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Zanzibar readying new anti-GBV law

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

A rise in incidents of gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse in Zanzibar has spurred initiatives in the government to rectify legislation to more effectively fight the vice.

Mussa Kombo (pictured), the secretary to the Law Review Commission, made this observation at an event in the 16-Day schedule of activities against domestic violence here yesterday.

The wide ranging meeting of activists also featured the submission of results on research conducted on enacting parts of Islamic Law incorporating interests of stakeholders among civil society organisations (CSOs).

He said the commission is tasked with working on existing laws that may have outlived their usefulness in the area they are meant to provide relief to society.

Underlining that Zanzibar has good laws, including legislation on children, he said the Zanzibar government was awarded internationally for that law, but with the passing of time it is evident that systematic amendments are needed.



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The law review office is preparing new legislation against domestic or gender based violence incorporate areas or incidents retarding women development, he stated.

Citing the Kadhi Court law, Waqf (charitable disposal of property) and property inheritance laws as liable for extensive amendments, he said that women are still suffering especially in cases of divorce.

Starting new lives with the children caring burden without assistance from the male parent is an aspect of drawbacks of current legislation, which has to be changes in order to serve the people well, he said.

Upkeep of children in the aftermath of divorce is a major challenge as it results in street children, as their mothers find new suitors not interested in someone else's children.

The report on research results was submitted by the Zanzibar branch of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA), affirming that a law covering affairs of religion is needed that will be used to oversee institutions that oversee the Islamic community.

For his part, Dr Sikujawa Hamdani Omar, a lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) said the one law is needed in place of the law on Kadhi Court, Waqf and property inheritance laws, as well as the law on children.

The Kadhi Court Act incorporates marriages, divorces and children's upkeep, thus amendments are being made from time to time without being seen to serve those targeted, he added.

Dar hosts unveiling of UNAIDS global report



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (R) briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday on progress in the implementation of the Kisarawe water project. The PM is on a three-day tour of Coast Region. Left is Dr Selemani Jafa, who is Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment) and Kisarawe constituency legislator. Photo: PMO

Tanzania lauded for halving HIV/AIDS infections, deaths over the last 10 years

By Correspondent James Kandoya

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), shared across a number of organisations of the United Nations system, yesterday launched its annual global HIV/AIDS update in Dar es Salaam.

Among other notable observations, the report commends Tanzania for halving new infections and deaths over the past decade, unveiled at World AIDS Day by UNAIDS executive director Winnie Byanyima.

She said Tanzania was a leader in fighting HIV/AIDS as over the past 10 years Tanzania has consistently reduced new HIV infections and reduced AIDS related deaths.

Since 2010 there has been a nearly 50 per cent (46.6 per cent) decrease in new infections in Tanzania and successful treatment scale-up has led to an over 50 per cent reduction in the number of AIDS-related deaths, she stated.

The report focused on how gender

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UK extends duty-free trade status for LDCs

By Getrude Mbagi

RESIDENT UK High Commissioner David Concar yesterday challenged the private sector to revisit their quality controls for export products

to benefit from a developing countries trading scheme taking off early next year.

The new arrangement has multiple benefits including duty-free trade entry for agro-sector produce,

enabling exporters to have a better chance of accessing the UK market, he said.

Addressing a news conference on the sidelines of the second UK-Tanzania

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CCM parents' wing sets eyes on banking

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE ruling party's parents' wing is embarking on the process of establishing a commercial bank serve party members and other members of the public.

Fadhili Maganya, the newly elected chairman of the wing, pledged to start the process here yesterday at a familiarisation visit in the wake of his being elected to lead the organization at the weekend.

He said he is motivated to make sure the organization's economic standing is strengthened, highlighting this initiative as part of his quest to be a better chairman, with the votes that he received being a service debt to be repaid.

Parents' wing insiders say Maganya has established a special unit in his office dubbed "Project Pool," to receive project proposals from TAPA regional offices in view of initiating various economic projects.

From now on, leaders of the wing at regional and district levels must work together with other officials and submit reports on what each region wishes to do, the size of the land on which they hold a title what type of project they are proposing, he said.

The wing chairman has established experts at "Project Pool" unit to improve the proposals and outline strategies to begin setting up the projects at once, after he made a decision to establish the financial institution to issue soft loans to its parents' wing members.

They will in effect be the foremost customers, as the bank aims at alleviating acute economic conditions experienced by CCM members, he further noted.

Other strategies envisaged during his tenure of office include building a referral hospital, a garments factory and zonal cattle ranches, he added.



Fishermen from the Nyamkazi creek near Bukoba municipality and from Missenyi District pictured yesterday engaged in practical exercises meant to boost their capacity in various activities, including rescue services in the event of marine mishaps. The training was conducted under the oversight of the Prime Minister's Office (Disaster Unit) in implementation of Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's directive on the need to enhance fishermen's skills and overall competence. Photo: Correspondent Restituta Damian



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India's Education, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship minister, Dharmendra Pradhan (R), welcomes Zanzibar's Education and Vocational Training minister, Leila Mohamed Mussa, to the venue of bilateral talks held in India recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

AFAC unveils new vision to catalyse private financing for climate action across Africa

By Special Correspondent

THE African Financial Alliance on Climate Change (AFAC) has unveiled a new vision for 2030 during the global climate summit (COP27), prioritizing mobilizing capital and tools to meet the Paris Agreement goal.

AFAC, a pan-African alliance of Africa's key financial institutions and commercial and development banks, mobilises private capital to support continent-wide low-carbon and climate-resilient development.

The new blueprint mainly focused on aligning financial flows

with achieving greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development by 2030. It proposed improvement in areas such as leadership awareness, access to data, climate risk regulation, climate risk management, and green finance.

The launch drew together representatives of the African Development Bank, the Global Centre on Adaptation, financial institutions, and country representatives. AFAC called for feedback from the stakeholders on a new strategy.

"The suggested changes should be made fast and returned for

approval. We need speed to act. We do not have time," said IFRS Sustainability Board member Dr Ndi Nnoli-Edozien. IFRS is a not-for-profit, public interest organisation working to develop high-quality, enforceable, and globally accepted accounting and sustainability disclosure standards.

The strategy also identified three critical challenges that need to be overcome: a lack of available data to assess financial risk, inadequate internal capacity at national central banks to create a level playing field for the private and public sectors, and harmonise with international standards and practices.

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Kevin Kariuki, African Development Bank Vice President of Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, noted that climate finance has been largely public sector-oriented. "There are enough calls to mobilize these finances through the private sector. AFAC is a channel that can mobilise climate finance from the private sector once these changes are finalised," he added.

COP27, widely referred to as the African COP, ran from 6-18 November 2022 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

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inequalities and harmful gender norms are holding back the full cessation of the AIDS pandemic, underlining that the world will not be able to defeat AIDS while reinforcing patriarchy. "We need to address the intersecting inequalities women face," the director emphasized.

High levels of the HIV/AIDS burden were noticed among women subjected to intimate partner violence. They face up to a 50 percent higher chance of acquiring HIV, she stated.

Effects of gender inequalities on women's HIV risk levels are especially pronounced in sub-Saharan Africa, where women accounted for 63 per cent of new HIV infections in 2021, she affirmed.

"Let's end inequalities by ensuring all of our girls are in school, safe and strong, she appealed, underlining the need for tackling gender-based violence, supporting women's organizations and promoting healthy behaviour among men.

Healthy masculinities need to take the place of the harmful behaviors which exacerbate the risk for everyone, she stated, highlighting the need to ensure health services for children living with HIV.

"They need to be reached and their needs met, closing the treatment gap so that we end AIDS in children for good, she stated.

George Simbachawene, the Policy, Coordination and Parliamentary Affairs state minister at PMO said that Tanzania is committed to equalize expectations in services relating to HIV/AIDS, bridging social and economic gaps fuelling the spread of HIV and other infectious diseases.

"We will end AIDS by tackling inequalities that hold back progress.

We will end AIDS, by advancing our collective efforts to equalize access to prevention, testing and treatment," he declared, in tandem with the UNAIDS motto.

Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel said investment in resources is vital to end the further spread of AIDS.

Dr Leonard Maboko, executive director for the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) said economic empowerment, awareness and behavioural change are key for brightening prospects to end AIDS.



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Business Forum in Dar es Salaam, the envoy said the scheme offers enormous export trade opportunities for Tanzanians.

Crafted in line with the Conservative government's new international development strategy, the scheme contributes to developing countries' integration into the global economy, creating stronger trade and investment partners for the future, and strengthening supply chains, he stated.

"The scheme facilitates growth of free and fair trade with developing countries including Tanzania, boosting the economy and supporting jobs in those countries, as well as in ours," he explained.

Apart from tariff relief, the UK is extending to the least developed countries (LDCs) relaxed rules of origin, to ease determining origin of goods by their content in setting applicable tariffs.

The envoy accompanied a delegation of 30 businessmen and state officials from the UK, attending the forum to discuss with the Tanzanian side various issues to bolster trade between the two countries.

The forum enables those engaged in discussion on investment and trade areas to reach the best possible business linkages to attract direct investments and joint ventures, he said.

Ally Gugu, the Investment, Industry and Trade acting permanent secretary, hailed the UK for coming up with the scheme, noting that it will help to stimulate trade and investment.

He said taxes and levies proved to be major challenges in seeking to penetrate the UK market but with the new scheme exports will be on the rise.

Rules of origin being a preliminary strategic matter in preferential trade, simplifying the rules would facilitate trade enhancement with Tanzania and other African

countries, he further noted.

He said the private sector must make greater effort by investing in quality control to penetrate the UK market and perform well.

UK business groups in the country will liaise with local counterparts and investment authorities to further explore trade and investment opportunities, he elaborated.

The UK delegation was led by the UK trade envoy to Tanzania, Lord Walney assisted by the deputy trade commissioner for Africa, Alistair Long, at the head of a group of 24 UK business executives seeking trade and investment openings.

Lord Walney was upbeat about being back in Tanzania with a group of over 20 UK businesses to explore investment options for mutual prosperity between the two countries.

Tanzania has made great progress in supporting investors and businesses that are today contributing to the country's economic potential, he added.



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Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday speaking at a World Children's Day event organised by UNICEF. The Day is celebrated internationally each November 20. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Stowaways survive 11 days on rudder of ship while heading from Nigeria to Canary Islands

LAGOS

SPAIN'S Maritime Rescue Service has rescued three stowaways traveling on a ship's rudder to the Canary Islands after the vessel sailed there from Nigeria.

The men, found on the Alithini

oil tanker at the Las Palmas port, appeared to have symptoms of dehydration and hypothermia after spending about eleven days clinging to the rubber of the oil tanker.

The three were subsequently transferred to hospitals on the island for medical attention, Spain's

Salvamento Marítimo said.

According to the Marine Traffic website which tracks ships, the Malta-flagged vessel left Lagos, Nigeria on Nov. 17 and arrived in Las Palmas Monday.

Though extremely dangerous, it is not the first-time stowaways have

been found traveling on the rudder of commercial ships to the Canary Islands.

Last year a 14-year-old Nigerian boy was interviewed by Spain's El País newspaper after surviving two weeks on a ship's rudder. He had also departed from Lagos.



Dr Peter Mbele (R), a senior medical officer with the Dodoma regional referral hospital, pictured yesterday receiving a donation of boxes of masks worth 100m/- from Aleka Holding representative Steven Solar (L). Second-left is Mariam Lyimo, a nursing officer with the hospital. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Transformation in education to embrace training on skills, minister Mkenda says

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE coming transformation in education will go in tandem with preparations for the environment to ensure education on skills is realised.

The remarks were made here on Monday by the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolph Mkenda when chairing the Ministry's management meeting with Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) colleges.

Prof Mkenda said the government still has intention to build a VETA college in every region and district countrywide to go in tandem with the transformation.

"The government wants to make sure every district has a VETA college so that the youth from primary to higher education level should have certain skills when completing their studies that will be beneficial as sources of income," he said.

The minister noted that in FY 2022/23, the government has set aside 100bn/- to construct new colleges.

"The money will be used to construct VETA colleges in 62 districts that are yet to have the colleges, including at least one regional VETA college," he said.

He stressed for the necessity for fast

implementation and the strategy for construction to start as early as possible.

In regard to the construction of university campuses in 14 regions through Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET), Prof Mkenda called upon contractors in the ministry to make follow ups by involving the relative universities to know the strategies in place for the construction in order for the projects to be completed in time.

Tanzanian students shine at UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN students have excelled well and came out with prizes at the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon 2022 held from November 22 to 25 in Uttar Pradesh, India.

It was organised jointly by the Indian Ministry of Education, Ministry of External Affairs, UNESCO and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

In a statement availed to the media yesterday, stated that a total of 19 students from Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) and Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NMAIST) participated.

Steven Phales Ngaralije and Jackson Mihayo Seleman from DIT,

Ghaniya Rashid Hamad and Eunice Silas from NMAIST were among the winners.

The experience and knowledge gained by the Tanzanian students during the Hackathon will be useful to them at DIT, NM-AIST as well as Tanzania as whole.

The statement noted that collaboration of the student teams working together to solve shared problems opens the doors to cultural assimilation by introducing students and their mentors to methods, values and manners different from their own.

An official delegation from Tanzania consisting Minister of Education and Vocational Training of Zanzibar, Lela Muhamed Mussa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of

Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar, Khamis Abdulla Said and the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Prof James Mdoe participated in the prize distribution ceremony.

The delegation also met with Indian Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The Hackathon is an annual 36 hours event that brings together students, educators, teachers, and the research community of India and its African partners to tackle the common challenges faced by their countries and serves as a facilitator for cultural

amalgamation.

