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VP tells MPs to examine most NGOs' orientations

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has directed the parliamentary committee on Social Welfare and Development to conduct a detailed investigation on orientations of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and advise the government on the matter.

Officiating at the closure of a three-day annual NGOs' forum here yesterday, the VP said the government recognises the contribution of NGOs in the country's development but a number of them accept to be negatively used to ruin Tanzania's image.

Declining morals among the country's youth is a major challenge requiring efforts from stakeholders to address them, he said, affirming that NGOs have



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a big role to play in channelling youth energy and moral attitudes.

This has been damaged owing to various reasons and NGOs should not play a catalytic role to further ruin the country, he declared, reminding NGO activists on the importance of adhering to the country's laws, rules and guidelines.

These rules coordinate activities of civic organisations, he stated, tasking the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups to supervise the conduct of NGOs in various sectors.

"Tanzania is for us and we should not allow other people to use the NGOs opening to instil agendas that are not compatible with Tanzanian culture and values," he declared.

He appealed for accountability and transparency in the organisations saying there was still insufficient clarity

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A Dar es Salaam resident presumed to have just disembarked from a rapid transit commuter bus at the Mbezi Mwisho section of the city's Morogoro Road moves to force his way into the next lane of the road through an iron-bar fence instead of using the pedestrians overhead bridge meant for the purpose. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TASAC injects 43.5bn/- into Treasury, 2021/22

By Carlos Banda

REVENUE contributions by the Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation (TASAC) rose coffers to 43.5bn/- during fiscal 2021/2022.

Nelson Mlali, the acting director general, said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that this is an increase from 9.1bn/- during fiscal 2018/19, owing to an increase in its operational capacity, registration of service providers, professionals, marine vessels and companies' compliance with maritime regulations.

"We have succeeded in increasing our contribution to government coffers," he stated, saying the Treasury Registrar can attest to this. "We started at 9bn/- but now we are talking about 43bn/-," he said, exclaiming that this is vast growth.

Improvement was registered in efficiency of regulating port services in porous ports following the formalisation of 20 such spots, a crucial step towards ensuring the protection and safety of the public, the environment and marine vessels, he said.

Improvement of port services was noticeable especially with formalising the 20 informal port areas,

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TCAA anxious over aviation skills shortfall

By Getrude Mbugo

DESPITE tremendous achievements recorded in the aviation sector for the past 20 years, the sector still faces a shortage of skilled crew thus making it unable to properly compete, regulators say.

Hamza Johari, the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) director general, has acknowledged that the industry needs more than 780 skilled staff, but now it has 603

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Samia set for four-day vital state visit to India

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is set to pay a four-day state visit to India from October 8, a trip expected to focus on intensifying business ties and cooperation in health and water sector development.

January Makamba, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, told a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the trip is a milestone as it is eight years since an official state visit to India occurred.

President Samia's visit is intended to solidify existing relations between the two nations, seeking to enhancing cooperation in a number of strategic areas, like seeking out investors for mutually beneficial projects, he said, noting that India has an ongoing commitment to establish a kidney transplant facility in the country.

"This critical healthcare initiative will undoubtedly bring much-needed



medical advancements to our healthcare system," he stated, pointing at the need for pharmaceutical industries to further bolster the healthcare infrastructure.

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professionals. In a city press conference yesterday ahead of commemorating its 20th anniversary since its establishment in 2003, he said that TCAA was working on strategies to address the various challenges, to strengthen air services in the country.

Despite challenges, TCAA has been able to improve the aviation industry, like making Tanzania airspace safer, attracting more international airlines and increasing revenues.

Over the past two decades, the sector has seen achievements contributed by robust efforts of the government and stakeholders in investing in the sector, he said, pointing at 37.8 percent 2013 audit score, to 64.4 percent in 2017 and 86.7 percent in 2022.

This makes the country more trusted by major air transport companies, he said, highlighting the increase in passenger traffic from 1.5m in 2003 to 5.7m in 2022/2023.

The traffic increase was based on increased domestic passengers as air transport is gaining ground as business transport mode, tied with opening new airports and upgrading airfields to push local tourism, he said.

Growth in economic activities aided the push, along with opening terminal three of the Julius Nyerere International Airport, he stated, hinting at the role of regulatory services like improved surveillance for enhanced safety and security in line with requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

"Investments are also un-

dertaken to support the development of airports being undertaken by the Tanzania Airports Authority in order to facilitate efficient aircraft movements," he affirmed.

"Apart from providing efficient and timely air transport, the aviation industry has been a big catalyst in the development of various sectors including trade, agriculture, mining, health and tourism," he added.

TCAA intends to initiate a major transformation of the Civil Aviation Training Centre to install modern equipment to yield more competent graduates to serve in the sector, he said.

Ensuring safety, security and regularity of civil aviation in Tanzania through effective oversight, efficient air navigation services and training in order to develop a dynamic and sustainable air transport system that corresponds with the needs of the country and that will facilitate the achievement of the aspirations of Vision 2025," he asserted.

Oversight in air transport focuses on improving efficiency and fair competition while ensuring that air operators comply with regulations, which attracts more investors in the sector, he elaborated.

TCAA has greatly improved its capacity to provide field surveillance and air transport information to ensure that air operators observe the rights of aviation consumers, he stated.

Safety and efficient management of aeronautical information is sought to manage the transition from Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) to Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), disseminating accurate aeronautical data to air operators, he added.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikantha Pradhan (4th-R), presents ten state-of-the-art ambulances to Health minister Umyu Mwalimu at the offices of the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent. Photo: CCM

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he said, noting that porous ports are a heavy burden to the agency.

Unregistered ports threaten the security of vessels, environment and the public, as there are no regulatory protocols, customs procedures or tax authorities to supervise the ports, he said.

If left unobserved, these ports may become a passage way for illegal immigrants, smuggling of unregistered and hazardous mer-

chandise that are banned by law, he declared.

"We are therefore collaborating with other institutions to see which areas should be recognised and officiated as ports, with state agencies regulating their activities to obviate the likely dangers," he stated.

Among other roles and milestones attained by the corporation there is protection of aquatic environment, like avoiding the serious

damage that can be caused by oil spills near the shores.

"Among the positive outcomes of TASAC's activities include prevention of oil spills which can cause a lot of problems including the sabotage of marine transportation and cause the death of marine organisms. Being one among our responsibilities, the success is visible, since we have not reported any oil spill incident so far," he said.

The absence of oil spill incidents is a result of strict compliance to rules and regulations by the users of marine transports and the various existing guidelines and laws that have been laid down, he stated.

The government is addressing the shortage of inspectors where the ministry has over the years taken TASAC officials for training abroad on regulatory issues in inspecting international vessels.

Tanzania signed an agreement to join 20 other member countries of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on port state control inspection necessary to inspect foreign ships near our shores, he stated.

TASAC issued 1,038 registration certificates and 240 licenses for new port service providers during 2021/22 from 796 registration certificates and 145 licenses recorded in 2018/19, he added.

Bashungwa appeals to public to protect road infrastructure

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

WORKS minister Innocent Bashungwa has appealed to Tanzanians to take care of road infrastructure being built.

Bashungwa made the remarks yesterday at the event for signing the contract for the 33.62-km Ipogolo-Kilolo tarmac road project.

He said that the government continues to implement road construction projects in Iringa

He also said apart from this project, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has empowered the ministry to start the Pawaga, Sawala to Mgololo, Nyalolo to Kibao a the diversionary Igumbilo-Tumaini-Iringa road

He said President Samia has instructed him to visit the Mt Kitonga area to see how to make a diversionary road in the area.

Responding to the request

from Kilolo MP Justin Nyamoga, Bashungwa said the legislator has been a big follower on challenges facing Kilolo residents

He said the MP has continued to solve various challenges of Kilolo residents and that the road will be the saviour for them.

He said for his part he came to Kilolo on behalf of President Samia, hence even the MP's request for the 17km rough road has been received and will be accorded priority.

Bashungwa further added that in regard to Mt Msonza where people face big challenges, his ministry will make sure the challenges are solved by constructing a one kilometre tarmac road.

"But MP Nyamoga has requested the diversionary road on MT Kitonga, this one we will also address including the Ilula road," said Bashungwa.

For her part, Iringa Regional Commissioner, Halima

Dendego said since the six phase government came to power it has provided a lot of funds towards the construction of the region's internal roads.

She said apart from road projects the region also continues to receive funds for water projects and already contracts for five water projects have been signed this week.

However, in regard to electricity she said the region has continued receiving funds for rural power projects to make sure all villages are connected to power.

She said more than 18.9bn/- has been received for the education sector for the construction of classrooms in the region's schools.

RC Dendego said the region has 210,000 hectares under irrigation as well as the region's efforts to boost cooperative unions to save farmers from unfaithful middlemen who buy their crops.



Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) director general Nelson Mlali updates senior media practitioners in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the headway the corporation has made in executing its duties and responsibilities. Photo: Carlos Banda

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markets for Tanzania agricultural products is also expected to create new avenues for economic growth, he affirmed, highlighting the setting up of a marine vessels building workshop to be undertaken by India. "This initiative holds the promise of boosting the local automotive industry and creating employment opportunities," he said, noting that on the second day of the visit, the president is scheduled to meet with 15 top Indian business executives in a CEOs Roundtable to explore opportunities to increase the \$3.14bn Indian expatriate investments in the country.

The visit would not only expand the green peas market but also attract Indian investors to set up an industrial park, where prominent Indian companies will set up factories, boosting the country's industrialisation prospects

On-going water supply programmes centered on Lake Victoria will be reinforced during the visit as water infrastructure development is crucial for sustainability, he stated.

Upwards of 15 agreements on strategic relations will be signed, reflecting the intensity of bilateral ties and engagements, he added.

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about the resources directed at NGOs and how they are used for intended projects.

The responsible bodies need to pay attention to transparency as it is an important part in enabling the government to make various decisions regarding the coordination and activities of such organisations, he said.

The decisions include tax exemptions and evaluating contributions of those organizations in the development of the country he elaborated, urging NGOs and related stakeholders to focus on climate change mitigation and increase support in the area as Tanzania faced intense climate change impacts.

The government would like to see greater participation of

NGOs in raising awareness on environmental conservation, disaster management, sustainable living, forest management, contributing to improving various policies, he said.

NGOs have an opportunity to design vital programmes focusing on waste collection and recycling, carbon trade, establishment and maintenance of tree nurseries as well as sanitation

projects in various areas including beaches and lakes shores, he asserted.

The government was aware of obstacles that affect efficiency among NGOs and it thus needs to jointly work out viable solutions, he further stated.

"There are some challenges such as tax, so write them and submit them to the Ministry of Finance to see how to work on them," he

said, urging that NGOs prepare a shortlist of those challenges.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister, said the forum focused on enhancing creativity to stimulate organisational growth, strengthening NGOs foundations and accountability.

There is a digital map helping to identify the various organisa-

tions, where they are, along with projects and interventions they are implementing, she said.

Dr Lilian Badi, chairperson of the National Council of NGOs (NACONGO) said the NGOs sector faces challenges thwarting effective implementation of various initiatives geared for the country's development.

The challenges range from access to tax exemptions, the time

lag in obtaining permits for the implementation of projects and other interventions in regional secretariats and local government authorities, she explained. Mwantumu Mahiza, chairperson of the NGOs coordination board, said approximately 10,000 organisations countrywide were doing a great job to bring relief to communities facing various challenges in the society.



Workers Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma (R) pictured in Dodoma city on Tuesday attending to a member of the fund in marking Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders propose Vicoba in UHC financing dynamics

By Henry Mwangonde

STAKEHOLDERS have advised the government to go for low hanging fruits including Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in brainstorming mechanisms for financing the envisaged Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Speaking during discussions on the third day of the 10th Tanzania Health Summit (THS) in Dar es Salaam, the stakeholders said it is important for the bill to start on a strong financial foundation that guarantees sustainability.

"We need to reach a common understanding among stakeholders on how do we finance this bill and make it sustainable as intended, it will be meaningless to launch the policy and let it collapse due to financial constraints," said Dr Ntuli Kapologwe Director of Health, Social Welfare, and Nutritional Services in the President's Office, Regional and Local Government Authority (PORALG).

He said UHC will be a necessary tool to facilitate strengthening of primary health care provision adding that the focus should be how to make Tanzanians pay for health insurance.

During the forum titled: Village Savings and Loan Associations Driving Universal Health Coverage in Tanzania: Opportunities and Path forward, Dr Kapologwe said that most Tanzanians do

not prioritize health insurance in their budgeting, something which he said could have an impact on the sustainability of the UHC.

Director of reproductive and child health services in the ministry of health Dr Ahmad Makuwani said there is an opportunity in village community banks which if well utilized can help finance health insurance.

"We need to carry out studies but also come up with a pool of financing mechanisms and there is an opportunity in village community banks which if well set up can finance the bill," he said.

He said another key source of financing which can be pivotal to health insurance financing was natural resources which if put in context can play a key role.

In the proposed UHC bill, the government will establish special revenue sources to help people with no income to pay bills for healthcare in the proposed policy.

According to the proposed bill which was read for the first time in September last year, the Minister of Health in collaboration with related institutions will announce procedures to identify people with no income.

Section 22 (2) of the proposed bill explains that those who will be identified as people with no income will be included in the health scheme in a system which will be stipulated by regulations.

THPS: Integration of NCDs in HIV care and treatment clinics vital

By Getrude Mbago

TANZANIA Health Promotion Support (THPS) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday brought together stakeholders to review and discuss the best ways to improve integration of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in HIV care and treatment services.

The Health Forum was organized in the side-lines of the three days Tanzania Health Summit conducted in Dar es Salaam from October 3 to 5, this year.

Speaking during the event, THPS Executive Director Dr Redempta Mbatia said that integrated care for NCDs in HIV care and treatment was an area

which needs special focus and collaborative efforts so as to facilitate early diagnosis of diseases.

According to her, for the period of October, 2022 to September, 2023, THPS made intentional efforts to integrate screening, diagnosis and management for NCDs among recipients of care (RoC) attending supported health facilities.

Dr James Kengia, Research and Publications Coordinator at the President's Office (Regional Administrative and Local Government (PORALG) said the trend in NCDs as a cause of morbidity and mortality was changing and calling for more coordinated efforts to be addressed.

"As of September, 2023 there are

7,015 public health facilities, out of which 6642 HF are owned by LGA, including 173 District Hospitals, 793 Health Centers and 5676 dispensaries. All district hospitals provide NCD services and 67 district hospitals have dedicated diabetes and hypertension clinics provided once every month and eight district hospitals have started sickle cell disease clinics," he explained.

Dr Kengia also shared experience towards achieving universal health coverage saying that the government was implementing approaches to ensure sustainability of the treatment and rehabilitation for recipients of care with NCD co-morbidities.

Dr Mahesh Swaminathan, CDC Tan-

zania Country Director said that strategic investment towards integrating NCD services in HIV prevention care and treatment was vital so as to help the country reduce disease burden.

Integrated NCD screening services in health facilities for early identification of various diseases was important," he said. Dr Eva Matiko, director of programs said THPS works in partnership with the government with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through strengthening of health and community systems.

She said currently, THPS works to address various public health burdens including HIV/AIDS; tuberculosis; prevention of GBV and violence

against children; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health services; laboratory and health management information systems (HIMS), Covid-19 and public health evaluations.

She said CDC/PEPFAR Afya HATUA Project which commenced in October, 2021 till September, 2026 aims to implement high quality comprehensive, facility-based projects in Kigoma, Coast, Shinyanga and Tanga regions.

It also supports community based (Kigoma, Pwani and Tanga), HIV prevention, care and treatment services including voluntary male circumcision (VMMC) in Kigoma and Shinyanga and the DREAMS-Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free,

Mentored, and Safe Programme in Shinyanga. DREAMS provide a comprehensive package of core interventions to address key factors that make girls and young women particularly vulnerable to HIV.

Nuruhim Omari, a person living with HIV from Mwadui, Shinyanga commended THPS for implementing the initiatives which have been making persons living with HIV/Aids to access quality services in health centres.

"We are happy because through the support of THPS, access to services has become easier on health centres, there are NCDs screening services which help most of us to know our health status and take action to further stay safe," she said.



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- iii. Two recent passport size photographs;
- iv. Names and addresses of at least two reputable referees;
- v. Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone numbers.

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- Support community-based enterprises development that incentivizes sustainable mangrove management
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Minimum Bachelor's degree (Bachelor or similar level) in a subject relevant to Environmental conservation (marine science, social studies etc) or equivalent work experience in the coastal marine conservation field (2 - 3 years); At least three years' experience working in mangrove management and/or project management in addition to above required degree or work equivalent; Master's degree on the above qualifications is an added advantage; Experience in working with bilateral and multilateral donors; Experience in mangrove marine resource management, sustainable coastal livelihoods will be an added advantage; Understanding of, and sensitivity towards, the culture and livelihoods' context of rural mangrove coastal communities in Tanzania is highly considered.

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Rehab Health Tanzania founder Remla Shirima pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday addressing a three-day meeting on the role rehabilitation has been playing in transforming healthcare in Tanzanian communities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CBE rector asks lecturers at the college to launch online classes

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

LECTURERS at the College of Business Education (CBE) have been urged to improve customer service and prepare to provide online training to match with the increasing number of students.

The call was made yesterday in Dar es Salaam by Rector of the College, Prof Edda Lwoga, when speaking at the climax of customer service week at the college.

She said in the last academic year they admitted 6,159 students at Dar es Salaam campus, adding that this academic year, they have admitted 15,000 students.

Prof Lwoga said for Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mbeya and Mwanza campuses the number of admitted students has increased making a total of 23,281 students.

She said due to the increase in students, lecturers should strive to improve services to match the increased number of students.

"There are programmes which have 400 students; the Metrology programme last year we admitted 40 students, this year has registered 200 students," she said, commending the marketing department for its efforts to advertise the college, thus resulting in an increased number of students.

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Prof Lwoga said apart from the increase in the number of students, the college has continued to expand its infrastructure by building a 22.4bn/- 10-storey building. She said the building will accommodate 4,200 students.

"We must prepare to start providing online classes for Masters and Post Graduate programmes. Other programmes including Human Resource Management, Marketing, International Business and Business Administration can also be taught through online learning sessions," assured Prof Lwoga, adding the college also receives foreign students from Comoro and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Deputy Rector of the college, Prof Emmanuel Munishi said CBE has been celebrating the customer service week for the second year where a number of activities including meetings are being held to reflect on the college performance.

He said that last academic year the college did well in the areas of research, teaching and providing professional advice whereas the number of publications produced by the college's experts has continued to increase every year.

Prof Popoola appointed new African Forest Forum executive secretary

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Forest Forum (AFF) Secretariat has appointed Prof Labode Popoola as its new Executive Secretary taking over from Prof. Godwin Kowero who guided establishment of the forum since 2007.

A statement by AFF said the institution has grown from a one person staff when it started to 3 scientific staff in 2009; now it has a staff complement of 10 regular staff, six of whom guide the scientific work of the institution, supported by four technical specialists.

With this level of staffing, AFF is

now firmly established and works with an average of 40 experts and 20 postgraduate students every year in undertaking its various tasks.

Prof Popoola will take responsibility for the efficient functioning of the AFF Secretariat and ensure that it continues to support collective advocacy and actions - with particular focus on the relevance and contribution of forests and trees to the people of Africa and their environment.

He is an accomplished scholar with more than 20 years of senior management experience working in various institutions across Africa.

He holds a PhD in Forest Econom-

ics from the University of Ibadan. His academic career has seen him occupying every academic position in the university system, ranging from undergraduate programme coordinator to Vice-Chancellor.

As an experienced researcher and project leader, Prof Popoola has led several internationally funded researches involving over \$4 million, including the MacArthur Foundation \$900,000.00 grant for the establishment of the Master's in Development Practice (MDP) Programme.

The University of Ibadan was one of the 10 Universities that won the grant involving over 70 Universities

across the globe in 2010. He was also a team member and Steering Committee member of the \$1.75 Million Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) Grant for Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA).

He is currently the Director of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network-Nigeria; member, Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and Chairman, Sustainability Support Forum, an NGO for the driving of Agenda 2030 (SDGs) of the UN in Nigeria.

He was appointed a member, and later the Chairman, Project Steering

and Advisory Committee of the Africa Forest Forum, Nairobi in 2021.

He is a member of the Technical Support Team of the Forum; International Peer Review Committee (IPRC) of the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA), Nigeria Post-Secondary Education Data System (NIPEDS) Task Team of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board/Federal Ministry of Education and Editorial Boards of several publications.

Popoola founded the African Journal of Sustainable Development, and was the Chairman, Editorial Board

till 2019. In 2005, he was elected into the elite cadre of the Forestry Association of Nigeria as a Fellow.

Labode belongs to several professional associations and networks such as the Forestry Association of Nigeria (FAN), Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA), African Forestry Research Network, African Forest Forum (AFF), African Network for Agroforestry Education (ANAFE), Association of Research Managers and Administrators (UK), West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA), UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), among several others.

Industrialists urged to produce better products to win competitive markets

By Guardian Reporter

PROFESSOR Adolf Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology has called on Tanzanian industrialists to invest more in producing better goods that can ably win the competitive markets at the global scale.

Representing Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, Prof. Mkenda made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the three-day Tanzania International Exhibition of Producers (TIMEXPO) 2023, which was organized by the Confederation of Industries (CTI) in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Apart from lauding efforts made by CTI in making this year's TIMEXPO, Mkenda said that it's high time for industrialists to invest more in new technologies that will help to make their products compete in the market and be able to compete with other imported goods.

"This expo is an avenue that gives an opportunity for Tanzanians to learn a number of new technologies to make our products competitive at the global scale," he said, adding: "Let's use this expo to learn and come up with something that will transform our goods."

Prof. Mkenda said that the existence of CTI will help to create economic opportunities due to many investors attracted by better investment policies.

He also visited different industries' pavilions, where a number of products showcased their products including electrical equipment, water pipes, leather and rock bricks.

Exaud Kigabe, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade praised CTI for organizing this exhibition which has been productive for a country to enable Tanzanians to get quality products using different technologies where many Tanzanians get products inside the country at an affordable price instead of importing from other countries.

Deputy Minister of Minerals, Dr Steven Kiruswa called on industrial owners to encourage the opportunity of investment in the mining sector, which has countless opportunities and if explored the sector will have a big contribution to the national income.

Leodigar Tenga, CTI Executive Director also lauded the government for creating better investment opportunities that in turn attract more investors to chip in and invest in various sectors.

CTI Chairman, Prof. Paul Makanza said: "This is the first time for CTI to organize such an industrial exhibition that involves local and foreign producers."

The event attracted a number of industrialists, government institutions, embassies and private sector institutions.



Innocent Matamba (R), a senior mining engineer with Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine, briefs visiting Minerals ministry officials yesterday on how ultramodern technology has vastly improved efficiency and productivity at the Kahama-based firm. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PPRA saves 2.6bn/- through better procurement

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PUBLIC Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has rescued more than 2.6bn/- by stopping payments that had violated the implementation of public procurement contracts.

The Authority rescued the money after disclosing a scheme by

some bidders in evading payment of Value Added Tax (VAT).

This was revealed early this week by the Chairman of PPRA Board of Directors, Dr Leonada Mwangike when presenting her inspection report in regard of public procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to Deputy Finance Minister Hamad Hassan Chande at a brief event in Dodoma.

