recognised by a village cooperative. It is like an internal clan transfer and wouldn't elicit acrimony with the bank or such firms.

The SAGCOT method and the financing were designed for purposes of agro-sector activation of the southern regions; it is adaptable to commercialization everywhere.



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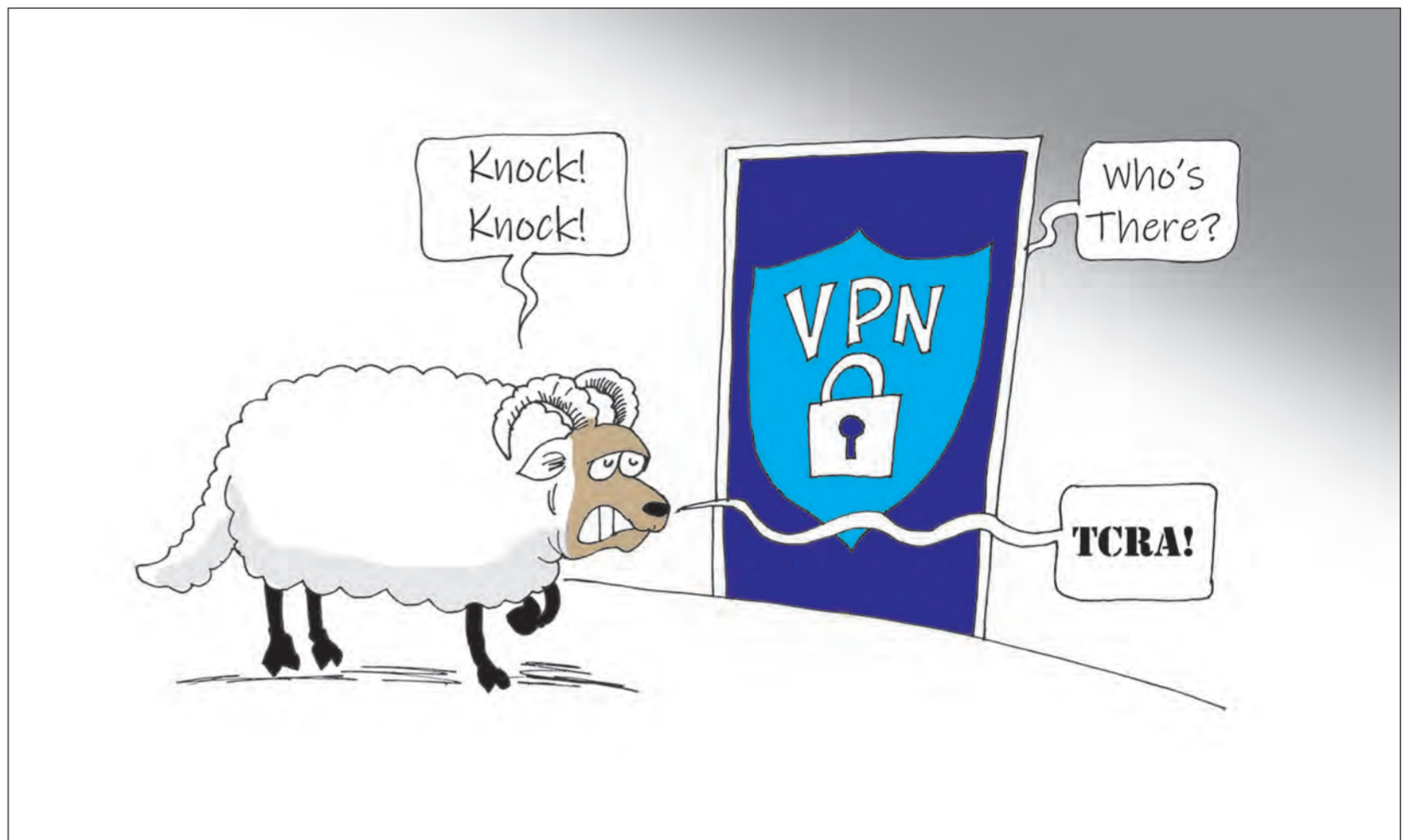
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When African political parties lost the plot

By Crispin Kaheru

POLITICAL parties in Africa emerged as a byproduct of colonial rule. They were never organic. To the colonisers, it was as simple as teaching a toddler to tie shoelaces - only that, they weren't teaching, they were dictating.

Their playbook went something like this: assemble various groups, slap the label "political parties" on them, toss them into the ring, and let the gladiators fight to the death. They called this savage battle "competition" and crowned the last one standing as the supreme ruler for a few years. Then, guess what? Rinse and repeat! They even had the audacity to dub this circus act "periodic democratic elections."

But here's the kicker, Africa, despite all the time that has passed, still clings to this antiquated system like it's the last lifebuoy on a sinking ship. It's like fitting square pegs into round holes, right? The result is pure comedy gold.

Now, let's ponder why the colonizers didn't leave us with something more sensible, like Chambers of Commerce or Development Think Tanks. They probably thought we were allergic to progress, or did they believe our brains couldn't handle the intellectual rigor of running think tanks? The irony is delicious.

Parties, as they stand today, are about as welcome as a porcupine at a balloon factory. Back in the day, they blossomed from ethnic, regional, or religious identities, which is like mixing oil with water. Our ancestors, on the other hand, had a knack for flexible production systems and barter arrangements. They knew how to keep the economic boat afloat without drowning in 'party politics'.

But let's not forget the classics, like the Convention People's Party in Ghana or



the Kenya African National Union (KANU). These parties, once shining stars, have dimmed into mere shadows of their former selves, like forgotten celebrities in retirement. Even the newcomers, the post-independence parties, are caught in a tangled web of issues. They are institutionally weak, devoid of loyal members, and their piggy banks are perpetually empty. It is like trying to win a race with a punctured tire.

The icing on the cake? Most of these parties lack any sense of direction. They can't even decide what

they stand for, which is like trying to navigate a maze blindfolded. Instead of building strong institutions, they are all about the cult of personality. It is like a never-ending reality show, complete with melodrama and betrayals.

So, here we are, at a crossroads, where it's adapt or become a relic in the Museum of Political Oddities. Instead of sticking to the worn-out script of political parties, Africa could choose a different path. We could embrace the cooperatives, business associations, chambers of

commerce, innovation and incubation hubs, think tanks, public-private partnerships, and regional economic blocs as our guiding lights. Or we could give our political parties a makeover, turning them into problem-solving machines that tackle the daily needs of the people.

The choice is ours, and it's time to decide. As long as we don't adjust our governance structures to fit our circumstances, we'll continue marking political independence without ever tasting the sweet nectar of genuine socio-economic freedom. It's a comedy of errors that's gone on for far too long.

This is Nigeria civil service we want...

By Special Correspondent

THE Nigerian civil service, the engine room of policy implementation for any administration, is alleged to have become, also, a cesspool of corruption, inefficiency, tardiness, and low productivity. These concerns reached a boiling point when a recent incident unfolded at the Federal Ministry of Works in Abuja.

The Minister of Works, David Umahi, locked out some staff for coming late to work, sparking a protest and eventually leading to an apology from the minister himself.

This incident raised the issue of indiscipline within the service and the urgent need to transform it into a more productive and efficient arm of government machinery.

The civil service has long been known for its bureaucratic hurdles, sluggishness, and a focus on welfare schemes rather than on performance.

In the considered opinion of this newspaper, perhaps, it is time the service was reevaluated to bring its structures and functions up to standards obtainable in other countries where efficiency and productivity are paramount.

One key aspect that stands out in the case of the

civil service in Nigeria is the issue of punctuality especially as the workers believe that they are at liberty to come to work and go at times determined by their own convenience without regard to laid down rules.

Minister Umahi's experience with employees arriving at work as late as 1 o'clock in the afternoon is not an isolated incident. This culture of tardiness not only disrupts the workflow but also reflects a lack of dedication to service.

To address this issue, Nigeria can look to countries like Singapore and Japan, known for their punctual and disciplined workforces. In these countries, civil servants are held to high standards of punctuality and attendance.

It is pertinent to note that employees are expected to arrive on time and stay for the full workday, ensuring maximum productivity. Implementing similar practices in Nigeria could impact positively on the nation as a whole.

Furthermore, Umahi's frustration with staff members not being present in their offices to provide necessary files highlights the need for better accountability and transparency.

In many developed nations, their civil services have adopted digital systems and project manage-

ment tools to streamline processes. These tools enable employees to work more efficiently, track progress, and collaborate seamlessly.

Implementing modern technology in Nigerian government offices could reduce bureaucracy and make information more accessible.

Another issue that plagues the civil service is the lack of a merit-based system for promotions and career advancement. It's common for individuals to advance based on seniority rather than competence, leading to the promotion of unqualified employees into critical positions.

In contrast, countries like the United States have a competitive civil service system that emphasizes merit and competence. Employees are promoted based on their qualifications and performance, ensuring that the best and brightest rise through the ranks.

In our view, to make the civil service more productive, a comprehensive performance evaluation system should be implemented. Employees should be regularly assessed based on their achievements, skills, and contributions to their respective departments.

This would incentivize hard work and create a culture of excellence within the civil service.

Let's award outstanding educators annually to restore glory of teaching

By Adonis Byemelwa

MOST people who are successful in life today were once helped by someone else and many thank their teachers. The October 5 World Teachers Day saw Deputy Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko award his former teachers to recognize their contribution to his success.

The World Teachers' Day was marked in Bukombe District, Geita Region where he hails from and was graced by former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda.

Thankful successful people do not forget how their teachers helped and encouraged them when things were bad or there seemed to be no hope. Yes, it is their job but most teachers go the extra mile to do the parenting role.

"All of us can recall an outstanding teacher who inspired us, challenged us and opened our eyes to new possibilities. So, every year on October 5, we celebrate World Teachers' Day here in Bukombe District to show our appreciation and support for all of you who've made such a positive impact on the world. We should enjoy and honour the role played by our educators," said the Deputy PM, who is Bukombe legislator (CCM) and energy minister

Dr Biteko who has been teaching for the past 15 years goes down in Tanzania's history as one of the most successful politicians since the deputy PM post has been held by only two other individuals namely Dr Salim Ahmed Salim and the late Augustine Mrema.

Dr Biteko has been honoring his former primary, secondary and college teachers almost every year when he gets invited to an event to celebrate World Teachers' Day.

On October 5 this year, the deputy PM awarded his former music tutor at Katoke Teacher's College, Justine Mhangwa Nteminyanda along with the former principal of the same college, Martin Mwombeki.

The long-serving tutors are now retired but look strong, possibly enjoying their pension benefits, signaling the very essence of rendering services to the public sector.

"I can hardly forget the contributions made by these giant tutors in my life. They are now retired but inspired me to a great deal. The former Katoke Teachers' College Principal appointed me to be a water pumping machine operator when I was a student. I did this diligently, considering the fact that during that time students were accused of stealing fuel," he said adding:

"My humility and steadfastness culminated in being promoted to a college project minister in the students' government. You can see how inspiring this father of mine was. I am what I am today because of the great foundation consolidated by my former educators."

According to Dr Biteko, teachers are game changers in people's lives who should not be easily forgotten, explaining that his teaching career started humbly with a certificate and later a diploma but he now boasts a PhD, inspiring in-service teachers to pursue further education.

Dr Biteko's remarks should act as one of the catalysts in



changing the status of the teaching profession in Tanzania and the world at large. Academicians in the education discipline like Ishumi (2012) and Mosha (2013) argue that statistically, sociologists would appear to indicate that parents and or guardians spend only 40 percent of their time with children in the United States.

While other professionals as lawyers, engineers and medical doctors in several countries in the South are mostly urban or semi-urban based, teachers, on the other hand are destined to work in all places, including very remote rural villages. This is attributable to the fact that not all remote rural villages have courts, big construction projects and big health facilities.

As a result, members of the public are more aware and informed of school teachers than their counterparts in medicine, construction or law.

The popularity of educators rests on the fact that they are instrumental in development of individuals, communities and nations. Teachers play a vital role in countries' development, reforms and innovations.

More specifically, the contribution of teachers is evident and acknowledged in political, social, cultural and economic realms.

In each of the foregoing dimensions, the contribution takes different forms.

For example, in the Tanzanian milieu, on several occasions, teachers are at the forefront of facilitating socioeconomic agenda. So often, they are involved in different important national issues such as elections and countrywide censuses.

When a good teacher is excited about learning, that enthusiasm can spread like wildfire and ignite a passion for learning in every student. This passion for knowledge can lead students to great success throughout their lives.

In different communities, especially in urban-based societies in the case of Tanzania, school children happen to spend more time with teachers than their parents and or guardians.

Like other African countries, the status of teaching and teachers in Tanzania is in limbo. This state is captured in different scholarly works. Way back in 1966, the first and then President who was also a teacher Julius Kambarage Nyerere described the teaching profession in the following words:

"For what I really want to talk about today is the power

that teachers have. We hear a great deal about their responsibility, the important job they are doing, and so on; indeed, I have myself said not a few words on this subject."

For centuries, perhaps because of this significant contributory character and nature, the teaching occupation has had a high command of respect among members of different communities. To be a teacher was an honour indeed.

Nevertheless, despite the widespread and long-standing history of respect, today there is a number of documented evidence and acknowledgment that the status of teachers and the teaching profession in Tanzania, and more widely has declined.

Teachers, previously benefiting from considerable public respect and reasonable financial reward, feel that their status is in decline. The teacher in our culture has always been among the persons of little importance, and his place has not changed for the better in the last few decades.

Teaching appeared to be the most respected and admired occupation in almost every part of past society. The profession was of very high repute for the public and teachers were not only respected and valued but also admired by people around them.

Due to the good performance of teachers and the students they taught, traditionally, teachers were accorded high esteem in society. They were given front seats in public gatherings and were even served first during community social functions. They were considered by many in the community to be knowledgeable, skilled, dedicated, morally astute people devoted to providing the best education to children.

It should also be borne in mind that in the past, getting into the profession was not an easy task. Not every person who wanted to be a teacher got a training placement. Along with recommendations from schoolteachers, the selection was done essentially on academic merits and personal conduct. There is evidence that teaching occupation was for the examination of high achievers.

Apparently, the teaching profession has largely lost its traditional high-status. The public and teachers no longer perceive teaching as the same as in the past. Indeed, the problem concerning the status of teaching and the teacher is a worldwide one.

Prof William Anangisye a renowned educationist, in one of his studies found that of three developing countries - Malawi, Papua New Guinea and Zambia, practicing teachers themselves feel that their status and that of the teaching enterprise as a whole is on the decline. The working and living conditions of many teachers especially in rural areas were not appealing enough to attract people to the profession.

To restore the lost glory for teachers and the teaching profession, the economic and social welfare of teachers must be reviewed to reflect the ever-changing needs of teachers.

SA and Egypt leave the rest of Africa in the dust with their wind power pipeline and potential

By Kristin Engel

SOUTH Africa and Egypt are leading Africa with their installed capacity for clean wind energy, followed closely by Morocco. However, a significant number of potential wind energy projects across Africa are at risk because of a lack of finance, unstable policy regimes and grid constraints.

This is according to the first Status of Wind in Africa Report, which was launched by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) at last week's Windaba conference in Cape Town. The report maps out the continent's current installed wind power plants and explores wind potential for African countries needing to achieve their climate goals and power supply needs.

A key finding of the report is that wind energy plays an indispensable role in Africa's energy supply, already contributing significantly to national grids as a mainstream technology. Wind supplies 17% of Kenya's total power generation and 15% of Senegal's - but its transformational potential is still untapped.

A total of 83 wind farms - either installed or under construction and scheduled to be commissioned in 2023 - were identified across Africa, providing 9GW of clean power.

In addition, an analysis of the continent's project pipeline showed that wind capacity could increase by more than 900%, with a total of 140 projects planned across Africa, representing another 86GW of new installed capacity on the horizon.