This year 22 African countries participated. These are Botswana, Cameroon, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Sierra-Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Under the central theme LIFE; the five sub themes chosen for the UIAH 2022 were- education, renewable energy/sustainability, drinking water and sanitation, agriculture and health and hygiene.

A total of 603 participants from 22 African nations and the host country India, worked to provide solutions to the problems in these five areas of concern. 100 teams,

with each team being a mix of African and Indian participants worked on the solutions for a total of 20 problem statements.

The UNESCO India-Africa Hackathon 2022 provides a suitable platform allowing young innovators to come together and find solutions for social, environmental and technical problems faced by the collaborating nations. It serves as the foundation for creating potential start-ups with the potential to transform the world.

It allows the participating students to unleash their creativity and explore new technologies to solve real-world problems under the guidance of experts - thus, spearheading business innovation in the modern world.

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Qualifications and Experience:

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- Holder of Professional Certificated issued by Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB)
- Three (3) years of working experience in a related field in busy and reputable institution preferably a hospital setting
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Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of a Diploma in dental technology from any recognized Institution
- Basic knowledge in computer studies
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required

2. ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON

Job Summary:
The incumbent will diagnose patients and treat various conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. The incumbent will perform emergency and scheduled treatments, maintaining patient records, as well as providing suitable after-care instructions and recommendations.
The incumbent will perform corrective and therapeutic procedures on the mouths and jaws of their patients and often work in conjunction with other dentists, surgeons, and orthodontists.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Masters of Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from a recognized institution
- Must be registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a dental surgeon
- At least two (2) years working experience as a doctor of dental surgery
- Three (3) years of working experience in a related field in busy and reputable institution preferably religious institution.

5. OPTOMETRIC TECHNICIAN II

Job Summary:
The incumbent will be responsible to administer vision tests to patients based on their medical history or other factors that may affect vision. S/he will perform basic tasks such as cleaning equipment, preparing examination rooms, and sterilizing equipment. S/he will have direct patient care in the clinical and optical setting and be comfortable assisting patients of all ages including infants and geriatric patients

Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of a Diploma in in Optometry from any recognized Institution
- Basic knowledge in computer studies
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required

3. DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Job summary:
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Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from a recognized Institution
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- Valid practicing license is required
- At least two years relevant working experience
- Basic knowledge in computer studies

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 - Deadline for posing REOI related questions and clarifications - 7th December 2022, 16:00 Tanzania local time;
 - Deadline for responding to REOI questions and clarifications - 9th December 2022, 16:00 hrs. Tanzania local time;
 - REOI Closing Date - 13th December 2022, 16:00 hrs. Tanzania Local time.

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UDOM's female students counselled to know their value, perform diligently and realise their dreams

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

WOMEN students must know their value and work hard towards making their dreams true, Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule has stated.

Officiating at the University of Dodoma (UDOM) ladies gala, Senyamule said they must use social media to gain knowledge and skills rather than bullying.

The gala was organised by the University of Dodoma Students Organisation, (UDOSO) among others intended to equip students with knowledge on gender issues and the need to know their values and dignity, while at the college to ensure they reach their dreams.

The RC observed that some students, especially ladies, find themselves out of study range as they spend most of their time on issues and matters against their primary objectives.

"Work and study hard, this is your primary obligation, make sure you fulfill your assignment and at the end of the day, graduate with flying colour," she insisted.

She reminded students on the proper use of smartphones, counseling them to use the gadgets as a source of knowledge and skills, not otherwise.

Senyamule reminded the students that they are the future leaders, thus they must observe self-confidence, patience, ethics and wellbeing as it has a role in their future undertakings.

"You must be knowledgeable, confident, committed and patriotic in the community you engage with," she insisted.

Speaking during the event, UDOM Vice-Chancellor, Prof Lughano Kusiluka said the university provides a unique environment for teaching, learning, research, and public services to ensure a memorable and lifetime experience.

Prof Kusiluka believes in leadership qualities in women,

thus assuring them of the needed support since the quality of student experience is as well a function of other factors in addition to academic pursuits.

"I am pleased with a number of initiatives to empower women, you must aim high and reach your expected destination, but it will only happen with proper planning and time management," he insisted, adding: "Bright future starts with early preparation, time is now, plan and strategise accordingly, study hard and manage well your time," insisted the VC.

He advised them to pick friends with a critical eye as UDOM encourages students to engage in various activities of the students union by capitalising on the available sports and recreational facilities in the colleges.

He said students should cherish the university motto "We shall solve our problems through dialogue", and UDOM expects the motto to continue inspiring the university community in the future.

UDOSO Vice-President, Mwanida Masoud said female students' gala has been a success, saying it has been a platform for sharing knowledge, especially for first year students on how to remain focused in their studies.



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Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (2nd-L), Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, exchanges greetings yesterday with members of staff of Iringa municipality's Ruaha Community Development Training Institute. She later graced the institute's 14th graduation ceremony involving 1,900 graduands. Left is RC DTI principal Godfrey Mafungu. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

PST hails govt's move to suspend short-term pharmacists courses

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania (PST) has welcomed a move by the government to suspend short term courses for pharmacists, advising that if possible the courses should be scrapped completely.

The advice was issued yesterday by PST president, Fadhili Hezekiah during the ongoing three-day 52 Scientific Conference which coincided with the society's Annual General Meeting convened in the country's capital, Dodoma.

Themed 'Driving Innovation and Investment to Enhance Access in

Pharmaceutical Sector and Beyond' the conference drew about 700 participants from all regions of the mainland Tanzania.

The conference was graced by Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Mwanaidi Ali Khamis.

According to the PST president his society was proposing a minimum education for practicing pharmacists to begin at the Diploma level, in efforts to intensify professionalism. Hezekiah used the platform to insist on professionalism by all pharmacists in the country in

order to maintain trust from the clients they serve.

He further urged the public to refrain from tarnishing the image of the entire profession should any of them fail to discharge his/her duties professionally, advising that such persons should be treated individually.

Equally, he said, the government should look at the proper legal ways to give PST the mandate to take stern actions to pharmacists who were tarnishing the image of the profession instead of only ending up issuing warnings to those contravening ethics.

At the event, The Chairperson of the Board of the Medical Stores Department (MSD), Rosemary Slaa advised pharmacists in the country to ensure that they are abiding by ethics guiding their profession as they were important persons dealing directly with peoples' health and lives.

Her sentiments were echoed by Acting Director of Medical Products Control (DMC) at the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), Dr Yona Hebron, who said the government was fully committed to protecting the health of all people living in the country.

Tanzania makes pledge to collaborate with Uganda in ICT sector development

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has assured Uganda that it will continue to collaborate with it in empowering the management of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and maintain professional cooperation in the management of the sector.

Speaking when welcoming a delegation from Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) led by the Minister of State dealing in Security and ICT, Kabyanga Godfrey, Tanzania Deputy Minister for Information and Information Technology Eng Kundo Andrew said Tanzania has attained success in the management of the communications sector by having in place robust policies on communications services and welcomed the visitors for the opportunities to learn.

"Tanzania has endorsed policies that supports ICT growth and the legal system and control that supports digital economy, stressed Deputy Minister Kundo.

He added: "I assure your delegation that you will get opportunities to learn and exchange experiences that will be essential for amending your own 2013 Communications Act."

Meanwhile, Uganda Minister Kabyanga thanked their hosts and told Deputy Minister Kundo, TCRA Director General Dr Jabir Bakari and the entire TCRA management that their visit to Tanzania aims to learn more how Tanzania manages its communications services, including the laws in place, regulations and other guidelines for the administration of the

communications sector.

Speaking shortly after arriving at TCRA offices in Dar es Salaam, Uganda's Minister Kabyanga told his host, Deputy Minister Kundo that Uganda has seen it better to come and learn in Tanzania how it has attained success in the administration and control the communications sector.

He told his host that Uganda intends to boost its communications services to its citizens hence he decided to come to Tanzania to learn about the sector.

The visit by UCC officials to Tanzania is the continuation of similar visits by various communications authorities from other African countries to Tanzania for similar purposes.

Among the countries which have done so recently include Malawi, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and Mozambique.



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Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde (2nd-R) cuts the ribbon in Arusha city yesterday to launch a cartoon guide book on the horticulture sector. It was at the opening of an international conference on quality control and standards of vegetable and fruit crops. Left is Tanzania Horticulture Association CEO Dr Jacqueline Mkindi and second right is Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

Manyara roads are of a higher quality than those in nearby regions, says RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

MANYARA Regional commissioner Makongoro Nyerere has expressed his satisfaction by the supervision of roads managed by Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Tanzania Rural and Urban roads Agency (TARURA) under construction in the region.

Her expressed the satisfaction by the two roads agencies here yesterday at the roads board meeting.

"The truth is roads in Manyara Region are better compared to other neighbouring regions, and I saw this when we were dealing with the issue of region's boundaries as we were entering other regions when we were seeing roads full of potholes," he said.

He noted that it would be better for both TARURA and TANROADS roads to be passable all the year round without problems, even during rainy seasons.

Meanwhile, submitting his report,

TANROADS Manager for Manyara Region, Eng Bashiri Rwesingisa said roads are a big resource and regional roads are in good condition and are passable all time of the year.

He said 1,450 km of road network is under TANROADS supervision in Manyara Region out of which 257 km is of tarmac level.

He said in FY 2022/23 they will increase service roads in Babati and Magugu towns to enable drivers park their vehicles on the road sides when in the two towns.

He added that in FY 2022/23 they will enhance the road along Mt Magala to concrete level, construction of Dongobesh road to tarmac level, improve the road along Mt Chawda and revamp the weighing bridge ant Mdori.

Meanwhile, Manyara Region TARURA manager, Salimu Bwaya said in his report that by last October they had signed 80 contracts, five of which were abrogated by the contractors by not implementing the projects within 28 days.

He noted that among obstacles they face is shortage of workers, invasion of road reserve areas by people and quarries for the aggregate being owned by private people.



Home Affairs deputy minister Jumane Sagini addresses a working session for Immigration officers from across Tanzania held at the Tanzania Regional Immigration Training Academy in Moshi municipality yesterday. Second left is Commissioner General of Immigration Dr Anna Makakala. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Chancellor Makinda due to confer HKMU degrees

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

FORMER National Assembly Speaker Anne Makinda, who is Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) Chancellor, is expected to confer Degrees and Masters Degrees to 291 graduates of the university this weekend.

Speaking to this paper, yesterday, the HKMU Vice Chancellor, Professor Yohana Mashalla, said there will be a convocation before the graduation ceremony which is scheduled to take place on Saturday at the university premises at Mikochehi, Dar es Salaam.

Professor Mashalla said the theme of this year's Convocation is "Promoting Innovation in Strengthening Health Systems adding that the best students will be awarded with different prizes during the event.

He said the graduation ceremony will be attended by the Chairperson of Kairuki Health Education Network (KHEN), Kokushubira Kairuki, the chairperson of HKMU Governing Council, John Ulanga, government officials and development partners.

He said there are 291 graduates, 170 being female and 121 male.

He said 54 graduates will be conferred their Diploma in Nursing, 10 Diploma in Social Work, 38 Degree in Nursing and 177 Doctor of Medicine, 97 among them being female and 80 male.

Professor said 12 graduates will be conferred Masters Degrees in Medicine and Public Health, and among them 10 graduates will be conferred Masters Degrees in Medicine in Paediatrics and Child Health.

He said one of them will be conferred with a Master of Medicine in Surgery and one Master of Science in Public Health.

"I would like to take this opportunity to commend lectures and all HKMU staff for the tremendous job they have done to prepare the graduates for this stage, it is not an easy task," Professor Mashalla.

Antibiotics use in livestock treatment is bad for human health, warns expert

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

THE use of antibiotics in the treatment of livestock can affect the health of humans because traces of the drug in the livestock remain and when their meat is eaten by human beings affects their health though not discerned at the time.

Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA) Manager for the Southern Highlands Zone, Dr Qwari Bura recently said the problem continues to grow among the community for not adhering

to expert's advice in treating livestock and instead wantonly administering antibiotics for treatment.

He noted that the drug not only has adverse health effects on the livestock but also on humans who use their meat, including chicken, ducks and pigeons who had been administered with antibiotics for treatment.

"According to our research, we have discovered that 10 million people may die by 2030 due to bacteria from the use of antibiotics in livestock that jump to

humans and become chronic.

"We have embarked on various efforts to rescue the lives of the people and livestock by giving expert advice to avoid chronic diseases," said Dr Bura.

He added that in fighting the challenge, livestock keepers are supposed to follow the advice given by experts hence in marking 10 years since TVLA's establishment, they will be providing free vaccinations to livestock keepers.

He said TVLA's services include

diagnosing livestock diseases and vaccination thereof for free, as well as education on modern livestock-keeping practices to enable herders to have quality animals.