Dr Mwangike said PPRA discovered this as part of its responsibilities while inspecting public institutions, public corporations and ministries during which more than 180 institutions were inspected to see whether they abide by PPRA procedures. She said that owing to the inspections made, PPRA discovered that some contractors evaded paying VAT for the work

they did for the government. She added that this practice made PPRA to direct the submission of the receipts before the inspection procedures, whereby receipts valued at 290m/- were submitted.

"All this money was in regard to the VAT payment and has been repaid to the government," she said.

She said other funds rescued were in regard to the payment

made to service providers that were erroneous and the payment valued at 233m/- was returned to the government.

Dr Mwangike added that 1.7bn/- was rescued owing to suspension of services provided sub-standard to one of public institutions, hence PPRA directed the institution to suspend the contract with the tenderer. She added apart from the

money rescued returned to the government for other uses, PPRA has also suspended one service provider who was directly involved in providing sub-standard services designed to occasion loss to the government.

She added that the tenderer will not be permitted to provide any services to the government and that the PPRA report recommend-

ed various legal steps to institutions that had occasioned loss to the government.

This is the 17th report submitted by PPRA from its assessment on the performance of public institutions, being the last one submitted to the Minister for finance whereby beginning FY 2023/24 the reports will be directly submitted to the President.

Minister gives 7 days on end to challenges facing land formalisation in Dar es Salaam

By Guardian Reporter

JERRY Silaa, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has given seven days to come to solutions on challenges facing formalisation of unplanned settlements in Dar es Salaam.

Silaa's directive is a result of Dar es Salaam Region having many complaints regarding land formalisation, the exercise that started in 2013 and was expected to be finalised this year, 2023.

Silaa issued the ultimatum on Wednesday when he met with Dar es Salaam Region officials and those from the Land sector and discussed the implementation of the CCM Election Manifesto in regard to the Land sector.

"The main complaints are serious and after this meeting I will sit with ministry officials so that the exercise is implemented speedily and finalised," said Silaa.

He said in addition to the stage reached in land formalisation, the entire programme faced various challenges including the firms tasked to do the work failing to complete the exercise in time, while the people lost trust in the firms.

The Minister explained that if there are firms that performed badly in the exercise, they should be penalised and the people should be informed, and that in case whose work got stuck, they should be unstuck, and if there are people who a yet to receive title deeds, they should be provided with the documents.

He added that the effects of the land formalisation exercise for the Dar es Salaam Region are huge compared to other regions.

He said the number of land plots identified in the Region totalled 625,639, out of which plans have been completed for 556,755 while survey has been done

to 125,035 plots and actual ownership was accorded to only 28,902 plots.

The Land Minister said President Samia Suluhu Hassan appointed him to the post because she trusted him to work in the Land sector, and he accepted the task in order to reduce, if not completely eliminate challenges facing the country's Land sector.

He added that in making sure his ministry eradicates the country's complaints in the Land sector, it has mobilised itself to take various steps including to take services closer to the people.

He named some of the steps envisaged as including having Land offices in every region led by Assistant Regional Commissioners of Lands, different to the practice in the past where services were issued from zonal lands offices.

He said regions with huge challenges such as Dar es Salaam there are two Regional Assistant Commissioners of Lands aimed at boosting services.



Exim Bank Tanzania employees march in Dar es Salaam yesterday to demonstrate solidarity with the bank's customers in marking Customer Service Week, a campaign running under the theme 'Our Team, Our Strength'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SADC on crucial drive to unlocking the potential of SMEs in the region

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) has embarked on a crucial journey towards fostering the growth and competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) within the region.

The initiative took centre stage at the on-going consultative workshop in Lusaka, Zambia, from October 3rd to 6th 2023. The objective of the workshop is to gather insights and inputs on the draft SADC SME strategy, a significant milestone in the pursuit of regional industrial development.

The workshop serves as a platform to present the draft strategy and the accompanying study report. It is a crucial step in ensuring that the strategy is inclusive, comprehensive, and well-informed by the collective expertise of stakeholders.

Inaugurating the workshop, Dhunraj Kassee, Director of Industrial Development and Trade, emphasised the significance of SMEs in regional industrialisation.

He underscored the commitment of the SADC Secretariat to harnessing the potential of SMEs as drivers of economic growth and regional integration.

The consultative workshop brought together a diverse group of public and private stakeholders. Through the collective wisdom and expertise of these participants, the draft SADC SME Strategy is expected to evolve into a dynamic and comprehensive framework.

The synergy underscores the region's commitment to collaboration in enhancing the role of SMEs in economic development. The foundation for the SADC SME strategy was laid in 2015 when the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap was adopted. The document emphasised the importance of developing an SME strategy to facilitate the elevation of SMEs towards international competitiveness, thereby contributing to the broader industrialisation goals of the region.

It was reaffirmed in the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) 2020-2030, reflecting the collective vision of SADC member states.

The momentum for the SME strategy gained further impetus during the 22nd Ministerial Meeting on Regional Integration (MTF) held in Lilongwe, Malawi, in July 2022.

To actualise the development of the SME strategy, the SADC Secretariat sought the invaluable support of the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ).

With their support, the Secretariat engaged a team of consultants to create a comprehensive SME strategy that aligns with the region's vision. This strategy aims to bolster SMEs and position them favourably to benefit from the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), a pivotal agreement for regional trade and economic growth.

Tanroads out to continue overseeing construction workplace safety, health

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

TANZANIA Roads Agency (TANROADS) in the City of Dodoma says it will make sure it continues overseeing and managing issues of safety for workers implementing projects in the country's construction sector.

Addressing reporters here on Tuesday Eng. Alinanuswe Mwakiluma, on behalf of Dodoma Region TANROADS Manager, Leonard Chimagu, spoke about the directive of the Works Minister, Innocent Bashungwa given during his visit last week to the 112.3 km Dodoma City Ring Road project to the contractors - China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCEC) where he found construction workers with torn shoes.

Eng. Mwakiluma said the TANROADS responsibility is to ensure that every worker is provided with various working tools for protection against any eventuality at work places.

"I think you have witnessed for yourselves, workers from the contractor have already been provided with safety working tools including hard hats, shoes, face masks and reflectors, hence we, at TANROADS you can see how we were able to follow up in ensuring the Minister's directives are abided by," said Eng. Mwakiluma.

He added that the Agency will make sure it will continue implementing the Minister's directives in regard to the matter, even for other contractors involved in construction projects.

For his part, Eng. David Kapinga, CCEC representative said that a total of 50 working tools have been replaced by the firm and that the firm has been providing safety equipment every three months, but following the Minister's directives, the equipment will be provided as soon as the ones in use are worn out.

Innocent Isaka, speaking on behalf of CCEC workers stressed on contractors to continue providing working equipment the ones in use are worn out and called on fellow workers to take care of them.

The 112.3-km Dodoma City Ring Road project is financed by the Government of Tanzania in collaboration with the African Development bank (AfDB) costing 221bn/- and is expected to be completed in November 2024.

INTERNSHIPS



ABOUT GEITA GOLD MINING LTD

Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 Km's west of the fast-growing town of Geita, and also a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. GGML undertakes to offer internship opportunities to fresh Tanzanian graduates of various disciplines, to take place at Geita Gold Mine, Geita Tanzania, with the aim of "Enhancing Graduates Employability in Tanzania". Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven graduates to take part in the company internship programme as described below:

GGML INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) has been a strong supporter to the government initiatives to enhance graduates' employability in Tanzania, having implemented internships and other graduate programmes for several years. GGML is contributing towards skills development in Tanzania by providing graduates with opportunities to gain work experience in various skills areas. The internship Programme provides an opportunity to unemployed graduates to gain meaningful work experience that will complement their studies and provide them with experience that could help them gain access to the labour market. The internship is for fixed term (12 months) and there is no guarantee of any offer of employment by the company on expiry of the internship period. At the minimum, GGML Internship Programme shall be undertaken in accordance with the "National Internship Guidelines" as published by the Prime Minister's Office, Labor, Youth, Employment and Disability in September 2017.

ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for the internship programme, one MUST:

- Be a Tanzanian citizen.
- Be an unemployed Tanzanian graduate aged between 18 - 30 years.
- Have completed a relevant bachelor's degree (NTA8) or National Higher Diploma (NTA7) with a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Have graduated between 2021 and 2023. The candidate must possess a valid degree certificate. Transcripts only or provisional results will not be accepted.

Note: Female Graduates and People with Disability are highly encouraged to apply.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED & HOW TO APPLY:

Application Instructions

- Please apply through our recruitment portal by following respective links below. Please click the link or type the URL address on a website browser to access the application portal.
- On the portal you will be required to upload the following documents:
 - Your updated Resume (2 pages only and in PDF format). On the portal use the field named 'Resume' to upload the resume.
 - Scanned copies of university Degree Certificate and your full Degree Transcript (provisional results will not be accepted). Please combine certificate and transcript and upload as one PDF document, don't upload separately. On the portal use the field named 'Cover Letter' to upload the certificates.
 - If you struggle to apply via the link provided, please head over to our website <https://www.geitamine.com/en/people/> for a step-by-step guide on how to apply for internship on our recruitment portal (SuccessFactors).
 - You will be required to present original certificates and transcripts if you are contacted for interviews.

Important notes:

- Please do not attach any other document not requested here.
- Please apply only for posts you qualify, to the maximum of 2 posts.
- Applications not adhering to above instructions shall not be considered.
- Applications submitted via email, by post, by hand or by any means other than online application via links provided shall not be considered.

POSTS AVAILABLE, QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED AND APPLICATION LINKS:

- Geology (4 posts) - BSc in Geology.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21958/>
- UG HV Electrical (2 posts) - BSc in Electrical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22040/>
- Plant Instrumentation (2 posts) - BSc in Electrical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22045/>
- Mine Survey (1 Post) - BSc in Geomatics / Geoinformatics / Land Surveying.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22049/>
- Electrical (sitewide) (2 posts) - BSc in Electrical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21948/>
- UG HME Maintenance (2 posts) - BSc in Mechanical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21949/>
- OP HME Maintenance (2 posts) - BSc in Mechanical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21950/>
- Metallurgy (2 posts) - BSc Metallurgy & Mineral Processing Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22044/>
- Environment (1 post) - BSc in Environmental Engineering / Science.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21959/>
- Safety (1 post) - BSc in Environmental Engineering / Science / OHS Diploma or equivalent qualification.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21960/>
- UG Mine production (2 posts) - BSc in Mining Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21979/>
- UG Mine Planning (3 posts) - BSc in Mining Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21973/>
- OP Mine Planning (2 posts) - BSc in Mining Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22047/>
- OP mine Production (1 Post) - BSc in Mining Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21966/>
- Reliability Engineering (1 post) - BSc in Mechanical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21946/>
- Occupational Hygiene (1 post) - BSc in Environmental Engineering / Science / OHS Diploma or equivalent qualification.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21961/>
- PR & Communications (1 post) - BA Mass Communication, Marketing Communication, or any tertiary Qualification in Photographing / video graphing.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22072/>
- Geotech (2 Posts) - BSc. in Geotechnical Engineering, Engineering Geology.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22048/>
- Hydrogeology (1 Post) - BSc. Mining Engineering / Hydrogeology.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22050/>
- Legal Services (1 post) - (LL. B) Bachelor of Laws / Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice preferred.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21965/>
- Human Resources Management (1 post) - B.com / BA Human Resources Management / Public Administration.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21963/>
- Supply Chain (1 post) - Bachelor's Degree in Purchasing / Procurement / Supply Chain, Materials Management, LL.B or equivalent.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22043/>
- Community Affairs (2 posts) - BA in Community Development, Social Works / Sociology/ Rural Development.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21972/>
- Nursing (1 Post) - Advanced Diploma / Degree in Nursing.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21962/>
- Learning & Development (1 post) B.com / BA Human Resources Management / Public Administration.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21964/>
- Business Improvement (1 post) - BSc. in Industrial Engineering Management / or BA. Project Planning & Management. / or BA. in Business Administration.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21956/>
- Digital Technology (1 post) - BSc in IT / Telecom / Computer Engineering / Computer Science.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22042/>
- Finance (1 post) - B.COM/ BBA Major in Accounting and/ or Finance.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21957/>
- Quantity Survey (1 Post) - BSc in Construction Management / Building Economics or equivalent tertiary qualification.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21952/>
- Civil & Earthwork Projects (1 post) - BSc in Civil Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21953/>
- UG Infrastructure (1 post) - BSc in Mechanical Engineering / Mining Engineering / Civil Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21954/>
- Plant Maintenance (1 post) - BSc in Mechanical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22046/>
- Security Investigation (1 post) - (LL.B) Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts in Law Enforcement or any other relevant tertiary qualification on security investigations.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21970/>
- Security Technology (1 post) BSc in Electronics / Telecom or any other relevant tertiary qualification on security systems.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21971/>
- OP Mine Planning (2 posts) - BSc in Mining Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/22047/>
- CAF & UG Backfill (1 post) - BSc. in Mining Engineering / Civil Engineering / Geotechnical Engineering.
<https://careers.anglogoldashanti.com/job-invite/21978/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Closing date for applications is the 16th of October 2023 at 5:30 PM
- Only shortlisted graduates will be contacted for interviews.

NOTE ON COVID-19 PREVENTION:

- Please note when you are invited for interviews, you will be required to present proof of vaccination against COVID-19 (Covid-19 vaccination certificate) or if you are not vaccinated, please go for a Covid-19 test, and obtain a 96 - hour valid PCR Covid-19 negative certificate.
- You are also advised to adhere to all recommended prevention measures including proper wearing of face masks and washing or sanitizing your hands before you are allowed through Geita Gold Mine entry points.

BEWARE OF CONMEN! GGML does not receive money in exchange for a job position. Should you be asked for money in exchange for a job offer or suspect such activity, please report this immediately to our Security Department, Investigation Unit, by calling +255 28 216 01 40 Ext 1559 (rates apply) or use our whistle-blowing channels by sending an SMS to +27 73 573 8075 (SMS rates apply) or emailing speakupAGA@ethics-line.com or use the internet at www.tip-offs.com



TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Ltd managing director Mamadou Ngom (C) presents a reflective jacket to Assistant Superintendent of Police Asulwisywe Mwakyonike at yesterday's launch of road safety programme at Buza Primary School in Dar es Salaam. Looking on is the firm's Legal, Corporate Affairs, HR and Administration head, Getrude Mpangile. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zimbabwe announces 100 suspected cholera deaths and imposes restrictions on gatherings

HARARE

ZIMBABWE has recorded 100 suspected deaths from cholera and more than 5,000 possible cases since late last month, prompting the government to impose restrictions to stop the spread of the disease, including limiting numbers at funerals and stopping some social gatherings in affected areas.

The health ministry announced the death toll late Wednesday and said 30 of the deaths had been confirmed as from cholera through laboratory tests. It said 905 confirmed cases had been recorded, as well as another 4,609 suspected cases.

Cholera is a water-borne disease that can spread rapidly in areas with poor sanitation and is caused by the ingestion of contaminated water or food. Zimbabwe struggles with access to clean water.

Large gatherings at funerals, which are common in the southern African country as people flock to mourn the dead, have been stopped in some of the most affected areas in parts of the Manicaland and Masvingo provinces. No more than 50 people are allowed to attend funerals, while people should avoid shaking hands and are not allowed to serve food at the funerals, the government said.

The government has also said people should stop attending open mar-

kets, some social gatherings and outdoor church camps, where there is usually no sanitary infrastructure.

Zimbabwe has often imposed restrictions during its repeated outbreaks of cholera.

Buhera, an impoverished southeastern district, is the epicentre of the current outbreak, the health ministry said, adding that cases have now spread to 41 districts in various parts of the country, including the capital, Harare.

In southern Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, South Africa and Mozambique have all had recent cholera outbreaks. More than 1,000 people died in Malawi's worst outbreak in decades late last year and early this year.

The World Health Organization has warned of the risk of cholera due to problems with access to clean water, but also sometimes because of climatic phenomena like tropical storms, which can lead to bigger, deadlier outbreaks, as was the case with Malawi.

In Zimbabwe, poor or non-existent sanitation infrastructure and a scarcity of clean water has resulted in regular outbreaks. People in some areas go for months without tap water, forcing them to rely on unsafe shallow wells, boreholes or rivers. Raw sewage flowing from burst pipes and piles of uncollected trash increase the risk.

More than 4,000 people died in Zimbabwe's worst cholera outbreak in 2008.

SATO awarded in 'Fast Company Brands That Matter' list

By Guardian Reporter

A special business that empowers people to live a better life through innovative sanitation and hygiene solutions, SATO, has said it is delighted to be honoured by Fast Company Brands That Matter.

A statement released yesterday by the organization said the brands selected for this prestigious annual list have achieved relevance through cultural impact and social engagement and are judged to have authentically communicated their missions and ideals. SATO, part of LIXIL, was recognised in Brands That Matter's International category - brands

outside of the United States that achieved relevance in their home markets.

Erin McCusker, Leader, SATO, and Senior Vice President at LIXIL, said: "To be recognised as a Brand That Matters is a fantastic reflection of SATO's development and relevance. Ten years ago, LIXIL launched the SATO brand with one prototype to address the critical sanitation needs of consumers in Bangladesh. A decade on, SATO offers an innovative and aspirational sanitation and hygiene portfolio that has positively impacted the lives of 45 million people in 45 countries, and is growing," she said.

"Looking to 2030 and the ambitious targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6.2 - achieving access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all - we believe SATO, and its role as a social business, innovator, and empowering, consumer-centric brand, is an important accelerator in unlocking health, social and economic value for more communities around the world."

As the world's leading award for showcasing brands that communicate and demonstrate brand purpose, Brands That Matter's recognition of SATO is a testament to the continued success of its offer, solu-

tions, and brand. "We see this as the culmination of our brand refresh last year which cemented our positioning as a vibrant and customer-centric brand. It is also an important milestone that reflects our ambition to grow a global brand that resonates locally with households, retailers, and masons, and becomes a reference in the sector," says Janaina Campoy, Leader, Global Marketing and Communications, SATO.

Each year, Fast Company's judges compile the list which features large and small companies and nonprofits based on their ability to achieve relevance through cultural impact and social engagement as well as an abil-

ity to effectively communicate their mission and ideals through branding.

According to data from WHO and UNICEF, one-fifth of the global population (1.7bn) live without access to safe sanitation and one in three (2.3bn) lack basic hand washing facilities at home. For many - particularly in Asia and Africa - the simple task of going to the toilet can be a dangerous, unsafe, and unpleasant experience. Meanwhile, limited access to a handwashing solution with soap risks the spread of preventable diseases. Combined, poor sanitation and hygiene lead to significant economic loss, absenteeism among

schoolchildren, and negative health outcomes.

However, SATO is on a journey to inspire global change. With its portfolio of innovative, affordable, and water-saving sanitation and hygiene solutions, SATO directly addresses the everyday challenges facing consumers in rural and peri-urban areas. Using its patented trapdoor technology, easy-to-clean and easy-to-install design, the SATO Pan seals open pit latrines to instantly create a fresher sanitation experience. The Pan also combines with the brand's off-pit connectors - the SATO V-Trap and I-Trap connection systems -- to divert waste and create a sanitation

Uhuru Torch Race leader praises environment conservation efforts

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

ABDALLAH Saibu Kaim, Leader of 2023 National Uhuru Torch Race has said he is satisfied with efforts on the protection and conservation of the environment implemented by people in the country's various areas.

Kaim made the remarks during the tree-planting exercise and development projects at the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) where a total of 146 trees were planted.

"This year's National Uhuru Torch Race aims to educate and mobilise Tanzanians on the effects from climate change which basically, 95 per cent of which is caused by daily human activities.

"One of these is wanton tree cutting, hence we should stop doing so, and instead we should work together in tree planting exercises.

"We should also desist ourselves from burning of forests, grazing and farming near water sources and that we should make sure we conduct our daily activities 60 metres from water sources," said Kaim.

He added that wanton throwing of trash; mining activities that do not adhere to environmental conservation including livestock grazing also contribute to environmental destruction to a great extent.

He reminded that among the effects from climate change is drought, loss of soil fertility, lack of rains and global warming.

He said tree planting is in response from President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives that aim to make sure that every Tanzanian participates in environmental conservation activities as a measure against the effects of climate change.

For his part, Anthony Mavunde, Minerals Minister and Dodoma Urban Member of Parliament said they will continue to hold in high esteem the government's slogan in making sure they conserve the environment.

This year's National Uhuru Torch Race message regarding Climate Change including the protection of water sources is "Protect the Environment, save water Sources for the Protection of the ecosystem for the National Economy."



Tigo Customer Service head Mwanga Matotola (L) and Southern Highlands Zone director Abbas Abdulrahman signal yesterday's launch of the firm's Customer Service Week activities in Iringa Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

Low-cost stone bridges now benefit Kigoma residents

KIGOMA Region residents benefit from bridge construction using stone technology that has shown great achievements in regards to quality and opening rural roads due to its low cost.

Addressing reporters here recently, Vice Chairman of Tanzania road Fund (TRF), Octavian Mshiu said the Board has decided to visit the bridges built by the alternative technology that uses stones in order to see how we can help to use it countrywide, reducing expenditure in

bridges construction and infrastructure maintenance in general.

He said Kigoma Region, through TARURA has built a total of 110 bridges at a cost of 2.4bn/-, the sum that is low because if the bridges had been built by using round bars and cement, they would have cost more than 11bn/-.

He added that the bridges have also provided employment to the residents of Kigoma Region

where more than 500 jobs were provided to the indigenous, because construction of stone bridges disregards one's education level.

"The Nyamihanga Bridge in Buhigwe district for example which is in the last stages of construction is 32 metres long and 6 metres wide and has cost 159m/-, whereas 70.3m/- is money from TRF. "This bridge, had it been built using round bars and concrete would

have cost 780m/-," he added.

He explained that at Kwitanga area, they have been told that vehicles have never crossed to the other side of the Luiche River to go to Muzeze since independence, but in a short time hence, the road will be opened and vehicles will be able to cross from Kwitanga to Muzeze.

Speaking on behalf of Kwitanga residents, Zuwena Kwilelula appealed to the government to

quickly complete the construction of the Nyamihanga Bridge for them to benefit from social services on the Muzeze side where there is a dispensary as well as being able to transport their farm crops with ease.

Earlier, submitting his report before TRF Board, TARURA Eng Felician Kavishe said the Agency in Kigoma region has built 110 stone bridges in the region out of which 35 are in Kigoma District, 20 in Kasulu district, six in Buhigwe District, 15 Uvinza District and 19 in Kibondo district and 15 in Kakonko District.



Public Service Social Security Fund's director of planning and investment, Fortunatus Magambo (2nd-L), Lake Victoria Zone manager Rajab Kinande (L) and principal public relations officer Abdul Njaidi (3rd-L) pay 'Customer Service Week' attention to members of the fund at the SSSF offices in Mwanza city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Listen to juniors and appreciate their roles, EAC leaders advised

By Guardian Reporter

LEADERS and top managers at the East African Community (EAC) organs and institutions have been called upon to endeavour to always listen to and understand the roles of staff working under them.

Making the call, EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki said it is through synergy and solidarity among staff of all cadres that the integration process will be moved forward as expected by EAC citizens.

Dr Mathuki said that EAC, which is on a trajectory of expansion that has resulted in a bigger market for the business community, was poised to help the African Union (AU) attain its goal of an African Economic Community by the year 2063.