According to the report, each of the five subregions of Africa has significant wind energy potential to tap into, but this is being hindered by a lack of finance, unstable policy regimes and grid constraints.

The greatest potential for wind lies in northern Africa with a potential for 18,822GW, followed by western Africa with 9,144GW, central Africa with 2,651GW, eastern Africa with 2,133GW and southern Africa with 891GW.

North Africa led the pack not only with its potential wind energy, but also in terms of total installed capacity owing to the influence and early onset of renewable energy programmes in Egypt and Morocco, which commissioned initial utility-scale wind projects in 1988 and 2000, respectively.

Southern Africa, dominated by wind farms in South Africa, which were largely installed through the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), was found to have the second-highest installed wind capacity. Eastern Africa came in third with several operational wind farms in Ethiopia and Kenya.

South Africa, with a generation mix that remains heavily reliant on coal, has been pursuing renewable energy, now having concluded its sixth round of renewable energy auctions. As of 2022, the country's installed electricity capacity of 54GW comprised 3.4GW wind, 2.3GW solar PV, 0.5GW of concentrated solar power, 0.6GW hydro, 39.8GW coal and

3.4GW diesel.

"Egypt, whose grid has historically been reliant on natural gas, is currently installing large-scale wind and solar, and targets to reach an installed capacity of 42% renewable energy in its power mix by 2030, according to its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the COP process," the report stated.

Wangari Muchiri, director of Africa Wind Power, represented the GWEC at Windaba where she launched the inaugural report.

Muchiri said: "There are over 400GW of potential wind energy projects in the pipeline throughout Africa, which could provide clean, sustainable power to millions of people. Yet, these projects are at risk, and their realisation hangs in the balance due to challenges such as a lack of finance, unstable policy regimes and grid constraints."

Based on the report, Muchiri said it was clear that Africa was getting on with the energy transition, but policymakers needed to help clear the pathway, otherwise these projects could be at risk.

"The current capacity and strong pipeline of wind energy show that this region, which is particularly affected by climate change, yet has the world's best renewable energy resource, is serious about the energy transition ... In fact, South Africa is currently the largest wind market in Africa followed by Morocco and Egypt. South Africa has shown what is possible when vision, commitment, and collaboration align," she said.

However, as this potential is recognised, the wind sector must acknowledge the harsh reality that exists in South Africa and across the rest of the continent.

Muchiri said the wind sector cannot turn a blind eye to the roadblocks that continue to hinder their progress, noting the disappointment of South Africa's REIPPPP Bid Window 6, in which not a single wind project was awarded, despite the allocation being doubled.

"The story is replicated across the continent. This is a clear indication that there is much work to be done to ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the wind energy sector in South Africa," she said.

Muchiri urged world leaders to step up at this year's COP28 in Dubai and support Africa in becoming a renewable energy superpower by ensuring an increase in finance to the continent to unlock this significant potential.

On South Africa's growing wind sector, which remains hobbled by grid capacity constraints, Niveshen Govender, CEO of the South African Wind Energy Association (Sawea), said:

"Over the past year, we have witnessed extraordinary developments in the renewable energy landscape. As the world grapples with the urgent need to address climate change, wind energy has emerged as a leading solution ... Sawea is encouraged to see the changing energy policy landscape being prioritised."

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UNIDO is implementing a combined Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and European Union (EU) Cook Fund project focused on development the ethanol cooking market in Dar es Salaam in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania. The project, which is directly aligned with the government of Tanzania's clean cooking policies, aims to promote bioethanol as an alternative clean cooking fuel. Implementation is focused on introduction of a further 160,000 bio-ethanol-fueled stoves in Dar es Salaam coupled with the production and distribution of bioethanol fuel.

Under this initiative, UNIDO is disseminating a Request for Proposal (RFP) aimed at suitably qualified distribution companies or consortia of companies to procurement and distribution of 30,000-60,000 subsidized ethanol clean cookstoves to households in Dar es Salaam. Coupled with the establishment of an ethanol cooking fuel distribution operation.

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Please direct all questions on the call for Request for Proposal to UNIDO by email with subject RfP- bioethanol cookstoves and fuel distributors

By Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

Time has come to close sustainable energy gaps



This year we pass the halfway mark towards implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Credit: ESCAP

THIS year we pass the halfway mark both on our journey towards implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and the signing of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Asian and Pacific countries have seen mixed progress on both. One of the most pressing challenges is the transition to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, as encapsulated by SDG 7.

Without a significant acceleration of effort, reaching SDG 7 and its targets for energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency will elude our region. Given the significance of Asia and the Pacific in terms of global energy supply and consumption, actions taken here will set the tone for the global trajectory of progress on SDG 7 and the fight against climate change.

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will place these issues at center stage during next week's (19-20 October) Asian and Pacific Energy Forum. This meeting will provide a platform for the region's energy ministers to plan a regional agenda for a sustainable energy transition.

Looming large among these issues is the lack of access to electricity and clean cooking fuels for hundreds of millions of people. This deprivation has far-reaching consequences, and is a harsh reminder that, while the

region has made significant strides in economic development, not everyone has enjoyed the fruits of progress.

Lack of access to electricity hinders healthcare, education and economic opportunities. Moreover, the reliance on traditional cooking fuels such as fuelwood contributes to respiratory diseases that disproportionately affect women and children. Energy poverty exacerbates existing inequalities, trapping communities in a cycle of deprivation.

To bridge the energy gap and promote climate-friendly sustainable development, increasing renewable energy and energy efficiency is an imperative. The transition to renewables opens avenues for economic growth and job creation.

Energy efficiency lowers the need for new supplies, relieves pressures on our energy systems,

increases productivity and reduces waste, simultaneously saving money for households and businesses. Together, renewable energy and energy efficiency foster energy security.

Realizing the SDG 7 targets requires increased financial flows. According to the Secretary-General's Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG Action, annual investments in access to electricity must increase by \$35 billion and by \$25 billion for clean cooking by 2025.

A tripling of renewable energy and energy efficiency investment is needed by 2030. Scaling up finance at this rate requires a large infusion of private finance to bolster insufficient public sources, alongside a shifting of national budgets away from fossil fuels. Carbon pricing mechanisms can incentivize businesses to transition towards cleaner

energy solutions. Innovative business models and financial instruments can attract international finance. But for these to be successful, governments must provide predictable and enabling policy environments.

To ensure the stability of the energy transition over the long term, governments must keep an eye on over-the-horizon risks. Key among these is the ensuring and adequate, stable and predictable supplies of critical raw materials needed to construct the millions of solar panels, wind turbines and batteries of the future.

Our region holds immense potential for critical raw materials production, making it a key player in the global energy transition. However, regional collaboration is needed alongside responsible mining and extraction practices that minimize

environmental damage and social disruptions. Moreover, investing in recycling of critical raw materials can reduce our consumption of finite resources.

While transitioning towards clean energy is a moral and environmental imperative, a just transition ensures that no one is left behind as countries move away from fossil fuels and towards sustainable resources and technologies. This includes reskilling and reemployment opportunities for workers in declining industries, as well as community support to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of the energy transition.

Achieving SDG 7 requires a multi-faceted approach. This is not a challenge that any one country or sector can solve in isolation; it demands collaboration, innovation and shared responsibility. As we reflect on our progress at this halfway point, it is timely for countries across Asia and the Pacific to recommit to a regional vision where all citizens have access to clean and modern energy and the full potential of renewables and energy efficiency are realized.

The momentum behind these changes is growing and the opportunity to close these gaps must be seized.

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Kazakhstan's interfaith initiative: Fostering global harmony through wisdom and leadership

By Katsuhiko Asagiri

IN the heart of Central Asia, a nation renowned for its rich cultural diversity, multi-ethnic society, and spiritual traditions has emerged as a global beacon of interfaith harmony and understanding. Over the past two decades, Kazakhstan's Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions (The Congress) has played an instrumental role in promoting dialogue, forging unity, and advocating for peace among diverse faiths worldwide. Rooted in Kazakhstan's deep spiritual heritage and wisdom, this initiative has evolved into a symbol of international cooperation and tolerance. As we reflect on its remarkable journey and look ahead to its future under the leadership of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, it becomes evident that the Congress is poised to make even greater strides toward fostering global harmony and unity.

A history of resilience and tolerance

Kazakhstan's history is a tapestry woven with threads of resilience, tolerance, and spiritual fortitude. A nation that transitioned from a nomadic civilization to a modern, multi-ethnic, and multi-religious society faced numerous trials and tribulations along the way. Yet, the Kazakh people maintained a steadfast connection to their spiritual roots, allowing them to thrive in a diverse and inclusive society.

The hardships endured by the Kazakh people throughout history have shaped their deep spirituality and wisdom. From Russian imperial expansion to the ravages of the USSR era, Kazakhstan faced tremendous challenges. Forced settlement policies, famine, and the suppression of cultural and religious identity were stark realities. However, these trials also ignited a collective spirit of survival and resilience, demonstrating the importance of cultural preservation and the celebration of diversity. Kazakhstan's journey to independence brought with



A press briefing is held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ahead of the XXI anniversary meeting of the secretariat of the congress of leaders of world and traditional religions on October 11, 2023. Credit: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan

it a commitment to religious freedom and tolerance. From 1949 to 89, the USSR conducted 456 nuclear tests at the Semipalatinsk nuclear testing site in eastern Kazakhstan, an area roughly equivalent in size to Belgium. It is estimated that about 1.5 million people suffered health effects because of these tests. Despite this history of adversity, when the USSR dissolved, Kazakhstan, not only guaranteed equality for all ethnic groups and religious freedom but also successfully secured the closure of the Semipalat-

insk nuclear testing site and the complete abandonment of the world's fourth-largest nuclear arsenal. Since then, Kazakhstan has been one of the most active countries in advocating for a "nuclear-free world" based on the UN framework.

Despite Soviet policies aimed at eradicating nomadic culture and promoting settlement, Kazakhstan successfully preserved its rich cultural heritage. The nation not only maintained traditions passed down from ancestors but also enshrined in its constitution

a policy that treats the traditions, cultures, and religions of non-Kazakh people as equal to Kazakh culture. This forward-thinking approach promotes social harmony and serves as a powerful lesson from the suppression of Kazakh culture during the USSR era.

The Congress: A shining beacon

The Congress stands as a beacon of interfaith harmony, powered by Kazakhstan's deep commitment to religious tolerance. Serving as a

distinctive forum, it unites leaders from myriad faiths to jointly foster global peace. Kazakhstan, with its mosaic of Islamic, Turkic, and nomadic influences, offers a melting pot for dialogues that intertwine East with West and bridge diverse religious doctrines. Upholding a neutral stance in global affairs, Kazakhstan ensures the Congress remains a sanctuary for unbiased, apolitical discussions. Addressing urgent issues like religious extremism, terrorism, and environmental threats, the Congress strives for collective solutions.

President Tokayev's vision for the future

As the Congress is poised for further evolution, President Tokayev's leadership brings a renewed focus on interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a world grappling with increasing complexity. While he believes diplomacy is essential in facilitating cooperation, he sees religious leaders (Approximately 85% of the world's population identifies with a religion) as indispensable agents of change in building a new world system focused on peace. He emphasizes the shared principles of all religions, such as the sanctity of human life, mutual support, and the rejection of destructive rivalry and hostility, as the foundation for such a system.

President Tokayev outlines practical ways in which religious leaders can contribute to world peace, including healing societal wounds following conflicts, preventing negative trends that undermine tolerance, and addressing the impact of digital technology on society. He highlights the need to cultivate spiritual values and moral guidelines to navigate the challenges posed by rapid technological advancements.

A future of unity and harmony

As the Congress continues to evolve, it serves as a beacon of hope in an increasingly divided world. Kazakhstan's steadfast dedication to interfaith dialogue reminds us that spirituality and wisdom can pave the path to a more peaceful and harmonious global society.

Kazakhstan's journey from its tumultuous past to a beacon of hope for interfaith dialogue is a testament to the deep spirituality and wisdom of its people. The Congress continues to illuminate the path to global harmony and unity, demonstrating the power of dialogue, mutual understanding, and the enduring human spirit.

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NIT puts Mwalimu Nyerere's dreams into reality

By Guardian Reporter

ONE among the ambitious vision of the founder of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, was Tanzania to have the tailor-made facility for rolling out vital training on transportation and logistics.

The establishment of the country's famous National Institute of Transport (NIT) was a brainchild of such determined visions by Mwalimu Nyerere, among others.

As the country currently prepares to mark commemoration of the life of Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, in October 14, the Dar es Salaam-based Institute has something special to celebrate and cherish about.

Mwalimu Nyerere who was the first Prime Minister of independent Tanganyika (1961) and first Tanzanian President, his vision for the NIT was to see the Institute strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives.

NIT Rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa expressed that Mwalimu Nyerere founded the NIT in 1975 with the patriotic spirit and vision to improve and standardize the key sector which plays pivotal role for the metamorphosis of the country's socioeconomic sector.

Upon its inception, according to him, the facility formerly known as the National Transport Corporation (NTC) was charged with the responsibility to strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidiary companies of NTC.

These subsidiary companies in question were the National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar-as-Salaam Limited (UDA), Regional Transport Companies (RETCOs), to mention but a few.

"After the collapse of East African Community (EAC) in 1977, Kenya remained with Bandari College in Mombasa and Railway College in Nairobi and Uganda was with Aviation College, Tanzania was only with a statistical training centre. And during that time, Tanzania was in

an industrial economy and Mwalimu Nyerere tasked NIT to produce more professionals to administer transport sector."

Prof Mganilwa pointed out that in 1982, it was realized that there was need to have an Institute that will cover all modes of transport and the Institute expanded its area of activities and responsibilities.

"As a result, NIT was re-established through NIT Act No. 24 of 1982 as an autonomous Higher Learning Institution under the then Ministry of Communications and Works. It came into operation on 1st July, 1983 through the Government Notice No. 91. Currently, the Institute is under the Ministry of Transport. With legal status and the Governing Council was given a mandate to govern and administer the Institute."

However, the current government has continued to support the NIT in ensuring that all programs founded by Mwalimu Nyerere for the Institute are successful implemented as planned.

The government has invested a lot in improving the transport sector including construction of roads, modern railway, ship construction and purchasing of aircrafts.

"Developments made under the six phase government are pushing our Institute to increase students intake and introduce new disciplines such as aviation engineering, pilot and cabin crew training," he said.

He pointed out that in order to support growth as stipulated in the government's five year development plan and Vision 2025, there has been notable progress in the transport industry with new modes such as gas and oil pipelines.

He underscored that the government has continued empowering the National Institute of Transport to enable them to meet its obligation of preparing experts in the transport sector for Nation's development.

Meanwhile, the election manifesto of ruling CCM-2020-2025 directs the government to continue supporting the National Institute of



NIT Rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa

Transport so as to enable it provide more experts in the transport sector.

On implementing their obligations, the NIT management under the support from the state has managed to improve the teaching infrastructures and environment as stated in the Institute's National Vision of year 2025.

He said NIT will continue to extend the scope of training according to the demand in transport sectors namely roads, railway, air and marine.

Prof Mganilwa thanked the government for endorsing a budget that enables the NIT to improve the teaching environment.

"These developments made under six phase government necessitate that the National Institute of Transport train and produce more highly qualified and competent people to cater for all modes of transport including road, railway,

maritime, air and pipeline," he said.

In supporting the NIT, the government has inaugurated two single-engine aircraft, Cessna Skyhawk 172 to NIT in its ambitious plan to start offering courses for pilots locally

He pointed out that the NIT staff are obliged to work continuously in increasing the quality assurance of the Institute and introducing the contemporary teaching methods and research.

NIT is the only such training Institute in Sub-Saharan excluding South Africa, mandated by the government to offer training in transport and communications.

The Institute is fully accredited with the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) to provide Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) programmes at the level of Certificate, Diploma and Degree (National Technical Awards-NTA level 4 to level 8).