"We are proud of TVLA's achievements including the improvement of the laboratory for testing animal fodder, receiving international accreditation in 10 laboratory tests and capacity building in registration and providing permits for animal pesticides," said Dr Bura.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

BUL-RFQ-22-11-01 – SUPPLY OF ELEMENTRAC CS – d MACHINE

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

Machine specifications:

- 1X CS-d 2x2 AND 2xS (Item Code 88200-1233), (2x2 0.00012 – 7 % C // 0.004 – 62.8 % C), (2Xs 0.00006 – 3% S // 0.00063 – 31.4 % S), HS CODE: 90275000, REQUIRED ACCESSORIES PC, monitor, balance
- 1X PC SYSTEM, ENGLISH HS CODE: 84715000, Item Code 71015
- 1X LENOVO THINK VISION S24e-10-LED-Monitor – 60.5 cm HS CODE: 85285210, Item Code 88400-0584
- 1X ANALYTICAL BALANCE HS CODE: 90160010, Item Code 88600-0002
- 1X PRINTER (HP Laser Jet Pro M254nw) HS CODE: 84433210, Item Code 88400-0592

Required Consumables / chemicals for first operations:

- 1X Starter-kit, for CS-2000 Item Code 88500-0002 (Starter – kit for 1,000 analyses (500 crucibles, 2,500 g tungsten, 908 g pure iron accelerator, 50g glass wool, 50 g cellulose, 50 g quartz wool, 50 re-usable boats, 500 disposable porcelain boats, 100 g Combsolid). HS CODE: 90279000
- 1X Anhydron (magnesium perchlorate), 454 g, (Item Code 90200), Classified as dangerous good, UN or ID No. UN1475, CLASS5.1. HS CODE: 28299010.
- 1X Sodium hydroxide, 500 g, Classified as dangerous good, UN or ID No. UN1823, CLASS8. HS CODE: 28151100 (Item Code 90210)
- 1X Pt/Si catalyst, 15 g. Replacement for 90290 HS CODE: 38151200 (Item Code 88400-0535)
- 1X COPPER OXIDE WIRE (0.5X2mm): 100g HS CODE: 38220000 (Item Code 886000-0021)
- 1X LABOUR (Includes Installation, Training and Commissioning. Full working days required at site)

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
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Key Dates

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Machine specifications:

- 1X CS744-MHC PKG CS744-TSCREEN/ACLEAN/PC
- 5X 501-171-HAZ ANHYDRONE 10-16 MESH 1/LB
- 1X KIT BALANCE 4 PLC ENTRIS II 124 120G
- 1X 633-103-354 KIT REGULATOR PRESS 2 STAGE SCI AIR CGA346 0TV
- 1X 633-103-356 OXYGEN REGULATOR KIT – TWO STAGE
- 5X 501-077 ACCELERATOR IRON CHIP 6-20 2LB
- 1X 501-082 BRUSH WIRE CLNG 1.31X12.0
- 1X 501-587 CATALYST PLATINUM SILICA 15G
- 1X 502-177 WOOL QUARTZ FNE 50G
- 5X 528-018 CRUCIBLE SP LOW CARBON 1000/PK
- 5X 619-591-699 FILTER IN-LINE 0.1 MICRON DISPOSABLE
- 5X 619-880 COVER CRUCIBLE SIL B/LDR 1000
- 1X 775-306 FILTER SECONDARY 1MICRON
- 1X 778-596 FILTER SST 1.5X3.365 1.29/1.30
- 3X 763-263 ACCELERATOR LECOCELL III -12+20 5LB
- 1X 104-159 KIT MAINT PARTS C/CS744 AUTOCLEAN NO PERFORM
- 1X 807-298 TOOL KIT CHAPMAN
- 20 X 156-003 O-RING 023 1.06x1.186x.062V
- 1X 619-592-490 PACK O-RING C/CS/S844
- 4 X 619-592-926 O-RING 1.202x1.742x.270 V50
- 1X 619-590-412 TUBE QUARTZ 19MM OD x 10.75 LG LINE
- 2 X 619-591-315 TUBE BOROS 1.00 ODx6.00
- 12 X 619-591-683 TUBE COMBUSTION QTZ 1.58x6.12 LG
- 2 X 619-591-740 TUBE BOROS, 875 ID x 11.40 LG
- 2 X 501-110-009 TUBING FLX SILCN, 375IDx 9IN
- 2 X 605-816 PEDESTAL CRUCIBLE SILICON NITRIDE
- 2 X 619-591-696 BRUSH WIRE CLNG, 25 S0x1.34 DIA BRASS
- 1X 619-592-787 RETAINER SPIRAL AUTOCLEANER SST
- 1X 502-902 CALCIUM CARBONATE LCRM C 50G
- 1X 502-699 ZINC SULFIDE LCRM TM S 50G
- 1X 502-914 CARBON/SULFUR SYNTHETIC LCRM C/S 1.0 50G
- 1X 502-636 SAMPLE CAL ORE HIGH SUL C/S, 5-46 25G
- 2 X 502-909 ORE PWD C/S 2 PCT LCRM 25G
- 2 X 502-933 ORE POWDER LCRM C/S 25G
- 2 X 503-502 POWDER ORE LCRM C/S 25G
- 2 X 503-503 POWDER ORE LCRM C/S 25G
- 2 X 503-506 POWDER ORE LCRM C/S 25G
- 2 X 503-509 POWDER ORE LCRM C/S 25G
- 5 X 619-591-970 BRUSH WIRE CLN. 25 S0x1.25 DIA MODIFIED
- 1X INSTALLATION & TRAINING

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Parents advised to play their role in the protection of their children

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has urged parents to break the silence with their children by encouraging them to share information about discrimination and abusive acts from adults.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the climax of the World Children's Day themed: 'Re-imagine the future, for every child.' The occasion has been organised by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

She urged parents to dedicate enough time to holding friendly talks with their children on challenges they are going through be it at school or in the streets.

The minister said that 1,677 girls dropped out of school in 2021 due to pregnancy, noting that the government is ongoing with the review of the Child Act 1971, but parents should play their role in the protection of their children.

"A number of policies are already in place to safeguard children from abuse, discrimination and other sorts of violence such as rape but the cases are rampant; It's high time for parents to break the silence by holding family talks with their children on the signs of violence against children and encourage them to report the cases," said Dr Gwajima.

Three concerns emerged at the event where children from different primary schools in the country demanded reproductive health studies in the curriculum, abolishment of brutal punishments involving strokes and the call to quickly accomplish the review process of the Child Act to defend girls from early marriages.

Responding to the concerns, the minister urged teachers to observe punishment procedures for students as stipulated in the schools and General Provisions No 24, 2002 so as not to go beyond the limits when punishing students.

NACOPHA marks World AIDS Day

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Council of People Living with HIV in Tanzania (NACOPHA) is joining the rest of the world in marking this year's World AIDS Day with a call to equalise the delivery of essential services.

Marked each year on December 1st, World AIDS Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic and mourning those who have died of the disease.

In line with the theme for World AIDS Day, 2022 which is 'Equalize' NACOPHA, said in a media statement yesterday that the theme offers a platform to remind the country of the need to scale up delivery of essential services to meet the national goal codenamed in the number 95-95-95.

The number, which carries the country's HIV control goal by 2025, seeks to ensure that 95 percent of the population living with the disease is actually aware of their status; 95 percent of those testing are placed on HIV continuous treatment and that 95 percent of those on treatment reach viral suppression status.

"So the theme 'equalize' reminds us of the need to ensure that all people living with HIV from their different community groups are able to get essential services in order to meet the national goal of 95-95-95," the NACOPHA national chairperson, Leticia Mourice said in the statement.

According to Mourice however, this year's World AIDS Day comes at a time when the number of men, women, boys and girls that get access to essential HIV treatment and interest-free finance services has been on the increase during recent years.

"Basically, there has been an improvement in the delivery of HIV treatment services to youths, women and men...besides, the population of women and youths living with HIV who have been economically empowered through interest-free loans is also on the

increase," said Mourice. On early marriages, the minister said that the government has already set up legal mechanisms for holding the perpetrators accountable.

Shalini Bahuguna, UNICEF Representative to Tanzania called upon the government to make ensure that there is the availability of age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health and rights information for young people and children to learn.

However, the government should also support education on nutrition and a balanced diet at the community level through various platforms, including school clubs so that children spend plenty of time in school compounds rather than going out for something to eat.

"The government should simplify the constitution so that children can understand their rights and how to protect themselves. It should also improve the budget for police gender and children desk," said Bahuguna.

Latifa Swalehe (14) a form two student at Mlima secondary school in Dodoma and an active member of FEMA clubs in her school called upon the government to speed up the process of reviewing the Child Act 1971 so that girls are protected from early marriages.

The girl is a champion of child protection issues and uses her platform to advocate against corporal punishment in schools.



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Accompanied by friends, Athuman Rashid Makota (3rd-R, standing) of Nachingwea District in Lindi Region points to the dummy cheque for 6m/- he was presented with at the weekend after winning a BikoSports raffle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Complete educational projects before new academic year, RC orders district councils

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,

Songea

RUVUMA Regional Commissioner Col Laban Thomas has ordered eight district councils in the region to complete educational projects worth 3.2bn/- before the commencement of the academic year 2023.

RC Thomas made the order on Monday after inspecting 14 classrooms out of 76 worth 1.5bn/- which are constructed in Songea municipal councils.

"Work as a team to make sure academic standards in the coming

"District commissioners and directors have to make sure you hand over to me these classrooms before the end of December," he said, noting that the government has listened to a long shortage of classrooms in 43 secondary schools in Songea municipal councils as allocated funds for the construction of 76 classrooms, in contrast, other boards like Madaba have received a project of 10 classrooms same as Songea council.

year will be improved because there will be no more student congestion," he instructed.

The RC congratulates Songea Municipal Council for the contraction of two health centers over 1bn/- funded by the central government through the Global Fund (GF) and the council's own sources.

Songea District Commissioner Pololet Mgema promised the RC to hand over the classrooms before the end of November since he has already directed contractors

to stay in project areas and work hard.

Songea Municipal Council Director, Dr Federick Segamiko said a council in the financial year 2021/22 has received 2.7 billion/- from the central government which was allocated to health, educational and community development sectors and administration.

"The report about projects is detailed and some projects have been completed remaining but few which will be submitted before the end of 2022," he said.



Manyoni district commissioner Rahabu Mwagisa inspects parade mounted by 143 members of the militia during training held at Kamenyanga village in Agondi ward yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Thobias Mwanakatwe



So the theme 'equalize' reminds us of the need to ensure that all people living with HIV from their different community groups are able to get essential services in order to meet the national goal of 95-95-95



Institute of Finance Management graduands in jovial mood after being conferred with a Bachelor of Science in Insurance and Risk Management degree at 48th graduation held at the institute's Dar es Salaam campus at the weekend. From-L: Raphael Msaki, Thomas Shayo, Seleman Emir and Samwel Donald. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Government vows to incorporate gender equality issues into policy and planning

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has expressed its commitment to incorporate gender parity issues in policy and planning in attaining gender mainstreaming agenda.

Dr Zainab Chaula, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups gave the assurance during training on strengthening transformational leadership.

The training organised by the UN Women and Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE) in Africa was meant for the ministries' directors of policy and planning and the Gender Focal Persons (GFs).

Dr Chaula said it is key for the cadres to be aware of the GEWE principles and see how best they can be added to national gender policies so that they come up with planning and strategies in making gender mainstreaming in their operations.

She said the ministry in collaboration with UN-Women among other partners, are working on the implementation of the national gender policies including the ongoing finalisation of the Reviewed Gender Development Policy (2020) and the National Gender Development Strategy (2020-2030) in Mainland.

"In line with UN Women's mandate, a long-standing partnership has been developed to support the reviewed gender development policy and coordination of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women NAP (2017-22) on EVAWC," said Dr Chaula.

She said the partnership has made it possible for functional mechanisms to deliver quality response and support services at national, local government, and community levels.

UN Women aims at scaling up the support to ensure that the ministries' Directors of Policy and Planning and Gender Focal Persons in Mainland Tanzania have an increased understanding of transformative leadership and GEWE principles for effective guidance and implementation of gender-responsive national policies.

Also, they intend for the cadres to be well versed with issues related to legal frameworks, economic, social, and environmental strategies as well as cross-cutting issues, institutional mechanisms, and resource mobilisation for them to have a gender-sensitive eye.

The goal is to strengthen their capacity for transformative leadership for effective promotion of GEWE as an important accelerator in the achievement of Tanzania's national economic, social, and environmental objectives. Dr Chaula said there will be increased guidance and accountability for effective gender mainstreaming in public finance management and the application of Gender Responsive Budgeting Actions'.

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Palestine calls upon international society to recognise its state status

By Guardian Reporter

PALESTINIAN President Mahmoud Abbas has stressed on the importance of recognizing the state as well as supporting its full membership to the United Nations (UN), as an embodiment of the natural right of the people in the nation.

In a statement made available to this paper in Dar es Salaam yesterday President Abbas said

that the day is aimed at ending the occupation, resolving all final status issues, and defining a package of guarantees for the implementation of what has been agreed upon within a defined timeframe.

"This will help achieve a just and comprehensive peace which leads to ending the occupation, realizing the freedom of the Palestinian people and their independence in their own State on the 4th of June 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as its

capital," Abbas made the remarks in his message to the United Nations on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

He promised to uphold commitments under international law, and to consecrate the rule of law and human rights, the democratic values, the freedom of expression, the empowerment of women and youth and reviving the national economy.

He said the goal will be pursued

in partnership with civil society organisations and the private sector.

"We will continue fulfilling our obligations under international law and will continue working to unify our land and people, and to hold presidential and legislative elections as soon as they can be organised in Jerusalem, as well as to form a national unity government whereby all its components are committed to international legitimacy," he said.

He noted that decades ago, the international community determined its vision for peace, and that vision is the two-State solution on the 1967 borders.