He was speaking in Arusha on Wednesday when opening a two-day induction workshop for the two EAC new Deputy Secretaries General and members of staff at the EAC organs and institutions who were recruited earlier this year.

The two new DSGs are Hon. Andrea Ariik Aguer Malueth (Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political Sectors) and Annette Ssemuwemba (Customs, Trade and Monetary Affairs).

The SG reminded EAC members of staff that they were privileged among many East Africans to serve at the bloc, adding that challenges should not take them backward but move them forward since humans use crises to grow.

He told staff that they work for the EAC and not their respective partner states, noting that integrity and commitment to their duties was therefore key.

Speaking at the event, the Judge President of the East African Court of Justice, Justice Nestor Kayobera, said that teamwork among leaders and staff could solve many problems in organisations.

Kayobera said that good faith and respect was indispensable in enhancing staff relations and improving performance at the workplace.

In his remarks, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, Hon. Joseph Ntakirutimana, said that cooperation among the EAC organs and institutions was critical to moving the integration process forward.

Chongolo underlines need to ensure childbirths are supervised by experts

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanganyika

CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo has called on pregnant women to give birth at health centres in order to reduce maternity deaths during delivery.

Chongolo made the remarks as he was addressing Ikola Ward residents in Tanganyika District, Katavi Region soon after his inspection visit of the health centre built from the District Council internal revenue and people's contributions.

He said statistics show that many maternity deaths in Tanganyika District are caused by pregnant women giving birth at home.

"The aim of the government to bring these services closer to the people is to protect women, we have maternity deaths that can be prevented due to giving birth at homes, stop these customs and go to health centres," he said. Reading his report on the health centre project, Tanganyika District Medical Officer, Dr Alex Mlema said it has cost 408m/- including 400m/- internal revenue and 8m/- from people's contributions.

"The project was established to serve Ikola Ward residents and those from nearby areas, hence due to frequent eruption of water borne diseases, the project assists in reducing maternity deaths and reduce costs on the people in following treatment at Katavi Regional referral Hospital at Mpanda," said Dr Mlema.

For her part, Katavi regional commissioner, Mwanamvua Mrindoko said that she has appealed to the government to finalise the process to make the health centre Tanganyika District designated hospital, as it would take a long time to depend on revenue from the district's internal revenues.

Mpanda Rural Member of Parliament Seleman Kakoso also appealed to the government to increase the number of staff at health centres in the district in order to go in tandem with the beauty and the big number of the health centres.

For their part, residents in the area thanked the government for the completion of the health centre that will reduce inconveniences of having to travel long distances to follow health services.

COP 28 golden opportunity for Tanzania's participation, says VPO

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary (Union Affairs) in the Vice President's Office (VPO) Abdallah Hassan Mitawi has said the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) slated for Dubai from November 28 to December 12 is a huge opportunity for Tanzania's participation.

Mitawi made the observation at the 3rd COP 28 Preparatory Committee meeting held in Dodoma on Wednesday as he stressed for institutions and other various sectors to work together for the event.

Mitawi said as a country Tanzania has to make a strategic approach to display its readiness to collaborate with the rest of the world in various issues and show its investment opportunities.

"We are not late yet because this COP is not the only environment as many believe, but touches a large part of our country as it is the place where one can get big investment companies and learn from others various things at a time including issues of transport, tourism, mining and security," Mitawi said.

For his part, the President's Advisor on climate change issues, Dr Richard Muyungi said the Ministry of Minerals should also participate because this is their opportunity to learn from others how they do in making strides in the area, as well as the ministries of tourism, Agriculture and Water.

Eng. Dorisia Mulashani from Water ministry said they will use the opportunity to ensure the improve the investment sector in water projects for economic growth by having water dams, sustainable irrigation and environmental cleanliness in general.

COP28 is Conference expected to be held in the Blue Zone area, Expo City Dubai and nearly 100 participants from Tanzania, both mainland and Zanzibar are expected to participate.

Expectations from COP28 include making sure Tanzania's position is accepted, access to financial resources to enable the implementation of projects and technology against the effects of climate change.

In addition, the country is expected to boost the carbon trade as well as to announce its efforts in enhancing private sector participation against the effects of climate change.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A LIQUIDATOR TMF SERVICES TANZANIA LIMITED

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Govt dishes out 5bn/- for youth economic empowerment in 2023/2024 financial year

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

PROF Joyce Ndalichako, PMO Minister of State (Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities) has said that in FY 2023/24 the Government has provided 5bn/- out of 9bn/- allocated for empowering the youth economically.

Prof Ndalichako made the remarks here this week after inspecting a new ground that will be used for the event for extinguishing the National Uhuru Torch on October 14 this year when it will be presented to President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

She said the government has already provided with 1bn/- and the PMO has dishied out 2.8bn/- for the youth.

Prof Ndalichako added that the government is required to provide 9bn/- and looks to the tourism, cookery and entrepreneurship sectors.

"We have been dishied out funds for apprenticeship to the youth for those finishing universities and colleges," she said.

She called on all Regional Commissioners to look into how the youth travel to Manyara Region for Youth week to access opportunities.

Earlier, PMO Permanent secretary, Cyprian Luhemeja appealed to all the youth to go to Manyara Region to participate in the Youth Week where they can discuss on how to access employment opportunities within and outside the country.

Luhemeja said when they go there they can reduce complaining as they will see for themselves all employment opportunities.



ZANZIBAR REVENUE AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX

Zanzibar, 30th September, 2023.

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

Zanzibar Revenue Authority (ZRA), wishes to notify the general public that with effect from 1st July, 2023, the Minister of State President's Office, Finance and Planning issued Legal Notice (LN) No. 78 of 2023, on the specific amount of property tax to be paid annually as provided under section 7A (1) of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008.

The issued Legal Notice for charging property tax with effect from 1st July, 2023, **has EXEMPTED from charging property tax ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, other than RESIDENTIAL STOREY BUILDINGS.**

The following properties shall be subject to the specific amount of property tax:

SN	TYPE OF PROPERTY	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX ANNUALLY
1.	Residential Storey buildings or condominium.	Tzs. 10,000/= per storey or unit
2.	Storey Business buildings	Tzs. 50,000/= per storey.
3.	Other Business buildings	Tzs. 50,000/=
4.	Hotel Premises:	
	(a) Five Stars Hotels	Tzs. 500,000/=
	(b) Four Stars Hotel	Tzs. 400,000/=
	(c) Three Stars Hotel	Tzs. 300,000/=
	(d) Two Stars Hotel	Tzs. 200,000/=
	(e) One Star Hotel	Tzs. 100,000/=
	(f) Others	Tzs. 50,000/=

2.0 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT OF TAX:

According to section 10 of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008, all mentioned specific annual amount of property tax are payable on or before the **30th day of September**, each year, and shall be expired on the **30th June**, of the following year.

3.0 EXTENTION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX:

Based on the aforesaid provision of the law, the established specific amounts of property tax are payable on or before 30th day of September, 2023. However, due to the fact that, the categories of property have been recently established under the Legal Notice (LN) No. 78 of 2023, it is therefore a good ground and sufficient cause to warrant extension of time for due date on payment of property tax for 2023/2024.

In view of this, and based on the provision of section 10(2) of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008, the due date for payment of property tax is hereby extended from 30th day of September, 2023 up to 30th day of November, 2023.

3.0 CONSEQUENCES FOR NON COMPLIANCE:

Any person whose property is among the above listed type of properties is required to pay the respective property tax on or before 30th November, 2023, to avoid penalty as provided under section 33 of the Tax Administration and Procedures Act, No. 7 of 2009.

4.0 CONCLUSION:

ZRA reminds respective property owners to effectively use extension of time on due date for payment of property tax to discharge their obligations before end of due date. Meanwhile, ZRA, shall commence awareness campaigns including compliance procedures to all required **PROPERTY OWNERS** in order to facilitate their property taxes payments before due date. You are kindly assured that lawful convenient measures will be fully employed during two months extension period on due date to simplify your compliance.

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Having health summit zero in on primary care a praiseworthy idea

FOR quite some time now, health and various other stakeholders have been pushing for assurances that the government move to create a usable format first for improvement of primary health care, and then for universal health care.

The two goals have been presented in a converging manner - a positive one, to be sure - that permits the pursuit of a sustainable health financing system enabling primary health care to be received in hospitals, health centres, dispensaries, etc., on the basis of need. If that is resolved, the rest will likely prove lots easier.

Where some confusion still lingers, though, is with regard to the idea that access on the basis of need can be extended to all levels of medical care, or that there will be some adequate and sustainable modality of financing to suit that target.

It is basically a wish to see hospital costs as a nuisance and therefore scrap them, while seeking a method of financing all healthcare costs might be a greater nuisance than subjecting people to pay some of the costs at upper hospitalisation levels. The temptation is to avoid costs altogether, but would that be realistic?

The idea that one should have access to health services according to need and not according to the ability to pay is an underlining principle of efforts by the government to draw up and operationalise a Universal Health Coverage (UHC) policy.

It has proved especially "tricky" tabling such a document in the legislature or adopting it for discussion after passing the committee stage and it isn't clear if the health summit discussions will yield something new on the matter.

That is why limiting the applicability of the idea to primary health care promises to be more workable. The financing modality might just mean drug purchase, hospital beds, etc.

Some top-level contributions to discussions on the second day of the 10th Tanzania Health Summit appeared to

add to the confusion - for instance, the observation that the current health financing mechanism is difficult to track.

That means that someone at the Health ministry would wish to know about and possibly plan for all funds coming into the health sector, as if it was just bilateral funds provided by governments, and on the basis of budget support parameters.

There are meanwhile suggestions that the health sector is just not organised that way and so the ministry should live with the pluralism.

It is also recommended that when the government fulfils its role of financing the purchase of drugs for primary health care and introduces payment for a significant portion of services at district hospital level and more so at regional level, the problem will have been largely resolved.

Part of the extension of the argument is that there will be administrative problems with health care providers taking primary level care patients casually, paying greater attention to those who pay.

It would be unrealistic brushing off this idea offhandedly and, indeed, there is the need for the involvement of major health franchises dedicated to primary health care - placing them as basic hospital supervisors.

Put differently, the most workable approach here is one involving universal care at primary health care level, where it is the government that picks up the tab so long as it is within the primary level.

Families and individuals cannot just be removed from financing medical care by a strategy meant to bring insurance cover to everybody.

Like it or not, insurance largely remains a privilege someone gets by virtue of the terms of employment in the public service or the private sector.

The idea of universal health insurance requires universal employment except for minors, a daydream. The idea is splendid, but would we ever land enough cash to ensure free treatment for everyone to referrals?

Petrol, diesel and kerosene prices: Let's fight on but more cautiously

A pattern is emerging with local fuel prices, as tending to have small but noticeable pushes periodically.

It looks like it can be absorbed at first, but cumulatively it just will not be easy accommodating rises amounting to 100/- or so per litre of fuel each passing month.

If the trend continues the way it is going, adding up to 1,000/- per year for a litre of fuel and upwards of 2,000/- per litre increase in two years - twice as much from where the price spiral started mid last year, the clamour for a swift way out of the mess will be louder.

Certain chroniclers said that fuel prices have increased for the fourth month running, with diesel rising the most significantly, which was true except for the sentimental 'running' as of thinking of someone purposely deciding to hike prices.

If it is market pressure, there is nothing surprising about prices rising for four months in a row as it becomes an ordinary feature of life. The problem is that at some point it will compel some hard thinking as to how to cut into the burden.

Authorities at the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) link the price rise with an increase in the world oil price by up to 4.21 per cent.

This is obtaining while premiums for the importation of petroleum products are set at 17 per cent for motor super premium (PMS) and 62 per cent for automotive gasoil (AGO).

Even without anyone necessarily being an expert, this shows that there is a case for reviewing premiums for importing fuel as expressed at high level a while back - as well as the breadth of leverage that quotations implicitly indicate.

The PMS looks related to a profit level decided among stakeholders, while the

AGO appears to have a protection intent - that is, unless it is exceptionally taxed, etc.

Citing reduced production by OPEC members and a series of economic sanctions on Russia may be true, but not a sufficient alibi.

People will seek for results where fuel becomes much less manageable, and that might in part mean the state cutting back on some of its prerogatives.

One way could be implementing a fuel use shift to natural gas for government vehicles so that the savings are directed to subsidy funds. In the near future, though, the 100bn/- outlays we know of might just not suffice.

Taking legal action against retailers or wholesalers not comply with regulatory norms relating to the sale of petroleum products as per cap price are fairly well known, but economic dislocation often induces the creation of powerful incentives to disobey.

And once the market is supervised with a police officer's whip or cap, it would imply that something is not working. Yet that isn't a problem for the regulator to solve but for policy advisers at the Treasury to handle.

One aspect of policy advice related to making the situation easier is seeing how EWURA cap prices can actually encourage competition in the oil and gas sector.

It may be perfectly legal for oil marketing firms to sell their products at prices giving them competitive advantage where such prices do not exceed the price cap and is not below the floor price.

However, is there really a way this can be commercially valid and not mere rhetoric? When affirmations of the like are not matched by reality, it really looks like a bad joke when this is no laughing matter.

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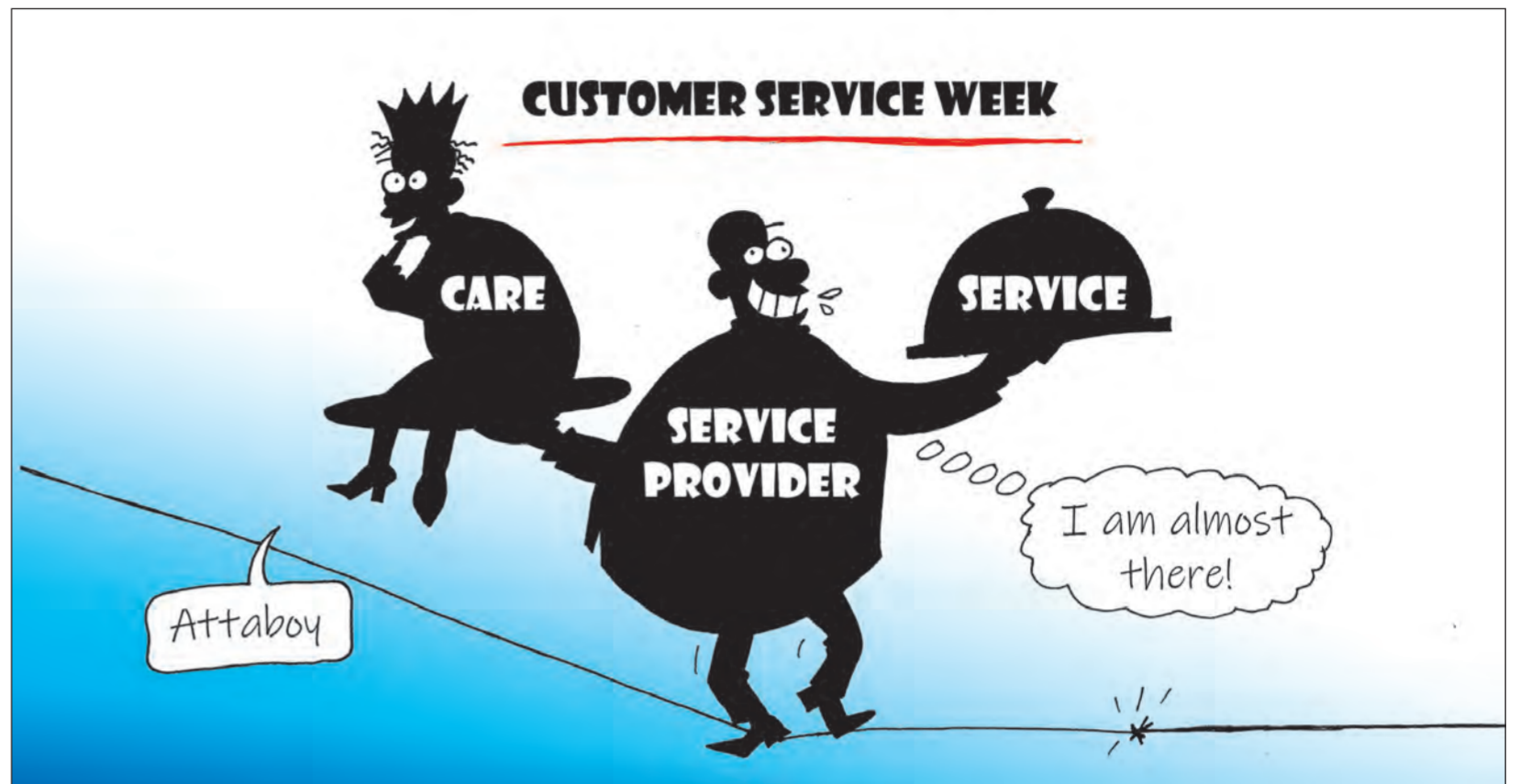
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Belt and Road Initiative: Tanzania in forefront for reaping its benefits

By Humphrey P. B. Moshi

SINCE 2013, China has been pursuing a particular global strategy towards promoting sustainable economic growth and friendly international cooperation.

The initiative is best known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) - and sometimes as One Belt One Road (OBOR).

It was conceived based on the ancient Chinese trade and cultural interactions with other peoples and countries in the world along what is known as the Silk Road, this being a route that connected China, the rest of Asia and Europe in ancient times.

The initiative, formally proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his state visits to Kazakhstan and Indonesia in 2013, has since then been vigorously pursued by China.

BRI borrows from the ancient Silk Road experience the basic principle of promoting economic, social and cultural interaction among countries and peoples of the world for mutual benefit and greater prosperity.

The main thrust of the initiative has been to develop infrastructural connectivity across countries and regions to facilitate trade and cultural exchanges. However, over the years, its implementation has entailed a lot more than the above - as the Tanzania case would illustrate.

First and foremost, it needs to be acknowledged that BRI is celebrating ten years since it was launched. Therefore, it is appropriate time to take stock of what it has achieved and the challenges it has faced along the way.

Given its long friendship with China since the founding fathers of the two nations, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Chairman Mao Zedong, Tanzania has always been proactive in embracing cooperation platforms and forums.

This being the case, it is no wonder that the country was in the forefront in grasping the unfolding opportunities arising from the Initiative.

Firstly, in the past ten years, BRI has ushered in a number of completed infrastructural projects, both hard and soft, across the board: land, sea and air networks.

These undertakings include Dar es Salaam Port Upgrading Project, Tanzania's Natural Gas Pipeline, Zanzibar International Airport Terminal, Nyerere Bridge, and the National Fibre Optic Cable Network.

Secondly, there are those projects which are under construction. That is work in progress. Among these projects is the J. P. Magfuli Bridge, which not only connects Geita and Mwanza regions but will also connect Tanzania to neighbouring Rwanda and Burundi upon completion.

Yet another project under this category is the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). It is 1,950 kilometers long, spanning 11 regions and towns, while linking lakes Victoria and Tanganyika ports to commercial capital and chief port Dar



es Salaam.

Upon completion, the SGR network will serve as an important channel for the neighbouring landlocked countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi in accessing the Indian Ocean.

Ultimately, the network will become the transport lifeblood for the Central and East African countries.

Two Chinese companies, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC), are currently building Lot 5 and Lot 6 of the SGR.

As already alluded to, the implementation of these projects has far-reaching social and economic benefits for Tanzania not only because they are well aligned with Tanzania Development Vision 2025 but also because they are in unison with the country's Second and Third Five Year Development Plans - with pronounced emphasis on the imperative for the country to further industrialise.

Even more importantly, it needs to be borne in mind that BRI has unique features in its conceptualisation and implementation - which is a great departure from the Western countries-initiated projects.

One of its unique features is its high synergic effects, which means that the Initiative BRI has positive spillover effects on other sectors of the country's economy.

Secondly, there is its holistic or comprehensive approach - meaning that BRI views the develop-

ment process in its totality and the inter-dependence of various factors (land, sea and air transport), coupled with soft structure provision - that is, human capital development.

Thirdly, the initiative's uniqueness lies in its emphasis on inclusiveness. By ensuring that the co-operating parties meet frequently, through the periodic holding of stakeholders' meetings and scheduled forums, China and its BRI partners keep reviewing progress and chart the way forward.

Such communication promotes ownership of the Initiative and therefore elicits incentives for effective implementation.

Additionally, BRI is uniquely dynamic: it keeps incorporating new agendas in its menu, with a view to addressing new challenges and tapping unfolding opportunities.

For example, responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, global climate change and the rapid development of information and communication technologies, China and its BRI partners have launched such initiatives under the framework of BRI as the Health Silk Road, the Green Silk Road, the Digital Silk Road, and the Clean Silk Road.

In the context of the foregoing, flanked by the country's proactive role in the BRI, Tanzania has reaped remarkable benefits from the Initiative.

The gains range from having and improved business environment, enhanced regional and global connectivity to the narrowing of the digital gap between the rural and urban areas and ensuring a higher contribution of the industrial sector to the GDP.

In this regard, both the quantity and quality of the trade and foreign direct investment (FDI) between China and Tanzania have increased. There is impeccable evidence that bilateral trade between the two countries increased from 2.47 billion US dollars in 2012 to 8.31 billion US dollars in 2022.

Furthermore, over 60 per cent of Chinese FDI in Tanzania is in

manufacturing, as evidenced by such enterprises as Koda Ceramics, Maweni Limestone Ltd. and Sapphire Float Glass Factory.

Apart from manufacturing, Chinese capital has flown into many other important sectors, including agriculture, mining, trade and logistics, telecommunication, tourism, finance, real estate and industrial parks.

These investments have created over 140,000 jobs, mostly for Tanzanians, according to statistics at none other agency than the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC).

In addition, the level of human capital development in Tanzania has been promoted through scholarship programmes and on-the-job training courses as well as the dispatching of medical teams by China.

Admittedly, all these benefits notwithstanding, there are some challenges which need to be addressed so as to scaling up the dividends embedded in the BRI.

This range from weaknesses in institutional and human capacity needed in coordinating global, regional and country-specific initiatives-cum-programmes, and low investments in the agricultural sector, the mainstay of Tanzania's economy.

There is also the issue of low awareness of the BRI among some sections of the population, not to mention low capacity to domesticate the Chinese Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export Promotion Zones (EPZs) model.

Indeed, ensuring properly and adequately addressing these challenges, coupled with constant review of policies and strategies of engagement with China, would enable Tanzania to gain much more from BRI.

It would also accelerate the process of realising the national strategic objectives of higher economic growth rates, poverty reduction and industrialisation.

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The groundbreaking launch of Phase II of the Huaxin Maweni 4000T/D clinker production line as held at Maweni in Tanga District, Tanga Region, on July 26, 2022. File Photo

Basic procedures of dealing with civil cases in court (5)

As promised in previous article, today let's look at the last segment which covers judgment and appeal. However, in the cause of deal with above two issues, we find it imperative to provide a brief highlight on the process of execution of decree because it is also equally important

Judgment

One of the basic principles in the administration of justices is the duty of the court of law to determine disputes between parties hence judgment should be composed and delivered to the parties.

However, for the purposes of certainty and validity of the decision of the court, the law under Order XX Rule 4 of the Civil Procedure Code Cap 33 R.E 2019 demands that judgment should contain mainly four ingredients. These are (i) concise statement of facts, (ii) the points for determination, (iii) the decision of the court and (iv) reason for such decision.