It is also accredited with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT International) to teach and examine CILT programmes of International Introductory Certificates, International Certificates, Ordinary Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Logistics and Transport.

The institute collaborates with the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) and International Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Consult (IPSCMC) to offer MBA in Logistics and Transport Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management respectively.

The institute offers programmes in Logistics and Transport Management, Freight Clearing and Forwarding, Procurement and Logistics Management, Automobile Engineering, Business Administration, Computing Information Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Aviation Studies and Human Resources Management.

NIT also is offering Post Graduate Diplomas in Air Transport Management, Logistics and Transport Management, Travel and Tourism, Shipping and Port Management, Procurement and Logistics Management, Rail Transport Management, Transport Economics, Road Transport Safety Management and Transport Engineering Management. NIT also offers short term programmes and provides Research, Consultancy and Community Services.

The Institute has highly skilled personnel both academic and administrative staff.

It also has modern machines and equipments for teaching, research and consultancy services. The equipments like modern Vehicle Inspection machines which are only at NIT.

Young people push policymakers for action at world's largest forum for adolescents

GENEVA

THE world's largest online meeting of adolescents and young people, the Global Forum for Adolescents, closed today with a sweeping set of new commitments from governments and other stakeholders.

The Global Forum, 11-12 October 2023, was organized by PMNCH - the world's largest alliance for women's, children's and adolescents' health - to galvanize attention to the needs and priorities of adolescents and young people around the world. The Forum closed today with the launch of the "Agenda for Action for Adolescents", based on the opinions of 1.2 million young people ages 16-24, collected in more than 80 countries through the What Young People Want (WYPW) initiative, the world's largest survey of young people.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 1.5 million adolescents and youth died in 2021, averaging 4,500 deaths every day from preventable causes. Leading causes include road traffic accidents and interpersonal violence, while mental health disorders represent a rising concern for well-being. Many young people struggle to access sexual health and family planning services, risking unplanned pregnancies. Substance use, child marriage, nutritional status (under and over nutrition) and injuries are other major con-

cerns.

The Agenda for Action for Adolescents seeks to highlight the need for far-greater action. It is based on seven main advocacy asks, including more and higher quality education and skills training; more adolescent-friendly health services; greater support for mental well-being; and more prevention of stigma and discrimination, including greater provision of comprehensive sexuality education.

"Adolescents and young people have specific health and well-being challenges often overlooked in policy and investment," said Sahil Tandon of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, co-lead of the drafting team for the Agenda for Action for Adolescents, and a member of the PMNCH Adolescent and Youth Constituency. "In fact, less than 1.6% of development assistance for health was dedicated to adolescent health between 2003 and 2015, even though there are 1.8 billion people between 10 and 24 in the world today," said Tandon. "The Agenda for Action is intended to galvanize attention to where it is needed most, and to align all partners in addressing these needs."

During the Global Forum, 17 governments and two regional bodies highlighted their responses, announcing specific policy and financial commitments. The majority of commitments came from African governments, with

nine countries (Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo and South Africa) setting out plans and investments focused on young people, including specific new financial commitments from Malawi and Liberia.

Other governments and regional bodies pledging to improve adolescent health and well-being include Canada, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Portugal, Serbia, Sint Maarten, and the United States, as well as the African Union and the European Commission.

The Global Forum also served as a launching pad for a new health and education strategy developed by the African Union, recognizing the key role that young people play in shaping the economic and social future of the continent. More than 1 billion (1.46b) people live in Africa, half (735 million) of whom are under the age of 20 (source). More than half of these commitments address the call for more vocational training and secondary/third-level education, mirroring the main priority identified by 1.2m adolescents and youth worldwide through the What Young People Want effort, launched by PMNCH earlier this year. Other pledges focus on providing affordable, high-quality adolescent health and well-being services and strengthening the agency of adolescents and youth.

"Listening to young people helps governments to learn from our experiences and iden-

tify new ways to help us," said Alims Blessing Iripa, 22, a youth activist from Nigeria who mobilized responses for the What Young People Want initiative. "Investing in young people's health and well-being today will pay off in the future," she said.

The Global Forum for Adolescents attracted more than 8,000 registrants over two days. Participants, including policymakers and young people, shared evidence, lived experience, and proven examples of effective policy and programming solutions. Forum sessions covered the full spectrum of challenges and opportunities experienced by young people growing up in today's world, including the need for greater attention to adolescent well-being in schools, combating violence to foster safe spaces, and creating safety for digital natives. The Forum also saw the launch of advocacy tools, research products, innovation materials and key data to support advocacy for greater investment and commitment.

Produced under the umbrella of the "1.8 Billion Young People for Change" campaign, the Global Forum for Adolescents is a key milestone in a multi-year advocacy drive led by the 1,400 partner-organizations of PMNCH and others. PMNCH has been working with young people over several years, exploring what they most want and need for their well-being, and putting their top concerns in front of decision-

makers with power to ignite change.

In addition to governments, many private sector and non-state organizations have also made pledges to Adolescent Well-Being. During the Clinton Global Initiative forum in September 2023, Foundation Botnar of Switzerland pledged USD\$45 million to create safe online environments for young people, enhance civic engagement and make cities safe. Surgo Health, Pivotal Ventures, and MTV Entertainment Studios announced the creation of a Youth Mental Health Tracker. Ferring International pledged to prevent maternal deaths from postpartum hemorrhage and protect the lives of 20 million women and their families by 2030. Other organizations that made commitments include the Born This Way Foundation, Generation Unlimited, UNICEF, the FIA Foundation, The Well-being Foundation Africa, Goleadoras Foundation, One Earth and Marivwa Health Initiative.

"This is the time for political commitment to new policies, more resources and increased funding overall. We need more data to drive those commitments and clear indicators on adolescent well-being to track progress," said the Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Board Chair of PMNCH. "All young people everywhere must have a fair chance to contribute to their own countries and to the world and, above all, to pursue their dreams."

Youth-led campaigns in Somalia curb plastic pollution on beaches

MOGADISHU

SOMALI youth have launched a campaign against the littering of plastic waste on the beaches of the capital, Mogadishu, infusing vitality into marine ecosystems that support livelihoods.

This initiative for environmental protection began at Mogadishu's Liido beach in the Abdiaziz district two years ago. It started with only six volunteers, but the campaign has now grown, attracting thousands of volunteers from universities and community-based organizations.

"We started cleaning the waste, especially the plastic, at the beachfront with only six volunteers. We are committed to realizing our dream of seeing clean and safe beaches as part of environmental protection. The timing was also challenging because we carry out such activities early every Friday morning," said Abdiwahab Sudi Nihaye, the assistant team leader.

Nihaye explained that the objective is to reduce threats related to plastic pollution, which harms not only people including visitors, and swimmers at the beaches but also sea creatures.

"Liido beach is visited by thousands of local people and foreign tourists as one of the most beautiful tourist destinations. They tour by boat, swim, play football, and come for fun. Therefore, we are working on securing their safety by cleaning plastic and anything that poses a threat to human life. Our communication is open, and we welcome volunteers to join our community," Nihaye said.

Suweydo Mohamed Abdi, 25, is a female environmental activist who collaborates with the youth in awareness campaigns and practical beach-cleaning activities. She explains



the importance of such campaigns to communities and marine life. "We must all stand up to protect our environment, fight plastic pollution, and clean up all harmful waste and garbage near our beautiful beaches. If we do not work hard on this, we will not be able to extract resources like fish from the sea, as plastic pollution can quickly kill them."

Reham Ibrahim Anshur, 24, a female volunteer working with people with special needs, learned about the beach cleanup campaign through social media and felt inspired to offer support. "Being people with special needs does not mean that we cannot contribute to our country. This is a must. I am very happy to participate in this meaningful activity. We need peace, a green, and safe environment for our country," she said.

Jeylani Ali Hussein, a 56-year-old disabled individual, shared that he was motivated to clean the beaches as part of his contribution to improving the health of marine ecosystems that provide livelihoods to millions of Mogadishu residents.

These environmental campaigns hold great significance for Somalia, which faces significant challenges related to climate change, droughts and violent extremism. Given concerns about possible El Nino rains and storms that can cause extensive damage to marine life, campaigns like these are crucial, as highlighted by the Somali government and the United Nations agencies.

The case for adopting Africa's proposal to end last mercury device

By Charlie Brown

As the Minamata Convention on Mercury's fifth Conference of the Parties (COP5) approaches, momentum builds to adopt the Africa Region's proposed amendment to phase out dental amalgam - a cavity filling material that is approximately 50% mercury.

Specifically, the Africa Region has filed a proposal to amend the Minamata Convention to add a 2030 phase-out date for amalgam, bringing it in line with many other mercury products. The proposal also adds common-sense measures to facilitate this phase-out, including (1) submitting to the Secretariat a national plan for phasing out the use of dental amalgam and (2) excluding the use of dental amalgam in government insurance policies and programs.

This amendment is already getting support from governments around the world. On 9 October the World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry hosted a webinar on phasing out amalgam, featuring distinguished speakers ranging from the Honorable MP Nilto Tatto of Brazil to the Honorable Minister Roger Baro of Burkina Faso, from Dr. Luu Hoang Ngoc of Vietnam, the longest-serving Minamata delegate in Asia, to Joshua Sam of SPREP, architect of the Mercury-Free Pacific campaign - as well as dentists from three continents.

The momentum to end use of this primitive pollutant from the colonial era is substantial; more than 40 nations have enacted amalgam bans or partial bans:

Ending amalgam use in children, pregnant women, and breastfeeding women (e.g., the European Union, Vietnam)

Setting a phase-out date for all amalgam use (e.g., Tanzania, Italy)

Banning amalgam use by law (e.g., Philippines, Moldova, Mongolia, Bolivia, New Caledonia)

Ending amalgam use by shareholder consensus (e.g., St. Kitts & Nevis, Zambia)

Ending amalgam imports (e.g., Cuba, Colombia)

Ending amalgam use in public programs (e.g., Indonesia, Poland)

Ending amalgam use in armed forces (e.g., India, Bangladesh)

These countries are working to end amalgam because they understand the many benefits of moving away from mercury products like amalgam - and toward a mercury-free world.

First, moving away from amalgam protects the environment from amalgam's mercury. Between 226 and 322 tonnes of dental mercury is used around the world annually. Dental mercury enters the environment via many unsound pathways, polluting air via cremation, dental clinic emissions, and sludge incineration; water via dental clinic releases and human waste; and soil via landfills, burials, and fertilizer.



Studies show that after environmental costs are factored in amalgam is more expensive than mercury-free fillings, but these mercury-free alternatives eliminate the high environmental costs of amalgam.

Second, moving away from amalgam reduces human exposure to mercury. Dental amalgam releases mercury throughout its lifecycle. Higher levels of exposure to mercury (for both patients and dental workers) are associated with placement and removal of dental amalgams.

Once implanted in teeth, dental amalgam continues to release low levels of

mercury vapor, with higher amounts released during mastication, gum chewing, tooth grinding, and tooth brushing. Phasing out amalgam will eliminate this source of exposure.

Third, moving away from amalgam actually improves oral health because of the advantages of mercury-free fillings. Studies show mercury-free composite

fillings can last as long as - and even longer than - amalgam.

They preserve tooth structure that must be removed to place an amalgam filling, which can increase the longevity of the tooth itself. They can even help prevent future caries.

While support for the Africa Region's proposed amalgam phase-out amalgam has been steadily building, the amalgam industry has been pushing back. Led by the pro-mercury World Dental Federation, the industry has issued a controversial letter that seemingly promotes a two-tiered system of dentistry: toxic-free dentistry for wealthy countries and mercury-based dentistry for lower-income countries.

Such health inequity and environmental injustice is unacceptable. The world has witnessed such outrageous disparities before, such as when Western nations banned lead paint at home but sold it to Asian, African, and Latin American nations. All countries worldwide, not only wealthy ones, deserve to benefit from mercury-free dental care.

At COP4, held last year in Indonesia, the Parties to the Minamata Convention added the Children's Amendment, which requires each Party to "...Exclude or not allow, by taking measures as appropriate, or recommend against the use of dental amalgam for the dental treatment of deciduous teeth [baby teeth], of patients under 15 years and of pregnant and breastfeeding women..."

Now the Parties have a great opportunity take the next logical step at COP5: phase out the 200-year mistake of mercury amalgam dental fillings. During the week of 30 October to 3 November, the world will choose whether to accept the industry's two-tiered system of dentistry that off-loads mercury into Africa, into Asia, and into Latin America - or embrace a mercury-free future for dentistry. It's time to make dental mercury history!

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THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 16 -

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ACROSS:

- Capital city of Angola
- arrive
- Nairobi is her mother city
- a glossy black long-tailed bird of the cuckoo family found in Central America
- a person's sense of self-esteem

DOWN:

- a large area of water surrounded by land
- make slightly angry
- radical and extreme
- of a great distance
- pursuing a profession
- mealie
- a way out
- leave out or exclude
- a small brooch
- a long and distinct period of history
- a barrier constructed to hold back water

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

MODERN	NAIANT	ARENA
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NEWSMAN	DNL :MUN	AT-SIGN
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Yesterday's solution

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The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5) will take place from Monday, 30 October to Friday, 3 November 2023 at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Geneva, Switzerland. Credit: UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

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DPM lauds steel manufacturer for unveiling new project in Tanzania

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Energy Dr Doto Biteko (pictured) has lauded ALAF Tanzania for unveiling a mega new coating line project which will enhance production of quality building products.

The project worth \$25million (60bn/-), is aimed at saving the cost to the country amounting over \$190million in five years when its operations kick start December, 2024.

Laying the foundation stone for the construction of the new project in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the DPM said the project will put the building solutions company an edge above the rest adding that it has been keen on maintaining quality hence one of the leading steel manufacturers.

"This is indeed commendable because it displays the level at which ALAF values and prioritizes Tanzanians by producing quality products for them for the well-being of families, cities and the nation as a whole," he said.

He said such level of investment is as a result of government efforts under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in opening doors and creating a conducive environment for investors to freely operate. He



said the \$25 million investment is a clear example of how the industrial sector and especially value addition is growing fast, noting that the investment is a clear indication of how competitive Tanzania's local and international market will be as Tanzania also reduces dependency on imported

products.

Dr Biteko challenged other steel products manufacturers to emulate ALAF Limited and invest heavily as it will ensure more quality products at lower prices for the consumer.

"I have been informed that the technology applied here is state of the art and this is

an assurance that we will get top quality products that are efficiently produced at low cost. This also guarantees us a sustainable economy and the ability to compete in the international market. He said

ALAF Limited CEO Ashish Mistry said that the project aims at enhancing the exist-

ing Industrial infrastructure through installation of a state-of-the-art Continuous Colour Coating Line (CCL) with three Coaters using Double Coat paint system.

"The core focus of this project is the seamless integration of the cutting-edge Continuous Colour Coating Line within our manufacturing facility," he said

"The advanced line will employ a superior paint system to coat Alu-Zinc coils which ensures exceptional durability and resistance to external elements including the harsh Marine environments existing in the coastal regions of Tanzania," he added.

The CEO noted that one of the key features of the new Colour Coating Line is the addition of a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO), which captures the volatile compounds generated during the painting and baking process and recycles the same without emitting them into the atmosphere hence ensuring zero pollution around the site.

"The nature of this comprehensive project underscores our commitment to advancing our manufacturing capabilities while prioritizing safety, sustainability, and overall operational excellence," he said.

The CEO added that the project will generate additional direct employment to the tune of 30 people and an additional 250 through indirect employment.

Tanzanians urged to grab chances in China international import exposition

By Carlos Banda

TANZANIANS have been called on to grab opportunities in the coming China International Import Expo slated for November 5th to 10th this year to expand their market base.

Chairman of the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), Prof Ulingeta Mbamba made the call during a farewell ceremony for Tanzanian exhibitors who participated in the sixth expo saying this was an opportunity for Tanzanian traders to brand themselves and their various products ranging from agricultural, mineral and industrial.