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Invitation for Tenders

Date: 19th November 2022

- This Invitation for Tenders follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project which appeared in the Tanzania National Electronic Procurement System (TANePS) dated 1st July 2022.
- The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in joint venture with the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) have set aside funds for its operations during the financial year 2022-23. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the Proposed Design and Installation of Multipurpose Conference Hall Facilities at PAPU House Project.
- The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) now invites tenders from contractors registered or capable of being registered in [Insert Classes of the contractor] for construction of Proposed Design and Installation of Multipurpose Conference Hall Facilities at PAPU House Project.
- Tendering will be conducted through the International Competitive Tendering specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, Government Notice No.446 of 2013 and is open to all pre-qualified Tenderers.
- Invited Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the tender document provided on TANePS.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English Language may be obtained or downloaded through TANePS.
- Tenderers are required to register on the TANePS (via link: www.taneps.go.tz) and pay tender participation fees indicated in the TANePS to be able to participate in this tendering process.
- The Tender will consist of (i) the Technical Part, without any reference to prices; and (ii) the Financial Part, as detailed in the tender document.
- The Tender consisting of both the Technical Part and the Financial Part, must be delivered through TANePS at or before 9th December 2022 at 11:00 hours EAT.
- The Technical Part will be opened promptly thereafter on TANePS dashboard and tenderers may participate in the opening by logging into the TANePS. The Financial Part shall remain unopened until the second public opening of the Financial Part, following the evaluation of the Technical Part of the Tender.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security in the Unconditional bank guarantee form in the amount of USD.10,000.00 or freely convertible currencies.
- Tenders not received or opened through TANePS shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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- This request for proposal has been addressed to all qualified firms as per the qualification requirement stated in this tender document.
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- A complete set of Tendering Documents in English and an additional set may be obtained by interested Tenderers on the PASS Trust's website. (<https://www.pass.or.tz/tenders>)
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Horticulture stakeholders not gazing at some forex paradise

EXPECTATIONS are beginning to rise on whatever potential horticulture may be having of raking in foreign exchange, with top government officials predicting that it will be the leading foreign currency earner in the country by 2030. At least, that was the mood at the opening of an ongoing horticulture stakeholders' conference grouping local players and exporters along with officials of an agro-sector standards body based in the European Union and boasting worldwide membership.

The projection is primarily meant to be a serious extrapolation of ongoing trends, in an optimistic manner.

Perhaps participants need to take greater note of the conference theme than what is seen as arithmetic opportunities of 'opening up' lucrative horticulture markets.

The reason is that, unlike when it comes to natural resources the way we hear of rare minerals, natural gas or gold, horticulture is easy to duplicate in many places.

In that case, importing countries will not always be net importers and exporting countries will tend to be on the rise, thus gradually narrowing down market size.

The point at the moment ought not to be seeking to make horticulture the leading export earner but ensuring that we enhance compliance with international market standards for expanded market access.

One can say that the two objectives are not juxtaposed, which is true at a technical level and untrue psychologically, as the adage says that one can't ride two horses at the same time. When we are mentally attuned to the importance of compliance we are likely to focus on weaknesses of our farming systems and back-up parameters, among them credit for farm improvement.

It is not objectionable all the same that the Agriculture ministry sees

horticulture as a priority subsector, largely owing to its potential to generate foreign currency, and offers a viable occupation for large numbers of youths and women.

This, however, doesn't imply that the world market is going to buy our expectations, as in the past Zanzibar was earning substantial amounts of money from cloves which later declined to fairly regular forex earnings.

Similarly, mainland Tanzania had sisal and then cotton plus coffee but all of them are in the doldrums in terms of foreign exchange earnings.

That is why policy makers need to pay serious attention to essential benchmarks of a competitive economy and compliance with standards, both aspects having to do with attracting substantial numbers of foreign investors as they are anchored in the world market.

The more we have joint ventures at the farm, industrial and mining levels, the more durable our stay will be in the foreign market niches we find or that occasionally open up.

Being inward-looking and banking on a miracle export produce amounts to taking the country to a new round of trade frustrations.

Similarly, as this is an open market economy, prospects in horticulture will not be taken up as an aspect of state planning but merely of producers and exporters in that sphere.

These aren't contracted to the public authorities to realise that export dream and won't be penalised, or quizzed, if they don't appear to be on the way to realizing it.

Horticulture ought to be an aspect of a dynamic economy rather than a fig leaf of what could eventually save the economy, giving our youths and women something gainful to do.

Economic efficiency will absorb the labour, not a miracle export product, whether it is from the minerals sector, horticulture or any other.

Remembrance of victims of chemical warfare helps countries to prize peace

NOVEMBER 30 is the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare. It is relatively easy to imagine that this is a state where the brutality of weaponry is intensified with the permanent torture by exposure to powerful chemicals intended for disabling those they are sprayed upon.

Some pacifists ostensibly looking back to days of rudimentary life - and primitive warfare - once saw this purposeful torture often of innocent civilians as a terrible consequence of science and technology. They had a point, but humanity has conscience as well.

A United Nations chronicler says the conference of the parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention early last decade decided that a memorial Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare would be observed each November 30.

This commemoration provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare as well as to reaffirm international commitment to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons. It adds to the promotion of peace, security and multilateralism and, even more so, cuts pure cruelty.

The parties to that convention met at The Hague in April 2013, adopting by consensus a political declaration that confirms the unequivocal commitment of the states that are party to the global chemical weapons ban.

Since then any country that uses chemical weapons on the field of war, or any military organisations without trappings of sovereignty, commits a crime against humanity.

It isn't the UN ability to punish that state or terror organisation that counts first or most but global condemnation of such behaviour. Banning all use of chemical weapons has become a cornerstone of normative international law.

Africa has not been overly exposed

to the horrors of chemical warfare but related weapons now also banned - for instance, the laying of landmines as extensively used in Africa's civil wars during the 1980s and 1990s.

The creation of the International Criminal Court (based at The Hague) against the perpetrators of those crimes helped to reinforce that prohibition, and horrors of the past gradually crawled into oblivion. But that should not make us rest on our laurels; rather, we must always exercise vigilance.

The chronicler says the history of the serious efforts to achieve chemical disarmament that culminated in the conclusion of the convention started more than a century ago.

Chemical weapons were used on a massive scale during World War I, but those weapons were not used on the battleground in Europe in World War II.

It implies that intense questioning followed the conclusion of the Great War - with the creation of the League of Nations. It did not abolish war as such but worked to extract from nations a commitment to humane conduct in warfare.

During the 1980s and the 1990s Africa witnessed horrific use of crude weapons targeting civilians, including the hacking or severing of limbs, disemboweling of pregnant women and other barbaric acts.

That was until international law started biting on those who committed wanton crimes against humanity.

Terrorist bombs and massive attacks still occur in countries where civil wars aren't yet resolved, but on the whole there are more elements of some "consideration".

Hunger was another weapon, killing off many stranded civilians found on the wrong side of the fighting at that moment. Whether there is some "progress" on this score is neither here nor there - though war is war and should not be tolerated, much less entertained.



Vaccine mandates 20 years ago vs today - Is history repeating itself?

By Dr Sean Lin and Mingjia Jacky Guan

THIS year, thousands of US military members from the navy, air and space force, and coast guard filed class action lawsuits against the government's Covid-19 vaccine mandate issued by the Department of Defence (DoD).

Many soldiers have requested an exemption from Covid-19 vaccination on religious grounds, yet very few were accommodated and some were disciplined or forced into premature discharge or retirement.

This could, however, be history repeating itself - as something strikingly similar happened two decades ago relating to anthrax.

Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by gram-positive, rod-shaped bacteria known as *Bacillus Anthracis*. It is found in nature and commonly infects animals when they ingest anthrax spores. The spores become activated to multiply and can produce toxins that lead to disease.

However, anthrax is not a major issue in the United States because it mostly affects livestock, which are usually vaccinated against it.

In humans, anthrax may cause ulcers, skin sores and other flu-like symptoms. According to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), anthrax is not contagious or generally transmissible between humans.

There are four types of anthrax known today in terms of the route of infection. The first three are called cutaneous, inhalation and gastrointestinal anthrax.

These are when anthrax enters the body through an open wound, through breathing spores in, or through ingesting contaminated food.

In 2001, a week after the 9/11 attacks, anthrax spores were mailed to senators, editors in publishing companies, etc. Consequently, people got infected with anthrax. More than 40 people tested positive and five died.

The first anthrax vaccine for humans was created in the 1950s and was initially approved by US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for pre-exposure prophylaxis in 1970. It was made available to people working in goat hair processing mills or similar high-risk jobs in the US.

Although natural anthrax infections were long considered a relic of the past, with case numbers dropping from about 130 a year in the early 1900s to zero in the 1990s, anthrax has long been considered one of the top choices for bioweapons for numerous reasons.

It is highly lethal - with a mortality rate of 80 to 90 per cent from inhalation exposure. Deadly concentrations are much less compared with chemical nerve agents, and anthrax is relatively easy

to produce.

This is because it occurs naturally in many parts of the world, including the US. It is also easy to deliver anthrax in aerosol form, its most deadly form.

In the 1990s, threats boasting the release of anthrax or the exposure of individuals occurred in at least 17 states in the US. This made the US military become seriously concerned about terrorist groups who threatened to launch anthrax attacks.

Media coverage of this stimulated public concerns. One of the most sensational moments in history was when former Secretary of Defence, William Cohen, held up a five-pound bag of sugar on national television and warned that if the bag contained anthrax, it could kill half of the US capital - Washington, DC.

Cohen's bold statement galvanised support for a military vaccination programme called the Anthrax Vaccine Immunisation Programme, or AVIP.

At the time, the US had active troops in the Persian Gulf and the Korean peninsula which were considered to be most at risk from a biological attack from anthrax.

Around the same time that Cohen went live on national television, Russian scientists expressed concern that genetically engineered anthrax chimeras were created, sparking off concern that it could be used as a biological weapon. That is how the AVIP came to be.

The vaccination programme was swiftly rolled out, despite reports of weaponised anthrax strains being vaccine-resistant.

The vaccine rollouts were greeted with plenty of opposition. As early as 2000, senators recommended that the US Department of Defence stop the AVIP because results from more than a dozen congressional hearings reflected that the programme's benefits didn't seem to outweigh the harm.

Many soldiers complained about side-effects, while studies found that, in the case of a biological anthrax attack, the vaccine called AVA didn't provide much protection. The vaccine was only proven to have protection against cutaneous anthrax, not inhalation anthrax.

However, the vaccine programme continued, even after a federal judge ordered the Pentagon to halt administering experimental vaccines. Eight days after a district court verdict, the FDA changed the AVA's status from experimental to being approved.

This controversial move by the FDA enabled the AVIP programme to be continued until it was ultimately brought to a halt in 2004.

It remains a mystery why such a controversial programme was sustained for such a long time in the military, as the AVA's side-effects can significantly reduce combat readiness.

For instance, the list of side-effects from the six-dose vaccine includes fever, skin lumps, joint pain, having difficulty breathing, muscle pain, hives, and more, not to mention the poor efficacy against inhalation anthrax.

But this was not the first time vaccinations were imposed on the military. During Operation Desert Storm, nine vaccine programmes were enforced upon soldiers serving around Kuwait during the Gulf War, which sometimes included the AVA.

This series of vaccinations is thought to be in relation to the poorly defined and studied Gulf War syndrome, which still affects veterans today.

Further research into the AVIP programme shows that the DoD already knew in the 1980s that the AVA wasn't quite as effective against inhalation anthrax, but that didn't stop the US government from spending about US\$1.3 billion on the Michigan-produced BioThrax vaccine. It, however, only took the company about US\$250 million to produce all the batches, which means that they had a profit margin of more than a billion dollars.

It seemed that the government also had investments in the vaccine industry. Emergent Biosolutions (EBS), the company behind the AVA vaccines, had received a massive amount of funding from the American government.

This included rebuilding their production plants and having their vaccines pre-approved or "grandfathered in" despite failing several FDA inspections.

So now it looks like the AVA vaccines were marked up terrifically for something that only cost a few dollars a vial to produce, meaning that an unusually lucrative deal was awarded to this particular company without clear justification.

Usually, the profit margin for an American military contract lies at about 10 per cent, which is a stark contrast to how the dealings with EBS went down.

In a nutshell, the AVIP programme was no good business for the DoD, not a good prevention programme based on various medical studies, and it didn't offer protection to the men and women in service from the enemy.

What was worse was that many soldiers who resisted the vaccine programme were disciplined, discharged, or even faced martial law. And nobody was held accountable for these consequences.

A similar story occurred once again during the Covid-19 pandemic, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

First and foremost, it was mainly the government that made the Covid-19 vaccines possible. Recent reports estimate that the government invested anywhere between US\$18 billion and US\$23 billion dollars into

the Covid-19 vaccine development process.

Even the US Congressional Budget Office estimated that the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) alone has spent US\$19.3 billion on Covid-19 vaccine development. The government also purchased hundreds of millions of doses of the vaccine in advance, ensuring incentive and demand.

Once the Covid-19 vaccines were available, the DoD also rolled out its Covid-19 vaccine mandates to all service members.

However, it is currently facing a number of class-action lawsuits from thousands of military personnel. This includes more than 4,200 from the navy, 10,000 from the air and space force, as well as 1,200 from the coast guard.

Tens of thousands of soldiers applied for religious or other types of exemption from the Covid-19 vaccination, but few were approved.

This issue has recently gained immense attention, especially since President Biden remarked that the pandemic was over on Sept 19, 2022. House Representative Mike Gallagher is seeking answers from Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin on why the DoD is still requiring a Covid-19 vaccine from service members.

After studies emerged about the Omicron variants having low pathogenicity (less severe than other strains), the vaccines are generally believed to be most suitable for the elderly population or immunocompromised.

In contrast, the young and physically active service members are not necessarily the population at risk of high death rates from SARS-CoV-2.

In fact, some studies show that the second and third doses of the vaccine can elevate risks for myocarditis in young service members.

An American study shows that there were 23 recorded cases of myocarditis in the US military following the second vaccine dose, with 22 of these service members having a clean health history.