None compliance with the above four ingredients amounts to breach of fundamental procedure and the higher court can vitiate the judgment and further directives may be issued depending on the circumstances as decided in the case *Kukai Properties Development Ltd vs Maloo and others* (1990- 1994) EA.281.

This is very important because while dealing with any dispute, one should understand which facts are very relevant and need to be used by the court to compose judgment.

Statement of facts is the cause of action of the dispute by the plaintiff and its reply from the defendant. The statement depicts whether the presiding judge or magistrate understands the case and defence or not because it is the stated facts along with the law that are used to make an informed decision.

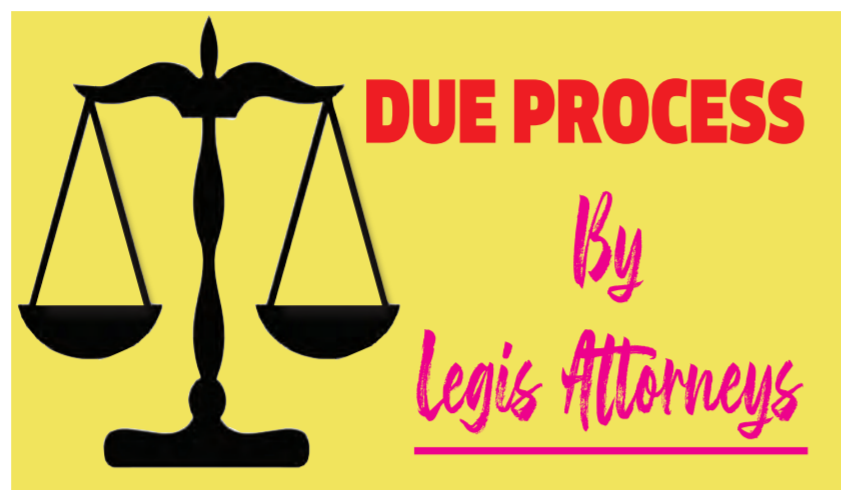
So, both parties should be careful to ensure facts stated are very clear and without ambiguity. Once the above is done, then point of disputes should be framed by the court. Issues of dispute are always framed at the final pre-trial conference as pointed in the previous article.

All the evidence tendered should flow to answer framed issues. Abduction of the irrelevant evidence which cannot answer the issues in question is such a waste of time. Litigants must be very selective on what should be admitted in the court records and which ones to leave out.

The court is required to answer all issues framed. Court are normally not interested in good number of witnesses but quality of the evidence even if the same emanated from one witness.

Judgment is given to the one whose evidence is heavier or strong than the other based on required standards of proving a case on the balance of probability. It is a matter of law that reason for such decision must be categorically stated with support of the statutory law or case law or other authorities.

Once the above four ingredients are compiled, then the same is judgment of the court. One thing to take note of is that there is no stated style of writing judgment. Rather, every judge or magistrate may write his or her judgment on his or her own style but what is important is that the above four ingredients must be seen



as the content of the judgment.

Appeal

To pursue an appeal is a constitutional right of either person to the case once the decision is delivered. However, in doing the same, the law requires one to take into account some relevant issues. The list is infinite and depends on the circumstances of each case but let's see some that one needs to take into account.

These are (i) time to file appeal (ii), what documents are required for filing appeal (iii) whether leave is required or not, (iv) whether certification of point of law is required or not (v), is the appeal initiated by the notice of intention of appeal (vi) and where to file the appeal.

Time is always of essence in any legal proceeding. Therefore, it is very important to be aware of time within which you are required to file an appeal. This can be obtained either in law governing the subject in dispute and in case the law is silent then general law of limitation may be applicable.

The above law of limitation provides circumstances and limitations of various aspects in our jurisdiction and it is very relevant where the law governing the subject is relevant. The only exception is that it is not applicable in the Court of Appeal.

In some appeals to the Court of Appeal, either leave to appeal should be obtained from the High Court when it is the second appeal or certificate on the point of law is issued by the high Court when it is the third appeal.

Without either leave or certificate, then aggrieved party cannot be heard by the Court of Appeal. No such requirements for appeal from subordinate court to either the resident magistrate's or to the High Court.

Appeal may either be by way of memorandum of appeal or by way of petition, depending on what the law applicable in that circumstance but the appeal must be attached with a decree and judgment.

In the Court of Appeal, the aggrieved party is required to issue notice of intention to appeal as required in the prescribed forms. The said notice is required to be filed in the High Court dealing with such case along with a letter requesting to be availed with all necessary documents which can assist in processing the appeal.

This notice and the letter are required to be served to the opponent party within 14 days from the date of being supplied with filed documents. Proceedings may be vitiated if the services to the other party were not complied with within given time.

Records of appeal along with memorandum of appeal must be prepared and filed in court. There are various issues which need to be taken into consideration in the filing of appeal. It is not a task which can be discharged by every lawyer but one who is well experienced in such procedures.

Execution

Execution of decree is a legal process in which a court administers execution of its order against the judgment debtor. It is a matter of law that litigation must come to an end and the decree holder must enjoy the fruits of his or her victory once the judgment is obtained as decided in the *Misc Civil Application no 250 of 2022 between Dal Forwarding (T) Ltd vs Sakas International (T) Ltd*.

Presence of appeal is not a good ground of stay of execution process unless an order of stay of execution is issued to restrain execution process either by the trial court itself or by the higher court.

There are so many modes of execution of decree which the decree holder may apply to the execution court as provided in section 42 of the Civil Procedure Code Cap 33 R.E 2019. These are (i) by enforcing delivery of any property specified in the decree, (ii) by attachment and sale or sale without attachment of property, (iii) by arrest and detention of judgment debtor, (iv) by appointing a receiver (v) by effecting partition or any other relief.

The list is endless. However, always what is executed depends on the circumstances of existing decree and what is required or intended to be subject of the decree.

Further, it is now a settled law that the decree holder is at liberty to select which mode should be used to execute the decree. This position is contrary to previous position where by the decree holder would not be allowed to execute the decree through arrest and detention of the judgment debtor unless it was proved other means were unsuccessful.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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Reporting to: Senior Grants and Operations Manager, Pact Tanzania

Position Purpose:

Reporting to the Senior Grants and Operations Manager, the Senior Procurement and Administration Officer will serve as an active member of the Administrations team and be responsible for the management and supervision of general services in Administration, Security, Facilities, Fleet, Assets, Travel, and Procurement for Pact Tanzania head office and its field offices. S/he will supervise staff in the specific functions, manage the procurement cycle, including the purchase and maintenance of office equipment based on the needs of Pact Tanzania, maintenance of the asset register, management of all property leases, ensuring that termination clauses are adhered to; maintenance of adequate insurance cover for theft, fire and all assets; the processing of insurance claims as and when necessary.

Key Responsibilities

Administration

- Manage all Pact Tanzania Administrative related services for the Head Office and field offices
- Administration of short-term Insurance, Contracts, Leases, and Rental Agreements
- Manage all the visits for Pact global staff visiting Tanzania, including the hotel bookings, invitations, and transport while in Tanzania.
- Working in collaboration with HR, manage the staff communications device (mobile phones) as they become due to the employee.

Procurement

- Oversee timely and transparent procurement through effective management support systems, ensuring that Pact Tanzania procurement policies and procedures are followed at an optimal quality/price and that all procurement procedures are properly implemented and adhered to.
- Take the lead in developing the annual procurement plan by closely working with all key leaders/budget holders to ensure each project/department procurement plan accurately reflects the procurement activities and budget phasing.
- Analyze the consolidated procurement plan and establish the framework agreement to ensure better services from regular suppliers, which will improve procurement efficiency.
- Reinforce the appropriate procurement roles/responsibilities of Pact Tanzania budget holders and key leaders through the provision of regular procurement training, coaching, and mentoring, including the provision of technical support to cluster offices.
- Provide managerial oversight and technical guidance to the Procurement Officer and the Procurement Assistant as they support the key leaders/budget holders in procurement planning, procurement committees, and other day-to-day activities.
- Work with the procurement committee for high-value procurements/tenders to ensure required technical support and compliance.
- In line with the Pact Tanzania procurement policies and procedures, establishing Framework Agreements with suppliers for regularly/frequently procured goods and services.
- Act as a lead coach and mentor to ACHIEVE Tanzania Local Implementing Partner (LIPs) for all matters related to procurement and administration management capacity building.
- Update ACHIEVE Tanzania and Global Leadership with the status of key procurements

- Work closely with ACHIEVE global staff to ensure all approvals are obtained

Fleet Management and Travel Services

- Implement a fleet management system in line with Pact Tanzania policies and procedures to ensure accountable and efficient use of the vehicle fleet.
- Ensure appropriate allocation and safe use of vehicles throughout Pact Tanzania and ensure servicing and maintenance schedules are adhered to.
- Ensure staff are sensitized, trained, and held accountable for the safe use of Pact Tanzania vehicles.
- Ensure vehicles meet Pact Tanzania Safety and Security requirements.
- Maintain/implement an effective vehicle allocation system.
- Manage travel and transportation programs for in-country and international official staff travel.

Asset Management

- Ensure a centralized Pact Tanzania asset register is maintained, that all assets are logged, issued with unique asset numbers and cards, and are tracked throughout the Pact Tanzania country office.
- Ensure all Pact Tanzania field/cluster teams are aware and abide by donor-specific asset regulations.

Facilities Management

- Responsible for the management and maintenance of all the Pact Tanzania buildings and facilities to meet all operational, safety, and regulatory requirements.
- Serves as the liaison between the building maintenance contractor(s); ensures that maintenance and repairs are done in compliance with applicable regulations and according to specifications of building owners; maintains appropriate maintenance records.
- Develops and implements systems for building security and maintenance.
- Ensures safety and function of all Pact Tanzania facilities and compliance with OSHA and other laws and regulations of Tanzania.
- Develops and implements a centralized purchasing system to support facilities with such items as equipment, supplies, repairs, and maintenance.
- Maintains fire alarm and burglar alarm systems (as appropriate) in good working order.
- Establishes a system to make regular health and safety inspections of all sites and to quickly resolve identified site issues, including the safety of grounds, parking lots, and other areas used by Pact Tanzania staff.

Supervision of staff

- Supervise and manage the Pact Tanzania Administration and General services department staff.
- Promotes staff development through training, counseling, and performance evaluation of the staff of the Pact Tanzania Administration and General services department.
- Identifies and develops staffing requirements to meet the needs of the Pact Tanzania Administration and General services department.
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in business administration, supply chain management, procurement, or a related field.
- 6+ years relevant experience or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Additional Qualifications:

- Professional certifications such as Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM), Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP), or Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) can be an asset.

Skills and abilities

- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Capacity to analyze procurement data and make data-driven decisions.
- Proficiency in administrative tasks such as office management, facilities management, and budgeting.
- Familiarity with administrative software and tools.
- Experience in supervising and leading teams.
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to provide guidance and mentorship to junior staff members.
- Asset management skills

Instructions on How to Apply:

If you believe you are the ideal person we are looking for, please submit your application letter and a Curriculum Vitae online via email describing why you are the right candidate for this position detailing your experience and three (3) professional referees from your previous and current place of employment. Please send the application online (through Email: humanresources@pactworld.org identifying the position you are applying for in the subject line). Only the applications sent online will be reviewed.

The closing date for applications is on **18th October 2023**

Qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Growing appetite for nutrient-rich native indigenous Australian foods

By Neena Bhandari

GROWING up in Sydney, Kalkani Choolburra, a Girramay, Kuku Yalanji, Kalkadoon and Pitta woman from Far North Queensland, would frequently travel with her family up and down Australia's eastern seaboard. Her grandfathers and uncles would bring fresh catch of dugong, her favourite bush food, and she would go hunting for the short-necked turtle with her aunts and female cousins.

The traditional or subsistence hunting of dugongs and turtles has been an important part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous Australians) people's social and cultural lives. Its meat has been a vital source of protein for these communities, who have sustained themselves on the native flora and fauna for thousands of years.

Now, national and international chefs are incorporating some of these native Indigenous produce - notably Kakadu plum, Davidson plum, lemon myrtle, wattle seed, quandong, finger lime, bush tomato, muntries, mountain pepper, saltbush - into their dishes ranging from sushi and samosa, pizza and pies to cakes and muffins.

These quintessentially native Indigenous ingredients are also being used in condiments, relishes, sauces, and marmalades and infused into chocolates, teas and beverages for their unique flavours and textures.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest and recognition of the nutritive and medicinal properties of native Indigenous plants and fruits. Professor Yasmina Sultanbawa, Director of the ARC Training Centre for Uniquely Australian Foods at The University of Queensland in Brisbane, recalls taking lemon myrtle to her lectures a decade ago. She would crush the leaves and ask her students to smell and identify them.

"They didn't know what it was back then, but now they immediately recognise it as lemon myrtle," Sultanbawa tells IPS. "The market for native Indigenous foods is growing because it is rich in nutrients. For example, the vitamin C content in Kakadu plum is about 75 times more than in an orange; folates (a natural form of vitamin B9 or folic acid) and fibre in green plum is much higher than in a mango; and kangaroo meat has only 2 per cent fat and a high concentration of conjugated linoleic acid and omega 3."

In a study co-authored with Dharini Sivakumar, Sultanbawa argues that including native Indigenous foods in the diet could help reduce malnutrition.

"Legumes like wattle seed are low in carbohydrates and have a very high content of protein, fibre, zinc and iron comparable to chickpeas. Wattle seed is also a great functional ingredient for adding value to other foods; for example, it can be incorporated into breads made with wheat flour. What makes native Indigenous foods attractive is that you don't have to add a lot of it to get the nutritional benefit," she adds.

A 2019-20 market study of Australia's native foods and botanicals industry by researchers at The University of Sydney, supported by Australian Native Foods and Botanicals (ANFAB), forecasted the native food sector would grow to 40 million Australian dollars (about USD 25.2m) in farm gate value, A\$100m (about USD 63.1m) in middle market value and A\$160m (about USD 101m) in total retail value by 2025.

Besides being used in traditional and modern cuisine, many of these native Indigenous botanicals are being used in cosmetics, pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industries. For example, the vitamin C-rich, pink-red native Lilly Pilly fruit has good astringent properties that boosts collagen production within the skin. It is used today in a variety of anti-ageing skincare products.

The COVID-19 pandemic craze for superfoods and television cooking shows, such as Australian MasterChef, has also contributed to the increasing popularity of native Indigenous foods.

They can now be found on grocery superstore



Kalkani Choolburra, Aboriginal Programs Coordinator at the Botanic Gardens of Sydney, showing the many uses of native plants. Here, she is weaving with a Lomandra leaf. Credit: Neena Bhandari/IPS

shelves. According to a spokesperson for Coles Group Ltd., a leading Australian retailer, "We currently work with nine Indigenous-run businesses that sell products with native ingredients, including Kurrajong Kitchen Oaklees original crackers, Yaru still mineral water and Seven Season Green Ant gin, on our shelves."

Recently, The Coles Nurture Fund awarded Indigenous-owned family business Walaja Raw Bush Honey a grant of A\$330,000 (about USD 208,470) to create a new, medicinal grade, premium Melaleuca honey that is sustainably made in the West Kimberley region on Yawuru Country (Country is a term used by Indigenous Australians to describe the lands, waterways and seas to which they are connected through ancestral ties and family origins).

Although the demand is growing, supply is limited because much of the native Indigenous produce is currently wild-harvested.

"Native foods have never been cultivated to be mass produced. They grow now as they've grown

since the beginning of their time, culturally and sustainably. It's best left like that," says Choolburra, who is the Aboriginal Programs Coordinator at the Botanic Gardens of Sydney.

As Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation's Group Chief Executive Officer, Joe Morrison says, "Bush foods (food native to Australia and historically eaten by Indigenous Australians) are a fundamental part of Indigenous identity and our traditions that span thousands of years of connection to Country."

But climate change presents a growing challenge with extreme weather conditions, including frequent storms, soil erosion, salinity in fresh water and ocean acidification threatening the ecosystems supporting native flora and fauna.

Choolburra says, "We (Indigenous Australians) are adapting our sustainability practices to meet the challenges of climate change, which is impacting everything in various ways. For example, many areas now facilitate cultural burns (Indigenous fire practice) in order to manage land and provide nutri-

ents. In many cases, the production or harvesting of native foods is left to local communities in order to sustain the amount of quality produce."

She occasionally leads the Aboriginal Bush Tucker Tour, which provides visitors from across the world an opportunity to learn about the traditional knowledge and cultural significance of native Indigenous flora and its many innovative uses.

On a cool, wet Sydney day, as we walk along the rich foliage in the Botanic Gardens, she plucks the long, flat green leaf from the native Lomandra plant, a vital source of food and survival and referred to as the 'corner shop' in some Indigenous Australians' cultures and shows us how it can be woven to make baskets.

Pointing at the Dianella bush, she relates the old practice when children were told to hide in it - if they got lost. The Dianella's sharp-edged leaves would repel snakes, and the children could attract attention by blowing in the hollow base of the leaf to make a whistling sound. The edible blue-purple berries, with tiny, nutty seeds from some of the Dianella species, are rich in vitamin C.

However, she warns that like anything consumed in large quantities, some of the popular nutritious plants, such as warrigal greens, used as a substitute for common spinach, and the sandpaper fig could cause diarrhoea or vomiting if eaten too much.

As the native Indigenous food industry grows, experts say, there is a need to enhance Indigenous communities' participation to ensure they reap the benefits. "Australia needs to brand and market native Indigenous foods as its authentic cuisine. This will foster cultural knowledge about our Indigenous heritage and biodiversity," Sultanbawa tells IPS.

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A spread of Lilly Pilly, Davidson Plum, Finger Lime marmalade and traditional Aboriginal bread, Dampier, which is made by crushing a variety of native seeds into flour and then baking the dough in the ashes of a fire. Credit: Neena Bhandari/IPS

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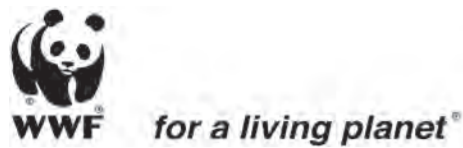
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REVIEW OF NATIONAL MANGROVE POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTING COMMUNITY USER RIGHTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN TANZANIA

Introduction

The World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an NGO that deals with conservation of nature through environmental management and conservation programmes. Its mission is to stop the degradation of Planet's natural environment and to build the future in which humans live in harmony with nature. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) through Marine Programme is currently implementing a project titled "Mangrove Management for Climate Risk Resilience and Improved Livelihoods" funded by the NORAD which in Tanzania is implemented in Kibiti, Mafia and Kilwa districts.

WWF TCO is looking for a consultant(s) to undertake a review of national policy and legal frameworks on mangroves conservation, and development of recommendations for promoting community user rights management systems in Tanzania.

Objectives Of the Consultancy

The overall objective of this study is to analyze the national policies and institutional frameworks as well as their mandate to promote community user-rights in mangrove coastal communities in Tanzania

Important Methodology

The consultant(s) will combine different methods, including field assessment, participatory processes, semi-structured interviews, questionnaire-based interviews and literature review to collect quantitative and qualitative information required for our assessment.

Consultancy Duration

The consultancy is assigned for two months (60 days) working period spread over three months from the date of contract signing.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are required to submit their Technical and Financial Proposals in a **soft copy** to the procurement: e-mail: procurement@wwftz.org

Interested applicants may access the detailed ToR through the following websites:
https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/

Deadline for submission is **5:00pm** Tanzania local time on **20th October 2023**.

WWF TCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof. Late application shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

WWF has a principle of zero-tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such incident, report by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org



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PUBLIC AUCTION AND NOTICE IN RESPECT OF A LOAN DEFaulTER OF AZANIA BANK LTD AND TIB DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED.

On instructions by our clients, **AZANIA BANK LTD** and **VINTAN W. MBIRO** (Appointee of TIB Development Bank Limited) and Receiver and Manager of **KONECTT WIRES & CABLES LIMITED** (under receivership) we will sell the mortgage property together with the wire/cable manufacturing machineries by Public Auction which are located in Dar es Salaam (see further details in the table below). The Auction will be conducted on the date and time specified in the table below.

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED

S/N	NAME OF DEBTOR	SECURITY / MORTGAGE AND LOCATION	DATE AND TIME OF AUCTION
1.	KONECTT FOOD LIMITED, 60 MIKOCHEMI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA P.O.Box 4417 DAR ES SALAAM-TANZANIA	PLOT NO. 60 MIKOCHEMI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA , WITHIN KINONDONI MUNICIPALITY DAR ES SALAAM	Date: 26 th October 2023 Day: Thursday Time: 10:00 am
2.	KONECTT WIRES & CABLES LIMITED (under receivership) 60 MIKOCHEMI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA P.O.Box 4417 DAR ES SALAAM-TANZANIA	ELECTRIC WIRES AND CABLES MANUFACTURING MACHINERIES MIKOCHEMI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA , WITHIN KINONDONI MUNICIPALITY DAR ES SALAAM	Date: 26 th October 2023 Day: Thursday Time: 10:00 am

TERMS AND CONDITION

- The highest Bidder shall pay 25% down payment of the Purchase price just after the fall of the hammer. All payment should be paid direct to AZANIA BANK LIMITED, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01100060573 , NAME OF ACCOUNT: ABL and TIB Collection
- The remaining balance 75% shall also be paid within fourteen (14) days from the date of Auction. Non-compliance with the above terms, 25% down payment made will be forfeited and the Auction be repeated.
- Successful bidder shall be given ownership document(s) and shall be allowed to take possession of the property bought under the Auction only after payment of 100% of Auction /purchase price.
- Costs of transfer of ownership shall be borne by the buyer
- Interested Bidders shall be allowed to inspect the properties seven days (7) before the Auction date. For further details kindly contact us through 0754884162/0715884162/0787884477. Our offices are located at Samora/Mkwepu street.

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APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received applications for Licences under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicants: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Green Telecom Limited	Regional Network Services	1.Sahul Sahni-Indian 2.Said Mohamed Khamis Alli-Tanzanian	80 20
2.	D'MAX Tanzania Innovation Limited	District Application Services	1. Daniel Eben Lema -Tanzanian 2. Anna Lenatus Lukoa-Tanzanian	60 40
3.	Kuchehe Entertainment Limited	District Content Services Radio Broadcasting (Free to Air)	1.Musa Moses Nnauye-Tanzanian 2.Lumuliko John Mengele-Tanzanian 3. Maryam Moses Nnauye-Tanzanian 4. Unallotted shares	25 25 25 25
4.	Arbcom Communications Limited	District Content Services Radio Broadcasting (Free to Air)	1.Daniel Adongo Ouma-Tanzanian 2.Joshua Oyaroo-Tanzanian 3.unallotted shares	60 25 15
5.	Airpay Tanzania Limited	National Application Services	1. Yasmin Said Challi-Tanzanian 2. Airpay Payment Services PVT Limited-India	35 65

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
THE TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC)



PUBLIC NOTICE

Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) would like to inform the general public that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania does not charge any travel costs for business delegates attending investment conferences abroad, including the upcoming Tanzania-Italy Business conference scheduled for 19th October 2023 in Milan, Italy. The conference will also include a tour of various industries in Milan City.

The TIC would like to clarify that if any private company or institution charges for the trip preparations, including fares for air transport, costs for accommodation and group visits, then the payment contract will be between those who demand such services and the company or institution offering them. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will not bear any costs or responsibility for such arrangements.