"The exhibition opens doors for Tanzanians to brand themselves in the Chinese market through their products. For example; we have mineral products, agricultural products, industrial, tourism, and so much more. So, it opens doors for Tanzania to reach the Chinese market," said Prof Mbamba.

He also added that China's population is close to that of Africa and that the middle-income population is significantly higher in China making the country stand a market with a high consumption capacity for Tanzanian products thus also attracting tourists to come and visit Tanzania.

On the role of TanTrade, Prof Mbamba highlighted that they have been given the mandate to oversee the facilitation of 'Tanzanians' participation in the expo where also noted that so far, a total of 16 companies have already registered to participate on the trade import expo.

"As an institution tasked with ensuring the successful participation of our traders in the expo, TanTrade is still inviting Tanzanians who wish

to travel to China to take part in the expo. There is still time until the 16th this month. I urge our business people to show their products to the world instead of keeping them in hiding," he emphasized.

Speaking about the role of the benefit of the expo to Tanzanians, Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjiang said that Participation itself will help share the opportunity for development and make Tanzania become well known in China, adding that the Asian country's 1.4 billion population with more than 600 million people in the middle class is a very potential market for Tanzanian goods.

"Participation of Tanzanian traders will itself help them share the development opportunity with China and make Tanzania well known in China. And we have a 1.4 billion population with more than 600 million people in the middle class," she noted.

The ambassador also stated that China has continued to expand its import of African goods and granted tariff-free treatment to 98percent of products exported to China from the least developed countries, adding that, in recent years, Africa's agricultural exports to China grew at an average annual rate of 11.4percent.

In 2022, Tanzania's agricultural exports to China will reach \$220 million, a year-on-year increase of 10 percent.

On her part, one of the participants of this year's expo, entrepreneur and Member of Parliament (Special seats), Sofia Mwakaganda, said the expo provides a potential market for selling our products as well as providing room for gaining investors who would help build joint ventures that will help build industries.

KCB donates 120 desks to Kibaha primary schools

By Guardian Reporter

IN ITS quest to support education transformation in the country, KCB Bank Tanzania has deployed 120 desks to four primary schools in Kibaha district to improve learning environment.

The support is in line with the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy that aims at improving the lives of people through providing support to different needy sectors including health, education, disasters.

The support will help to reduce the current shortage of 2131 by ensuring at least 360 students have seats while in class (3 students per desk).

Speaking during the handover ceremony on behalf of the Managing Director, the KCB Bank's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye stated that the support was crucial to join government's efforts of improving access to education through free education policy.

"KCB Bank remains committed to supporting country's development agendas and we believe education is key to achieving national development plans that are designed to impact lives of people. We believe through improving learning environment, students will succeed academically and produce enough experts that will propel

national growth," he said.

According to the District Education Officer, Benedina Kahabuka said the district has a total of 42,887 students while facing a shortage of 3,516 desks to meet the current demands.

The Kibaha Constituent Member of Parliament, Silvestry Koka commended KCB Bank for the support that is going to foster implementation of free education policy within the area.

"We thank KCB Bank for this support that is going to impact our children and most importantly the teachers who will now be able to deliver the education smoothly. We believe support will improve learning environment that will ultimately increase students' performance within our constituent," he noted.

The Bank has been at the forefront to support community development through the 2jajiri project that aims at transforming youth skills for self-employment.

"We are happy that for this year alone we are going to provide 5,000 scholarships to Tanzanians youth and we have started with Dar es Salaam with 500 scholarships. We believe that through this we shall be able to boost youth's incomes and entrepreneurship."

NMB targets over 30,000 agents, six new branches by end of year



Ilala District Commissioner, Edward Mpongolo (L), being congratulated by the NBC bank's head of Business Banking, Alex Mgeni, after delivering a speech at the bank's business executive network (BEN) dinner forum on Friday in Dar es Salaam. Looking on is the bank's Kariakoo Branch, William Nkuna. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank plans to increase its market outreach by executing several measures, which include opening six new branches and increasing the number of agents to over 30,000 by the end of this year.

The market expansion targets for better customer services were revealed over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by the bank's head of Business Banking, Alex Mgeni.

According to him, the strategy also includes crafting innovative financial products, debuting more digital solutions and investing hugely in new technologies.

Speaking at the bank's business exec-

utive network (BEN) dinner forum on Friday in Dar es Salaam, Mgeni said the lender was operationally doing well to finance the endeavour and justify the investment.

"NMB is better positioned to increase access to its financial services in order to continue enabling businesspeople to grow [commercially]," he told the networking and enlightenment gathering, which is also a feedback platform.

Mgeni told the Dar es Salaam and Coast Region top end business customers who attended the function that during the last BEN event, the bank had 228 branches that have now reached 230.

Noting that at this time in 2022 the number of agents which is now over

22,000 was only 11,000, he said two of the six new branches will be opened in the Dar es Salaam suburbs of Kariakoo and Chanika.

"The purpose of all this is to make banking more convenient and cut branch visits with highly innovative solutions like NMB Mkononi and Mshiko Fasta. We are also going to increase ATMs and improve other digital services," he explained.

The guest of honour at the business executives event, which has been annually held since 2014, was Ilala District Commissioner Edward Mpongolo, who described the BEN gatherings as healthy constructive engagements.

DC Mpongolo lauded NMB for being a strategic development partner and

an unequivocal supporter of socio-economic causes.

"This bank is not only strong and safe but also has national development at heart," he noted in his remarks, explaining that a good example of that was the 45.5bn/- dividend it remitted to national coffers this year and the 114m/- social investments it has made in Ilala in less than six months.

Dar es Salaam Mayor Omar Kumbimoto said he was not only impressed by NMB's lending initiatives but also the credit services it offers, whose improvement Mr Mgeni said has included increasing the single borrower limit to 350bn/- from the 2022 level of 250bn/-.

Bayport donates thirty computers to improve education in Mwangwa District

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwangwa

BAYPORT Financial Services has donated 30 computers to Mwangwa District in Kilimanjaro as part of Bayport's commitment to Education, a central pillar of its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy, which places a strong emphasis on valuing education through technology.

The handover ceremony of the donation was held over the weekend at the two Mwangwa's Kighare and Kamwala secondary schools.

John Mbagi, CEO of Bayport Financial Services, said during the occasion in the district yesterday that Bayport believes every child deserves access to quality education as education and technology plays a crucial role in enabling this.

"Through our ESG initiative, we are dedicated to bridging the in-



frastructure gap in Tanzania and empowering the next generation with the tools they need to succeed.

In this initiative, Bayport has collaborated with both Airtel Tanzania and

The Tanzania Institute of Education and through this collaboration, Airtel will grant the school free internet access, while The Tanzania Institute of Education will supply the digital learn-

ing module. Christian Mtavanga, Principal system administrator at Tanzania Institute of Education stated: "This kind of module encompasses various subjects and past examinations acces-

sible online, ensuring a smooth and enriching learning experience for the students."

Nderingo Materu, Bayport's Chief Operating Officer, said: "This collaboration exemplifies the power of public-private partnerships in driving positive change in education. Bayport has donated 30 computers, 30 desks and chairs, a speaker and a 65-inch television worth 40 m/.

"By combining resources and expertise, Bayport Financial Services and its partners are creating an environment where technology-enhanced learning can thrive," he said.

The event saw the presence of representatives from Bayport Financial Services, Bayport brand ambassador Haji Manara, Airtel Tanzania, Tanzania Institute of Education, and the school's administration team lead and heads of Kamwala and Kighare.

Govt, partners inaugurate \$400,000 lab at TIRDO

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) have inaugurated a new modern energy efficiency laboratory worth \$ 400,000 at Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization (TIRDO).

Bahati Mtono, the Director of Human Resource, Administration and Management at the Ministry of Energy said that over the weekend at the inauguration ceremony of the energy efficiency laboratory.

She said that the laboratory will be used for practical teaching and providing energy auditing services in industries, commercial buildings, and households, noting that the project seeks to strengthen legal, regulatory, institutional, and administrative frameworks and provide assistance to large energy consumers, general users, and capacity and skills development, particularly for women and youth.

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The inauguration of the laboratory is part of Tanzania's 1st Energy Efficiency Action Plan, which aims to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all in Tanzania.

The Action Plan is being implemented by the Ministry and the UNDP with support from the EU. "The laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art energy efficiency technologies, including energy monitoring and analysis systems, energy modelling software, and energy efficiency testing equipment," she said.

"The laboratory will be used to train Tanzanian professionals in the field of energy efficiency and to provide energy auditing services to Tanzanian businesses and organizations" she added.

She said the energy sector is currently undergoing significant reforms to address the growing energy demand, the impacts of climate change, regional integration, global dynamics, emerging diverse technologies, and the appetite for socio-economic development.

He added that despite its importance and recognition by the National Energy Policy, National Climate Change strategy and other regional and international initiatives, energy efficiency is significantly developed in Tanzania.

"We are glad that the Energy efficiency Action Plan was implemented to help bridge this critical gap and promote energy efficiency," she said.



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Lamine Diallo, Head of Natural Resources at the EU Delegation to Tanzania assured that EU is committed to supporting Tanzania in its transition to a clean and sustainable energy future.

"EU is proud to support the inauguration of this energy efficiency laboratory. The laboratory is a key part of Tanzania's efforts to transform its energy sector and achieve its sustainable development goals."

Diallo Sergio Valdini, the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative said: "We saw first-hand the expertise of these professionals through initiatives like the pilot energy audit and management program at PSSF, Aga Khan Hospital and Silaf-rica Ltd. This strategic approach has transformed our energy expenses and realized significant savings, setting an example for other partners to undertake similar ventures."

Eng Ramson Mwilangali, TIRDO director of electricity said that equipment were needed to build the capacity in terms of industrial capacity. He said that energy efficiency is the more is the cost effective.

"We need to build the capacity of our local to be capable to measure energy efficiency," he said.

The project has so far enhanced TIRDO employees with international training (both classroom and field based) and certifications to become certified energy auditors and managers.

TAEC in a new drive to educate institutions on proper handling of radioactive sources

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) has embarked on a special programme meant to impart various institutions in the public and private sector with needed knowledge and skills on proper handling of radioactive materials.

The programme targets the institutions which engage in the use of radioactive minerals technologies in their daily executions.

These include the institutions in the road construction sector, health and water, mining, crude oil pumps construction, as well as nuclear power generation.

Jerome Mwimanzhi, the Senior Research Officer at TAEC told this paper here on the sideline of an event to mark this year's observation of the International Disaster Reduction Day.

He said handling of the radioactive materials requires technological awareness and precautions in

order to avoid outbreak of possible environmental and human disasters.

He expressed that the implementation of the programme was part to respond to the prior incidents of outbreak of numerous dangerous disasters that was chiefly propelled due materials.

"Records indicate that there are a total of at least 30 cases of disasters that emerged in the past due to unprofessional (illegal) trafficking of radioactive sources in the country," Mwimanzhi detailed.

He added that illegal importation and marketing of uranium was the other negative development that has been contributing to outbreak of dangerous disasters, saying TAEC was continuing to step up key initiatives to curb the spate



in cooperation with the other like-minded institutions.

To further address the situation, the officer said that the Commission had so far developed vital regulations which include the Regulation on the Radiation Safety in the Mining

and Processing of Radioactive Ores, 2011, together with the Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Materials of 2011.

According to Prof. Lazaro Busagala, the Director General of TAEC, unveiled that there has been an increase of unpatriotic wave of un-

authorized importation of various radioactive minerals, the poor development which puts the national security, as well as the citizens' health at stake.

So far, TAEC has managed to detect and legally deal with a total of 17 incidences of such poor tendencies in different regions at the country's borders.

"In one among the notorious incidents, our intelligent system managed to nab a local citizen in Dar es Salaam who illegally imported more than 9kg of processed Uranium (U238 Uranium, 2.6x 109Bq/g)," he detailed.

He further said that despite having vital socio-economic benefits, if not handled professionally, the radioactive minerals, including Uranium, can spread negative effects to the human body, including

destruction of body cells, serious eye diseases and blindness, loss of manhood, and other environmental destructions.

Radioactive minerals are minerals that contain radioactive isotopes, which are atoms of an element with an unstable nucleus that decays, or breaks down, over time. This decay releases energy in the form of radiation, which can be harmful to humans.

He said in the 2021/2022 financial, TAEC had managed to increase inspections of imported food products to at least 66,609 inspections, being an increase of 274 percent in comparison to 7,817 inspections conducted during 2016/2017.

Tanzania has been a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since 6 January 1976, and through the development the country has been receiving numerous key profits, including technical and facility assistance in implementing a number of projects in the health, agriculture, livestock and energy sectors, to mention but a few.

Do regular inspection on authentic gas cylinders' heaviness, Zungu asks WMA

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hassan Zungu, has commended the Weigh and Measurement Agency (WMA), for the good work they are doing in verifying the measurements but he asked them to do regular inspection of the weights of gas cylinders.

Zungu made call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the signing of the MoU between WMA and the College of Business Education (CBE) regarding providing apprenticeship training.

He said that since its inception, WMA has been doing good work, but it should put more emphasis on promoting itself so that many people are aware of its services.

"WMA is doing a great and important job for our country, congratulations, but you still don't promote yourself, we don't see you doing promotion of what you are doing, you must show the community that you exist so that even those who break the law can see that if we break the law, we will be in trouble," he said.

"I asked the CEO of WMA here if they have gadgets to verify gas cylinders and she said they have them, so why don't you advertise yourself?"

Announce the good things you are doing so that the whole world knows what you are here," said Zungu

He said the inspection of gas cylinders is important because some unscrupulous traders may commit fraud if they know that WMA does not inspect the cylinders regularly.

"If measures are taken and the owners of the gas cylinders know that the WMA people can pass for inspection, those who fill the cylinders will be afraid to put a small amount because they will know that there is an authority to control them," said Zungu

He praised the cooperation between CBE and WMA saying he believes it will be beneficial for the two sides and for the wider interests of the nation and asking them to cooperate for the interests of the nation.

He asked the relevant authorities to take steps to check the volume of packaged products to check the value of money as some products are labeled with a different volume than what is contained in the respective product, thus confusing consumers.

Zungu asked the metrology experts in the country to have work discipline and not cooperate with unscrupulous businessmen to fix measurement standards because if they do that, even their education



will no longer be meaningful.

He said that the experts at CBE will be taught about the types of fuel, including jet fuel, and how to check if it meets the required standards.

"There was a time when the plane crashed, the first thing the experts took was the fuel to test if it meet the required standards, so we want you to pay attention to your studies," he said.

He asked CBE and WMA to knock to his office any time to find solutions to the various challenges they will face as his office has been help-

ing to solve various problems in the community.

The Chief Executive Officer of WMA, Stela Kahwa, said the collaboration with the CBE college has been beneficial for a long time as his office has been employing many young people who came out of the college.

She said that CBE and WMA are children of the same father and mother as they are all under the Ministry of Industry and Trade, so CBE has been responsible for producing professionals who are recruited by various institutions including WMA.