An Israeli survey concluded similar results in young service members (mostly from ages 18 to 24) and estimated incident rates for myocarditis to be between six and 11 cases per 100,000 patients after receiving their third dose.

The studies show that there are some adverse effects that arise from the vaccines even when administered to the young and healthy. This calls into question the motives behind various military vaccine programmes.

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Let's embark on reforestation or create ample space for wild birds in our homes



THE world has lost 420 million hectares, approximately 10.34 per cent of its total forest area in the last 30 years, according to the 2022 edition of the State of the World's Forests released in May this year.

Much has been said about the impact of deforestation on humanity but less has been said about its devastating impact on wildlife especially birds whose lovers like me endearingly call feathered friends.

Deforestation directly causes bird populations to decline, mainly because of the destruction of their habitat. A bird's habitat is its home, and deforestation strips them of their home. Deprived of their natural home, many birds can't breed, which ultimately results in the decline of their population.

This destruction of habitat also threatens the survival of thousands of migratory bird species, which migrate north during the winter and return to nesting sites where the trees have been destroyed. As a consequence of deforestation, thousands of tropical birds are at risk of extinction.

Another negative impact of deforestation on birds is the loss of food sources. Trees provide food for birds to survive. Different species occupy a different place in the food chain; however, the destruction of the forests disrupts the whole food chain. Consequently, birds are left with nothing to feed, resulting in their extinction.

Due to deforestation and consequent lack of food sources for birds, they are forced to move to more urbanized areas to look for food and safe places to nest. For example the house sparrow has always lived comfortably around humans but now they are on the red list of endangered feathered friends of ours.

Actually, for our own comfort, we create discomfort for our feathered friends. Many people do not realize the impact of deforestation on birds. Loggers for demand of wood in construction and decorating purposes as a part of their profession do that without allowing the forest to revive.

Large scale farmers clear natural vegetation by the common slash and burn method. Natural disasters also play a part in deforestation as forest fires displace thousands of birds due to unbearable temperature.

Growing population pushes demand for housing as well as mining activities which also contribute to deforestation. Not only birds that suffer, deforestation leads to draught, temperature rise, less rainfall, global warming and many more problems for every living being including us.

In the forests, most birds thrive when humidity is low; they rest and cool down in trees. Bird communication happens when a one sings to claim a personal territory. Birds need large space among species to gain access to food. Hence, they sing to mark their territory of food and give indication to colleagues for food.

Experts say that birds do not want intruder and tend to extend their territory for alternative food supply. If no home is present, birds cannot lay eggs hence decreased population. They become more exposed to their predators if there is no hiding place.

Deforestation directly impacts displacement of bird species. Some birds are more vulnerable to habitat

destruction than others; some can withstand partial destruction of their habitat while others can adapt to the changing environment. Despite this fact, the forest is very essential part of bird's life.

It is important to protect these endangered birds because they help with ecological balance by eating mosquitoes and pollinating plants. The cutting down of trees will leave birds who act as a pollinating agents unable to do so.

The presence of birds helps to retain a healthy ecosystem. When a species becomes endangered, it is an indication that the ecosystem is slowly falling apart. Any species that becomes endangered inhibits the loss of their species within the ecosystem.

Because of the importance of maintaining a healthy ecosystem, some bird

lovers create green areas on top of their buildings in order to accommodate the endangered birds that experience habitat loss. These are called urban green roofs. One of the largest green roofs is located in Manhattan, New York and has attracted over 25 different species of birds.

The implementation of the green roofs in urbanized areas provides the endangered birds with safer places to perch and nest. This creates a chance for birds like house sparrows and humans to live together in harmony.

Also, by restoring natural habitats we can save our feathered friends. Reforestation should be carried out in areas that have been completely exploited. This may take years but it is better to start now. The little forest that remains

should be conserved by using the same wisely so that wildlife can be preserved.

A lot of companies, organizations and governments create laws to protect endangered bird species. But we can also

grow organic plants to provide them with native landscapes in our gardens and balconies as a source of food and water.



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China aids Africa's poverty fight through agricultural cooperation

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ON a sultry afternoon, Charles Ngendakumana, a farmer in Burundi's north-western Bubanza Province, was busy adding a handful of grass to the cattle trough in the backyard of his newly-built rural home, a spacious single-storey bungalow with freshly painted lime walls.

Around him, about a dozen of hens were running around. Pointing to them, he said these chickens had been given to his family by Chinese agricultural experts. "They also provided good rice seeds and fertilizer and taught me planting techniques so that I have enough food to feed my children", the 43-year-old father of six added.

Four years ago, Ngendakumana began growing hybrid rice introduced from China under the guidance of Chinese agricultural experts. Since then, his farmland has also increased from half a hectare to five hectares in Ninga, a village in the Commune of Gihanga.

"Next, I want to buy more land, more cows, as well as several new water pumps when the dry season comes," said Ngendakumana in a recent interview with Xinhua, asserting that this was "unthinkable" in the days before the arrival of the Chinese expert teams when he could not even get enough food.

Known as the "heart of Africa", the East African country Burundi has a tropical climate with abundant rainfall. Its natural conditions are favorable to rice production, but the low yield of local rice production makes Burundians long suffer from food shortages.

Farmers raise hybrid rice seedlings in Kihanga, Bubanza Province, Burundi, Oct. 29, 2022. (Xinhua/Dong Jianghui)

To address such a challenge, China has been implementing technical cooperation programs in Burundi since August 2009, sending a total of 45 ex-



Farmers raise hybrid rice seedlings in Kihanga, Bubanza Province, Burundi, Oct. 29, 2022. Xinhua

perts to the African country in five batches to help develop agriculture.

The Chinese experts are currently planting hybrid rice in 22 villages in the country in an effort to help realize Burundian President Evariste Ndayishimiye's slogan -- "Every mouth has food and every pocket money."

The experts have visited fields in all 14 rice-growing provinces of the country to conduct research and trials, and successfully selected and introduced eight varieties of rice seed adapted to the local conditions. In this way, they have helped effectively address the problem of yield reduction or even extinction caused by rice plague in the mountainous areas of Burundi.

The Chinese experts also helped establish the first demonstration village of rice cultivation for poverty alleviation in Ninga village, where hybrid rice was grown for five consecutive seasons. Since hybrid rice was planted here, the village has increased its rice production by 1,661 tonnes, resulting in improved income for local households.

Farmers bring hybrid rice seedlings to the field for transplant in Kihanga, Bubanza Province, Burundi, Oct. 29, 2022. (Xinhua/Dong Jianghui)

"Our hybrid rice yields are twice as much as the local varieties," Chinese expert Jiang Daiming said. "Rice yields here used to be only two to three

tonnes per hectare, while the introduced disease-resistant varieties can yield four to five tonnes per hectare, sometimes even seven tonnes."

"It will be important to improve the local rice crop (yield) if production can be expanded in the future," Jiang said.

To help Burundi build an independent and sustainable rice industry, Chinese experts have also conducted 82 training sessions in the country, training 3,050 people. Among them are dozens of bright young Burundians who are using the skills they have learned to help lift villagers out of poverty throughout the country.

Ernest Irankunda, a young man from Ninga, gave up the opportunity to attend university because of his family's burden and decided to learn rice cultivation techniques from Chinese experts. Now he has become a local expert in rice cultivation and was recently hired by the government to lead a team to share farming experience in the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Agricultural cooperation with a view to reducing rural poverty in Africa has been an important area of China-Africa cooperation in recent years. During the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Coop-

eration (FOCAC) held a year ago in Senegal, China announced that it will implement the poverty reduction and agricultural development program with Africa over the next three years.

As part of the program, China will send 500 agricultural experts to Africa, set up a number of joint centers for modern agrotechnology exchange, demonstration and training in China, and encourage Chinese institutions and companies to build in Africa demonstration villages that support agricultural development and poverty reduction.

In October, such a village was inaugurated in the Matangi Tisa village in Kenya's Nakuru County. The chief official for agriculture at the county, Fredrick Owino, while welcoming the initiative, said the project will promote China's advanced farming technologies in Kenya so as to boost agricultural production and reduce poverty.

Also last month, a Demonstration Village for China-Africa Agricultural Development and Poverty Reduction was set up at the Shimwengwe Village in Zambia's Lusaka Province. Through the project, villagers will be equipped with the knowledge and small-scale technologies to improve their productivity, especially in the chicken-rearing business.

"We are very grateful for the work of the Chinese expert teams", said Prosper Dodiko, permanent secretary of Burundi's Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, adding that besides hybrid rice, Chinese experts have also introduced apple trees and promoted poultry farming, aquaculture, and rice-fish farming. "Next year, Burundi's agricultural development is ready to enter another stage, where we will develop irrigation systems and agricultural mechanization. I am glad that Chinese experts are here to help us." **Xinhua**

PARIS

FRENCH power giant EDF is looking to recruit a new generation of welders, pipe-fitters and boiler makers to fix its ageing nuclear reactors and build more of them, as Europe's energy crisis rekindles the allure of atomic power.

The problem is that in France such skilled workers are in short supply. So much so that EDF, which has a reputation for delays and cost overruns in building nuclear plants, has had to fly in around 100 of them from the United States and Canada, it said this month.

The utility, which is in the process of being fully nationalized, is racing against time to ensure its nuclear fleet can run at full capacity for the depths of winter. It has already seen its electricity output this year drop to a 30-year low due to a record number of outages.

It's not just a matter of keeping households in France and other European countries warm in the coldest months: lower output this year is projected to wipe 32 billion euros (\$33 billion) off the company's core 2022 earnings, jeopardizing its financial stability.

With EDF on the hook to build at least six new generation reactors over the next 25 years, at a total investment of some 52 billion euros, the group is hurriedly ramping up a recruitment drive across France.

EDF co-financed the opening of a training centre for welders in Normandy - the Haute Ecole de formation en soudage (Hefais) - last month, with an intake of around 40 students this year, expected to rise to 200 from 2023.

That, however, is a drop in the ocean. EDF estimates that France's nuclear industry needs to recruit between 10,000 and 15,000 workers a year over the next seven years.

EDF alone must find 3,000 new workers a year over that time - or 15 percent of the workforce currently deployed at its nuclear plants - up from 2,500 in the 2019-2022 period.

More welders wanted: France steps up recruitment drive amid nuclear crisis



This photo shows the Bugey nuclear plant in Saint-Vulbas, around Lyon, central France on Oct 13, 2022. AP

It wants to hire 1,000 welders by 2030, double the number it employs today.

"These are pretty ambitious targets," said Clement Bouilloux, manager for France at energy consultancy EnAppSys, noting that the scale of the country's plans for new reactors could make it challenging to recruit the right workforce.

"We have not had a construction drive like that in nuclear since the 1970s."

France, like other Western countries, has long suffered a skills mismatch. Despite relatively high unemployment, France's manufacturing, construction, engineering and IT industries complain they can't get the workers they need.

The causes range from an education system less focused on practical skills to a perception of industry as "dirty" and a dead-end for careers.

In Penly, the Normandy site chosen for the first two new reactors, EDF is seeking to lure workers ahead of the scheduled start of construction in 2024. The project is expected to take 12 years.

A framework agreement was signed with unions on Nov 8 to entice an initial batch of 70 skilled workers to move to Penly next year, before construction begins in earnest.

The agreement, seen by Reuters, includes a disturbance allowance equal to two months of salary to change residence, a "discovery pack" to help workers familiarize themselves with the town and its surroundings, a "mobility pack" of 9,000 to 11,250 euros per worker - to help find accommodation and a job for spouses - and other benefits to cover childcare and schooling.

Industry sources said the terms were quite generous by EDF's standards.

"On a building site like that one, we want to attract but also retain employees for a long period as the project will last for a while," Patrice Risch, EDF's head of employment, told Reuters.

France's industrial sector provides only 18 percent of private sector jobs, down from 26 percent two decades ago. Meanwhile, employment in services - from hotels to finance - has been growing steadily.

In construction, plans for the new nuclear plants will have to compete for workers building other big infrastructure projects ranging from new trainlines around Paris to a tunnel through the Alps to Italy.

Jean-Bernard Levy, who was replaced on Nov 23 as EDF chief executive, blamed the lack of specialized staff for much of the company's difficulties in quickly fixing its reactors.

Long training, difficult job

Workers repairing plants affected by the corrosion issues - which first emerged a year ago - are required to operate in a part of the reactor where radiation is high, so they can only spend a limited amount of time in it.

Because of the challenges of the job, a standard welder needs up to three years of extra training to work in the nuclear sector, people employed in the

industry say.

"To be a very good welder, you have to be born to be one. These people work with molten metal at 1,500 degrees Celsius, and sometimes have to stand upside down," said one welder in the nuclear industry, who asked not to be identified.

"You start with 500 would-be welders, and five years later you may have only five who are up to scratch."

To speed up the repairs, EDF drafted in 600 specialized workers, including around 100 welders and pipe-fitters from Canada and from US nuclear plant maker Westinghouse Electric Company.

Unions and industry officials also blame the French government for what they say was a U-turn on nuclear. Before the conflict in Ukraine, successive administrations sought to reduce France's reliance on nuclear energy, not build new reactors, they say.

For a long time, France was Europe's nuclear energy champion - and its biggest electricity exporter. A wave of plant constructions between the 1970s and the 1990s gave the country the 56 reactors still standing today, before political and public sentiment began to waver.

Opposition from environmental groups and the 2011 Fukushima disaster in Japan made investing in nuclear reactors a less popular choice even in a country that still derives 70 percent of its electricity mix from atomic energy.

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"We'd been told for years: please, prepare yourselves to shut reactors," Lévy said at a conference in August.