Issued by Tanzania Investment Centre

World Teachers' Day: Many countries still lack qualified educators

By Heike Kuhn

ONCE a year, on October 5, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Why is it so important to have a closer look on the teaching profession? What is so special about being a teacher nowadays?

World Teachers' Day is an international day which was established to attract public attention on the work of teachers. The day was established in 1994, in commemoration the signing of the "ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers" in 1966, which focused on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world" and on providing a global opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

With benchmarks regarding teacher's rights and responsibilities, standards for their preparation when starting the profession as well as their ongoing training and employment their profession got international attention. This is due to the fact that teaching and learning conditions are most important for the development of pupils and students everywhere.

Education is also at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a stand-alone goal: SDG 4 demands inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.

With a special target, SDG focuses on teachers, stating that by 2030, there is a need to substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially small island developing states (SDG 4c). The 2030 Agenda was signed in 2015 in New York, but was has happened up to now in order to reach this goal?

Special attention was given to teachers during the UN Transforming Education Summit on September 19, 2022, with relevant recommendations stating that teaching should be an attractive and recognised profession, taking into account that teachers need autonomy, decent working conditions, support and lifelong learning opportunities.

However, a year later, reality is quite disillusioning as we can see from the theme for World Teachers' Day 2023: "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".

How come that this profession has suffered from attrition? For

decades, the education sector has been chronically underfunded. Already in 2016, data analysis from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) estimated that in order to meet the targets of the SDGs by 2030, nearly 69 million more teachers were needed. Most recent estimates by UNESCO and the Teacher Task Force (TTF) confirm this number today, revealing that in sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia alone, an additional 24 million teachers are required.

So what are the root causes and what should be done? Starting with the most important reasons: The COVID 19 pandemic and its long school closures have even worsened an already dire situation. Becoming a teacher is simply no longer attractive: teaching many pupils, put together in crowded classes in not adequately maintained buildings and not being reasonably paid for the often exhaustive pedagogic work does not come along with incentives for this ambitious profession.

Disillusioned by these working conditions, teachers leave their countries for better paid teaching jobs in other regions (e.g. Caribbean teachers move to the US) or - even worse - quit being teachers in order to pursue other jobs.

With children dropping out of schools due to wars, conflicts or the ongoing climate crisis, teachers face new challenges all the time, their mental health is as endangered as the mental health of their pupils. And how can a child traumatized by war and escape, living in overcrowded refugee camps concentrate on school subjects? And what a challenge for teachers who might have made similar experiences but nonetheless try to convey hope and structure as well as a bit of normal life to the children in their lessons.

So what is teaching all about? It is about learning and changing your mind-set. Teachers can empower children of all sexes, can open perspectives for lives and therefore ignite change in millions of young pupils. Female teachers are often role models for girls, conveying self-esteem, questioning harmful gender norms. Teachers can educate green skills needed so much nowadays when we are taking the first steps, sometimes stumbling on our way to a green economy, no longer exploiting our planet.

Let me ask you: Do you remember when a teacher empowered you, believing in you? Hopefully you do and hopefully you could experience the power and the impact on your life.



APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR STANBIC BANK TANZANIA



Mr. Manzi Rwegasira

The Board of Directors of Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. Manzi Rwegasira as the Chief Executive of Stanbic Bank Tanzania succeeding Kevin Wingfield, with effect from 1st October 2023.

Prior to this appointment, Manzi was the Head of Corporate & Investment Banking, a role he took on in March 2019, he also serves as an Executive Director of the Stanbic Tanzania Board since February 2020. Manzi joined Stanbic Bank Tanzania as the Head of Investment Banking in July 2017.

Mr. Rwegasira is a seasoned banker with a strong commercial acumen. He brings in a wealth of expertise from various facets of banking having initiated his illustrious career in London with renowned global financial institutions including UBS, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BAML), Barclays and NMB Tanzania.

Manzi holds a BSc in International Business Administration and an MSc in Finance & Investments from Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) in the Netherlands. He is an approved practitioner of Capital Markets & Securities Authority (CMSA – Tanzania), Financial Conduct Authority (UK) and Chartered Institute for Securities & Investments (CISI – UK). His unique combination of business expertise, and leadership will undoubtedly strengthen the legacy of our organization.

The Board looks forward to a continued partnership with Mr Rwegasira and wishes him the utmost success in his new role.

Undersigned by The Board of Directors Stanbic Bank Tanzania



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GLOBAL HOUSING MARKETS IMPROVE IN Q2

London

According to Knight Frank's latest Global House Price Index, global house price growth ticked up to 3 percent in Q2 of 2023, up from 2.9 percent in the previous quarter.

About a third of markets saw prices decline during the most recent three months, narrowing from four in ten over the past year.

Liam Bailey, global head of research at Knight Frank reports strong demographic trends in major markets, limited inventory of houses for sale, and significant delays to new build projects are all providing structural support for pricing - especially in markets like Australia, the US and Canada - which have seen price growth of 2.9 percent, 3.7 percent and 6.1 percent over the past quarter.

"Even if central bankers in key markets opt to refrain from raising interest rates further, the effects of past tightening will continue to work its way into the system," Bailey said.

"We expect pressure on market li-

quidity and transactional activity to continue well into 2024."

Leaders and laggards

Turkey leads Knight Frank's index for annual growth once again (up 96 percent), with nominal prices boosted by sharp underlying inflationary pressures.

"Lithuania follows (15.3 percent), with the south-eastern corner of Europe dominating the remainder of the top five spots in our ranking - with Croatia (14.0 percent), Greece (14.0 percent), and North Macedonia (12.9)," Bailey noted.

South Korea, Sweden, Finland, New Zealand, and Hong Kong are currently experiencing the largest rates of price falls - falling between 12.8 percent and 8.7 percent over the past 12 months.

However, even at this end of Knight Frank's ranking, only Sweden saw prices fall in the most recent quarterly period.

The easing of downward pressure on house prices will be welcomed by many homeowners, but a full recovery is still a long way off.

The 3.0 percent average rate of



growth recorded during the reported quarter is still the lowest rate since Q3 2015, when European markets were still recovering from the European Debt Crisis.

One of the consequences of higher

interest rates has been a broad-based decline in investment activity across most economies, and housing investment, says Knight Frank.

The impact of this lack of investment in new housing stock is being clearly

revealed in rental markets, with global rents rising at three times their pre-pandemic rate according to our latest Prime Global Rental Index.

Unless there is a significant structural shift in housing delivery, the same

pressures will act to push house prices higher again as interest rates fall in 2024 and into 2025.

The global risk of housing bubbles has decreased sharply in 2023.

A report released last week by Swiss bank UBS concludes that out of 25 cities surveyed, only two were at risk of a housing bubble this year, down from nine each in the previous two reports.

The data shows that even places known for their chronically high prices of housing exited bubble territory and were now merely classified as overpriced, including Tel Aviv, Hong Kong, Frankfurt and Toronto.

UBS identified rising interest rates causing the end of cheap financing in the real estate sector as the reason for the change.

Inflation-adjusted international home prices experienced the sharpest decrease since the 2008 global financial crisis as a result of these changes.

The report states that especially the most unaffordable markets couldn't take the added pressure from increased interest and slumped.

Innovations in cement, concrete make construction sustainable

By Eduardo Souza

The need to reduce the construction industry's carbon footprint and its reliance on virgin natural resources is the most pressing issue facing the sector. It is therefore extremely important to foster innovation that can improve existing building materials and make them environmentally friendly, in order to successfully tackle its sizable carbon footprint and close the material loop.

Concrete, for example, has been used since the times of the ancient Romans and has proven to be a durable, strong, affordable and versatile building material. Today, it is the most widely used man-made resource in the world. However, its production methods raise environmental concerns: firstly, due to the high consumption of natural resources such as sand and gravel; and secondly - and more importantly - because of the CO emissions associated with the production of its key ingredient: cement.

With the continued growth of cities and the rising rate of urbanization around the world, the demand for both cement and concrete will continue to increase, highlighting the importance of innovations in the construction industry to make these materials more resource-

efficient and environmentally friendly.

Traditionally an industry that has been slow to change, companies within the construction sector are becoming increasingly aware of their role in the future of making cement and concrete into sustainable building materials. Holcim - a multinational of Swiss origin and a global leader in innovative and sustainable building solutions - has mapped out a new focus on reducing carbon emissions, optimizing the use of materials, and promoting a collaborative innovation ecosystem to decarbonize the industry and make it more circular.

It all starts with cement. The decarbonization of concrete starts with cement. One of the milestones on the journey to making it more sustainable has been the development of ECOPlanet cement, which seeks to provide a lower-carbon building material without compromising on performance. It is created by substituting clinker - which is the main component of cement and which emits large amounts of CO when limestone is calcined - with raw materials such as calcined clay that require much lower temperatures for calcination or demolition materials.

Another way that cement production creates CO emissions is by



burning fossil fuels to heat the kilns to extremely high temperatures. This is now being reduced with the use of renewable energy sources, improved process efficiency and digitization.

It is through these actions that the ECOPlanet low-carbon cement range is able to offer the full performance of traditional cement, but with a fraction of the carbon footprint. One example is the new administrative capital of Egypt, currently under construction outside Cairo, where the Iconic Tower will be the tallest in Africa. Built using ECOPlanet cement, the new development will result in a savings of over 6,800 tons of CO emissions, equivalent to a CO reduction of 60%, without compromising performance, strength, or durability. Another example comes from Seattle, where the iconic Spheres building achieved over 80 percent reduction in CO emissions compared to industry averages, saving up to 400 tons of CO and earning a LEED Gold certification.

Once all other possible decarbonization methods are employed, cement manufacturers could also prevent those emissions that cannot be avoided with the help of next-generation technologies such as carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS).

Concrete CO and material savings. Complementing the ECOPlanet low-carbon cement range is ECO-Pact, the industry's broadest offering of low-carbon concrete for sustainable construction. It is sold at a range of low-carbon levels starting at 30 percent lower embedded carbon compared to standard (CEM I) concrete, has equal or better properties than conventional concrete, is available in a variety of strength classes, and is compliant with industry standards. It has already been used in con-

struction projects around the world - from Latin America's longest dam to Boston University's Data Science Center - to achieve significant CO savings while delivering 100 percent performance.

Another breakthrough was developed at Holcim's Altkirch plant in France, focusing on one of the primary components in cement production: 100% recycled clinker. Typically manufactured in highly controlled industrial processes that are conventionally based on extracted limestone and other raw materials, it plays a key role in cement due to its compressive strength - a critical attribute of concrete. The study marked a significant departure from this conventional approach by using 100 percent exclusively recycled materials, ranging from wood ash to mineral processing by-products, with a strong emphasis on locally sourced inputs.

The vision for 100 percent recycled clinker was to make 100 percent recycled cement, followed by 100 percent recycled concrete. That vision is now culminating in "Recygénie", the world's first fully recycled concrete building. This social housing complex comprising 220 units near Paris, France exemplifies the transformative potential of Holcim's custom concrete, crafted through the application of ECOCycle technology.

This revolutionary concrete incorporates recycled elements, such as cement, aggregates, and water, effectively repurposing construction and demolition waste into sustainable construction materials. It represents an environmentally conscious approach that translates into significant resource savings, with the Recygénie project alone preserving over 6,000 tons of natural resources.

Building components - such

as beams and slabs - also have the potential to improve their environmental credentials with the help of innovation. In 2020, Holcim invested in the Swiss startup CPC AG, which introduced the Carbon Prestressed Concrete (CPC) technology. These are slabs created using a patented technology that offer the same load-bearing capacity as traditional reinforced concrete slabs, but with the notable advantage of being five times thinner and lighter, due to the addition of carbon filaments instead of traditional reinforcements. Not only does the absence of steel components result in a longer service life (potentially up to 100 years), but it also allows for disassembly and reuse or complete recycling of CPC systems. It also reduces material usage by up to 80% and CO emissions by up to 75 percent, which facilitates industrialized, circular, low-carbon building practices.

The Eulach footbridge, located in Winterthur, Switzerland, demonstrates the possibilities of CPC use. Typically, a bridge of similar length built with traditional reinforced concrete would weigh approximately 56 tons (including its foundation); and an equivalent wooden bridge would weigh around 26 tons. On the other hand, the footbridge made with CPC is surprisingly light, weighing just 14 tons. This represents a 75 percent reduction compared to traditional concrete, and a 46% reduction compared to wood. Furthermore, over its entire lifetime, the CPC bridge exhibits a carbon footprint that is up to five times smaller than a conventional concrete bridge and up to three times smaller than one made of wood.

UK construction falls over higher interest rates

LONDON

Britain's construction industry saw the biggest slide in activity in more than three years last month, as higher interest rates led to one of the sharpest falls in house-building since the 2008-09 recession, a survey showed on Thursday.

The S&P Global/CIPS UK construction Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) tumbled to 45.0 in September from August's 50.8, its lowest since May 2020, when COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were in full force and a move further below the 50 level that divides growth from contraction.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast a much more modest decline to 49.9, and the figure contrasts with the less gloomy picture for the larger services sector on Wednesday.

The all-sector PMI - which includes services, manufacturing and construction - edged down to 48.2 in September, its lowest since January 2021.

"A rapid decline in house building activity acted as a major drag on workloads, with construction companies widely commenting on cutbacks to new residential development projects in the wake of sluggish demand and rising borrowing costs," said Tim Moore, economics director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

The house-building index dropped to 38.1 from 40.7 - its lowest since April 2009, apart from two months in 2020.

Mortgage lender Nationwide reported on Monday that house prices fell last month at their joint-fastest rate since 2009, although mortgage rates have dropped slightly from August's peak after the Bank of England kept rates on hold in September.

Commercial construction also fell as clients grew more concerned about the economic outlook and civil engineering saw the steepest decline in over a year.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak scaled back Britain's biggest infrastructure project, a high-speed rail line between London and Manchester, which will now only reach Birmingham, 100 miles (161 km) from London. Sunak said the 36 billion pounds (\$44 billion) saved would be spent on smaller-scale transport projects.

Alongside the weaker activity, the survey showed the biggest rise in subcontractors' availability in 14 years and more stable input costs after steep rises between mid 2020 and mid 2023.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT REVOLUTION: THE POWER OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

By Mitrankur Majumdar

Overdue technology investments by the construction industry will help smooth project management amid a worldwide building boom.

A building boom is underway worldwide, with spending on infrastructure development and decarbonization projected to reach \$130 trillion by 2027. Among the many challenges ahead will be project management. Modern construction projects represent one of today's most extraordinary convergences of subject matter experts. Large-scale projects often draw in expert contractors from various fields, from structural designers to electrical installers, sanitation to HVAC.

But the result is an interdependence of siloed expertise, which, when combined with tight deadlines, means that even minor lapses in coordination can result in exponential delays and cost increases. A KPMG study opens a new window showed that only one in three construction projects finished within 10 percent of the budget. Poor coordination was one of the reasons. What can be done to make the construction process smoother?

One imperative is investing more in technology. Research showed that the industry's investment in research and development and software was 46 percent lower than in other industries.

Emblematic of the need for this investment is the industry's long-term slowdown in productivity. A KPMG study opens a new window by the Organization for Cooperation and Development looked at productivity rates in the construction industry across 29 countries from 1996-2019. Productivity declined in 40 percent of the countries. In all but four other countries, the annual productivity gains were less than two percentage points. And the combined population of those four countries with high productivity is just 12 million.

Construction's technology deficit is striking, given how technology has transformed how economies function, and some technology has undoubtedly become part of the construction industry's DNA, such as prefabricated materials. However, new and innovative technology has often had trouble finding a home in the construction industry due to the wide range of skills and responsibilities across each project and integration challenges. Technology integration, though, and will benefit project managers, who typically oversee or manage multiple aspects of construction projects - safety, budgeting, inventory, subcontractors, etc., while striving to keep everyone fully current on a project with multiple moving parts.

A key piece of technology is managing the massive data generated with construction projects. This includes everything from routine emails (though with many people involved on each one) to inventory, compliance, insurance, labor, and many other subjects. The ability to collect data and share is critical.

Now, platforms enable this sharing, giving project managers a 360-degree view of project information and fostering collaboration and communication across the distributed workforce.



Also fundamental is having a connected ecosystem that integrates individual platforms. Applications that use robotics process automation, orchestration platforms, and microservices can be the foundation for smart dashboards that provide costs and schedule information in something close to real-time.

The power of connected ecosystems and AI. An enterprise data platform that supplements the connected ecosystem can illuminate trends from previous projects and facilitate the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning to inform decision-making.

Adopting artificial intelligence is essential to driving seamless project coordination in the future. An executive at a construction technology firm recently wrote about AI's potential: "With artificial intelligence and computer vision, leading builders are transforming 360-degree video into near real-time measurements of construction processes. This near real-time reality capture of the construction site acts like sensors in a factory, feeding IT with data that empowers project teams to increase productivity."

Indeed, AI will be key. James Barrett, chief innovation officer for Turner Construction, America's largest contractor, told Construction Dive that "artificial intelligence will transform our industry in the next 10 years more than any other technology in the past 100 years. It will be huge because it has a broad application in many cases. It's not a question of if. It's a question of when."

Several other technologies will contribute, or are already contributing, to construction projects running smoother. Building Information Modeling (BIM) represents a break

with the longstanding practice of using several different architectural plans when designing a building. Under BIM, there is a single uniform computer model. This contributes to efficiency and cost savings while reducing mistakes.

Workflow tools now exist that automate various tasks that traditionally need to be handled manually. Information can be shared with those who need it, ensuring that there's information control and visibility into the project. Mobile apps are also helping to simplify construction management. One industry official asks: "How did we carry out our daily construction management duties without mobile technologies like smartphones or tablets? It was not impossible, but it was different and more difficult." Apps can help with daily reports, timesheet management, health and safety training, accessing drawings, and many other dimensions of construction projects.

Efficiency through cloud computing. Cloud computing can also benefit project managers by providing secure and remote access to data and affordable storage of massive files. The cloud also provides real-time access to information, with anyone granted access to this information from budget documents to drawings updates - able to make changes everyone else can see. That translates to quicker turnaround times and less need for human-driven coordination. Similarly, the cloud simplifies approvals and signatures, reducing the need for printing, scanning, and other construction practices that now seem antiquated.

There's nothing easy about project management in the construction industry, and even the most talented managers can run into trouble. But with the technology tools highlighted here, the friction points that have often bedeviled project managers should be minimized, if not eliminated. This progress should help ensure projects finish faster and at a lower cost, which should please everyone working in and around the construction industry.

Have you embraced the tech wave in construction for streamlined projects? How can innovation boost efficiency, collaboration, and cost-effectiveness? Let us know on Facebook, X, and LinkedIn. We'd love to hear from you!

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Mining commission urges investors to pay outstanding debts

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Mining Commission has appealed to all investors with undeveloped mining licenses to develop their potential areas as well as pay for their outstanding debts, starting from this month.

The commission's Executive Secretary, Yahya Ismail Samamba (pictured), told The Guardian during an interview that the unfriendly development was thwarting the smooth metamorphosis of the country's key economic sector.

Not only that, but he communicated that the defaulters were denying the government patriotic opportunity to gain needed revenue collection from the prestigious facet.

"We're appreciating the good contributions by all investors in helping develop the country's mining

sector. That's why we're reminding them to fulfill their statutory obligations in order to have the sector run successfully," he expressed.

In order to facilitate the payment of the debts in question, Eng Samamba kindly urged the license holders to go to the resident mines offices in all regions across the country in order to agree on the best way to pay the debts in installments.

He insisted that the commission will take legal action against all owners who will fail to comply with the given instructions, added: "We would like to remind them that the period of three months to pay voluntarily has expired on September 30, 2023 and thus, we have patriotically decided to offer them a special grace period to service their debts."

The Mining Commission was established under the

Mining Act 2010 as amended by Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act 2017. The Commission came into existence through the Government Notice No. 27 issued on 7th July, 2017.

The Commission has taken over all operational functions that were being performed by the minerals division under the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and all functions that were being performed by Tanzania Minerals Audit Agency (TMAA) and Tanzania Diamond Sorting Organization (TANSORT).

The responsibility of the minerals division is now to advise the Minister on all matters related to the mining sector. The aim of the Commission is to enhance management of the mining sector and to ensure that the government is benefiting from the income generated in a sustainable manner.



West Africa agrees on construction of Abidjan-Lagos highway

ABIDJAN

Heads of State in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have decided to speed up the construction of the highway between Abidjan and Lagos, a project for which the African Development Bank is playing a leading role in mobilizing funding.

The Bank has already contributed USD 25 million to fund the preparatory phase of the project. Moreover, along with its partners, it mobilized USD 15.6 billion during the Africa Investment Forum (AIF) in 2022. The highway will link the most economically dynamic cities and ports and the most densely populated urban areas in West Africa.

Meeting on 9 July 2023, alongside an ECOWAS summit in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau's capital, the leaders of Benin (Patrice Talon), Côte d'Ivoire (Alassane Ouattara), Ghana (Nana Akufo-Addo), Nigeria (Bola Tinubu) and Togo (Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé) - the countries the highway will cross - urged the ECOWAS Commission "to accelerate the completion of the detailed design study and the financial and implementation strategy and to produce the tender documentation to launch the

construction phase" of the highway.

They also instructed the ECOWAS Commission "to cooperate with the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) and the African Development Bank, along with other development partners and the private sector, to make sustained efforts to mobilize resources to fund the investment required to build the highway".

In a mark of their commitment to pressing ahead with the project, the leaders decided to set up the headquarters of the Abidjan-Lagos Committee Management Authority (ALCoMA) in Côte d'Ivoire. Made up of representatives from ECOWAS and the countries that will benefit from the highway, the ALCoMA is tasked with managing the project.

In response, an initial round table of development finance institutions was organized with the ECOWAS Commission on 26 September 2023, at the headquarters of the African Development Bank in Abidjan.

The primary aim of the round table was to provide the main regional and international development finance institutions with the latest information on this major regional project. The meeting also

served as an awareness-raising platform and "soft market test" for the project, to confirm the interest expressed by investors during AIF 2022 and take their recommendations and requirements into account. Meanwhile, efforts are underway to finalize the project's technical studies in October 2023.

The AIF is a transactional, multi-party, multidisciplinary platform designed by the African Development Bank and seven partners to raise capital for large-scale investments in Africa. Since its creation in 2018, the Forum has attracted USD 142.6 billion of investment commitments in Africa.

The round table was a success, with 180 participants representing over 30 donors, including the EBID, the European Union, British International Investment (BII), the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel), the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), Africa 50, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the World Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), USAID, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Afreximbank, Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries (BIO), the US International Development Finance

Corporation (DFC), the German, Canadian, Korean and Spanish cooperation agencies, among others.

Institutions such as the MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, a subsidiary of the World Bank Group), African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI), TradeMark Africa and the Global Infrastructure Hub (GI Hub) were also represented at the round table.

"The next step will be to mobilize private investors and donors through market research sessions, once the technical design studies are complete," commented Mike Salawou, Director of the Infrastructure and Urban Development Department at the African Development Bank.

The Abidjan-Lagos highway project envisions a 1,081 kilometre highway linking five countries in West Africa - Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria.

It was one of the ECOWAS priorities set out in its "Vision 2050". It is also one of the projects included in the Priority Action Plan of the African Union's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), which is being implemented by the African Development Bank.