Sweden vows to support Tanzania's clean energy endeavours

By Guardian Reporter

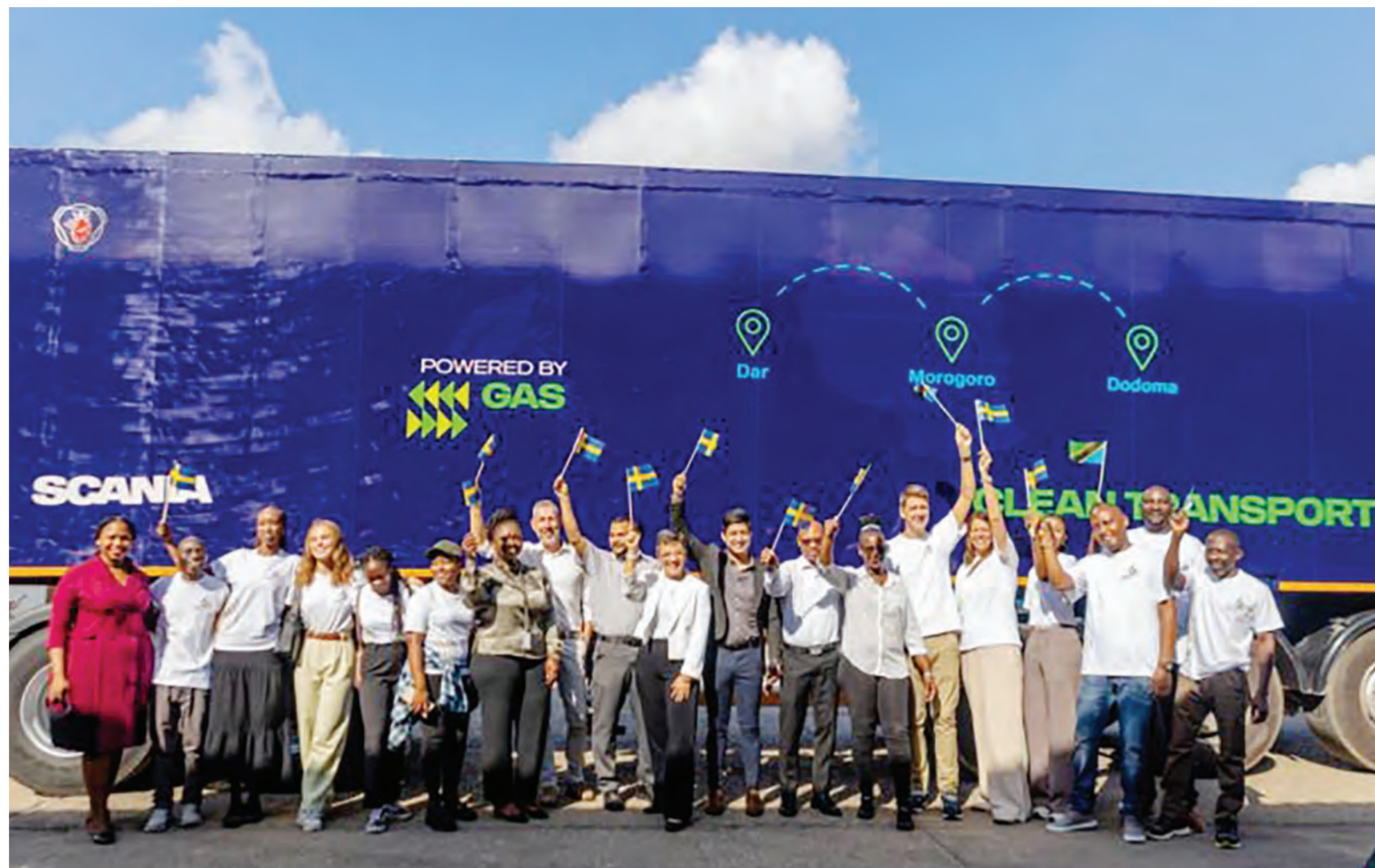
THE embassy of Sweden has expressed determination to continue supporting and advocating for clean energy to stimulate the transition to sustainable and eco-friendly transport systems in Tanzania.

To achieve this, the embassy in collaboration with Swedish transport company- Scania Tanzania recently embarked on a 'Clean Transport Tour' which involved travelling from Dar es Salaam to the capital of Dodoma.

The tour was meant to catalyze the transition while also celebrating 60 years of impactful development cooperation between Sweden and Tanzania.

Wrapping up the tour recently in Dodoma Swedish ambassador to Tanzania Charlotta-Ozaki Macias said: "Tanzania and Sweden have in close partnership worked in almost all sectors of society during the last 60 years. There are many results to be proud of, some lessons learned and a bright future to look forward to. These partnerships provide a solid platform for our relations in the coming years."

She said Sweden has long been a global advocate for environmentally friendly and sustainable transport solutions, and this tour aims to draw attention to the imperative need for a cleaner, greener transportation future in Tanzania.



She explained that at the heart of this endeavour is a gas-powered truck, utilising compressed natural gas (CNG), as an attractive and locally available fuel alternative. Scania managing director Ali Dar, highlighted that the company's

gas truck conforms to the cleanest emission norm available, Euro 6 engine, operating on optionally Compressed Natural Gas or Biogas.

He said: "This Scania gas truck was officially launched in Tanzania 2021, it is a well-proven technol-

ogy that reduces exhaust emissions and noise levels. Globally one out of eight deaths are caused by poor air quality, where emissions from transport are a large contributor. In Dar es Salaam, we have a growing population that has doubled in 15

years, and more of us need means of transport. By running the transport on CNG we can use the cleanest drivelines with the lowest emissions, creating cleaner air."

He noted that by running on local CNG fuel, Tanzania can reduce for-

eign exchange, create local jobs and revenue streams.

In this area, media has big role to play to ensure that the Tanzania's move towards clean energy is realized, that why Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC), an umbrella body of press clubs in Tanzania declared to join the wagon. Kenneth Simbaya, UTPC Executive Director commended the Swedish embassy and the company for embarking on the tour saying: "For long time, fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and natural gas, have been the cornerstone of our global energy infrastructure. However, in recent years, biofuels have emerged as a promising alternative source of energy. Therefore, we are delighted to host the Scania Truck Roadshow at our office here in Dodoma as we launch our new strategic plan and of-

He said UTPC is the largest grassroots entity that brings together journalists both mainstream and citizen journalists.

"When it comes to clean energy, our journalists have a crucial role to play in advocating for biofuels by providing accurate, and engaging information to the public, highlighting the environ-

mental and economic benefits of biofuels so as to shape public opinion and drive the transition towards more sustainable and renewable energy sources," he said.

According to Simbaya, both fossil fuels and biofuels have their own unique advantages and disadvantages, which are crucial to consider when discussing the future of our energy sources.

He also highlighted disadvantages of fossil fuels as environmental impact, the combustion of fossil fuels like petroleum releases greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change. It also leads to air and water pollution, causing harm to human health and ecosystems, and price volatility.

"Biofuels are derived from organic materials, such as plants and algae. As long as these resources are managed sustainably, biofuels can be continually produced, reducing dependence on finite fossil fuel reserves, and it reduces greenhouse gas emissions," he said.

He promised that UTPC will partner with relevant stakeholders to build the capacity of journalists in press clubs to understand pros and cons on fossil fuels and biofuels.

Kenyan youth gain employment opportunities from BRI projects

NAIROBI

MIRRIAM Gakii Kirimi joins the ranks of Kenyan youth who have secured jobs thanks to Kenya being part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was proposed by China in 2013 with the aim of boosting development around the world.

Kirimi, a young woman who grew up in a remote village in Tharaka Nithi County, about 175 km north-east of the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, considers the BRI a lifeline for Kenyan youth because it has spurred employment opportunities in the East African country.

Kirimi currently works as a translator for Guangxi Hydroelectric Construction Bureau under the China Energy International Group, which has undertaken road and dam projects in Kenya.

"I acknowledge that my story and dreams would be irrelevant, were it not for the BRI, which has truly opened doors for my career," Kirimi said on Friday during the Belt and Road "My Chinese Story" Speech Competition organized by the Kenya-China Economic and Trade Association. Kirimi was among the ten finalists from a pool of local employees of Chinese companies based in Kenya who were feted for their outstanding performances in the speech contest.

Back in 2015, when she was at the age of 22 and pursuing a bachelor's degree in education at Kenyatta University and also studying the Chinese language, Kirimi was employed as a translator by China Road and Bridge Corporation, which at the time was constructing the 480-km Nairobi-Mombasa Standard Gauge Railway, a flagship project of the BRI.

Due to her outstanding performance at a Chinese Bridge Competition, she won a scholarship to study for a postgraduate degree at the Shandong Normal University in Jinan, the capital of east China's Shandong Province. Upon completion in 2019, she returned to Kenya and got a job at Guangxi Hydroelectric Construction Bureau.

John Mwangi, a young man who currently works as a translator at AVIC International, credits the BRI for transforming him from a village boy in central Kenya to a confident man who is pursuing ambitious career goals.

He said the turning point in his

life was in 2016 when he traveled to China after receiving a scholarship to study at Shandong Normal University for two years. After completing his studies, Mwangi returned to Kenya and got employed by AVIC International, where he has been working for the past five years.

"China has been good to me, and it has given me a lot of opportunities to change my life and those of people around me for the better," Mwangi, a father of two, said.

Another BRI project has provided David Maina Kamore with a secure job that has enabled him to become a breadwinner to his family. Kamore's link with China began in 2009 when he received a scholarship to study Chinese language at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, the capital of central China's Hubei Province, and electrical engineering at Chang'an University in Xi'an, the capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Upon his return to Kenya in 2014, he was employed at China Aerospace Construction Group Co., Ltd, where he works as a transmission engineer. Kamore said he is a member of a team that is currently undertaking the Kenya Power Transmission Expansion Project, which aims to connect previously underserved areas of the country to reliable electricity supply.

"As a result of the BRI, I am directly contributing to Kenya's energy sector development and the country's socioeconomic transformation," Kamore said.



David Maina Kamore patrols at the construction site of the Konza transformer substation in Machakos County, Kenya.



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UK will always stand with its allies against terror -Rishi Sunak

LONDON

ON the Israel-Hamas war, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has said the UK will always stand with its allies against terror.

"The UK will always stand with our allies against terror. Following the Hamas terrorist attacks on innocent victims in Israel, I have deployed our world class military to bolster regional stability, prevent further escalation and aid humanitarian efforts," Sunak wrote on X on Saturday.

Meanwhile, as the Israel-Palestine

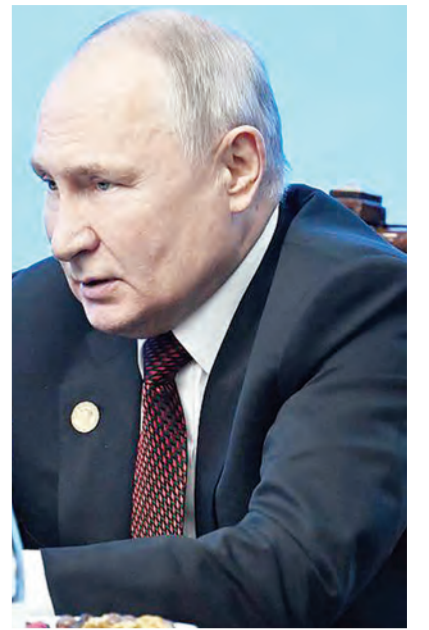
conflict enters its eighth day, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has said it is completing preparations for a "significant ground operation" in the Gaza Strip, The Times of Israel reported.

The IDF statement says it is preparing to "expand the offensive" by implementing a "wide range of offensive operational plans" which it says include a "joint and coordinated attack from the air, sea and land."

The IDF said it is finalising the draft

of hundreds of thousands of reservists, as the logistics directorate is working to provide troops with all the equipment they will need for the ground offensive.

It said: "In recent days, the tools required for combat have been transferred to the assembly areas, and at this stage, the various units of the Technological and Logistics Directorate are working to complete the qualification of the tools and equipping them with advanced combat means, as needed." ANI



Multipolar world emerges as many countries, including China, boost their potential - Putin

MOSCOW

GROWING potential of many countries, including Russia and China, helps the development of a multipolar world, President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with China Media Group.

"The multipolar world is being created on its own, as a fait accompli. And it is happening due to the growing potential of many countries, including - not least - the growing potential of the People's Republic of China," the president said.

"India is growing in Asia, Indonesia is growing, and many other states are," Putin (pictured) continued. "In Latin America, Brazil is growing. Russia is getting back on its feet and getting stronger. And I repeat once again: This is a manifestation of the objective process of how a multipolar world is emerging."

Putin also said China's initiatives on security, development and the formation of a global civilization were first proposed in general terms by Xi Jinping in 2013 during his first state visit to Russia as Chinese president.

"Of course, this is a global approach to human history. Of course, everything is interconnected. And today, when the formation of a multipolar world is underway, these ideas have become even more relevant," the Russian president stated.

He said the initiatives proposed by the Chinese president "are being put into practice these days."

"This is extremely important. In 2013, he [Xi Jinping] spoke about the building of a global world and the interconnection between the destinies of all countries and peoples on the planet, and then came up with the One Belt, One Road initiative. This is the practical realization of what he talked about more or less in theoretical terms," Putin said.

He noted that consistency and movement toward common goals while understanding the essence of current events is what distinguishes Xi Jinping and China's policy.

The One Belt, One Road initiative, also known as the Belt and Road initiative, was proposed by Xi Jinping in 2013 to boost economic and trade investment projects involving as many countries as possible. More than 150 countries and more than 30 international organizations have already joined it. Beijing is set to host the third Belt and Road Initiative Forum from October 17 to 18.

Fragments of the Russian president's interview were aired on China Central Television on Sunday. The full version is expected to be released later. Putin spoke with China Media Group ahead of his visit to Beijing.

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WTO chief warns of 'really big' trade impact if Gaza crisis

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WORLD Trade Organization chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said she hoped the Israel-Palestine conflict could be ended quickly, warning it would have a "really big impact" on already weak global trade flows if it widened throughout the region.

Okonjo-Iweala (pictured), in Morocco for this week's annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, said Middle East violence could add to factors throttling trade growth, including higher interest rates and Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

"We hope this ends soon and it's contained. Our biggest fear is if it widens, because that will then have a really big impact on trade," she said in an interview. "Everybody's on eggshells and hoping for the best."

Okonjo-Iweala said global uncertainty was already limiting growth in trade, but that would be exacerbated by the sudden onset of war between Israel and the Hamas group that controls the Gaza Strip.

"There is uncertainty about whether this is going to spread further to the whole region, which could impact very much on global economic growth," she said. "We hope it will end because it does create this uncertainty. It's another dark cloud on the horizon."

The Geneva-based trade body last week halved its growth forecast for global goods trade this year, citing persistent inflation, higher interest rates, and the crisis in Ukraine.

The WTO said merchandise trade volumes would increase by just 0.8 percent in 2023, compared with its April estimate of 1.7 percent.

For 2024, it said goods trade growth would be 3.3 percent, a forecast virtually unchanged from its April estimate of 3.2 percent.

The 164-member organization repeated its warning that it saw some signs of trade fragmentation linked to global tensions, but no evidence of a broader de-globalization that could threaten its 2024 forecast.

UN chief urged to do more

Meanwhile, Palestine's ambassador to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, appealed to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Friday to do more to alleviate the tragedy in Gaza.

Mansour, speaking right before the UN Security Council held closed-door consultations on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, said ambassadors from the Arab Group will meet with Guterres and asked him to do more.

"We are going to ask him to use the moral power of the office of the SG (secretary-general) in order to help us to implement this three-point plan: cease-fire, humanitarian



assistance, and (efforts) not to allow ethnic cleansing to take place," he said.

Mansour said the Arab Group are united to stop the "Israeli carnage" against the Palestinian people, allow for humanitarian assistance and passage, and to not allow, after 75 years of the first Nakba, another Nakba to befall Palestinians by depopulating the Gaza Strip of its 2.3 million people, throwing them outside to Egypt and making it an Egyptian problem.

Clashes with Israelis across the West Bank have left at least 11 Palestinians dead on Friday, the Ramallah-based Palestinian Health Ministry said.

Security sources told Xinhua that clashes erupted in Nablus, Tulkarm, Hebron, and other West Bank cities on the seventh day of the new round of violence between the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and Israel.

At least five deaths are from the city of Tulkarm, the ministry said.

Also on Friday, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said that he "fully" rejected Israel's plan of displacing the Palestinian people in Gaza during a meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Jordan's capital Amman, reported Jordan's state-run Petra News Agency.