"Clearly, we didn't hire people to build...reactors, we hired people to dismantle them," he said, noting that the government's 2019-2023 energy policy roadmap envisaged the shutdown of 12 reactors by 2035.

Now that the tide has turned in favour of nuclear, Luc Remont, EDF's new CEO, told parliament last month that having the "sharpest skills across the nuclear supply chain is crucial to increasing production levels." For a long time, France was Europe's nuclear energy champion - and its biggest electricity exporter. A wave of plant constructions between the 1970s and the 1990s gave the country the 56 reactors still standing today, before political and public sentiment began to waver.

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Time to build, own better toilets that meet PwDs' needs

By Correspondent Mohammed Hammie

"WHEN I have no help and there is no water, when I go to the toilet I always step on feces or urine, and since I live in a rented house, often when the toilet is dirty, then everyone knows that I am the one who made it dirt," says Christina Chibalua, a blind person who lives in Chamwino ward, Msufini street in Morogoro Region.

This woman celebrated 'World Toilet Day' still living in an environment where an improved toilet is a big problem for her.

The world celebrated toilet day a few weeks ago. The theme for this year's WTD was 'Making the Invisible Visible.' The theme hoped to draw attention to how poor-quality toilets and inadequate sanitation systems negatively affect people's health and pollute the environment, particularly groundwater.

However, this article focuses on environmental sanitation and its effects, especially on women and people with disabilities in Tanzania.

Sustainable Development Goal 6.2, provides an important message that everyone must have access to a clean, safe, and equitable toilet for all, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.

However, that message may not mean much to Ms. Christina Paul and others living in a similar environment considering that there are only eight years left until 2030, urging the world to work four times faster to meet this target.

Christina says that it is not only the challenge of cleanliness of the toilet that she faces but also the act of sharing the same toilet with men that criticizes her confidence and lowers the value of her personality as a woman.

"When there are no people, I have to go to the toilet by touching the wall. When I'm there, I always get the feeling that someone must be watching me secretly because the toilet infrastructure is not good," she says.

Christina who lives alone, says that it is more challenging at night when she needs to go to the toilet for fear of being subjected to violent acts because the toilet is outside.

Various organizations in the world have been making deliberate efforts to end the challenge of sanitation hygiene, among these organizations is WaterAid. WaterAid believes that the lack of toilets affects the privacy of women and girls as well as their safety. To bring change in the toilet service, it is important that access to water and sanitation be a priority along with the availability of good toilets for everyone, everywhere. However, not everywhere do people pay attention to the importance of clean water and sanitation, even though it is a human right recognized by the United Nations.

Although the condition of being visually impaired increases the problem for Ms. Christina, there are women and girls who often wait until dark to find a quiet place to defecate, which increases the risk of being harassed or even sexually attacked.

Athumani Ally Kapate, a resident of Mazimbu ward, Morogoro region is physically disabled. He has been facing the challenge of sanitation facilities his whole life. He says that he has been suffering from stomach pain and has been explaining to the doctors that the situation is due to the lack of enough water for washing hands and cleaning the toilet environment.

"I suffer a lot, especially stomach ache. When asked by the doctor, I always tell him the truth that my disability makes me touch the ground in the toilet, but the available water does not meet my needs," says Athumani, who is a teacher by profession.

For Athumani, it is not only at home when he encounters the challenge of toilet hygiene, but also where he works.

"There have also been many strategies for constructing toilets in schools. When experts come, they only ask for the number of holes, but they forget whether those toilet holes are friendly to disabled students or teachers with disabilities in certain schools (like me)?" Says Ally

He says apart from schools, he encourages the construction of friendly toilets for all people including the disabled in places with gatherings of people such as bus stands, markets, and even houses of worship.

Today, 3.6 billion people are still living with poor-quality toilets that



Athumani Ally Kapate, a resident of Mazimbu ward, Modeko B street, Morogoro region who is physically disabled.

ruin their health and pollute their environment.

WaterAid country director in Tanzania Ms. Anna Mzinga said, the organization has been cooperating with the governments, development partners, utility companies, community-based organizations, businesses and entrepreneurs, and local people, to improve people's access to sanitation.

"We address the entire sanitation chain to make sure human waste is safely managed, including transportation or storage, treatment, and disposal or re-use," she says.

Mzinga added that ensuring sanitation for all takes more than building toilets or motivating communities. "Girls are affected by a lack of private toilets, and often drop out completely when they start their periods. This continues to reinforce and widen the gap between boys and girls, holding girls back from realizing their full potential. Decent toilets mean children can go to school and get an education, parents can raise their babies safely, and women and girls can stay clean and safe on their

period." She added

The situation is different for Margaret Kyaulila, a blind person living in Morogoro region. She says, while the world celebrates toilet day, the sanitary condition of the toilet she uses does not meet her daily needs.

Two years ago, she made difficult decisions. She decided to start her own life coming from her parents.

Before she got used to where she moved, she fell more than twenty times while groping her way to the toilet. Now she lives by habits and the help of her neighbours who show her the way when she wants to go to the toilet.

"My room is fifteen steps or more away from where the toilet is, so you will see how difficult it is for me to get there alone, even though by now I have gotten used to the way to pass when my neighbours are not there." Says Margaret who before going to the toilet she has to fetch water from the well in the yard of the house where she lives.

There is no running water in the toilet, so not only she, but also other people who live there have to draw water from the well and go

to the toilet, but for Margaret it is different. It takes longer to get water due to her condition.

"There is no water in the toilet, I have to carry water every time I want to go to the toilet. At night it becomes more challenging. So, before I go to sleep I have to fetch water and put it in a bucket so that when I need to go to the toilet it will be easier."

However, Margaret thank her neighbors for taking her out of the toilet cleaning shift, they recognized her situation.

She gives an opinion to the government and sanitation stakeholders to help her with sanitation facilities and a friendly toilet according to her condition.

Morogoro Municipality Health Officer, Ndimile Kilatu believes in equal rights for all when it comes to sanitation. Also, he believes the 'Nyumba Ni Choo' campaign run by the government nationally through the Ministry of Health in Tanzania, will be a savior for citizens who have the challenge of not having good toilets.

"We are continuing this campaign by conducting inspections and regular education is provided

in collaboration with the ward health officers to ensure that the toilets are clean for the people to avoid epidemics," says Ndimile while emphasizing that awareness is one of their daily work in the community.

The health expert has admitted that his office recognizes the situation of people of special groups, including the disabled, and they always advise the presence of friendly toilets when reviewing the construction map for areas with a concentration of people to bring equality to everyone.

He says that the motivation they give to the community is not only the cleanliness of the toilet but also the entire flow that should be done in implementing the issue of hygiene, including encouraging hand washing using running water and soap.

He advises citizens to involve health professionals when they want to build a toilet in order to advise on the best way to build a good and friendly toilet for everyone, the goal is not to leave people with disability behind.

Delivering Sustainable Development Goal 6 by 2030 is going to take more than funding, it demands new approaches, huge resourcefulness, and innovation

It has to bring lasting change in people's lives. All stakeholders must align with strategies and plans agreed upon nationally and locally, and work in a coordinated way.

"Our plans must reflect which group of people are at risk of being left behind and put in place the strategies needed to address such inequalities," says WaterAid country director in Tanzania Mzinga.

According to the United Nations, everyone has the right to access sanitation services that provide privacy and ensure their dignity and safety. Lack of sanitation affects the whole community.

That is why world toilet day for the year 2022 highlighted the impact of the sanitation challenge on underground water. It reflected poor sanitation systems that spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, contaminating the water resources under our feet. Safely managed sanitation protects groundwater from human waste pollution.

Groundwater is the world's most abundant source of freshwater. It supports drinking water supplies, sanitation systems, farming, industry and ecosystems. However, there are reports of some wells dug in areas that interfere with water from toilets.

It is important for policymakers around the globe to fully recognize the relationship between sanitation and groundwater in their plans so as to protect this vital water resource.

NIT in new pact to enhance maritime cooperation, blue economy

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dar es Salaam Merchant Group (DMG) to enhance cooperation in the maritime area.

According to the agreement, DMG who is the shipbuilder and designer will accommodate NIT students and staff to gain practical experience from their ongoing projects.

NIT Rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa said: "Through the MoU, DMG will provide practical training to NIT students hence enabling them to graduate as competent professionals in maritime transport ready to serve the market."

He added: "The objective of this MoU is to promote the mutual relationship between NIT and DMG in enhancing skills development for students and staff in areas related to maritime."

"Other areas of collaborations will include staff training and fieldwork placement, study visits as well as an industrial attachment for NIT staff to DMG facilities," he observed.

Meanwhile, in promoting the blue economy, NIT has also

introduced a Diploma in Ship Building and Repair course but also a Bachelor's Degree in Shipping and Port Logistics Management as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Naval Architecture which are all aimed to train human capital to support the modern marine transportation industry.

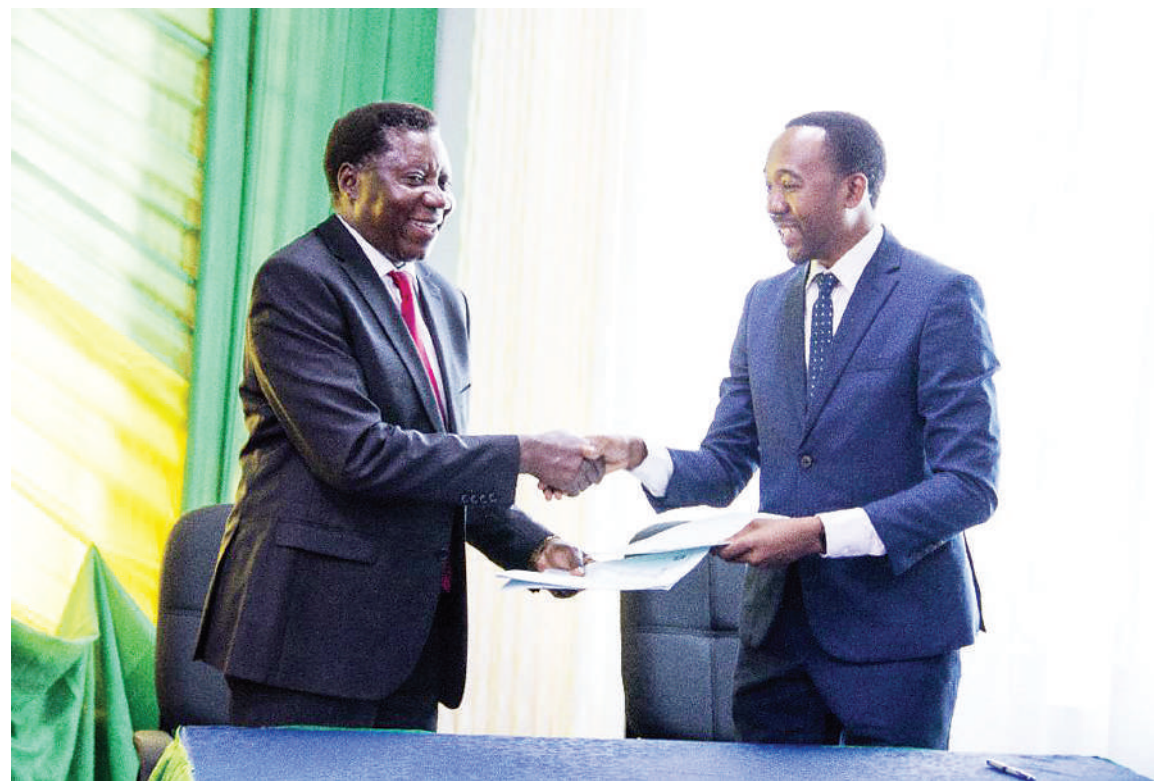
"In Lindi, we have secured a land that we want to construct a maritime school so as to further support the blue economy," he concluded.

DMG managing director Rayton Kwembe said that the MoU has come at the right time when marine transport is facing a shortage of local professionals in ship building and repair.

"We are hoping to see a number of local professionals in ship designing, building and repair improve as of now we are employing professionals from Koreans and Chinese in most of our projects."

"With this MoU, our company agreed to provide internships, field attachment, provide specific modules for visiting professionals, and industrial attachment for staff and students," Kwembe said.

He noted: "Under the contract, NIT students will also



National Institute of Transport NIT rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa (L) and DMG managing director Rayton Kwembe exchange document after the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam.

gain practical knowledge and experience in our company so as to be able to compete in the market after graduating. We believe both parties will also gain a lot of expertise through this arrangement.

"Through the MoU, Com-

pany which is very capable in shipbuilding + ship repair will provide job opportunities and notable awards to the best-performing graduates in the maritime related courses."

"We have decided to enter into an agreement with NIT

because we want to bridge the knowledge gap in maritime transport as well as produce qualified graduates to serve in the industry," he said.

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) is a public higher learning institution es-

tablished in 1975 as the training wing of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC). NIT was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidi-

ary companies of NTC. These subsidiary companies were: National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar-as-Salaam Limited (UDA), Regional Transport Companies (RET-COs).

National Institute of Transport is the only such training Institute in Sub-Saharan excluding South Africa, mandated by the Government of United Republic of Tanzania to offer training in transport and communications

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

The Institute has highly skilled personnel both academic and administrative staff. It also has modern machines and equipment for teaching, research and consultancy services. The equipment like modern Vehicle Inspection machines are only at NIT (Tanzania).

Vaccine refusal, floods impact polio drive in Pakistan

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VACCINE refusal is impacting the eradication of polio in Pakistan.