CONSTRUCTION

MORTGAGE BONDS FALL TO NEAR POST-CRISIS RECORD

NEW YORK

The selloff in government bonds and the Federal Reserve's tightening message is claiming another victim: the \$8 trillion mortgage bond market.

Mortgage-backed securities, which repackage home loans backed by the US government, cheapened to some of the widest levels in history in recent weeks, according to a key measure. The selloff has brought the asset class near the post-financial crisis record reached in May.

The rout comes as global markets remain on edge after a selloff in government bonds drove long-term borrowing costs in the US and Europe to the highest levels in more than a decade. Both European Central Bank and Fed officials have made it clear they are unlikely to ease monetary policy anytime soon.

Rising spreads on mortgage bonds are on top of the highest 30-year Treasury yields since 2007, and is inflicting pain on investors who bought the securities in hopes that long-term yields had stabilized.



Higher mortgage bond yields could also feed into even higher mortgage rates for homebuyers, which last week topped 7.5 percent for the first time since 2000. The threat of higher-for-longer interest rates, concern

over swelling government deficits and increased bond supply, and a potential government shutdown has spooked investors, sparking volatility. BlackRock Inc. Chief Executive Officer Larry Fink said last week he expects 10-year yields to top 5 percent as shifts in geopolitics and supply chains make inflation more persistent.

"It's basically a capitulation to the higher-for-longer Fed environment," said Richard Estabrook, an MBS strategist at Oppenheimer & Co. "People were buying mortgage bonds with coupons of 2 percent and 2.5 percent with the expectation of lower rates going into late 2023 and 2024, and the market sentiment has turned sharply against that trade."

Mortgage bonds were trading at a risk premium of about 1.86 percentage points on Tuesday, compared with the post-crisis record of almost 1.93 percentage points in late May. The bonds reached those highs in a matter of days, as they were trading at 1.63% barely two weeks earlier, based on the difference between yields on current cou-

pon mortgages and a blend of five- and 10-year Treasuries.

For MBS investors, the Fed's message adds pressure to an already weak market. Surging interest rates, the Fed's decision to shrink its exposure, and the regional banking crisis that left regulators with about \$100 billion of the securities to sell, further dampened demand. That made the bonds look "screaming cheap" earlier this year, with new buyers coming in and scooping up the securities. But that demand has not been enough to return the bonds to its previous highs, as US banks – among the biggest buyers of the debt before – have not come back to buy en masse after slowing purchases in 2022.

"With the Fed reiterating its intent to keep policy tight until the data turns, not sure what breaks this streak between now and year end," wrote Erica Adelberg, Bloomberg Intelligence's MBS strategist, in a note to clients.



Dubai apartment rents hit 6-year high

DUBAI

Average rents for apartments in Dubai have reached their highest levels since January 2017, while those for villas are the highest on record, a new report has said.

Rents are continuing to grow, real estate consultancy CBRE said as it released its Dubai Rental Report 2023. In the year to July 2023, "we have seen average rents increase by 22 per cent, although this rate has moderated throughout the year to date".

For apartments, the average rent is Dh95.5 per sqft in 2023 – 2 fils shy of Dh95.7 back in 2017. For villas, the average rent is Dh91.3 per sqft – which is the highest on record, Taimur Khan, head of Research - MENA at CBRE in Dubai, told Khaleej Times.

"Dubai's rental market has witnessed a significant increase in rents and activity in the past two years, ending the negative growth cycle that began in mid-2015 and lasted until late 2021. Data from the Dubai Land Department revealed that in the year to date to July 2023, the total number of tenancy contracts reached a total of 325,727 – a 43.5 per cent increase from the 227,011 contracts registered in the same pe-

riod in 2019," CBRE said.

Incentives provided by landlords to attract new and retain existing tenants are decreasing. Four years ago, a rent-free month added to a 12-month contract; discounts; and payment with four to six cheques were a norm, which is not the case anymore.

"For a significant period of time, supply had outpaced demand within Dubai's residential market and the apartment market was a particular case in point. This resulted in a tenant-favoured market where many incentives were provided by landlords ... As a result, historically in the apartment segment of the market, new rental contracts registered average discounts of 5 per cent, compared to renewed rental contracts between January 2018 and July 2021.

"However, as demand started to see significant upticks, we have seen this trend reverse, with new rental rates surpassing the average achieved rates for renewed registrations. In July 2023, for apartments, the average premium for new rental contracts compared to renewed contracts stood at 20.1 per cent," the consultancy said.

Most tenants are renewing resi-

dential leases as they look to avoid the costs associated with relocation. "The total number of new contracts registered dropped by 12.6 per cent, while renewed registrations grew by 29 per cent."

This is particularly true in prime and core residential areas as tenants take advantage of the protection provided by rental regulations. These regulations seek to limit the annual rental increase permitted to a maximum of 20 per cent, with the "likelihood of achieving the highest rate of increase ... (being) rare in most cases".

Taimur Khan said: "The surge in demand has substantially changed the market dynamics in Dubai's residential rental market, where given the much more landlord-favoured market, we are seeing new rental contracts able to achieve significant premiums to renewed contracts.

"This is now beginning to dissipate in the apartment segment of the market as affordability parameters are tested and renewals begin to catch up with market rents. In the villa segment ... the significant disparity between demand and supply means the premiums achieved in this segment are likely to remain higher for longer."

German property crisis claims first big victims

FRANKFURT

In July this year, Nuremberg's mayor celebrated the final beam being placed atop the redeveloped Quelle building, a monumental 1950s symbol of postwar Germany's economic revival. Revamped with offices, shops and homes, a big part of the giant complex was slated to open in 2024.

In recent weeks, however, the site's developer Gerch Group, which has €4 billion (\$4.2 billion) of projects under construction, has filed for insolvency proceedings, along with one of its project companies linked to the development. The opening date's now in doubt. Click here to read this story in German. Subscribe to our free daily German newsletter Fünf Themen des Tages.

It's yet another blow to a property market that's reeling from the end of the cheap-money era, but it also shows who's most vulnerable to the shakeout. While investor fears during the current real estate crisis have centered on landlords, the travails of Gerch and its ilk show that developers – the firms that own the building projects – are the ones in imminent danger.

"Project developers are struggling with the increased construction costs, increased interest rates and the drop in prices," says Marlies Raschke, cohead of restructuring and insolvency at law firm Noerr. "We've seen several of them filing for insolvency in the last weeks and we expect more."

Alongside Gerch, Munich's Euroboden, which touts star architects such as David Chipperfield among its collaborators, is in preliminary insolvency proceedings. Project Immobilien Group also filed for insolvency in August along with many of its project companies, with some of the work being tendered for new contractors, according to a spokesperson for the preliminary administrator. The three firms didn't respond to requests for comment.

Developers around the world face similar woes. In Australia, Porter Davis is among homebuilders that have gone into liquidation

this year after surging costs and falling demand. In Sweden, a rise in bankruptcies has been driven by a construction slump, while in Finland housing starts could plunge to levels not seen since the 1940s, according to the country's construction lobby.

It's a rapid change in fortunes after the years of rock-bottom interest rates, when money poured into property as investors hunted for yield. Developers like Gerch could comfortably load up projects with cheap debt and sell into a market where prices just kept rising.

The mood's very different now. German real estate transactions for offices are at their lowest point on a 12-month rolling basis since at least 2014, according to property firm Savills. Vonovia SE, a big landlord, warned in its financial results that new construction developments are "barely viable."

"The speed of correction is significant," says Henning Koch, boss of Commerz Real, one of Germany's biggest property investors. "The recession in the German real estate market started one and a half years ago and now in the last 2-3 months we've seen more and more developers go bust."

Developers are particularly vulnerable because of a collapse in land values, which makes projects riskier. As interest rates have soared, investors have demanded higher rental yields to compensate, which in turn pushes down the price they'll pay for a finished site. Construction costs are also spiraling and developers are having to put more money aside for

unexpected expenses.

Taken together, all these factors depress the underlying value of developer land. It upends the economics of property development, too, with the price drop meaning some companies may lose money just by finishing a building.

In one example Aggregate Holdings SA, the diminished real estate empire run by Cevdet Caner, had to hand over the keys of Berlin's QH Track project to creditor Oaktree Capital Management. Hit by cost overruns, it tried to negotiate with lenders to fund the project through to completion but the talks failed.

Unfinished state Germany's development boom was fueled in part by mezzanine lenders including Corestate Capital who were willing to make chunky loans to developers with little equity. That worked when part-built or yet-to-start projects could be forward sold to pension funds happy to pay ahead for a completed site. The market correction has left developers without agreed forward sales in limbo, saddled with price debt and runaway costs.

"Normally we're looking for fresh money from the existing financing parties – from shareholders, investors – to try to complete the project," says Christoph Morgen at Brinkmann & Partner, who's acted as an insolvency administrator for some smaller developers. "It usually causes a loss of time, it interrupts the building process. And all the time, it's getting more expensive."



WORLD

Citizens urge Japan to end nuke wastewater dumping

JAPANESE people called for an immediate halt to the release of radioactively contaminated water from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean but the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) insisted on launching the second round of discharge on Oct 5.

The discharge commenced at around 10:30 am local time despite opposition from fishermen and residents of Japan. TEPCO, the plant's operator, said it plans to release 7,800 metric tons of the radioactive wastewater over 17 days, roughly the same amount as the first discharge.

"The Japanese government and TEPCO should immediately cease ocean discharge and seriously consider alternative options. Alternatives such as mortar solidification are indeed viable," said Kenichi Oshima, a policy science professor at Ryukoku University and chairperson of the Citizens' Commission on Nuclear Energy, in a written interview with China Daily.

Groups of Japanese people held a rally in front of the head office of TEPCO in Tokyo late on Oct 4 despite the rain, urging the company to stop releasing ra-

dioactively contaminated water into the sea. "Disposing of water that has come into contact with melted fuel, which was never anticipated, goes against various methods and there is no way to prove its safety," said Hisataka Yamasaki, a board member of the non-governmental organization No Nukes Plaza Tokyo, also known as Tanpoposya.

TEPCO has not measured over 60 types of nuclides present in contaminated water. The company claimed it can measure these nuclides using specific indicators or through proportional calculations, but this has not been scientifically proven, Yamasaki said.

He criticized TEPCO and the Japanese government for only focusing on forcing their predetermined ocean discharge method, essentially pushing it onto people.

"There's a severe lack of the thorough process of listening to various opinions and making decisions in this country," he said.

Motoo Tomizuka, a member of No Nukes Plaza Japan, said: "Various health problems have occurred due to the radiation from Fukushima, and the number



Japanese protesters rally in front of the head office of TEPCO in Tokyo on Wednesday despite the rain, urging the company to stop releasing radioactively contaminated water into the sea.

of affected people is increasing. The Japanese government is doing something terrible. It's outrageous."

Many participants of the rally said TEPCO should store the contaminated water in tanks as a first step and then consider a method like cement mortar solidification as a second step.

During his speech at the rally, Toshihiko Sasaki, a 72-year-old resident of Chiba City, quoted a position paper published by the US National Association of Marine Laboratories, or NAML, in December 2022. The NAML, an organization of more than 100 member laboratories, opposed the release of the over 1.3 million metric tons of radioactively contaminated water into the ocean.

"The supporting data provided by TEPCO and the Japanese government are insufficient and, in some cases, incorrect, with flaws in sampling protocols, statistical design, sample analyses, and assumptions, which in turn lead to flaws in the conclusion of safety and prevent a more thorough evaluation of better alternative approaches to disposal," the NAML said.

Umeko Mochizuki, a 74-year-old participant of the rally on Oct 4, said: "We don't really know what the impact of the discharge of contaminated water into the ocean will be. It's not something that will show up in a year, and we don't even know how many years it will take. That's why I think the best course of action is to stop

the release of radioactively contaminated water immediately, rather than trying to provide reassurance."

It is said that contaminated water flowing from the Fukushima plant contains more than 60 types of radionuclides, and there are radionuclides that the Advanced Liquid Processing System cannot completely remove, said Takae Miyaguchi, a 73-year-old Tokyo resident.

She called on TEPCO to disclose thoroughly transparent information about its discharge of contaminated water and urged the Japanese government to conduct assessments on the long-term impact of the discharge. **Agencies**

Russia's growing global influence should be credited to Putin, says Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON

FORMER US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton believes that Russia's growing influence in the world should be credited to President Vladimir Putin, she said in an interview with US-based PBS TV broadcaster.



According to the ex-US Secretary of State Clinton, "Putin and his team that does the kind of interventions, covert and overt, aiming to undermine democracy and to subvert political leaders, is a big part of how he sees his role."

"So, when I see people parroting Russian talking points that first showed up on Russia Today or first showed up in a speech from a Russian official, that's a big point scored for Putin," Clinton stated.

Speaking about the US Congress' current debates regarding the further aid to Ukraine, she said: "I think Putin is not only thrilled by the divide over whether we continue, and at what levels, to fund Ukraine. I think he is fomenting it as well."

On August 10, the US Administration requested \$13 billion for emergency military aid for Kiev and \$8.5 billion for economic and security aid to Ukraine and a number of other states from the Congress as additional expenses from the federal budget.

India, Dominican Republic keen to enhance cooperation in healthcare, pharmaceuticals

NEW DELHI

At a time when Dominican Republic Vice President Raquel Pena Rodriguez is on her first-ever India visit at the invitation of her Indian counterpart, Jagdeep Dhankhar, both countries have shown interest in cooperation in the healthcare sector and pharmaceuticals.

Expressing keen interest, the Indian side laid emphasis on opportunities for collaboration in the healthcare sector, including the generic drug supply.

"Expressed their keen intent to enhance cooperation in the field of healthcare and pharmaceuticals. The Indian side noted the opportunities for collaboration in the healthcare sector, including the supply of generic drugs. The Dominican side expressed its readiness to support Indian pharmaceutical companies interested in expanding their presence in the region," the joint press release of the meeting between Vice-President Dhankhar and the Vice President of the Dominican Republic, Rodrigues read.

The ongoing cooperation in training and capacity building, and the agreement to develop courses under the ITEC program for Dominican professionals in cybersecurity, Big Data management, and information technology was also discussed during the meeting between the two leaders.

According to the joint press release, India welcomed the training of a second batch of twenty-one diplomats of the Dominican Republic at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in September 2023.

"In the light of the fruitful existing relations between the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Ministry of External Affairs of the Dominican Republic, they agreed to continue capacity building initiatives," the release read.

"Agreed to promote synergies in the audio-visual sector, considering vibrant film industries in the two countries and untapped opportunities in each other's markets," it added.

Moreover, the talks between the two sides also focussed on issues of multilateralism, and on how to cooperatively address major global challenges and ensure higher levels of equity.

"To this end, they emphasized the need for urgent and comprehensive reforms of the UN Security Council to reflect contemporary realities through an expansion of both categories of its membership.

They called for expediting a text-based process in the Intergovernmental Negotiations with the aim of achieving concrete outcomes in a fixed time-frame, and in consultation with all member states in a transparent and inclusive manner and in keeping with relevant provisions of the UN Charter," the release said.

India and the Dominican Republic further emphasized the need for continued close coordination between the two countries in multilateral organizations on respective national candidatures and global issues of mutual interest.

Stating that the future of bilateral relations between New Delhi and the Dominican Republic is 'bright', Vice President of the Dominican Republic, Raquel Pena Rodriguez on Wednesday extended support for India in its bid to become a permanent member of the reformed United Nations Security Council. She said further that the two countries can act as bridges and gateways for each other to boost people-to-people ties.

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White House waives 26 federal laws to set up Texas border wall

HOUSTON

FACING a fresh surge of migrants influx, the White House has waived 26 federal laws to allow a border wall construction in Starr County, southern Texas, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said on Wednesday.

It marks a U-turn of the Biden administration since building the border wall was a signature promise by former president Donald Trump in his 2016 campaign and has been fiercely criticized by the Democrats since then. President Joe Biden halted the construction during his first week in the White House in Jan. 2021.

"There is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads in the vicinity of the border of the United States in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States in the project areas," DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said in a notice posted

on the US Federal Register, an office that prepares and publishes a wide variety of public documents.

Mayorkas said he is using his authority provided by Congress to waive these laws, including the Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

The waivers avoid time-consuming reviews and lawsuits challenging violation of environmental laws, making way for using funds from a related congressional appropriation in 2019 to build up the border wall in Starr County in the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

The piecemeal construction will add up to an additional 20 miles (about 32 km) to the existing border barrier system in the area, local media reported.

There is a "high illegal entry" in the county, with more than 245,000 migrant encounters recorded in the region during the current fiscal year, latest government data showed.



A border wall section stands on July 14, 2021, near La Grulla, Texas, in Starr County. On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, the Biden administration announced that they waived 26 federal laws in South Texas to allow border wall construction, marking the administration's first use of a sweeping executive power employed often during the Trump presidency. (THE MONITOR VIA AP)

"After years of denying that a border wall and other physical barriers are effective, the DHS announcement represents a sea change in the administration's thinking: A secure

wall is an effective tool for maintaining control of our borders," Dan Stein, chief of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, said in a statement.

US Representative Henry Cuellar, a Texan Democrat, voiced his different opinion regarding the renewed wall-building effort in a statement.

A border wall is a 14th century solution to a 21st century problem. It will not bolster border security in Starr County," he said.

Some environmental advocates expressed concern that the construction will run through public lands, habitats of endangered plants and species like the Ocelot, a spotted wild cat.

During the Trump administration, about 450 miles (724 km) of barriers were built along the southwest US-Mexico border between 2017 and January 2021.

There were more than 260,000 encounters at the southern US border in September, which would be the highest monthly total on record, according to a Fox News report, citing Customs and Border Protection sources.

Agencies

Nancy Pelosi says interim house speaker McHenry asked her to vacate her Capitol office

WASHINGTON

JUST hours after taking over as interim Speaker, Patrick McHenry (Speaker Pro Tem) instructed former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to leave her Capitol office so he could take it over, according to The Hill.

Following the first-ever vote to remove a Speaker from office on Tuesday, Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) was replaced as Speaker by McHenry. McCarthy served as House Speaker for 269 days before being removed.

His tenure began on January 7, 2023, and lasted until Tuesday (US local time)- the second-shortest for a speaker

in the country's history.

The mutiny, led by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), came days after McCarthy averted a government shutdown by putting a stopgap measure on the floor that garnered Democratic support - a move that infuriated hardline Republicans.

McHenry's office asked Pelosi to leave her Capitol hideaway office by Wednesday because it was being repurposed "for speaker office use." There are a few "hideaway offices" inside the Capitol Building for top legislators.

Notably, Pelosi maintains her regular office in the Longworth House office building. After the announcement

from McHenry, Pelosi said in a statement late Tuesday that she was not in Washington, DC, to immediately move her belongings.

Just after 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, an email was sent from McHenry's office to Pelosi's office, and on examining the same, American broadcaster CNN confirmed the statement that read: "Going to reassign h-132 for speaker office use. Please vacate the space tomorrow."

Late on Tuesday, Pelosi issued a statement denouncing the proposal.

"With all of the important decisions that the new Republican Leadership must address, which we are all eagerly awaiting, one of the first actions taken by the new Speaker Pro Tempore was to order me to immediately vacate my office in the Capitol," she said, adding that, "This



eviction is a sharp departure from tradition."

She further added, "As Speaker, I gave former Speaker Hastert a significantly larger suite of offices for as long as he wished." Pelosi urged McHenry and House Republicans to concentrate on legislation instead.

"Office space doesn't matter to me,

but it seems to be important to them. Now that the new Republican Leadership has settled this important matter, let's hope they get to work on what's truly important for the American people," she said, according to The Hill.

Pelosi is in California in advance of Sen. Dianne Feinstein's (D-Calif.) memorial ceremonies later this week. Tuesday's move to vacate was not put to a vote by her.

Veteran Senator Dianne Feinstein passed away at the age of 90, US-based ABC7 news reported citing a confirmation from her office on Friday last week.

Following her demise, James Sauls, the chief of staff to Sen. Feinstein, released a statement that read, "Sadly, Senator Feinstein passed away last night at her home in Washington, DC. Her passing is a great loss for so many, from those who loved and cared for her to the people of California that she dedicated her life to serving," reported ABC7 news.

ANI

SACRAMENTO

HOLDING signs and ringing handbells, tens of thousands of healthcare workers took to the picket lines on Wednesday at hundreds of hospitals across the United States, seeking better pay and benefits through what is called the largest healthcare worker strike in US history.

More than 75,000 employees of Kaiser Permanente, a leading nonprofit health provider in the country, walked off the job Wednesday morning after their unions and the healthcare giant failed to reach a new contract agreement on Tuesday.

The strikes will run through Saturday

US healthcare workers begin largest strike for better pay

at dozens of locations across the states of California, Colorado, Washington, Virginia, Oregon, and Washington, DC.

California, where Kaiser is based, will be the most affected by the work stoppage, as more than 68,000 of the participating workers are in the state.

Outside a Kaiser facility in Sacramento, California, hundreds of employees and their family members rallied and held signs that read "Kaiser workers won't be silenced" and "Respect and value healthcare workers." Media footages showed similar scenes in other cities like Los Angeles and Irvine.

The workers on strike include nurses, X-ray and lab technicians, medical assistants, pharmacists and others. They are represented by the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, a coalition of their local unions.

The previous four-year contract expired on Sept 30. Union leaders are demanding long-term investments to address a staffing shortage in addition to better pay and benefits.

They ask for across-the-board pay increases of 6.5 percent in the first two years and 5.75 percent in the two years after, but Kaiser offers 3 percent for

each year, according to the union coalition's update on Sept 30.

The union coalition said frontline healthcare workers are "burnt out and stretched to maximum" while the staffing crisis has led to "unsafe working conditions and deteriorating care for patients."

In the videos posted on the coalition's website, Kaiser employees said due to short staffing patients had to stay in hospital longer and they were burnt out by long working hours. Those paid at less than \$25 an hour complained that their wages couldn't make ends

meet and the inflation added to their financial stress.

The union coalition accused Kaiser executives of continuing to "bargain in bad faith" despite the organization reporting more than 3 billion dollars in profits in the first half of this year.

The three-day strike will be "the initial demonstration of our strength," said the coalition in a statement. The workers are prepared for "another longer, stronger strike" next month when additional members in Washington state can join the strike with their contract expiring on Oct 31, it said.

The work stoppages could cause delays for patients in getting medical appointments, lab results and prescriptions. Non-urgent procedures might be postponed, and some clinic hours might be reduced, warned Kaiser. But hospitals and emergency departments would remain open during the strike, staffed by doctors, managers and other non-union "contingency workers," it said.

Kaiser said negotiations are continuing and that it is committed to a fair and equitable agreement. It acknowledged the stress of healthcare workers, saying in a statement that more than 5 million people have left their healthcare jobs and burnout is at a record high in the United States. **Agencies**

Barrick strengthens Zambia partnership, invests in major expansion of Lumwana mine

LUSAKA

BARRICK'S transformation of its Lumwana mine into a world-class producer will provide strong impetus for the government's thrust to revive the country's copper industry, president and chief executive Mark Bristow said yesterday after a meeting with Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema.

Barrick is investing almost \$2 billion in an expansion project designed to increase Lumwana's annual production to an estimated 240,000 tonnes of copper from a 50 million tonne per annum process plant over a 36-year life of mine, elevating this once-unprofitable operation into the front rank of copper producers.