The Palestinian president also em-



A Palestinian man uses a fire extinguisher to douse a fire following an Israeli strike, in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday, as fighting between Israel and the Hamas movement continues for the eighth consecutive day. AFP



Indian nationals onboard the third flight of Operation Ajay which has departed from Tel Aviv to Delhi, on Saturday. ANI

'Thankful' to Indian govt for 'Operation Ajay'

NEW DELHI

CALLING Operation Ajay a "very good initiative", the Indian nationals evacuated from Israel "thanked" the government as they landed at the national capital chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."

Upon arriving at Delhi airport earlier today, the evacuees were received by Union Minister Kaushal Kishore.

Speaking to ANI, Preeti Sharma, an Indian national who returned from Israel said, "I think it's a very good initiative by the Government of India. And I would like to thank our Minister Jaishankar for this initiative. I think India was among the first countries which evacuated... And more than us, I think our families are very happy and they would be much more thankful."

Another Indian national, Lalit said that it was a "true evacuation" for him.

"This initiative is good. I was stuck there...I had booked flights, but my six flights got cancelled. My house lease had also expired. My daughter and wife were with me. This is a true evacuation for me. I am thankful to the Embassy and the Government of India..." he said.

The third flight carrying 197 Indian nationals from Israel under 'Operation Ajay' arrived in the national capital here on Sunday.

The flight departed from Tel Aviv to Delhi yesterday. Taking to X, the Indian

Embassy in Israel said, "The third flight of #OperationAjay has departed from Tel Aviv to Delhi. Embassy wishes everyone on board a safe journey."

"We are thankful to Govt of India. We were feeling scared there...We are thankful to govt for this initiative (Operation Ajay)," an Indian national who returned from Israel told ANI.

"On Operation Ajay, an Indian national who returned from Israel says, "It's very impressive and the Indian government is doing very good for us..." said another.

'Operation Ajay' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring back around 18,000 Indians in Israel. Registration of Indians began on Thursday.

It has been more than a week after the attack that saw more than 1,300 Israelis killed, most of them civilians, as waves of Hamas terrorists breached the border. Over 1,000 Palestinians were also killed as a result of retaliatory strikes from Israel.

The Indian embassy in Israel is providing assistance to Indian companies and has set up a helpline for Indian citizens in need of assistance.

The MEA had set up a 24-hour control room in view of the escalating conflict. The control room will help monitor the situation and provide information and assistance.

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Special mining lease signals Porgera restart

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

GOVERNOR General Sir Bob Dabae granted a special mining lease to New Porgera Limited (NPL), clearing the way for Barrick Gold Corporation to restart production at the gold mine, which has been on care and maintenance for three years.

This follows the signing of a mining development contract and the conclusion of a fiscal stability agreement for New Porgera between the government and NPL. NPL will meet the mine property's landowners in the coming week to settle compensation agreements.

Barrick president and chief executive Mark Bristow said subject to agreement on compensation, the mine was positioned to restart be-

fore the end of this year. Recruitment was being accelerated to employ the full workforce that will be required when the mine starts ramping up operations as soon as the compensation agreements are in place.

"It's been a long road, but the end is now in sight. Negotiations between Barrick, the government and the other stakeholders required patience and persistence but the spirit of partnership in which they were conducted eventually led to an outcome acceptable to all.

Barrick's commitment to partnership with its host countries is also reflected in NPL's ownership structure, which ensures the equitable sharing of the value created by Porgera with all stakeholders," he said.

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THE Chinese civilization has weathered vicissitudes and been passed down from generation to generation. It remains the only great ancient civilization that has developed in an unbroken line while retaining a coherent national identity down to the present day.

The five prominent features of continuity, innovativeness, unity, inclusiveness, and peaceful nature together shape the Chinese civilization, forming its profound values and systems.

The Chinese civilization, which has stretched for more than 5,000 years, provides strong cul-

To write new chapters of modern Chinese civilisation

tural-ethical support for Chinese modernization.

Chinese modernization represents the renewal, not the destruction, of the country's ancient civilization. It is a modernization originating from China's own land, not one mimicking other nations. It stems from the continuous development of the Chinese civilization, not from any rupture in its cultural heritage.

Modernization is a comprehensive development process that includes economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological as-

pects. It is a significant symbol of the development and progress of human civilization.

"As we have upheld and developed socialism with Chinese characteristics and driven coordinated progress in material, political, cultural-ethical, social, and ecological terms, we have pioneered a new and uniquely Chinese path to modernization, and created a new model for human advancement," said Chinese President Xi Jinping at a ceremony marking the centenary of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Today, China's economy is shifting towards high-quality development, and there is a continuous emergence of material achievements, which lays a solid material foundation for Chinese modernization.

Democracy is a common value of all humanity and a distinctive feature of modern political civilization.

When visiting the Gubei civic center in Changning District of Shanghai in November 2019, Xi talked to Chinese and foreign residents attending a consultation

meeting on a draft law. He said China is on the path of socialist political advancement with Chinese characteristics, and people's democracy is a type of whole-process democracy. His remarks revealed the features and advantages of socialist democracy.

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tradition of "republic" and "deliberation," and political wisdom of "inclusiveness, mutual learning, and seeking common ground while reserving differences."

China has a unitary state structure and a regional national autonomy system. It conforms to the general trend of cohesion within the Chinese nation and unity in diversity.

China did not follow the old Western path, but rather has created its own modernization path suited to itself. China did not directly copy Western democratic

models, but has created its own form of democracy with Chinese characteristics.

Democracy takes different forms, and there is no one-size-fits-all model. It would be totally undemocratic to measure the diverse political systems in the world with a single yardstick or examine different political civilizations from a single perspective.

In today's China, democracy has turned from a value into an institution and governance mechanism. The 1.4 billion Chinese people are enjoying rights and dignity like never before.

People's Daily

Palestinian-Israeli conflict: 'Countries should stay impartial'

WASHINGTON

BEIJING - Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Saturday reiterated China's stance on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, saying that major countries should stay objective and impartial, keep calm and exercise restraint when dealing with international and regional hot spot issues.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks in a telephone conversation with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is on a five-day trip to the Middle East.

The urgent task is to stop the fighting between Palestine and Israel so as to avoid exacerbating humanitarian disasters, Wang said, while urging the US to play a constructive role in bringing the issue back to the track of political settlement.

There is no way out by military means, and fighting violence with violence will only lead to a vicious circle, Wang said.

China condemns all acts that harm civilians and opposes any violation of international law, Wang said.

He called for opening up a humanitarian rescue and assistance passage and supported the United Nations in building international consensus and the UN Security Council in playing its due role.

The answer to the Palestinian issue is the two-state solution and an independent State of Palestine, this is how Palestine and Israel could coexist in peace, he said.

There can be no peace in the Middle East without reconciliation between the Arabs and Israel, the foreign minister said.

China calls for convening an international peace conference as soon as



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (left) meets with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, a day after the Group of 20 foreign ministers' meeting, in Bali, Indonesia, July 9, 2022. File photo

possible to promote reaching broad consensus, he said. Blinken said that the US supports the two-state solution, and supports the UN's role in de-escalating the Palestinian-Israeli situation and providing humanitarian assistance. Washington stands ready to strengthen communication

and coordination with Beijing, he said.

Wang and Blinken also exchanged views on China-US relations during the phone call.

A series of high-level contacts between the two sides has helped stabilized bilateral relations, which is welcomed by the people of the two countries and the international community, Wang said.

He said he hopes that the US will work on the same direction with China to remove obstacles, respect China's core interests and major concerns, so as to bring bilateral ties back to the track of stable development.

Blinken said that Washington will work with Beijing to manage their relationship in a responsible way.

Xinhua

'Yahya Sinwar, the Face of Evil, and his team are in our sights'

TEL AVIV



HAMAS in Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar and his entire command team "are in our sights," Israel Defense Forces international spokesperson Lt. Col. Richard Hecht told journalists on Saturday.

Hecht (pictured) spoke as the Israel Air Force killed Merad Abu Merad, Hamas's head of aerial activity, in Gaza City, who it said was responsible for directing terrorists during the Oct. 7 massacre of Israelis in the western Negev.

The Israel Air Force also struck dozens of members and facilities of Hamas's Nuhba elite terrorist commando unit that were involved in the assault on the south, in which at least 1,300 Israelis were murdered and over 130 kidnapped to the Strip, including young children and the elderly.

The IDF Rabbinate Base at Camp Shura, south of Tel Aviv, is processing enormous numbers of bodies as the identification process continues from last Saturday's massacre, Hecht said. "These are things no one should have to see or smell," he stated. "This is a massacre that Israel will never forget."

Israel released images on Friday of Hamas terrorists handling babies in the south after murdering their parents.

"Yahya Sinwar is the face of evil. He is the mastermind behind this, like [Osama] bin Laden was. He built his career on murdering Palestinians when he understood they were collaborators. That's how he became known as the butcher of Khan Younis [in southern Gaza]," said Hecht.

"That man and his whole team are in our sights. We will get to that man," he said, adding, "This could be [a] long [campaign]."

The IDF has been calling all Gazans to evacuate the north of the Strip, and showing them two evacuation corridors. It said two evacuation corridors would be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Hamas has ordered Gazan civilians to ignore Israel's evacuation calls and is preventing Palestinians from leaving northern areas of the Strip.

A young Palestinian from Shejaya neighborhood in northern Gaza told the Tazpit Press Service that Hamas operatives in civilian clothes have been passing through the alleys of northern Gaza in recent days, specifically in the area of Hamas headquarters, such as Shifa Hospital, and prevented people from leaving their homes.

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US pushes security situation in Middle East to reach 'point of no return', says diplomat

MOSCOW



THE United States' steps have resulted in the security situation in the Middle East to reach "the point of no return," Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her Telegram channel.

Earlier, the US Department of State announced that non-emergency US government personnel of the US embassy in Jerusalem and its Branch Office in Tel Aviv, as well as members of their families, may leave Israel and return to the US. This decision was taken "due to the unpredictable security situation in Israel."

"The regional security guarantor has driven security to reach the point of no return. And will no one in Washington be again held accountable for their atrocities, provocations and shows?" Zakharova said, commenting on that decision of the US Department of State.

Tensions flared up in the Middle East after Hamas militants from the Gaza Strip attacked Israeli territory. Hamas views its attack as a response to Israeli authorities' steps against the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Israel declared a total blockade of the Gaza Strip and launched bombardments of the enclave and some areas in Lebanon and Syria. Clashes are also reported in the West Bank.

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Kenyan youth gain employment opportunities from BRI projects

NAIROBI

MIRRIAM Gakii Kirimi joins the ranks of Kenyan youth who have secured jobs thanks to Kenya being part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was proposed by China in 2013 with the aim of boosting development around the world.

Kirimi, a young woman who grew up in a remote village in Tharaka Nithi County, about 175 km northeast of Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, considers the BRI a lifeline for Kenyan youth because it has spurred employment opportunities in the East African country.

Kirimi currently works as a translator for Guangxi Hydroelectric Construction Bureau under the China Energy International Group which has undertaken road and dam projects in Kenya.

"I acknowledge that my story and dreams would be irrelevant, were it not for the BRI, which has truly opened doors for my career," Kirimi told Xinhua on Friday during the Belt and Road "My Chinese Story" Speech Competition organized by the Kenya-China Economic and Trade Association.

Kirimi was among the ten finalists from a pool of local employees of Chinese companies based in Kenya who



Kenyan train drivers learn operating procedures from their Chinese instructor during training in Nairobi on May 17, 2017, before the start of the Mombasa-Nairobi standard gauge railway. File photo

were feted for their outstanding performances in the speech contest.

Back in 2015, when she was at the age of 22 and pursuing a bachelor's degree in education at Kenyatta University and also studying the Chinese language, Kirimi was employed as a translator by China Road and Bridge Corporation, which at the time was constructing the 480-km Nairobi-Mombasa Standard Gauge Railway, a

flagship project of the BRI.

Due to her outstanding performance at a Chinese Bridge Competition, she won a scholarship to study for a postgraduate degree at the Shandong Normal University in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province.

Upon completion in 2019, she returned to Kenya and got a job at Guangxi Hydroelectric Construction Bureau. John Mwangi, a young man

who currently works as a translator at AVIC International, credits the BRI for transforming him from a village boy in central Kenya to a confident man who is pursuing ambitious career goals.

He said that the turning point in his life was in 2016 when he traveled to China after receiving a scholarship to study at Shandong Normal University for two years.

After completing his studies, Mwangi returned to Kenya and got employed by AVIC International where he has been working for the past five years. "China has been good to me and it has given me a lot of opportunities to change my life and those of people around me for the better," Mwangi, a father of two said.

Another BRI project has provided David Maina Kamore with a secure job that has enabled him to become a breadwinner to his family. Kamore's link with China began in 2009 when he received a scholarship to study Chinese language at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, and electrical engineering at Chang'an University in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. Upon his return to Kenya in 2014, he was employed at China Aerospace Construction Group Co., Ltd, where he works as a transmission engineer.

Kamore said that he is a member of a team that is currently undertaking the Kenya Power Transmission Expansion Project, which aims to connect previously underserved areas of the country to reliable electricity supply. "As a result of the BRI, I am directly contributing to Kenya's energy sector development and the country's socioeconomic transformation," Kamore said.

Xinhua

Angola parliament rejects president impeachment process

LUANDA

THE National Assembly of Angola on Saturday rejected a proposal to create an ad hoc committee for impeaching the country's President Joao Lourenco.

The proposal, put forth by 90 deputies from the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the country's

largest opposition party, was defeated with 123 votes against and one abstention, as per a statement from the parliament.

Antonio Paulo, vice president of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee of the National Assembly, told media that the impeachment process requires the support of an absolute majority.

According to information avail-

able on the National Assembly's website, the Angolan parliament consists of 220 members.

On Thursday, the UNITA submitted a document to the parliament seeking the removal of Lourenco, alleging the president seriously violated the constitution and attacked the democratic rule of law, among other wrongful acts.

Lourenco (pictured) is serving his second term following the vic-

tory of his party People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) in the 2022 general elections.

Local media said that the president can only be removed for crimes such as treason, espionage, bribery, embezzlement, or permanent incapacity to carry out the duties, citing Article 129 of the Constitution of Angola.

Xinhua

CIIE's spillover effect highly anticipated

The sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE) is scheduled to be held in Shanghai from Nov. 5 to 10 this year, signifying the first complete return to in-person exhibitions for the event since COVID-19.

Attending trade fairs and showcasing products is one of the channels for many companies to explore new markets and boost their sales. As a major international exhibition platform for China's opening up, the CIIE is widely recognized by businesses as a crucial channel for expanding their market presence.

Many enterprises said they were looking forward to the event, emphasizing their hope to leverage this opportunity to deepen their foothold in the Chinese market.

Hou Mingjuan, vice-president of Qualcomm, said that Qualcomm was among the first group of American companies to participate in the inaugural CIIE back in 2018. Over the following years, Qualcomm has become a regular participant in the expo, and this year it has already begun preparations for the event, she added.

"Honeywell will focus on showcasing our innovative technologies and solutions at this year's CIIE, and we will also unveil our flagship product. Through this global platform, we hope to leverage our company's strengths in aviation, energy transformation, digitalization, and automation to explore more mutually beneficial opportunities with Chinese enterprises," said Yu Feng, President of Honeywell China.

Why do companies regard the CIIE

as a "major event" of the year? Many attribute it to the significant spillover effects of the exhibition.

"The CIIE is an important platform for companies to showcase new technologies and products, as well as a vital channel for staying updated on the latest industry trends and information. Through major exhibitions, we have the opportunity to connect with potential customers and partners. In fact, we met the Ambassador of Mongolia to China at the CIIE, which led to the application of our electrochemical air management products in Mongolia's National Center for Maternal and Child Health," said Chen Zhihua, chairman and general manager of Chinese high-tech enterprise Qingyue Technology.

"It can be said that the CIIE injects more momentum into the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises like us," he added.

"The CIIE has become a significant platform for China to promote high-level opening-up and a crucial bridge connecting foreign enterprises with the Chinese market," remarked Yan Zhiyun, marketing director of Theland, a dairy farm group from New Zealand.