Pakistan has vaccinated about 35 million children during its door-to-door campaign, but about 500,000 remained unvaccinated due to refusal by their parents, Jawad Khan Polio officer in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, recorded in 2022 so far.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, one of Pakistan's four provinces, has reported all 20 polio cases. North Waziristan has detected 17 infections, Lakki Marwat 2 and South Waziristan 1.

Khan says that hesitancy against vaccination is not a new trend, as Pakistan has been facing this problem since the start of the polio-eradication campaign in the 90s.

Of the 17 cases reported in militancy-riddled North Waziristan, 12 were not vaccinated, while five were partially immunized.

Muhammad Shah, whose son was diagnosed with the polio virus in August, told IPS that he had been opposing vaccination because this wasn't allowed in Islam.

"Our religion Islam says that no medication is permissible before the occurrence of any ailment; therefore, our people defy vaccination to fulfill their religious obligations," he said. Shah, a religious preacher, says his son will soon recover from the paralysis.

He says he was unrepentant in refusing vaccination of his child and would continue to thwart efforts by vaccinators to inoculate the toddler.

North Waziristan district, located near Afghanistan's border, has many militants who staunchly oppose vaccination.

"It was the hub of the polio virus till 2014 when militants ruled the area illegitimately as there was a complete ban on all sorts of immunization. The Taliban militants were evicted through a military operation in 2014, and parents started vaccinating their kids," Sajjad Ahmed, a senior health worker, said.

According to him, polio vaccinations have decreased with the emergence of militancy in the area.

"In the last three months, three persons, including two policemen and one health worker,



A young child receives vaccine drops in Pakistan, but the region has experienced an upsurge of cases because of vaccine refusal. IPS

have been killed by unknown assailants during a polio drive in North Waziristan," he said.

People are afraid to take part in the campaign due to fear of reprisals by Taliban militants, he said.

Dr Rafiq Khan, associated with polio immunization in the region, told IPS that parents refuse vaccination, arguing that it was a US and

Western plot to render recipients impotent and cut the population of Muslims – a baseless argument.

"Alleged Taliban have killed about 70 vaccinators and policemen since 2012. Government deploys 25,000 policemen in each three-day campaign to ensure the safety of workers," he said.

Khan said that militants are pressuring the

people against vaccination, due to which parents weren't willing to administer jabs to their kids below five years.

"We are also facing fake finger marking of kids. As a standard procedure, our vaccinators mark the thumb of the vaccine recipients with indelible ink so that we know how many children have been immunized," he said.

However, the parents ask the vaccinators to mark their kids' fingers without vaccination, he said. In this way, parents deceive the government.

"Now, we have started convincing the parents through community elders and religious scholars to create demand for vaccination," he said.

The government has enlisted the services of religious scholars to do away with refusals against poliomyelitis.

Maulana Amir Haq, a pro-vaccination cleric, told IPS that they had been holding awareness sessions with people telling them vaccination is allowed in Islam.

"It is the responsibility of the parents to safeguard their kids against diseases and vaccination aimed to prevent the crippling ailments. There, parents should fulfill their religious duty and inoculate their sons and daughters," he said.

He said that laboratory reports confirm vaccines given to Pakistan's children are safe and don't contain any ingredient to sterilise the recipients. The situation is changing because we now reach hardcore refusal cases and vaccinate them.

Federal Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel said that it is crucial to understand that the only protec-

tion from polio is vaccination, and parents should protect their children against disability through free immunization.

"We want to wipe out the virus and safeguard not only our own kids but all around the world," he told IPS.

Polio will keep haunting us until we interrupt transmission, Federal Health Secretary Dr. Muhammad Fakhre Alam said.

On August 31, a 16-year-old boy was diagnosed positive for polio in Waziristan, which shows how robust Pakistan's virus detection network is because it highlights that we can identify polio cases in children outside the usually expected age, he said.

National Emergency Operations Centre Coordinator for polio, Dr Shahzad Baig, expressed concerns about the spread of wild poliovirus as millions of people in the country are displaced by recent floods.

"The scale of the current calamity is absolutely devastating. As part of the polio programme, our network of health workers is here to support in every way we can, but I am deeply concerned about the virus gaining a foothold as millions of people leave their homes and look for refuge elsewhere," he said.

The province of Balochistan and parts of southern Punjab, and 23 districts of Sindh were unable to hold a vaccination drive as floods swept away homes and villages around the country. Despite the extreme climatic conditions, polio teams reached children in all accessible areas, he said.

Neighbouring Afghanistan is facing the same problems; however, it has detected only two cases this year, IPS

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 4 LETTERS: SALT, TIME, LOME, IGAD, ENDS, ISLE SNAR (7 WORDS)
 5 LETTERS: PANEL, ENDED, STARK, TIGRE, ROMEO (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: NEEDLE, PENALS, RUSSIA, SKILLS LOOSER (5 WORDS)
 7 LETTERS: TUNNELS
 8 LETTERS: FLAMINGO
 10 LETTERS: SITUATIONS

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CLUES: Across

1 a Japanese dish of thinly sliced beef or pork boiled quickly with vegetables and then dipped in sauce
 5 a crow-like bird
 7 little in size
 8 a soft plastic mixture
 10 a male child
 11 police officer in East Afrika
 13 a musical instrument
 15 a piece of writing on a particular subject
 17 laws formerly in operation in S.Africa controlling blacks
 19 rowdy behaviour
 20 the holding of an office

Down:

1 class, kind, variety
 2 on the top of
 3 the place where one lives
 4 basic monetary unit of Panama
 6 large New Zealand parrot
 7 labour hard
 9 Assegai
 12 Lake victoria in Kenya
 14 a course or run for skiing
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 17 argument in favor of something
 18 a habitual drunkard

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CRDB Bank supports TZ tourism roadshows in four European cities

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc sponsored and attended the international tourism roadshows namely 'My Tanzania Roadshows' held from November 12th to 19th in four European cities.

The roadshows, organized by international tourism shows and workshops organizing firm KILIFAIR based in Moshi, Kilimanjaro region held in Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Paris (France), Cologne (Germany) and Brussels (Belgium).

"My Tanzania Roadshows" are tailor-made and fully dedicated Roadshows connecting a maximum of 30 exhibitors (hotels, lodges, airlines, tour operators and DMC's) to 25-40 selected buyers (Africa specialists, tour operators and travel agents) at each event city.

The statement issued by CRDB Bank yesterday said the roadshows gave opportunities for tourism companies and authorities as well as stakeholders to share experiences, learn new cultures,

promote tourists products and attractions found in Tanzania.

Speaking during the roadshows, CRDB Bank's senior manager, digital and cards payments Victor Makere said through the events, the bank used the opportunity to meet individual and companies based in Europe, through its Diaspora customer portfolio, to serve them in case they are interested in investing in tourism sector in Tanzania.

"Through the roadshows we managed to meet with clients in tourism sector whom we informed them about our payment systems to enable them to ease make payments when they travel to Tanzania," he said.

He said CRDB Bank Plc therefore attended the roadshows as part of supporting the initiative by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote tourism by offering convenient banking services aimed at opening up investment opportunities in the sector.

KILIFAIR says will also organize such



Victor Makere CRDB Bank Plc's senior manager cards and digital payments, addresses tourism stakeholders from the government as well as owners and supervisors of tourism firms on financial products and services offered by the bank to the sector: Photo by Guardian Correspondent

event in March (13th-17th) next year to be held in Eastern Europe in Prague (Czech Republic), Warsaw and Krakow (Poland), Bratislava (Slovakia) and Budapest (Hungary).

"In 2019 Poland formed the 10th largest group of travelers in Tanzania from January to July 2022 it was already No. 4 source for Tanzania with 29,000 visitors and No. 1 for Zanzibar with almost 25,000 visitors," said KILIFAIR.

In 2019, before Covid-19 pan-

dem, data shows Czech tourists to Tanzania amounted 6,400, while those from Slovakia were 2,700 and 1,960 were Hungarians.

KILIFAIR also said another roadshow event is planned in May next year to be held in Northern European cities of Stockholm in Sweden, Copenhagen in Denmark as well as Hamburg and Berlin in Germany.

Cooperation partners for the event according to KILIFAIR include Tanzania National Parks

Authority (Tanapa), Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), Ethiopia Airlines, Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), Zanzibar Commission for Tourism (ZTC) and Tanzania Unforgettable.

Tanzania's tourism sector is seeing a rebound after the Covid-19 pandemic and the aspirations for its continued growth are high: by 2025, the country hopes to reach US\$6 billion in tourism revenue, which assumes the influx of five million tourists annually.

Before the pandemic, tourism was the largest foreign exchange earner, the second largest contributor to the gross domestic product (GDP) and the third largest contributor to employment.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) in its Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021 published in May 2022, themed "Rebuilding for a Sustainable and Resilient Future" ranked Tanzania as 5th of the sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries (and 81st globally out of 117 countries, up from 86th in 2019).

TIC, UNDP promote SDGs investment opportunities

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA Investment Center (TIC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized an investment forum to shed insights on investment opportunities from economic sectors aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

TIC Executive Director John Mnali says the forum that will bring together over 100 local and multinational companies representatives, start-ups and innovators will be held today in Dar es Salaam.

According to him, five sectors have been picked up as priority areas that Tanzania

needs to attract investors and push for sustainable development come 2030.

"The sectors that align with the SDGs and that we would like investors to come and explore opportunities are food and agriculture, alternative energy sources, real estate, waste management, infrastructure, education and services," said Mnali.

Mnali asserted that the center is looking at attracting investors in fruits and vegetable processing, raw hides processing, solar energy generation, affordable residential homes, horticulture storage and transport infrastructure.

The forum also targets at attracting investments in low to mid-fee schools, affordable

day care centers, polytechnic centers and community based tourism products production.

"At the forum, the local business community will also have an audience of holding business to business meetings with foreign investors. We are expecting business delegations from China, UK, United States and a few African countries," said Mnali.

He further pointed out that the government has selected six projects to be showcased during the B2B meetings for the purpose of attracting investors.

The projects are two Edible oil processing projects under Tanzania Investment Bank,

Development of agricultural SEZ project at Usa river in Arusha and Farkwa dam construction and conveyance system project in Dodoma under the ministry of water.

The other projects are Singida solar power project 100MW under the National Development Corporation (NDC), Waste recycling and renewable energy project under TIRDO and the Development of railway network for Dar es Salaam commuter train services project under the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC).

Emmanuel Nko, UNDP head of inclusive growth said that the forum will serve as guidance to the private sector on the poten-

tial to contribute to national development priorities and support the achievement of the SDGs. "The forum provides insights into local market conditions, local SDG investment opportunities, highlighting the business opportunity as well as the expected development impact of such investment."

"They can make a significant contribution to filling the financing gap by mobilizing private capital for the SDGs," said Nko.

According to him, the forum also targets at creating awareness on the directions in supporting businesses with the potential to resolve social problems and support sustainable development.

Tanzania now tweaks terms for Ruvuma PSA before gas production

By Guardian Correspondent & Agencies

THE Tanzanian government has signed an update to the production-sharing agreement (PSA) for the Ruvuma licence, pledging support for expansion plans.

The original PSA only had terms for oil production. Companies working on the Ruvuma licence intend to begin producing gas from the Ntorya field in early 2024.

Aminex has a 25 percent non-operated stake in the project and is carried in the first phase by operator ARA Petroleum Tanzania (APT). Sciocco Energy has the other 25 percent stake and is in the process of selling down to APT.

The additions to the PSA were signed with Minister of Energy January Makamba and the managing director of Tanzania Petroleum Development Corp (TPDC) Dr. James Mataragio.

Under the agreement, the government signed on to back the development of more gas resources as



Ntorya gas condensed field, Ruvuma basin. File Photo

soon as possible. In the meantime, it agreed to accelerate production at Ruvuma.

Tanzania also agreed to build a 30 km pipeline from the Ntorya field to the Madimba processing and pumping station. This should be ready within six to nine months.

"We are delighted that another essential stage in developing the Ruvuma asset has been reached," said Aminex executive chairman Charles Santos.

He described the signing as a "tangible sign" of the Tanzanian government's support for the Ruvuma work.

"The Ruvuma PSA Addendum is just the latest demonstration of the determination of all parties to work constructively and rapidly together to advance this significant project for the further development of the Tanzanian energy sector," he said.

Earlier this month, Aminex reported APT had pushed back the spud date for the Chikumbi-1 well to March 2023. The operator had blamed challenges securing a rig.

The plan for Ntorya will be to use the new well, and two existing producers, to drive gas production. This plan, Aminex said, would mean production started almost 12 months earlier than planned.

Assuming all goes well, the plan may scale up to five more development wells. This would increase production to more than 140 million cubic feet per day of gas.

Africa requires US\$190bn in annual investments to achieve energy goals

DAKAR

AFRICA will require about US\$190bn worth of investments annually between 2026 and 2030 to meet its energy and climate goals to boost socio-economic prosperity on the continent.

Seyi Sobogun (pictured), Head of Capital Projects at Egbin Power Plc, a Sahara Power Group Company, said this here while delivering a paper entitled 'Energy Mix - The Challenges with Funding and Deploying Commercially Viable Renewable Energy Solutions', at the recently concluded West Africa Power Pool Conference.

Citing the International Energy Agency's Africa Energy Outlook for 2022, Sobogun said: "Achieving Africa's energy and climate goals

means more than doubling energy investment this decade. This would take it over US\$190bn each year from 2026 to 2030, with two-thirds going to clean energy."

Noting that Africa's energy generation would continue to be from natural gas, as renewables were expected to grow from 21 per cent in 2020 to 59 per cent of electricity generation by 2030, Sobogun said Africa would require about US\$2.64trn, roughly the size of the continent's GDP, to rely 100 per cent on renewable energy sources for electricity generation by 2050.