The project's accelerated work program is targeting completion of the full feasibility study by the end of 2024, bringing expected expanded process plant production forward to 2028.

Since Barrick took over operations at Lumwana in 2019, the mine has contributed almost \$3 billion to the Zambian economy in the form of taxes, royalties, salaries and the procurement of goods and services. In addition to its local procurement policy, the company is also committed to local employment, and 99.3% of Lumwana's current workforce are Zambian nationals.

"Barrick believes that its host countries are its key stakeholders and that partnering with them creates sustainable value for both of us. In Zambia as elsewhere in our global network, we seek to share the economic benefits generated by our mines with the countries' governments and people, notably our neighbouring communities," Bristow said.

Last year Barrick launched a Business Accelerator Program aimed at building business capacity for the Zambian contractors in Lumwana's supply chain and to support them in effecting their own growth plans. It is also partnering with the country's Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises to support the development of these businesses.

Looking at Lumwana's current performance, Bristow said it was on track to deliver its production guidance for 2023 and was ramping up owner mining with both the reopening of the Malundwe pit as well as delivery of the new owner mining pre-stripping fleet.

Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema stated he was elated by the news of the planned expansion. "This is a show of confidence in our New Dawn government by one of the world's leading mining companies. Our laser focus is on establishing Zambia as a global mining destination. We have also set ourselves the target of producing 3 million tonnes of copper by 2030. Barrick is a key strategic partner on this journey."

President Hichilema called on Barrick to prioritise local content and increase the participation of Zambian suppliers to the Lumwana mine.

He also encouraged Barrick to deploy the most advanced mining technology and invest in downstream value addition in support of the New Dawn's vision of establishing green industrial parks in Zambia.

Agencies

World getting rid of dictatorships forcing others into economic servitude – Putin

SIRIUS

THE world is gradually getting rid of isolated dictatorships that try to force others into economic servitude, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

"The world is gradually getting rid of the dictatorship of a financial and economic model aimed at driving into debt and servitude, turning into economic colonies and depriving entire regions of the world of resources for development," Putin (pictured) said. Few people, he said, want such a future. "Therefore, building a multipolar world order that is more democratic, honest and fair for the majority of humanity is simply inevitable, historically necessary," he said.

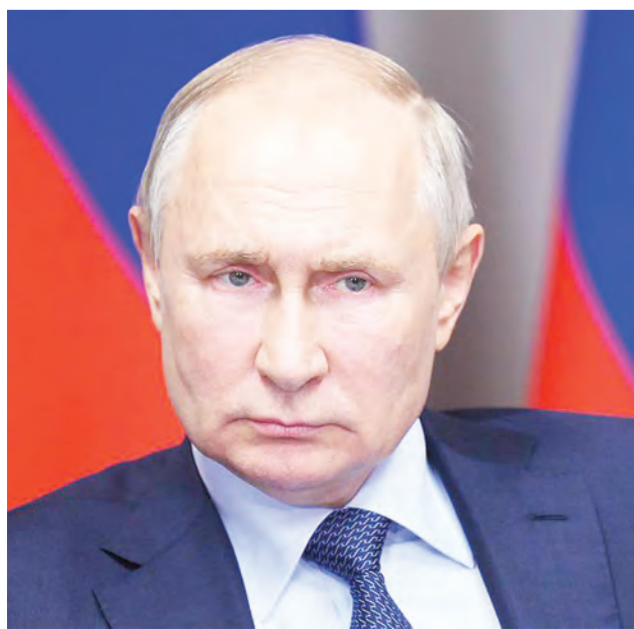
Putin stated that it also includes creating strong economic foundations for such a global system. Furthermore, modern technologies open new options for both people and businesses alike, allowing the government to establish and support public and financial institutions that reflect the changing reality of a multipolar world, as well as develop more convenient and secure international payment systems.

Countries managing global currencies are at the top of a "financial pyramid" and this is not in line with interests of the majority, he added. "I strongly expect that despite all the current complications at the international stage, we will eventually achieve a certain consensus, not being confined to only interests of countries that head, so to say, this financial pyramid at present."

This is actually clear because these are apparently their national currencies. However, this does not correspond to today's interests of the overwhelming majority of mankind," the Russian President said.

It is very important to elaborate common approaches as regards cyber-threats because these are common problems, the President added, referring to the problem of cybercrimes.

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Morocco: Treating the invisible wounds as people rebuild their lives

RABAT

FOUZIA Bara is a French-Moroccan nurse with previous experience in psychological first aid (PFA). She has just returned from Morocco after two weeks as part of the Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) emergency response team.

She provided first psychological aid to the people in the most impacted villages. During her work in Morocco, Fouzia met with more than 150 people, in group sessions or on an individual basis, mostly with women, children and young volunteers.

I arrived on Sept. 11, two days after the earthquake struck the region of High Atlas in Morocco. It was the strongest earthquake that Morocco had experienced in decades, killing close to 3,000 people and injuring around 6,000. Along with four other MSF teams, we visited dozens of villages. More than 50,000 houses were destroyed, electricity was cut off in various villages, and some villages were completely razed to the ground, making access more challenging.

Despite the severity of the earthquake, the Moroccan authorities swiftly launched a massive intervention, with the support of a few other states, to search for bodies from under the rubble and to treat people who were injured. They also sent helicopters to evacuate the people in remote areas and in the mountains.

The authorities were responding to people's urgent and immediate medical needs but the need for mental health support was not yet covered.

From MSF's long experience in responding to earthquakes, we know mental health is sometimes not put as a priority, yet it is a key element in helping people to adapt and recover and rebuild their lives.

As a medical person who speaks Arabic and Berber, I was able to talk to people, listen to their stories, and help them express and talk about their emotions. Generally, being able to hold psychological first aid sessions in Berber is a challenge because Morocco is short on psychologists who



Fouzia Bara examining a structure destroyed by the earthquakes.

speak the language.

Given my background, I was able to do group sessions without a translator. I saw how immense the shock was on people, no matter how old they were. What came out mostly was fear and anxiety.

Several people couldn't easily talk at first. A woman in a village I visited close to Tigouga lost all three of her children. The youngest was only one month old. She would not speak during the day and at night she would constantly cry and look for her children in the village.

In these mountainous areas, people lost everything within seconds: they lost their past, their present and their future.

They are Berbers who lived here for centuries, and they are not willing to leave their lands, which adds a layer of anxiety and uncertainty for the future: how will I rebuild my life? Will it ever go back to what it was before? Winter is coming and we are living in tents.

This is not sustainable. These were among the most recurring questions I would hear during the sessions, and they are all part of the healing path. In one village, in the region of Taroudant, only one person survived. It used to be home to 70 people.

What struck me most was how the children would react, how they would laugh and joke all the time while talking about the earthquake, fully detaching themselves from it, despite having lost their friends or families.

It is what we call dissociative syndrome. People face this after a severe shock and treating it from early stages is an important element to avoid, as much as possible, future traumas and other mental health disorders.

On top of the massive mobilization by the Moroccan authorities, hundreds of young aid workers, mostly from neighbouring provinces, came in solidarity and helped in the relief efforts. They were not spared from the trauma

and the needs were as high as other people I met. The group of young volunteers I worked with, aged between 17 and 24, were shocked. The sessions allowed them to digest and understand what is happening to their minds. As the sessions went on, they opened up and shared their sufferings that they hid or did not dare to talk about earlier, as they wanted to remain strong.

This space was much needed for these young volunteers to better cope with their emotions. The earthquake has also revived many hidden mental health disorders that people tend to bury for years, worsening their situation and symptoms.

MSF will work in the upcoming weeks with local authorities and local organisations to provide free mental healthcare and assist people's recovery.

Thousands of people need to be supported and this needs to be done as soon as possible, and as soon as the trauma is still fresh and to prevent post-traumatic stress disorders.

We are working with Moroccan psychologists, health promoters and social workers, training them to identify people's needs and give psychological first aid through individual or group sessions. We will also train them to identify the severe cases that require additional support and need to be referred to specialised or psychiatric care.

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AI: Voice cloning tech emerges in Sudan civil war

By Jack Goodman and Mohamed Hashim

A CAMPAIGN using artificial intelligence to impersonate Omar al-Bashir, the former leader of Sudan, has received hundreds of thousands of views on TikTok, adding online confusion to a country torn apart by civil war.

An anonymous account has been posting what it says are "leaked recordings" of the ex-president since late August. The channel has posted dozens of clips - but the voice is fake.

Bashir, who has been accused of organising war crimes and was toppled by the military in 2019, hasn't been seen in public for a year and is believed to be seriously ill. He denies the war crimes accusations.

The mystery surrounding his whereabouts adds a layer of uncertainty to a country in crisis after fighting broke out in April between the military, currently in charge, and the rival Rapid Support Forces militia group.

Campaigns like this are significant as they show how new tools can distribute fake content quickly and cheaply through social media, experts say.

"It is the democratisation of access to sophisticated audio and video manipulation technology that has me most worried," says Hany Farid, who researches digital forensics at the University of California, Berkeley, in the US.

"Sophisticated actors have been able to distort reality for decades, but now the average person with little to no technical expertise can quickly and easily create fake content."

The recordings are posted on a channel called The Voice of Sudan. The posts appear to be a mixture of old clips from press conferences during coups attempts, news reports and several "leaked recordings" attributed to Bashir. The posts often pretend to be taken from a meeting or phone conversation, and sound grainy as you might expect from a bad telephone line.

To check their authenticity, we first consulted a team of Sudan experts at BBC Monitoring. Ibrahim Haithar told us they weren't likely to be recent.

"The voice sounds like Bashir but he has been very ill for the past few years and doubt he would be able to speak so clearly."

This doesn't mean it's not him.



Omar al-Bashir governed Sudan for three decades but hasn't been seen since the war started

We also checked other possible explanations, but this is not an old clip resurfacing and is unlikely to be the work of an impressionist.

The most conclusive piece of evidence came from a user on X, formerly Twitter.

They recognised the very first of the Bashir recordings posted in August 2023. It apparently features the leader criticising the commander of the Sudanese army, General Abdel Fattah Burhan.

The Bashir recording matched a Facebook Live broadcast aired two days earlier by a popular Sudanese

political commentator, known as Al Insiyafi. He is believed to live in the United States but has never shown his face on camera.

The pair don't sound particularly alike but the scripts are the same, and when you play both clips together they play perfectly in sync.

Comparing the audio waves shows similar patterns in speech and silence, notes Mr Farid.

The evidence suggests that voice conversion software has been used to mimic Bashir speaking. The software is a powerful tool that allows you

to upload a piece of audio, which can be changed into the different voice.

After further digging, a pattern emerged. We found at least four more of the Bashir recordings that were taken from the same blogger's live broadcasts. There is no evidence he's involved.

The TikTok account is exclusively political and requires deep knowledge of what's going on in Sudan, but who benefits from this campaign is up for debate. One consistent narrative is criticism of the head of the army, Gen Burhan.

The motivation might be to

trick audiences into believing that Bashir has emerged to play a role in the war. Or the channel could be trying to legitimise a particular political viewpoint by using the former leader's voice. What that angle might be is unclear.

The Voice of Sudan denies misleading the public and says they are not affiliated with any groups. We contacted the account, and received a text reply saying: "I want to communicate my voice and explain the reality that my country is going through in my style."

An effort on this scale to impersonate Bashir can be seen as "significant for the region" and has the potential to fool audiences, says Henry Ajder, whose series on BBC Radio 4 examined the evolution of synthetic media.

AI experts have long been concerned that fake video and audio will lead to a wave of disinformation with the potential to spark unrest and disrupt elections.

"What's alarming is that these recordings could also create an environment where many disbelieve even real recordings," says Mohamed Suliman, a researcher at North-eastern University's Civic AI Lab.

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China's vision of a global community of shared future draws a new blueprint for a better world

"THE vision of a global community of shared future stands on the right side of history and on the side of human progress. It introduces a new approach for international relations, provides new ideas for global governance, opens up new prospects for international exchanges, and draws a new blueprint for a better world."

The white paper titled "A Global Community of Shared Future: China's Proposals and Actions" recently issued by China's State Council Information Office provides a profound explanation of the historical background, rich connotations, implementation paths, and vivid practices of building a global community of shared future.

It helps people from all sectors of society and the international community have a more comprehensive understanding of the far-reaching significance of building a global community of shared future. It also provides a clearer understanding of the great goals of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. Furthermore, it consolidates the broad consensus and strong momentum for jointly building a global

community of shared future.

The world is undergoing changes on a scale unseen in a century. Various problems old and new and complex issues are converging with and compounding each other. The peace deficit is growing, the development deficit ballooning, and the security deficit glaring.

In March 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping propounded the idea of building a global community of shared future, answering a question raised by the world, by history, and by the times: "What is wrong with this world, what we should do about it." His proposal lights the path forward as the world fumbles for solutions, and represents China's contribution to global efforts to protect the shared home and create a better future of prosperity for all.

The vision of building a global community of shared future complies with the prevailing trend of interdependence throughout history, responds to the needs of the times to tackle global challenges, and echoes the popular calls for peace, justice and progress.

Under the personal guidance and promotion of Xi, the building

of a global community of shared future has evolved from a vision to action, and grown stronger. It has steadfastly adhered to the viable path amidst changing winds and storms, and has made remarkable achievements in the face of crises and challenges, demonstrating its leadership in shaping the era.

Over the past decade, the vision of building a global community of shared future has become increasingly refined. From state visits to multilateral summits, Xi has systematically expounded on this significant concept on various international occasions, continuously deepening the international community's understanding of it.

Xi proposed to forge partnerships in which countries treat each other as equals, engage in mutual consultation and show mutual understanding, create a security environment featuring fairness, justice, joint efforts, and shared interests, promote open, innovative and inclusive development that benefits all, increase inter-civilization exchanges to promote harmony, inclusiveness, and respect for differences, and build an ecosystem that puts Mother Nature and green

development first. He also emphasized the importance to build an open, inclusive, clean, and beautiful world of lasting peace, universal security and shared prosperity.

With its connotations and paths constantly deepened and expanded, the vision of building a global community of shared future has gradually formulated a science-based theoretical system pursuing the five goals for the world and the common values of humanity, with building a new type of international relations as the fundamental path, the Belt and Road Initiative as an important platform, and the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative as a crucial cornerstone.

The vision of building a global community of shared future conforms to the trend of the times and charts the course for improving global governance. It envisions a world characterized by openness and inclusiveness, equity and justice, harmonious coexistence, diversity and mutual learning, and unity and cooperation. It calls for peaceful development rather than conflict and confrontation,

common security rather than absolute security, mutual benefit rather than zero-sum games, and exchange and mutual learning rather than a clash of cultures, as well as for green development to protect our planet.

Such a vision rises above the exclusive rules of bloc politics, the notion of might makes right, and the "universal values" defined by a handful of Western countries. It sets a new example for the theory of international relations and serves as a great banner that leads the trend of the times and the direction of human progress.

International dignitaries pointed out that the vision of building a global community of shared future outlines the path to achieve the grand vision of all humanity and charts the course for human development and progress, bringing hope for building a free, just, and beautiful world.

The vision of building a global community of shared future adheres to peace and cooperation, providing an important guideline for achieving mutual benefit and win-win outcomes.

People's Daily

Middendorp earns last laugh as Singida Fountain Gate FC loses grip on lead, crashes out of CAF run

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

ERNST Middendorp, the former Singida Big Stars FC head coach (the name retained by the continental confederation) is likely to be the person who shall laugh the most to learn of what happened to the side he fell out with in the past two weeks or so.

It sort of fits in with an expression that 'great men appear in life as it were, twice - first as tragedy and then as farce'.

The debate on the conflict he had with the inland newly ascending side is now settled, at the expense of the club, after a misfortune.

There is no way that the Singida club leadership will avoid an unfavourable pros and cons of their selection compared with the departed coach, and whether what he said has a bearing on the results in the return match.

There are likely to be several disparately connected issues but the outcome and especially either the pattern of play or timetable of failure brings up unmistakable parallels with the first match, where the Middendorp dispute was played out.

The return match thus offers the proof to what the coach would be saying, one cannot lose 4-1 and win a dispute.

The tragedy is how many of us cannot say most though it may be quite appropriate in the circumstances - tended to admit that the coach had a point as to the side being handled professionally, but there was room for comprehending what club leaders had demanded.

With the thrashing in the return match, and especially the second-half breakdown of sorts, the earlier benefit of the doubt given to club officials is re-



Tanzania's Singida Fountain Gate FC forward, Elvis Rupia (C), seeks to get the better of Egypt's Future FC defenders during the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup Second Preliminary Round's first leg that took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, culminating in 1-0 win for Singida Fountain Gate FC. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SINGIDA FOUNTAIN GATE FC

moved and pushed wholly on the side of the departed coach.

Hiring an experienced coach who has handled clubs like Orlando Pirates is meant to avoid such defeats, the sort the city archrivals used to obtain in Cairo, Tunis, and Casablanca.

Admittedly, they did not crash at 5G thunder that others had chalked up in the past, but it was a sharp slap in the face for a situation where at the exit of the German national, a club spokesman said they were playing a weak Egyptian team and the coach was messing up everything.

Now it is the time for the leadership there to eat their words, and learn a simple truism that a weak team cannot qualify for a

CAF contest from a league as powerful as Egypt. Not even Dynamos were a weak team. What was most instructive about the second match and the first is that the Singida side again put up a good performance in the first half, and part of the second half, and then appeared to lose bearings as time went on.

This is the lesson that the club leadership did not seem to learn earlier, as pundits acknowledged that during the second half the local side was praying for time to end rather than using it for a better outcome.

As Future FC's head coach noticed, he may have played a similar waiting frame which the local side took as definitive, and rallied the troops later, it is

also a test of match fitness where Singida Big Stars may have problems.

Many will say that for the tournament they were involved in, the team was just right to put up a good show if it had the right handling, which takes us back to the coaching dispute.

This calls for examining another side of the matter, as to how far local coaches leave aside the match fitness issue and how far they can enforce it, or impress upon the players to exert themselves more, is tactical.

It is unlikely that a local coach could enter into the mind of the Future FC head coach as to how the home side would best handle the game, thus walking into a designed trap.

Another irony is the club

name and what it spells for Singida Fountain Gate FC at the moment, that is, Modern Future FC as that is just what is needed at the Singida outfit, and no one knows where it starts.

If the break had not been so loudly aired or consummated, if he had just gone home to reassess the situation, he could be the right person to restart the side with a 'modern' vision.

Now that this is out of the way, it is a question of picking up from where Middendorp left off, asking another well-appreciated coach to proceed, and keeping club convictions aside, to let him work.

Playing with ten men on the pitch and terrorizing the visitors consistently from the 70th minute or so instead of being forced to move into defense was symptomatic of the difficulty the visiting side faced.

The fact that the goals started coming in the 65th minute or so, and maintained up to injury time shows that a comeback attack strategy was in place, and Singida was weak enough to allow it to work as planned even with the home side down to ten men on the pitch.

Tactically that was simply inexcusable and it speaks of either fractures or weaknesses that the home side had seen, not the visiting team's coach.

They used either that weakness or a combination of weaknesses to realize their goals despite a red card, a team they said was 'weak'.



Didier Gomes

Didier Gomes one of candidates for Singida Fountain Gate FC coach's post

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DIDIER Gomes Da Rosa has been unveiled as one of the candidates for the head coach post at NBC Premier League side, Singida Fountain Gate FC, after a verbal agreement between the two sides.

Singida Fountain Gate FC failed to qualify for the Group Stage of this season's CAF Confederation Cup, rueing individual mistakes for the 4-1 mauling to 10-men Future FC of Egypt in the return leg of the Second Preliminary Round in Cairo on Sunday.

Gomes was present at Al-Salam Stadium in Cairo as the Tanzanian envoys, who took a slender 1-0 lead from the first leg played in Dar es Salaam, paid for costly mistakes as they were sent crashing out of the continental second-tier showdown in their debut appearance in CAF inter-club competitions.

Reliable sources within the club have confirmed that the French coach has already agreed with Singida Fountain Gate FC's management.

If successful, and once Gomes is pleased with the terms and conditions, will sign a contract to lead the team in Premier League games and other domestic championships.

Club leaders deem Gomes worthy to take the reins left by German coach Ernst Middendorp who left due to disagreements with his employers and the team is therefore temporarily under Burundian Technical Director Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo.

Gomes boasts the experience in Premier League after leading Simba SC to 37 games- 27 wins, five draws, and five losses in all competitions.

He steered the Msimbazi Street club to lift two titles, the Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup, and, for that matter, comes with

a vast resume to Singida Fountain Gate FC.

Singida Fountain Gate FC's Information Officer, Hussein Masanza, admitted that he was present for the club's talks with some coaches, including Gomes, for the vacant head coach role.

"Everyone understands that the head coach's position is open and the leaders are in talks with various coaches, we are mainly looking for a coach who knows Tanzanian football and the one that can take us to continental showdowns the next season," Masanza disclosed.

He added that his club will continue to be coached by Nsanzurwimo until it successfully finds a head coach who meets the criteria and reaches various agreements.

Da Rosa is an experienced tactician especially on the African football scene, having taken charge of Rayon Sports (Rwanda), Coton Sport (Cameroon), CS Constantine and JSM Skikda (Algeria), Ethiopia's Coffee FC, Horoya AC of Guinea, as well as Egypt's Ismaily SC and Al Merrikh of Sudan.

He is a 2013 Rwanda Premier League winner with giants Rayon Sports and also helped Coton Sport become the champion in the Cameroon Premier League in 2014 and 2015.

The tactician also had several individual achievements as he was named the Best Coach in Cameroon in 2014 and won the third-best French coach in Africa in the Zarpa Awards in 2015.

The Singida Fountain Gate FC squad has already headed to Manungu, Turiani in Morogoro for the Premier League game against Mtibwa Sugar slated to be played at the Manungu Stadium yesterday.

Dar festival celebrates Tanzania's music, culture

By Guardian Correspondent

A festival for celebrating music, arts, and culture in Tanzania, dubbed 'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest', has been slated to take place on October 21.

Anitha Msangi, the Marketing Director of Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) which coordinates the festival, revealed that 'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest' is more than just a celebration, stressing it is a platform for positive change.

She disclosed the festival provides support to young vendors, entrepreneurs, and artists, helping them gain exposure and thrive in their respective fields.

According to the official, by fostering entrepreneurship and creativity, 'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest' becomes

a catalyst for empowerment and growth within the Tanzanian community while celebrating the Tanzanian way of life.

She stated the festival serves as a reflection of Tanzania's enduring spirit, in which tradition and innovation will harmoniously coexist.

Anitha revealed the event moreover provides a cultural platform for celebrating the nation's culinary treasures, musical heritage, artistic expressions, and community empowerment whilst promoting sustainable practices.

Since 1996, Serengeti Breweries Limited has been brewing quality beers in Tanzania.

It produces the beer brands for Tanzanians. These brands exist to cel-

brate meaningful moments of togetherness and connection.

Oktoberfest, Anitha pointed out, aims to unify Tanzanian beer and culture in one fun-filled day.

Anitha noted: "It is more than just a festival, it is a trip that celebrates people, the beer, fashion, art, food, and mouth-watering flavours of the lifestyle."

She stated that Tanzanian cuisine, much like its diverse landscapes, is a delightful journey of flavours.

She noted that 'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest', street food enthusiasts will embark on a culinary adventure that spans the entire nation.