As a staunch supporter of the CIIE, Theland has been showcasing its latest products at the expo for five consecutive years, Yan noted.

He said that the growing demand of Chinese consumers for high-quality



Foreign merchants taste wine at the Food and Agricultural Products Exhibition Area of the fifth China International Import Expo, Nov. 8, 2022. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

products has provided new business opportunities for global companies.

With the support of the CIIE, Theland has experienced rapid development in the Chinese market. According to Yan, one of every three cans of milk powder exported from New Zealand to China is manufactured by Theland.

At the same time, China's trade facilitation has been continuously improving. Yan said that when Theland first entered the Chinese market, China's

tariff on milk from New Zealand was 15 percent. Thanks to China's efforts in recent years to implement preferential policies, the tariff on liquid milk from New Zealand, for example, has now been fully exempted, Yan added.

In line with the trend of China's high-quality economic development, exhibits to the CIIE from around the world are becoming more and more tech-savvy in recent years, with a stronger emphasis on their green and low-carbon performance.

"Driven by the goal of high-quality development, China is vigorously promoting the deep integration of digital technology and the real economy, while continuously pushing for a green transformation of its development model," Yu said.

According to him, Honeywell, pursuing sustainable development, designs around 60 percent of its new products with an aim of improving customers' environmental performance and social benefits.

The company's core business aligns with the demands and development trends of the Chinese market, he said, adding that the trend of high-quality development of the Chinese economy also creates development opportunities for Honeywell and other companies.

As many multinational companies continue to expand their presence in the Chinese market, they are also increasing their investment in China.

Recently, Schneider Shanghai Power Distribution Electrical Apparatus Co. Ltd. had its third-phase construction completed, erecting a brand-new digital and automated "zero-carbon factory."

With an operational area of 6,500 square meters, the factory is expected to increase its overall production capacity by 30 percent. In the future, more low-voltage circuit breakers for energy management will be produced in this factory, contributing to the safe and stable operation of China's power system and accelerating the green and low-carbon transformation of the energy system.

According to statistics, the number of newly established foreign-invested enterprises in China reached 24,000 in the first half of this year, representing a year-on-year increase of 35.7 percent. The quality of foreign investment continued to improve. Foreign investment in high-tech industries grew 7.9 percent year-over-year, accounting for 39.4 percent of total foreign investment, up 3.9 percentage points. Of this, foreign investment in high-tech manufacturing increased 28.8 percent.

People's Daily



Tanzania's cyclists are pictured battling it out in the past Twende Butiama Bicycle Tour, which started in Dares Salaam and ended in Butiama, Mara. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Shinyanga RC lauds CRDB Cycling Rally

By Guardian Correspondent

SHINYANGA Regional Commissioner, Christina Mndeme, has said that the cycling race organized by CRDB Bank in the region has helped promote the region and open up more economic and investment opportunities.

Christina issued her statement after this year's edition of the race, termed 'Shinyanga CRDB Cycling Rally', last weekend.

The Regional Commissioner disclosed the institution not only provides opportunities for people, who participate in the showdown, to protect their health but also awards winners cash prizes that motivate them and others to continue participating in the race.

With the race having been successfully held for four years, the Regional Commissioner stated if research is done today, she will not be surprised to find out the region leads in having a large number of people with bicycles contributed by the CRDB Bank.

Christina revealed: "This race has provided an opportunity to promote our region as well as open up economic opportunities for citizens and businesses. As the years go by, the popularity of this race continues to grow."

"While the CRDB Bank is opening the way, I am asking other companies to look at how they can open opportunities in our region, this will help to improve the lives of the people," Christina said.

She disclosed if the race continues and attracts participants from all over the country and their counterparts from outside the country, she believes such a move will promote Shinyanga well and provide opportunities for young people to participate in such international competitions that will increase their income.

The race was preceded by social activities, including blood donation, whereby more than 500 bottles of safe blood were collected for needy patients who are treated in hospitals and health centers in the region and throughout the country.

Jumane Wagana, CRDB Bank Manager in the Western Zone, said that the race is held every year on the anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who loved everyone to be economically independent by committing himself/herself to work ac-

ording to the opportunities available in the area he/she is in.

Wagana stated that the CRDB Bank is a major player in sports in the country due to the strong belief that sports boost cooperation, solidarity, and bring people together, and make it easy to develop societies.

"After improving health, the important thing is to have a strong economy. CRDB Bank has more than 260 branches across the country that people can use to take advantage of the opportunities they have... a healthy person already has the starting capital to achieve his goal," CRDB Bank Manager noted.

"I ask that we continue to show up at various sports that are held in our areas because they help a lot to improve health," Wagana said.

Apart from the cycling race, CRDB Bank organizes and manages an international race- known as CRDB Bank Marathon- while also sponsoring several others including Zanzibar football team 'Zanzibar Heroes' jerseys, 'Simba Day' festival done by Simba SC, and Yanga's festival, popularly known as 'Wiki ya Mwananchi'.

The institution moreover sponsors the NBC Premier League side, Namungo FC of Lindi, and the CRDB Bank Canoe Race held at Kizimkazi in Zanzibar.

In facilitating economic activities, CRDB Bank has, from April last year to present, presented more than 6bn/- in loans to small-scale miners in Shinyanga.

About 65.3 bn/- has also been directed to agriculture, especially rice and cotton farming, thus enabling the purchase of agricultural tools, and inputs as well as boosting the markets for crops harvested every year.

Through the 'Sit and Learn' project implemented by the bank throughout the country, it has handed over 250 desks to two primary schools and one secondary school to improve the learning environment.

Wagana revealed: "Our bank also has the 'Imbeju' program that provides enabling capital for young people and women. This opportunity is for all people including the residents of Shinyanga and its suburbs."

"I welcome young people with creative ideas and projects as well as women who are in groups involved in entrepreneurship issues, we have opportunities for you," he stressed.

Geita Gold FC receives new bus from firm

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

THE management of Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML), the main sponsor of Geita Gold FC, has handed over a bus worth 500m/- to the NBC Premier League club.

Speaking at the handing-over ceremony held in Geita last weekend, Minister for Minerals Anthony Mavunde urged the club's management and players to redouble their efforts to ensure that the funds allocated to support the team motivate them to continue performing well.

"Let me congratulate my GGML comrades for agreeing to sponsor Geita Gold FC, it would not be right in this region known for gold production for its team to be deprived of strong funding like other teams," Mavunde said.

Mavunde said few clubs own buses and congratulated GGML for continuing to contribute to the development of Geita people while insisting on the completion of the stadium being built in Magogo District for sporting activities.

Speaking on GGML's contribution to the team, the company's Managing Director Terry Strong said the collaboration between them and the football club gives a true picture that it is more than the team playing in the Premier League because it includes unity, stability and



Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) Managing Director, Terry Strong (seated C), in a group photo with leaders and some players of Geita Gold FC after handing over a new bus to the club in Geita Municipality last weekend. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

a spirit of humility for the Geita community.

He said that Geita Gold FC had encouraged the GGML with the efforts the outfit showed in various competitions, starting from the coaches, players, and people who volunteered to support the team.

According to Strong, it was obvious that they had shown collective strength, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the success of the club on and off the field.

The GGML MD stated: "I am delighted to announce a significant contribution from GGML to Geita Gold FC. GGML has provided the team with a brand new 45-seater bus."

"This bus is more than a means of transport, it is an example of our commitment to the development of our football club within and beyond the Geita community. This bus will also help the players and staff attend various matches

and competitions and open doors of opportunities that they may not have had," he said.

He also thanked the Geita community and Tanzania for their confidence in GGML and for becoming the foundation of this success.

"We are committed to continuing our relationship with all of you. We are committed to growing this relationship and working together to develop a pros-

perous and united society," he said.

Geita Regional Commissioner, Martine Shigella, instructed Geita Town Council's leadership, through its Director, to ensure that they fill all the gaps in the football kits provided by the GGML for Geita Gold FC.

It should be noted that GGML has invested 800m/- as the club's main sponsor.

Morogoro set to host Wazazi Cup tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

A football tournament, termed 'Wazazi Cup', sponsored by Morogoro's Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Parents' Wing Chairperson Rose Rwakatare, has been slated to start soon.

The 'Wazazi Cup' coordinator, Ismail Kifaru, said yesterday all preparations have been completed and all districts' teams have been presented with jerseys and balls to prepare for the showdown.

He mentioned the districts that will battle it out in the tournament as Malinyi, Kilombero, Ulanga, Kilosa, Mvomero, Gairo, Morogoro Urban, and Morogoro Rural.

Kifaru said that various teams in the districts will take part in the showdown, starting at the ward level, to find outfits that will represent each of the districts in the regional showdown.

"The preparations are going on well, all participating teams have received balls and jerseys and a few procedures are left to complete the preparations, there are various prizes prepared for the first, second, and third-place winners," the coordinator stated.

While on her visit to Morogoro, Rose asked CCM community leaders to encourage their districts' participation in sports because they are important for health and strengthen love and solidarity.



Morogoro's Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Parents' Wing's Chairperson, Rose Rwakatare (C), and the party's other members are pictured holding jerseys that will be used by the teams set to feature in the 'Wazazi Cup' tournament to be held soon in the region. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE

She asked them to prioritize sports as they are moreover a place where the leaders can attract many people to the party.

"Sports are, apart from being important in improving health, crucial in boosting love and solidarity within our party and, through sports, many

people have benefited by earning income," she said.

Rose further said the leaders will, through sports, identify youths' talents in various disciplines and arts, and use the talents to earn income and have a good life.

"It is good to, whenever we get a

chance, set aside time to engage in sports because there are many benefits," Rose noted.

"Sports not only strengthen health but also bring love and, through sports, we bring out the talents of our youths," the Chairperson said.

2023 Polisi Jamii Cup tourney kicks off in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) has announced the official commencement of the campaign, known as 'Inawezekana', through the 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup' soccer tournament.

The showdown is a dynamic partnership between Tanzania Traffic Police and SBL via the firm's flagship brand, Serengeti Premium Lager.

The 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup' marks a significant step in SBL's continuous commitment to promote responsible drinking and road safety in the community, building upon the foundation laid by the successful 'Inawezekana' campaign launched recently by the firm.

The tournament, known for its dedication to the motorcycle riding community, provides an ideal platform to reach an integral segment of society.

The SBL, according to the firm's officials, is proud to join forces with the Traffic Police to promote responsible drinking and road safety.

This partnership is designed to engage motorcycle riders and enthusiasts at all levels of the tournament, spanning from ward divisions to the national stage.

Commissioner of Community Policing Commission, Faustine Shilogle, stated during the campaign's launch, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend, that the police are not only there to punish offend-

ers but also educate people.

Shilogle disclosed the government's commitment to providing friendly infrastructure for economic development should complement individuals' responsibility to follow rules and regulations.

He pointed out: "People should not only safeguard themselves but also those they share the road with, therefore, the drivers that will receive the basic training from SBL should adhere to the knowledge provided to them and put it into action by being responsible while using motor vehicles for their safety and those around them."

Rispa Hatibu- Serengeti Breweries Limited's Communications and Sustainability Manager- reiterated the

company's belief that responsible drinking is a personal responsibility

Rispa stated: "SBL firmly believes that responsible drinking begins with each individual. It involves making informed choices about alcohol consumption and understanding the far-reaching consequences of one's actions on the road and in the community."

The SBL official noted: "The 'Inawezekana' campaign aims to promote and encourage responsible drinking habits and road safety within our community."

The Commanding Officer for the Tanzania Traffic Police Division, Ramadhan Ng'anzi, on behalf of the Tanzania Traffic Police, expressed the institution's commitment to ad-

vancing road safety, with a focus on creating a country free from accidents.

He emphasized how this season's 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup' tournament, through the strategic partnership with SBL, aligns with the institution's goal of achieving such an objective.

He added: "Our aim at the Traffic Police is to make our roads safer, to reduce accidents, and ensure the safety of all our citizens."

Ng'anzi pointed out: "Through this innovative partnership, we anticipate promoting responsible behaviour on the road. We are working tirelessly to create an accident-free country, and the 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup' is a significant

step towards achieving that goal."

The core of the 'Inawezekana' campaign lies in SBL's primary goal to raise awareness about the importance of adopting positive drinking habits, with a strong emphasis on moderation via the 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup', a tournament that has committed to the well-being of the community and the advancement of road safety in Tanzania.

This initiative showcases how public and private organizations can collaborate to make a positive impact and promote responsible drinking habits.

The SBL and the Traffic Police are determined to have a safer and road accident-free nation.



Manchester United's fans have made their thoughts clear about the club's sale. Agencies

Manchester United's sale saga leaves the club stuck in a moment in time

By Sam Wallace

THE takeover of Manchester United continues at the pace to which we have become accustomed, which is to say it is so slow that it might be quicker if interested parties were to negotiate for each Old Trafford seat individually and then move on to the teacups in the directors' lounge.

The Qataris are out at last - or so the message goes. If it is a negotiating tactic then it feels like a last roll of the dice from the mysterious Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani, although there always seems to be one last move in this game. Many now would not be surprised if it were not over by the first quarter of the 21st century.

It was, back in January, to be a full sale of the club too, although that has also fallen by the wayside. At the heart of it is the greed of the Glazer family, who used to perpetrate the fiction they were no more than careful custodians of the club. They stopped trying to play that tune long ago. Having milked the club to finance their 18 years in power, with some £1.1 billion of revenue used to pay down loans as well as interest, fees and dividends, the allegation from the Qatari side is that the Glazers want more than double the current stock market valuation of \$3.2 billion (£2.7 billion).

It is a stupendous sum - and while they find someone prepared to pay it, you have to wonder what happens to United. It is a great club desperately in need of reinvention. The Glazer years have worn it away until now it feels like it is stuck in a moment in time with a dwindling power in the transfer market and a stadium and training ground infrastructure that is outdated. Joel Glazer last year defended United's debt position, saying it was not unusual for clubs of their size especially after the drop in revenue during the pandemic.

Of course, not every mistake has been the Glazers' alone, but they have overseen the mediocrity of the past 10 years, and it is their appointments in positions of leadership who have taken United there. The shrewdest owners pick the right people and step back to watch the club thrive from a distance. The Glazers just step back to watch from a distance.

Hard to assess the moves of Sheikh Jassim, a man about whom we know so little that only one official picture of him exists and no meaningful interviews. He has emerged from that Gulf state, one of the wealthiest nations in the history of human civilisation, with the usual cloak of secrecy. One that permits little knowledge of past achievement or previous strategy.

Is this the usual tactic for him in negotiations? Did his father Sheikh Hamad, perhaps the most formidable shopper London has ever known, deploy a similar approach as he acquired assets all over the city? Certainly one might find alternatives when negotiating for Harrods, Canary Wharf property or Park Lane hotels. The problem for his son is that there is only one Manchester United and it becomes available only once in every generation.

If we are to take Sheikh Jassim at his word that he has left the table, then all roads point to Sir Jim Ratcliffe. He began his run in January with an intention to buy all of United, and in the 10 months since then that option now is 25 per cent of United. Accompanying it is the certainty that this destabilising saga will continue in one way or another as the Glazers sell it off piece by piece. It also means more of the Glazers, with the possibility that their involvement as majority shareholder at the club may pass two decades.

What kind of effect Ratcliffe might have as a junior partner is not yet clear. The structure of shares, between those Class A variety sold to investors and the Class B owned exclusively by the six Glazer siblings, is a complicating factor. United's corporate constitution, between the Glazers and the rest of the shareholders, will have to be reimagined to give Ratcliffe 25 per cent of the influence of the family.

What may recommend him above all else to United fans is that he has pursued his goal as enthusiastically as possible.

The most transformative Premier League takeovers in recent history - putting aside whether one supports the notion of nation-state clubs or the Russian oligarch that preceded them all - have been completed with one bite. Those decisive moves have washed away the ill-feeling towards former regimes, and let loose new ideas and new investment. Whatever plans Ratcliffe might have for United, they can hardly be implemented instantaneously. The Glazers are anything but predictable.