The official pointed out the revelers would find locals who have mastered the art of infusing the familiar with the unexpected, craft-

ing flavours that are both extraordinary and enticingly unique.

Anitha said the music lineup reflecting the country's rich cultural diversity is one of the festival's distinguishing characteristics.

The official pointed out that singers from diverse genres will take the stage at the festival and attendees will be serenaded by mesmerizing rhythms and modern beats.

'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest', the official noted, promises an extraordinary musical trip that crosses boundaries and unifies people via the universal language of music, from the beautiful sounds to the energizing beats of Bongo Flava.

The festival is hardly merely about music, given it is a showcase of Tanzania's

vibrant talent.

Anitha stated lively dance performances, cutting-edge art exhibitions, and fashion presentations will take center stage, showcasing the nation's creative spirit.

The nation's creative energy will, during the festival, be brought to life through these cultural expressions, which act as a visual feast for attendees.

Anitha noted: "As we count down the days to this monumental event on October 21, it is clear that 'Serengeti Lite OktobaFest' is not just a festival, it is a celebration of the very essence of Tanzania's total way of life that will rejuvenate and remind the community of the importance of embracing and honouring culture in a modern and dynamic world."

TFF confirms stadiums, training pitches construction ahead of 2027 AFCON

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Football Federation's president, Wallace Karia, has confirmed the government's intention to repair various stadiums in the country for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations.

Speaking at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently, Karia expressed his regards to Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, for managing the entire process, seeing to it all three countries-Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania- win the bid to host the continental

showpiece.

The 'East Africa Pamoja Bid', tabled by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania in Cairo last week, won the rights to host the 36th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations in 2027.

The joint candidacy beat other bids from Botswana, Egypt, and Senegal following a vote conducted by Confederation of African Football (CAF) Executive Committee members during their meeting in Cairo.

The TFF president said: "If the government had not managed the struggle to get the hosting rights for all three countries, we would

not be hosting this first major competition in Africa, and the second after the World Cup, in which we will be hosting it for the first time in our country and region."

Karia expressed regard to the Prime Minister for the government's great efforts to repair Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha, together with the honour of building two modern stadiums for the 2027 AFCON in Arusha and Dodoma.

The TFF boss noted some stadiums will be repaired and serve as training grounds for the national teams that will participate in the

2027 AFCON, whereas others will be rebuilt.

The renovation of Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam and Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar has already begun ahead of the continental competition.

The TFF president called for the presence of more training pitches in Dar es Salaam, including the horse race ground at Masaki, the city's field near Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC). There are, moreover, two pitches to be constructed in the open area at Tigo company at Masaki, and the renovation of Mao Tse Tung Stadium in Zanzibar, General

Tyres grounds in Arusha, and other areas.

Karia confirmed to have talks with Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalalima, to see how the heads of the city's municipalities and districts support this bid since the showpiece will be held here.

In the event, Prime Minister Majaliwa handed senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' prize money amounting to 500m/- as pledged by President Samia Suluhu Hassan following the team's qualification for 2023 AFCON set to take place in Ivory Coast early next year.

Man United's Andre Onana problem - opposition teams are targeting a specific weakness

By Mike McGrath

ANDRE Onana has been targeted by Manchester United's opposition for staying on his line and inviting shots on goal, Telegraph Sport can reveal.

United's £47.2 million summer signing has conceded almost two goals per game on average, but Erik ten Hag has backed the Cameroon international despite a succession of high-profile errors and poor kicking.

But it is understood that Onana's positioning in particular has been the focus of opposition analysts preparing to face United this season. The 27-year-old has been deep in his own area when United are out of possession.

According to a club source, players were told to shoot early at Onana as he is so far back in his penalty area that he effectively makes the goal bigger for them. He often comes forward to receive the ball with his feet but retreating towards his own goal-line has been seen as a weakness for opposition to exploit.

Galatasaray's goals in their 3-2 win in the Champions League this week were examples of the flaw in Onana's technique. Wilfried Zaha scored from a long ball down the middle with Onana deep in his own six-yard box.

The winning goal at Old Trafford, the Turkish club's first away victory in the Champions League group stage for more than a decade, came when Mauro Icardi ran through and chipped Onana when the United goalkeeper was around seven yards out from goal.

Bayern Munich also scored from close range in the Group A opening defeat for United, and Onana was guilty of an error when he let Leroy Sané's shot slip through his hands while on his goal-line. Goalkeepers are trained to be off their line so the angles make the goal smaller for the opposition.

It is understood that during the summer Onana was the only goalkeeper under consideration by Ten Hag, who coached him at Ajax. But even in their run together to the Champions League semi-final, Onana's performance in the infamous defeat by Tottenham exposed some of the weaknesses in his game.

Ten Hag was asked directly whether he would consider dropping Onana if his defenders lost confidence in their goalkeeper. "He can be one of the best goalkeepers in the world," said Ten Hag. "We have seen already his great capabilities and also his personality. He will make a mistake and bounce back, and will do so again, I am sure."

Onana's kicking has also been poor and one of his errors led to Galatasaray winning penalty on Tuesday evening, which was missed by Icardi.

He was hailed for his distribution when he arrived from Inter Milan, as the keeper Ten Hag wanted to replace David de Gea. But he is only sixth on the list this season for passes by goalkeepers. Onana has made 246, while Brentford's Mark Flekken - set to visit Old Trafford this Saturday - has passed the 300-pass mark. Onana's pass accuracy in all competitions is 76.1 per cent, meaning he is losing the ball once every four times he has it at his feet. The stats for xGOT (Expected Goals On Target) also show he is underperforming.

United can at least try to build on the two goals from Rasmus Hojlund against Galatasaray, despite the dramatic late collapse which leaves them without a point and facing FC Copenhagen next.

"We need to get some points now if we want to play in the Champions League after the group stage," said the Danish striker ahead of matches home and away against his countrymen.

THE TELEGRAPH

'I can't see a replay and I think it's wrong'

LONDON

FORMER Premier League winger Chris Waddle said he can't see Liverpool's match with Tottenham being replayed and that it would be "wrong" to do so.

On Wednesday, Jurgen Klopp said replaying the game would be "the right thing to do" after Luis Diaz's goal was wrongly disallowed by the video assistant referee.

When asked if he agrees, Waddle told BBC Radio 5 Live: "Definitely not. Yes they made a mistake, but there are mistakes every week."

"If you're going off every mistake and playing replays, you're going to play 70 or 80 games a season."

"Before VAR came in you used to get the rub of the green, sometimes it went against you and you had to accept it. Sometimes you have to accept it and whether they got it wrong or not, it's not Tottenham's fault. I can't see a replay and I think it's wrong."

Brentford defender Ben Mee added: "He [Jurgen Klopp] clearly feels hard done by and rightly so. It was a horrendous error but to replay a full match from a decision that was made in the first half is a bit crazy."

"He was probably frustrated with a few of the other decisions that went against his team as well. He's probably frustrated all round and probably wishes the game could be replayed over again but it would be quite crazy if that ever happened."

BBC

Newcastle hand PSG a Champions League lesson, Man City beat Leipzig

LONDON

NEWCASTLE United claimed a stunning 4-1 win over Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday in their first Champions League match at St James' Park in 20 years, while holders Manchester City scored two late goals to get the better of RB Leipzig.

Elsewhere in Europe's elite club competition there was a victory for Barcelona in Xavi Hernandez's 100th game as coach and an agonising last-gasp defeat for Celtic against Lazio.

But Newcastle stole the show on a night to remember for their fans on Tyneside as Miguel Almiron, Dan Burn, Sean Longstaff and Fabian Schär all scored to inflict on the French club their heaviest Champions League group-stage loss since the Qatar takeover of 2011.

Almiron gave Saudi-owned Newcastle a 17th-minute lead following an error by PSG captain Marquinhos, and a Burn header that crossed the line before Gianluigi Donnarumma could swat it away was given after a VAR check for a possible offside six minutes prior to the break.

With Kylian Mbappe unable to make an impact, Longstaff pounced on pas-



Newcastle's Dan Burn scores a goal during the Champions League group F soccer match between Newcastle and Paris Saint Germain at St. James' Park, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, in Newcastle, England. (AP Photo)

sive defending to make it 3-0 early in the second half.

Lucas Hernandez pulled one back but a classy strike by Schär rounded off a fine night for Newcastle at the death.

"PSG are such a good team, we had to defend really well and our spirit was brilliant," Newcastle manager Eddie Howe told broadcaster TNT Sports.

Newcastle go top of Group F and PSG are second after rivals Borussia Dortmund and AC Milan played out a 0-0 draw in Germany.

- Alvarez strike sinks Leipzig -

Reigning champions City are well on course to qualify for the knockout stages after successfully negotiating their hardest test in Group G to beat Leipzig 3-1 away.

Phil Foden finished off a fine move to put City ahead midway through the first half, only for Lois Openda to equalise just after the interval.

Foden then hit the bar from a free-kick and it looked like Pep Guardiola's side might have to settle for a point until substitute

Julian Alvarez found the top corner with a superb strike on 84 minutes.

Alvarez then turned provider for Jeremy Doku to make it 3-1 in stoppage time as City made it two wins out of two in the competition this season.

"We played a fantastic game in all departments. Everyone was perfect," Guardiola told TNT Sports.

Red Star Belgrade and Young Boys got off the mark in the same group with a 2-2 draw in Serbia, where Osman Bukari grabbed an 88th-minute equaliser for the home team. Cherif Ndi-

aye had given Red Star the lead but Young Boys - who face City next - drew level through Filip Ugrinic and then went ahead courtesy of a Cedric Itten penalty.

- Barcelona beat Porto -

Barcelona celebrated a landmark night for Xavi with a 1-0 victory away to Porto in Portugal in what was on paper their toughest assignment in Group H.

Ferran Torres scored the only goal as Lamine Yamal became the youngest ever starter in a Champions League match at the age of 16 years and 83 days.

"We had been talking

about it, this match was worth half of the qualification," Torres told broadcaster Movistar.

Barcelona ended the game with 10 men after Gavi was sent off late on.

Earlier, Shakhtar Donetsk got a first win in the same group with a remarkable comeback from two goals down to beat Royal Antwerp 3-2 in Belgium.

Arbnor Muja and Michel-Ange Balikwisha had Antwerp 2-0 up at the break, but a brace by Danylo Sikhan either side of a Yaroslav Rakitsky goal turned the game on its head.

Antwerp still could have earned a draw but Toby Alderweireld missed a penalty deep in stoppage time.

Celtic suffered a second straight defeat in Group E after Pedro Rodriguez's 95th-minute strike gave Lazio a 2-1 victory in Glasgow.

Kyogo Furuhashi had put Celtic in front but Matias Vecino equalised, paving the way for the dramatic finale.

Atletico Madrid beat Feyenoord 3-2 in the same group, with Alvaro Morata scoring twice and Antoine Griezmann also on target.

The Dutch champions had led twice, first through a Mario Hermoso own goal and then through David Hancko, but Atletico hit back each time.

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PSG's attempted cultural reset given a harsh reality check by Newcastle's midfield machines

By Richard Jolly

THERE was something almost sullen about the look, the hands that had been gesturing in frustration with great regularity instead planted in his pockets. Luis Enrique moaned off the St James' Park pitch, perhaps with the dubious distinction of being on the losing side for each of Newcastle's greatest Champions League nights; a player for Barcelona in 1997, a manager for Paris Saint-Germain in 2023.

Arguably PSG have known worse. Ignominy has been a regular companion in a decade where humiliations have come all too frequently, when many of their European exits have been harrowing, when expensive ambition has never been realised. One group stage game, in a pool where they still occupy second place, could become a footnote. Autumn on Tyneside was painful but springtime in Paris tends to be worse, with PSG's annual ejection from the knockout stages.

But they tend to be expelled by the established order, by Barcelona and Bayern Munich, by Real Madrid and the Manchester clubs. Newcastle may have spent some £400m since their takeover but they are the newer of the nouveaux riches, the arrivistes who were supposed to discover that money isn't enough in the Champions League.

But Newcastle were a team. They were running machines.

When Luis Enrique

went for ultra-bold tactics and fielded a turbo-charged front four, the sense was that each of Kylian Mbappe, Randal Kolo Muani, Goncalo Ramos and Ousmane Dembele would win a race against his immediate opponent with something to spare. Yet the sprinters in attack were spectators, sidelined as PSG's manager left his side undermanned in midfield; precocious as Warren Zaire-Emery, his best player on the night, is, he could not do the work of three men.

"We played the same system throughout the game," Luis Enrique said; it was not an explanation or a justification, but may have been an indictment. It didn't work and he didn't change it.

It was a new twist on a familiar theme. Playing in midfield in Europe has long been a thankless task for PSG. It used to be because the front three did not track back. Even after the most glamorously unsuccessful forward line in history were broken up, with Neymar and Lionel Messi leaving, PSG's addiction to expensive attackers was such that they fielded a quartet with a combined cost of over £300m. They were up against a Newcastle back four who cost little over £30m. Two of the Newcastle defenders scored. None of the PSG forwards did.

Such things happen to PSG in the Champions League. It may be a sign that Ligue Un leaves them ill-prepared for stiffer tests. Even with younger legs than last season, they



PSG's Kylian Mbappe touches his face during the Champions League group F soccer match between Newcastle and Paris Saint Germain at St. James' Park, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, in Newcastle, England. (AP Photo)

were unable to cope with Newcastle's intensity. Mistakes abounded, most obviously from Marquinhos for Miguel Almiron's opener. PSG were harried into them, giving the ball away with wanton ease and a lack of care. It may not have helped that their best passer, Marco Verratti, was bombed out to Qatar.

The faces changed in a summer reboot. Some of the themes may not have done. Luis Enrique found

his team's character questioned. "I thought my players' attitude was good throughout the game; perhaps you were looking at a different game," he responded tartly. But the hunger was more evident in Newcastle.

Part of the paradox in PSG over recent years has been that they have kept appointing managers who want to prioritise the team over the individual, in Thomas Tuchel, Mau-

ricio Pochettino and Luis Enrique, and are yet to shed their reputation as the home of the Galactico. They are yet to get the balance of a side right. Maybe it is not as simple as parting company with Messi and Neymar. In Luis Enrique's defence, he is only a couple of months into an attempt at a cultural reset. Judging him after nine games of his reign feels unfair.

Judging the PSG project a dozen years into their ownership, however, is not. There have been nine Ligue Un titles but there still seems an inner emptiness that has manifested itself in underachievement on the European stage. It is more than a decade since Time Magazine branded England "the world's most disappointing side". The temptation is to say PSG took that mantle several years ago, except that many are not disappointed by their stumbles in Europe.

A 4-1 shellacking on

Tyneside wasn't proof they will continue, but it was an indication it might. Is the ethos different now?

Even in going younger, more French, for players with fewer medals, they still committed the best part of £300m to signings in the summer. Meanwhile, there was a comparison with another club that came into wealth, which had team spirit and a side that felt greater than the sum of its very different parts: Newcastle.

For PSG, with six summer signings starting, the personnel had changed in a summer overhaul, but the question of how to turn expenditure and ambition, talent and transfer fees into European glory remains fiendishly difficult for them to answer. They looked to localism and lost to locals, with goals from Dan Burn and Sean Longstaff. Maybe, when PSG added Parisians, they really needed Geordies.

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Coastal Union's head coach, Mwinyi Zahera. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION

Rivalry reignited as Azam FC faces Coastal Union in 2023/24 PL

By Guardian Correspondent

IN a pivotal 2023/24 NBC Premier League encounter, Azam FC, fresh from dropping points for the first time this season, has made the journey to Mkwakwani Stadium, Tanga to lock horns with Coastal Union this evening.

A win is crucial for both teams to alleviate the intensifying pressure and boost their morale for the upcoming matches.

Coastal Union, managed by Congolese Mwinyi Zahera, is also striving to secure the outfit's first win of the season.

With four matches in the books, Coastal Union finds itself positioned second from bottom in the table.

The Tanga side has suffered two losses in its opening four league matches, with the most recent outing turning out to be a goalless draw with newly-promoted Tabora United at the former's backyard last week.

As a result, the hosts are currently enduring a four-match winless run.

Consequently, only bottom-placed club, Tanzania Prisons, which was scheduled to host Simba SC in Mbeya yesterday, is the only team to have picked up fewer points.

Following a good defensive display against Tabora United that earned a first clean sheet of the season, Coastal Union's center-back duo of Lameck Lawi and Abdallah Michael is expected to be trusted again, while Miraji Abdallah and Jackson Shiga will cover them on either side.

As for Azam FC, the outfit's perfect start to the season ended at four games when it was held to a goalless draw away to Dodoma Jiji FC in

Dodoma on Tuesday.

In team news ahead of the game, midfielder Yannick Bangala has been ruled out with a muscle injury and will join forward, Prince Dube, and central defender Abdallah Kheri on the sidelines.

The squad's head coach Yousouph Dabo, and his assistant Bruno Ferry, are set to stick with a 4-2-3-1 formation, with full-backs Lusajo Mwaikenda and Cheikh Sidibe operating on either side of central defenders Daniel Amoah and Malickou Ndoye, while Ally Mohamed will hope to replace Yannick Bangala in centre-midfield.

Idris Mbombo, who is yet to open his league account this season, is expected to continue as the central striker, with Allasane Dia, Feisal Salum, and Gibrill Sillah set to form the front three supporting the Congolese international.

In head-to-head stats, Azam FC and Coastal Union have met in 20 league matches since 2010.

The Ice Cream Makers have claimed 11 wins compared to four victories for Coastal Union, alias 'Wagosi wa Kaya', while five matches have ended in a draw.

The Tanga side has won three of 10 home matches against their Chamazi-based counterparts, suffering three defeats in the process.

Last season's league meetings between the teams saw Azam FC claim all six points on offer.

Azam FC won 3-2 at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam in November 2022, while the return game at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga in June ended in a 2-0 triumph for the visitors to complete a league double.

Simba SC, Yanga to learn CAF Champions League Group Stage opponents



Tanzania's Yanga forward, Clement Mzize (L), dribbles past Sudan's Al Merrikh fullback, Mustafa Karshoum, when the clubs met in the first leg of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round which took place at Kigali Pelé Stadium in Rwanda on September 16, ending in a 2-0 victory for Yanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE official draw for the Group Stages of this season's CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup will be conducted today in Johannesburg, South Africa.

For the first time in history, Tanzania has two representatives at the CAF Champions League Group Stage, Simba SC, and Young Africans SC, popularly known as 'Yanga'.

Sixteen teams including the two Tanzanian giants made it to the lucrative CAF Champions League Group Stage.

They are Al Ahly SC (Egypt), Al Hilal (Sudan), ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire), CR Belouizdad (Algeria), ES Sahel (Tuni-

sia), Espérance de Tunis (Tunisia), FC Nouadhibou (Mauritania), and Jwaneng Galaxy FC (Botswana).

The list is also made up of Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), Medeama SC (Ghana), Petro de Luanda (Angola), Pyramids FC (Egypt), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), and Wydad AC (Morocco).

The Group Stage draw will divide the 16 teams into four

groups consisting of four teams each.

The teams will be split into four seeding pots based on their performances in the CAF competitions for the previous five seasons.

Each group will be made up of one team each from Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, and Pot 4.

CAF will confirm the seedings and make-up of the pots on the morning of the draw,

but – based on CAF Club rankings for the 2023/24 season – here is what to expect.

Pot 1 will consist of the holders Al Ahly, Wydad Casablanca, Espérance de Tunis, and Mamelodi Sundowns.

Simba SC is in Pot 2 together with CR Belouizdad, Pyramids FC, and Petro de Luanda.

Yanga joins Al Hilal, TP Mazembe, and ASEC Mimosas in Pot 3, whereas Etoile Sahel,

Jwaneng Galaxy FC, debutants FC Nouadhibou, and Medeama SC fill up Pot 4.

Teams from the same country can be drawn against each other in the Group Stage as long as they are in separate pots. This means Simba SC and Yanga could be drawn in the same group.

The full fixture schedule will be announced after the draw has concluded, with the first set of games played across November 24 and November 26.

The Group Stage will be played on a home-and-away round-robin basis. The winners and runners-up of each group will advance to the quarterfinals of the knockout stage.

The quarterfinal stage is primed for March 29-31 and April 5-7. The semi-finals are scheduled for April 19-21 and April 26-28.

The final will be played in a two-legged format between May 17-19 and May 24-26.

Clubs in the draw for CAF Confederation Cup are Abo Selim (Libya), Al Hilal Benghazi (Libya), APC Lobito (Angola), Club Africain (Tunisia), Diables Noirs (Congo), Dreams FC (Ghana), Future FC (Egypt), and RS Berkane (Morocco)

Other outfits are Sagrada Esperanca (Angola), Sekhukhune United (South Africa), Stade Malien (Mali), SuperSport United (South Africa), SOAR (Guinea), Rivers United (Nigeria), USM Alger (Algeria), and Zamalek SC (Egypt).

Gamondi defends his decision in Yanga's loss to Ihefu SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA's head coach Miguel Gamondi has defended his decision to rotate the team in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League encounter against Ihefu SC that took place at Highland Estate Stadium in Mbeya on Wednesday.

This season's NBC Premier League defending champion's perfect start in the top flight came to an end as the club suffered the first defeat of the campaign at Ihefu SC.

The visitors took the lead early in the first half when midfielder Pacome Zouzou completed a nice cutback from forward Clement Mzize to beat the hosts' goalkeeper Fikirini Bakari.

Yanga dominated much of the possession but, against the run of play, Ihefu SC equalized with a stunning free-kick five minutes before the break.

Goalkeeper Djigui Diarra spilled a free kick by Ihefu SC's midfielder Never Tigere that was headed home

by central defender Lenny Kissu.

In the second half, another fast counter-attack saw the ball eventually land at the feet of striker, Charles Ilimfya, who smashed in the winner, with a rearguard action seeing Ihefu SC hold on for the three points.

The Argentine coach disclosed: "I think the first goal we conceded, we gave them a gift. Two mistakes, we tried to play in the back because we said the pitch is not good so don't take risks. Then the goalkeeper made a mistake, it happens in football, it is an easy mistake."

Gamondi noted: "They did not lose one situation in the first half. We played very well in the first and I think in a different match we could have gone to the break with a lead."

"In the second goal, they got a counterattack. We knew that we were not safe while attacking. For the second goal they ran 40 metres," the coach stated.



Yanga's center-back, Ibrahim Abdallah (R), attempts to get the better of Ihefu SC's striker, Mbarack Hamza, when the clubs faced each other in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League tie that took place at Highland Estate Stadium in Mbeya on Wednesday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

"We can blame ourselves for that. After that, I think there was no more game because it was anti-football. What happened after is anti-football."

The Argentine pointed out: "I don't blame the referee but it is not at the level to manage a game like that. You can see a player who doesn't want to play. They go down, wasting time but we lost not because of the referee but for our mistakes... we didn't put the ball in the net."

"I am very disappointed with the result but it is football. It is only four games but we need to think about the next game," the tactician added.

Gamondi made five changes to his team but was quick to defend his decision, saying that was not the cause for the loss.

"The rotation was okay. We were leading and only conceded through a mistake. It's not about the changes. Football is very unfair, if I had won the game, they would have said this is a big coach because of the changes," the Argentine revealed.

The tactician stated: "And now that we have lost, they may probably ask why I made changes. We can never make people 100% happy. Even when I made the changes in the second half we did not get what we expected. It's football."

Flexibles by David Chikoko