On Ratcliffe goes nonetheless, and perhaps with no rival there will be no possibility that the Glazers can force the price up or dictate terms. United need change quickly - although of all the outcomes, the speed of that change seems the least likely.

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2023's Twende Butiama cycling tour registers successes

By Guardian Correspondent

AFTER a 14-day journey covering over 1,500 kilometers across 20 districts in 10 different regions of Tanzania, the Twende Butiama cycling tour has finally reached its climax in Mara.

The tour began in Dar es Salaam on October 1 and concluded in Mwitongo, Butiama, on October 14. The journey was an effort to honour the enduring life and legacy left by the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

Gerson Msigwa, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports praised the efforts of the Twende Butiama cycling tour for achieving the event's goal set at the beginning of the journey in Dar es Salaam to honour the Father of the Nation through practical activities in education, health, and the environment.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Twende Butiama cycling team and their leadership for their exceptional bravery in making this tour a success," Msigwa noted.

Msigwa revealed: "The fact that 75 cyclists, including elders and children, covered over 1,500 kilometers, crossing 10 regions and 20 districts, is truly remarkable and deserving beyond recognition. What's even more commendable is your decision to use this tour to honour the Father of the Nation."

On the importance of

promoting economic and social activities through sports, the Permanent Secretary emphasized that cycling is not only a means of transportation but also provides significant health benefits, as it engages the entire body to move from one place to another.

"For those who may not know, the Father of the Nation was a cycling enthusiast during his time when he wasn't engaged in national duties. I am pleased with how you chose to honour him by carrying out activities he valued and championed, including education, disease prevention, and environmental conservation," Msigwa pointed out.

"Through the desks you contributed, our children will be able to study well, and the trees you planted will help preserve our environment, providing shade and fruits. The free medical clinics and treatment camps you organized will benefit the residents of the respective areas for a long time to come," the Permanent Secretary noted.

"I congratulate you once again and encourage you to continue these efforts annually. I urge fellow Tanzanians to support you. As a government, we acknowledge your contribution, and we ask sponsors like Vodacom Tanzania Foundation to continue supporting you to expand your activities nationwide," Msigwa said.

Athumani Mlinga, Vodacom Tanzania's ICT Director, commended the organizers and all participants of the Twende Butiama tour for achieving their

objectives since they began their journey in Dar es Salaam and for continuing this initiative for the fifth year in a row.

"The Twende Butiama tour serves as a model of creativity in using cycling to carry out essential activities for the economic and social development of the country. Vodacom Tanzania Foundation has been involved in various social projects, supporting the government to benefit all Tanzanians. We saw the genuine commitment behind this event, which aims to honour Mwalimu Nyerere through practical actions, and that's what made it stand out," Mlinga disclosed.

The ICT Director said: "We are truly grateful to the Twende Butiama tour cyclists for showing us the right way to honour the Father of the Nation and preserve his legacy. Through this partnership, we have been able to touch the lives of our fellow Tanzanians by donating nearly 610 desks to 13 schools and successfully fundraising for the purchase of desks to benefit our students in their studies without challenges. We have also planted 6,000 trees and surpassed our goal for this year."

Mlinga noted: "In terms of healthcare, we have organized free medical camps in collaboration with Afya Check doctors, benefiting over 3,000 residents of Mwanza, Bunda, and Butiama. To conclude our journey, we have donated medical equipment to Butiama District Hospi-

tal to enhance healthcare services. We are delighted that this year's Nyerere Day has been a source of great joy for us at Vodacom."

Chairman of Twende Butiama tour, Gabriel Landa, expressed gratitude for the cooperation shown by various partners in the 2023 expedition, including the government and its institutions, Tanzanians who made contributions, partners of the Twende Butiama tour, as well as teachers, parents, and students.

The Twende Butiama tour Chairman stated: "This year's activities have been highly successful due to the overwhelming response from approximately 200 participants, increased support from the government, and substantial sponsorship from the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation."

"Therefore, we have largely accomplished the goal of honouring Mwalimu Nyerere through the extensive implementation of activities he genuinely valued. We believe that many more Tanzanians in the areas we visited will benefit from the activities we conducted for years to come," the leader noted.

"We thank the government through the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports for being with us since the launch of this expedition and all participants who have completed the journey as intended, no doubt, next year we will achieve more than this year's goals," Landa concluded.

Rwanda teams win 2023 Nyerere International Volleyball Tournament

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

RWANDA volleyball giant, Armée Patriotique Rwandaise (APR), has emerged as champion of the men's category of this year's Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial International Volleyball Tournament, which was played in Kilimanjaro.

The Kigali-based APR side won the showdown's final match played against Rukinzo Volleyball Club from Burundi, garnering a 3-1 win.

As for the women's category, the winner also came from Rwanda given that the Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) volleyball team cruised to a 3-0 win over compatriots, APR Women's Club, in the final.

The tournament, which was held in the Moshi Municipality, attracted a total of 17 teams from Rwanda, Burundi, and the host, Tanzania.

While Rwanda and Burundi participated in this year's Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial International Volleyball Tournament, for some reason, Kenya, which produced the winning teams during the previous tournament, failed to turn up this year.

Last year, the two winning teams were from Kenya, given General Service Unit (GSU) volleyball team was victorious in the men's category while the Nairobi-based DCI volleyball team won the women's event.

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial International Volleyball Tournament for the East African countries was held at the Hindu Mandal grounds in the Moshi Municipality, at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

"The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial International Volleyball Tournament takes place every year to commemorate the death of Tanzania's Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who died on October 14, 1999," Riziki Godwin, the Secretary of the Competition Committee which oversees the tournament, said.

The foreign men's volleyball teams that took part in the showdown include the Police Volleyball Club and APR Volleyball Club from Rwanda, as well as the Rukinzo Volleyball Club from Burundi.

The host Tanzania fielded Jeshi Stars, Mipango, Mager-eza, Kili Magnet, Pentagon, and KADCO.

The women's volleyball teams that battled it out in the tournament are Orkeeswa, Jeshi Stars, Tanzania Prisons, as well as APR and RRA volleyball teams from Rwanda.

In last year's edition, the participating teams totaled 24, which means seven clubs missed out on this year's tournament played in Moshi.

Messi, Ronaldo among world's highest-paid soccer players in 2023, per report

By Victoria Hernandez, USA TODAY

LIONEL Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Neymar are among the world's highest-paid soccer players in 2023, according to a Forbes report released Friday. The three have a combined estimated income of half a billion dollars as they've made major moves in the past year.

Messi Mania made a splash on South Beach this summer when the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner joined Inter Miami with a historic MLS deal. The news came after much speculation that the former Paris Saint-Germain star would join the Saudi Pro League or return to FC Barcelona.

Ronaldo and Neymar's spots on the list are partially thanks to paychecks from the Saudi Pro League, a branch of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund that also fuels LIV Golf.

Ronaldo left Manchester United to break ground with the rising league and Neymar is one of the newer signees after departing from Paris Saint-Germain, where he was teammates with Messi for two seasons.

Here are the Top 5 richest soccer players of 2023, according to Forbes:

1. Cristiano Ronaldo - \$260 million

Cristiano Ronaldo is the highest-paid soccer player in the world with an estimated \$260 million income in 2023. He returns to the top spot after being dethroned by Kylian



Mbappé last year and had a four-year run from 2014-2017.

In December, Ronaldo, 38, signed a 2 1/2-year contract with Saudi Pro League team Al Nassr worth an estimated \$200 million per year. The deal came after a fallout with English Premier League club Manchester United.

Besides performing on the pitch, the Portuguese star has also appeared in promotional campaigns for the kingdom, including hyping up the boxing match between Tyson Fury and Francis Ngannou in Riyadh, the country's capital.

The additional \$60 million comes from off-field sponsorships. Ronaldo boasts 608 million Instagram followers and an immense celebrity profile that he leverages to promote brands like Nike, Clear and Herbalife.

2. Lionel Messi - \$135 million

Lionel Messi is second on the list with an income of \$135 million. The 2022 World Cup winner last held the top spot in 2020

when he was the highest-paid soccer player for three years in a row.

Of his 2023 income, \$65 million comes from his Inter Miami CF contract with an estimated \$70 million coming from off-field deals.

When Messi, 36, inked a deal with David Beckham's MLS team, he reportedly got stake in adidas and Apple TV along with his paycheck.

The Argentinian star's

presence in the United States has boosted ticket sales and social media followings for the team and the league as a whole.

His 489 million Instagram followers and family friendly image make him a prized marketing voice.

3. Neymar Jr. - \$112 million

Neymar is third on the list with an estimated 2023 income of \$112 million.

The Brazilian star, 31, fol-

lowed the trend Ronaldo started and joined Saudi Pro Club team Al Hilal this summer in a deal that's worth a reported \$100 million per year. He left French club Paris Saint-Germain where he played with Messi for two seasons.

Neymar reportedly makes \$32 million of his income off the pitch. His involvement in fashion and pop culture have given him an Instagram following of 215 million and sponsorship deals with Puma, Konami and Red Bull.

4. Kylian Mbappé - \$110 million

After leading all soccer players last year with a reported \$128 million, Kylian Mbappé slides down the 2023 list to fourth place with an income of \$110 million.

The French phenom has stayed with Paris Saint-Germain and is making \$90 million on the field.

Reports have floated around that Saudi Pro League team Al Hilal offered him a deal worth \$1 billion, which included the transfer fee, but he remains on the Ligue 1 side for now. Real Madrid has also been in talks on and off to sign the 2018 World Cup winner.

The 24-year-old is the second-youngest player on the list (No. 6 Erling Haaland is a year younger) and boasts 109 million Instagram followers and a smart fashion sensibility.

5. Karim Benzema - \$106 million

Karim Benzema is fifth on the list with a reported income of \$106 million.

The defending Ballon d'Or winner also plays in the Saudi Pro League for Al Ittihad. He joined the club in June after spending 14 years with Real Madrid and Forbes said he's making \$100 million for his on-field play.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Aisha Masaka shines in Sweden, scores brace for BK Häcken



Aisha Masaka, a forward for Tanzania's senior national women's team, Twiga Stars, (L), negotiates her way past Ivory Coast's defender when the teams met in the rematch of a 2024 Women's Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' first round at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last month. Twiga Stars defeated Ivory Coast 2-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIAN forward Aisha Masaka scored twice in 20 minutes as she helped her club, BK Häcken, to a 4-0 victory against IF Brommapojkarna in the Swedish Women's Premier League on Saturday.

Aisha, who also features for the senior national women's team 'Twiga Stars', scored in the 55th and 75th minutes for her Swedish club to ensure a comfortable home outing for the league leaders.

With one game to go, BK Häcken are top of the table and victory in their last game of the season next week will see them secure their second Swedish Women's Premier League

title ahead of Hammarby.

Speaking to BK Häcken's website after the game, Aisha said she was delighted to score a brace in her first league start

for the club this season.

Aisha disclosed: "Of course, it feels incredibly good to be able to score the first goal in the OBOS Damallsvenskan-

it is something that will be special for all players."

The attacker said: "Every time I step onto the field, I do everything I can to score goals

and help the team. Today I got to celebrate two fantastic goals."

She added the big victory means not only a victory but also a boost in self-confidence, which can be decisive in the UEFA Women's Champions League qualifiers return leg match against FC Twente on Wednesday.

She noted: "It means a lot for the team to be able to score so many goals. It creates the confidence that we need before the return match in the Netherlands."

"We feel one hundred percent ready for the return match that awaits next week where we have every opportunity to progress," Aisha revealed.

The first leg which took place in Sweden ended in a 2-2 draw. The aggregate winner of the tie will be heading into the UEFA Women's Champions League group stage, with BK Häcken hoping to return to the showpiece after missing last year's campaign.

If BK Häcken edges out FC Twente, Aisha would go on the record book as the first female Tanzanian footballer to qualify for the UEFA Women's Champions League group stage.

The 19-year-old's scoring form is also welcome news for Twiga Stars, especially ahead of next month's crucial last-round qualifiers for the 2024 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) duel pitting the side against Togo.

Clara Luvanga secures Saudi Arabia move



Clara Luvanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's senior women's soccer team forward Clara Luvanga has joined Saudi Women's Premier League side, Al Nassr, on a three-year deal.

The pacy attacker becomes the second Tanzanian female footballer to play in the lucrative Saudi Arabia women's top tier.

She follows in the footsteps of compatriot Eneka Kasonga who joined another Saudi topflight women's team, Eastern Flames, last week.

In August, Clara signed her first professional contract in Spain with DUX Logroño.

She joined the Spanish women's second division side from Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League side Yanga Princess.

In joining DUX Logroño, she became the first Tanzanian female player to join a Spanish club and it was her first stint abroad.

Barely two months later, DUX Logroño agreed to sell her to moneybag Al Nassr. The Saudi side is the Saudi Women's Premier League defending champion.

Clara came to the limelight during the 2022 African U-17 Women's World Cup Qualifying tournament.

She single-handedly helped Tanzania qualify for the U-17 Women's World Cup for the first time in its history.

She emerged as the FIFA U-17

Women's World Cup Qualifiers top goal scorer with 10 goals.

The attacker scored five goals against Botswana (7-0) in the second round and a double against Burundi (4-0) in the third round. Clara drew more attention after putting Cameroon to the sword.

Against Cameroon, she scored four goals to seal Tanzania's victory in the first leg of the fourth and final round of the U-17 Women's World Cup qualifiers.

Her exploits in the World Cup qualifiers led her to be nominated for the 2022 CAF Best Young Player award.

The powerful Twiga Stars striker was awarded the Best Young Player of the 2021/22 Women's Premier League season.

She was also crowned Best Female Player of the Year in 2022. However, she missed out on the Serengeti Girls World Cup campaign in India.

In India, Serengeti Girls made history by qualifying for the quarterfinal stage of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup despite missing Clara.

After almost a year out, Clara is now back to the senior women's national team and was part of the Twiga Stars squad that beat Ivory Coast 4-2 on penalties in the 2024 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) qualifiers played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last month.

TMA Stars topple Mbeya Kwanza FC to top NBC Championship

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ARUSHA's TMA Stars edged out previously unbeaten Mbeya Kwanza FC 1-0 at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha to go top of the 2023/24 NBC Championship League standings.

The two early pacesetters went into the game occupying first and second in the NBC Championship League table after five matches, with the Mbeya side staying two points above their title rivals at the summit.

It took only two minutes for host TMA Stars to strike the decisive blow. Left fullback Ally Shomari curled in a free kick from the left side that went straight into Mbeya Kwanza FC's net.

Thanks to this result, TMA Stars go top for the first time this season having accrued 14 points from six matches as Mbeya Kwanza dropped to third spot with 13 points. TMA Stars remains the only unbeaten side this season.

Ken Gold FC moved up one place to occupy second place with a 4-0 home win over Pan Africans on Saturday.

Pamba ended their four-match winless streak with a hard-fought 1-0 home victory against Green Warriors FC at Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday.

The Mwanza City Council-owned side now moves back to the top four after collecting 11 points in their opening six games of the campaign.

Mbuni FC has a chance to leapfrog Pamba with a win against bottom-of-the-table Ruvi Shooting in the last game of round six fixtures.

Meanwhile, FGA Talents failed to make up ground on the frontrunners after playing out to a 1-1 draw with Biashara United at the Jamhuri Stadium.

The sixth round of fixtures opened on Friday with Mbeya City FC once again failing to make their home ground count when they were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by Cosmopolitan.

The Salum Mayanga-coached side now drops to the seventh spot while Cosmopolitan remains in the relegation zone with five points.

On the same day, Polisi Tanzania returned to winning ways with a 2-1 home victory over Stand United at Ushirika Stadium, Moshi. With 10 points in six games, the law enforcers climb to sixth position.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