He said the funds would be required to drive the installation of the renewable energy sources as well as the infrastructure needed for the generation, network and storage system and other enabling costs.

According to Sobogun, solar, wind and hy-



dro power generation are the most viable renewable energy solutions in Africa. He pointed out that Nigeria's photovoltaic power potential made solar energy very feasible for both investors and consumers.

"Sahara Power is currently harnessing this potential through the implementation of large-scale and mini-grid solar projects," he stated.

He added: "Sahara has begun the implementation of solar energy in Nigeria through large-scale renewables such

as the construction of a 5MW solar farm in North East Nigeria and the deployment of mini-grid solutions to locations that commenced with three pilot projects within Sahara Power's Ikeja Electric franchise in Lagos."

He said the solar solution in Lagos is expected to benefit over 20,000 households, with a far-reaching positive impact on economic activities. Public and private investors have been the sources of funds to Africa's renewable energy investments, including international donors, banks and development finance institutions.

Between 2000 and 2019, Africa received a total of US\$109bn in public commitments in the energy sector. Almost US\$60bn of that was committed to the renewable energy sector.

Agencies

Dietary crop farming improves nutritional uptake for Kilolo

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Kilolo

RESIDENTS of Nyanza Village, Kilolo district, Iringa region has managed to improve nutrition uptakes after increasing the cultivation of dietary crops including potatoes.

Iringa is one of the region which is facing children stunting and malnutrition due to poor nutrition, despite of being the country's food basket.

Villagers say there has been an increased harvest of orange fleshed sweet potatoes (OFSP), high nutritious which also help to curb miscarriage among pregnant mothers.

Speaking with The Guardian, farmers said there were problem of mothers losing their pregnancy due to lack of minerals such as zinc, of which the OFSP has.

Furaha Sued, a farmers said after starting to cultivate 'Kiegea' potatoes variety, he discovered to have health benefits.

"Dietary potatoes with orange colour are a type of sweet potatoes which contain various minerals, including zinc and vitamin A," he said.

He said that through the USAID/LISHE ENDELEU project implemented by a non-governmental organization - Save the Children, they

were told that OFSP has a lot of benefits.

Sued said that since he started growing OFSP, he has made a lot of income due to high demands.

"Dietary potatoes have many uses, including making nutritious flour, burns, chapati, chips and ugali or porridge..." explained Sued.

He added the potatoes not only solve the challenge of poor nutrition but also source of income.

Save the Children regional livelihood coordinator Samuel Kitila said the goal of the project is to increase the production of mixed dietary food crops and motivate their consumption to increase the nutritional status.

He said that they have conducted a farmer field day, OFSP cooking and wash demonstration for farmers of Nyanza village to increase production.

This variety, he said has moderate yield of 12-15t/ha, tolerant to Sweet Potato Virus Disease (SPVD), and have moderate dry matter content.

Kitila added that the USAID/LISHE Endelevu programme is implemented in three councils of Kilolo DC, Mafinga Town Council and Iringa Municipal Council.

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USAID/Lishe Endelevu team, farmer, agricultural officer and project beneficiaries holding harvested OFSP at Nyanza Village in Kilolo District. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

al program manager, said that until now the nutrition project in Iringa has shown great results and response from the regional government to villages.

She said the four-year 2018-2023 pro-

gramme, is targeting to fight against stunting for children less than five years.

Revocatus Rwegoshora, the Agricultural Officer of Iringa region asked farmers to take advantage of the opportunity

of growing dietary crops to increase their income.

Despite progress made, millions of children and women in Tanzania continue to suffer from one or more forms of under-

nutrition, including low birth weight, stunting, underweight, wasting, vitamin A deficiency (VAD), iodine deficiency disorders, and anemia.

NAIROBI

Absa profit up 30 pct on increased lending

ABSA Bank Kenya posted a 30 per cent jump in net profit in the nine months that ended September on the back of higher income from lending.

The company's net earnings stood at Sh10.7 billion in the review period, up from Sh8.2 billion the year before.

"The impressive results have been realised on the back of double-digit revenue growth, powered by acceler-

ated lending, especially to the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in recognition of the central role they play in Kenya's economic transformation and job creation," Absa said in a statement. The bank's total interest income rose 24.6 per cent to Sh29.3 billion as the loan book expanded 26.3 per cent to Sh289.4 billion.

It also benefited from in-

creased investments in government debt securities whose yields have been rising in recent months.

Its portfolio of treasuries increased 10.4 per cent to Sh139.8 billion. Absa's bottom line was also boosted by a 16.4 per cent rise in non-interest income to Sh10.1 billion which the institution attributed to new business lines and foreign

exchange earnings.

"In the period, the bank's transformation agenda has continued to pay off ... driven mainly by better performance in forex income and growth from new businesses such as asset management and bancassurance," the lender said.

It is among the big banks that have reported strong growth in revenue from forex

transactions at a time there has been a huge demand for dollars. Absa raised its provisions for bad debt 47.9 per cent to Sh5 billion, contributing to its operating expenses increasing 22.4 per cent to Sh18.3 billion.

The bank said the higher provisions are due to one-off releases that were booked last year, adding that its default

rate is still lower than the sector's overall. "Non-performing loans ratio is at 6.9 per cent and expected to be better than the industry average, demonstrating the prudence of the bank's lending decisions," Absa said. Its gross defaults rose by Sh402.3 million to Sh20 billion. Most of the big banks have reduced their provisions substantially, with

some cutting back despite an increase in defaults. Absa's customer deposits increased 4.5 per cent to Sh281 billion, contributing to interest expenses jumping 22.4 per cent to Sh6 billion.

It had declared and paid an interim dividend of Sh0.2 per share for the half year ended June. Other big banks had delayed the interim payout that they announced in the results for the nine months that ended in September.

UAE plans US\$ 150bn on global energy push

ABU DHABI

THE United Arab Emirates' main energy company will boost investment to \$150 billion over the next five years, speed up an increase in oil production capacity and list some of its natural gas business.

Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. also said it would expand its international gas, chemicals and clean-energy operations.

The moves are part of a push by the company and the UAE to raise output of hydrocarbons while at the same time neutralizing planet-warming emissions by 2050.

The decisions were made at an annual board meeting on Monday led by the UAE's president, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed.

The OPEC member has, along with neighboring Saudi Arabia, criticized Western governments and investors for trying to transition away from fos-

sil fuels too quickly.

They've pointed to this year's surge in prices as evidence there's been too little investment in oil and gas exploration in recent years.

"The world needs maximum energy, minimum emissions and it needs all the energy solutions if we are to ensure global energy security," Sultan al Jaber, Adnoc's chief executive offer, said in a statement.

Adnoc will combine its liquefied natural gas and gas-processing arms in a new unit. It will sell a minority share of the business, to be called Adnoc Gas, through an initial public offering in Abu Dhabi in 2023.

Abu Dhabi's stock market, along with those in Dubai and Riyadh, has been a rare bright spot for IPOs this year. While most major markets, including Europe and the US, have seen deals slump, Persian Gulf economies benefited from oil's surge above \$100 a barrel earlier this year.



The moves are part of a push by the company and the UAE to raise output of hydrocarbons

Adnoc owns 70% of its LNG arm, with the rest held by Japan's Mitsui & Co., BP Plc and TotalEnergies SE. Adnoc will build a new LNG production plant at the port city of Fujairah as it looks to al-



most triple its capacity to around 15 million tons a year. It's also growing its LNG trading division.

Adnoc Gas Processing is 68%-owned by Adnoc. The other shareholders are Total, Shell Plc

and PTT Pcl of Thailand.

Adnoc Gas will be one of the world's largest gas-processing entities, Adnoc said, with a capacity of 10 billion cubic feet a day across eight onshore and off-

shore sites. It will have a pipeline network of more than 3,250 kilometers (2,019 miles).

Demand for gas -- used largely as fuel for power plants and heating -- is soaring as Europe rushes to replace supplies from Russia. In September, Adnoc said it would send more LNG cargoes to Germany.

Adnoc will now aim to raise crude output capacity to 5 million barrels a day from just over 4 million by 2027, earlier than the previous target of 2030. Some of the \$150 billion of capital expenditure -- an increase on the company's previous five-year spending target of \$127 billion that was announced a year ago -- will go toward that.

Adnoc's net zero pledge -- which will only apply to emissions from its operations, not those from customers burning its fuel products -- follows that of the UAE itself, made in 2021.

The company also said its oil reserves had risen by 2 billion barrels this year to 113 billion, and that its gas reserves stood at 290 trillion cubic feet. These "reinforce the country's position in global rankings as the custodian of the sixth-largest oil reserves and the seventh-largest gas reserves," Adnoc said.

Musk in war with Apple over App Store fees

SAN FRANCISCO

THE Tesla (TSLA) CEO and new head of Twitter Elon Musk (pictured) took to his social media platform to call out the iPhone maker for pulling back on advertising on the site and called out Apple for its 30% App Store fees.

In a series of tweets, Musk accused Apple of suppressing speech by requiring apps in its store to abide by certain content standards and questioned whether or not the company hates free speech in

America. In one tweet, Musk specifically tagged Apple CEO Tim Cook's Twitter account.

According to Musk, Apple has stopped most of its advertising on Twitter. If true, Apple wouldn't necessarily be alone in choosing to pull back ads on Twitter.

Companies ranging from GM and VW to General Mills and Eli Lilly have either slowed ad spending on the platform or stopped advertising on the social network entirely in the weeks since Musk's chaotic

takeover.

Musk also responded to a tweet by The Verge's deputy editor Jake Kastrenakes saying that Apple is threatening to remove Twitter from the App Store if it doesn't abide by the tech giant's moderation demands.

It's not unheard of for Apple to pull apps from the App Store, either. In 2021, the company suspended the Parler app for not moderating user content including what it said at the time were threats of violence.

Apple eventually reinstated the app after Parler agreed to better moderate content.

The mercurial Musk went on to claim that Apple puts a "secret 30% tax" on items consumers purchase through the App Store. Apple's App Store fee policy has been public knowledge for years. It was also the subject of an antitrust suit Epic filed against Apple in 2021.

Musk's stab at Apple's App Store fees comes as he attempts to pivot the company away from relying



heavily on advertising and more toward subscription services. Of

Twitter's \$5.1 billion in total 2021 revenue, \$4.5 billion came from advertising.

Musk has already attempted to change to a subscription model by revamping Twitter Blue, which allowed users to purchase verification badges. But that blew up when trolls bought badges to masquerade as companies and celebrities ranging from LeBron James to Nestlé.

If, however, Musk could get his subscription plans off the ground, he'd run headlong into Apple's 30% fee. In other words, Musk would end up having to fork over 30% of every subscription purchase customers made via the App Store to Apple.

EU banks face tough rules on cloud computing

LONDON

FINANCIAL firms in the European Union will have to show how quickly they could recover from a cyber attack as they rely more for key services on 'cloud computing' giants such as Amazon, Microsoft, Google and IBM, the EU said on Monday.

Regulators worry about the speed and scale at which banks, insurers and investment firms are moving critical functions and market operations onto a handful of cloud platforms.

A glitch at one cloud company could potentially bring down services across many financial firms, regulators have said.

The EU Council, which represents the 27 member states, said it has completed the bloc's final approval stage for the new Digital Operational Resilience Act, known as DORA.

Banks and other financial firms already have plans for IT security but more was needed so they stay resilient through a severe disruption, said Zbynek Stanjura, finance minister for the Czech Republic, which holds the EU presidency.

"Thanks to the harmonised legal requirements which we adopted today, our financial sector will be better able to continue to function at all times," Stanjura said.

The requirements will apply to financial firms and "critical" third parties supplying cloud based services.

"If a large-scale attack on the European financial sector is launched, we will be prepared for it," Stanjura said.



FILE PHOTO: The financial district with Germany's Deutsche Bank and Commerzbank is pictured in Frankfurt

The bloc's securities, insurance and banking watchdogs will write technical rules to implement the new law.

The European Parliament, which had joint say, has already given the green light and the law will come into force around the end of 2024.

regulators will be given powers to designate which outsourced services can come under direct supervision of the Bank of England and Financial Conduct Authority.

Toyota's global vehicle production up 23 pct

TOKYO

TOYOTA Motor Corp reported on Tuesday a 23% rise in October global vehicle output, beating its own target for a third month in a row, as the industry strives to get past persistent chip shortages that have hobbled production.

The Japanese automaker produced 771,382 vehicles globally in October, above a downgraded target of 750,000 units and up 23% from the same month a year earlier.

But growth slowed from record monthly output of more than 887,000 cars manufactured in September, and Toyota continues to face supply chain disruptions as China battles nationwide COVID-19 outbreaks and implementation restrictions and lockdowns.

The company said on Tuesday it was adjusting some operations in China due to COVID lockdowns.

Earlier this month Toyota cut its annual output target, as it battles surging material costs and a persistent chip shortage.

A Toyota executive in charge of purchasing said at the time that the global auto chip shortage would continue, as chipmakers have prioritised supplies for electronics goods, while natural disasters, COVID lockdowns and factory disruptions have slowed a recovery in auto chip supplies.

Toyota expects to produce 9.2 million vehicles this fiscal year ending March 2023, down from the previous forecast of 9.7 million but still ahead of last financial year's production of about 8.6 million units.

Boom in oil activities boosts demand for skilled welders

KAMPALA

THE China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec) Uganda last week launched a selection round for welders to undergo hands-on training in advanced fabrication and recruitment on the Tilenga project in Nwoya District.

The selection attracted 40 applicants, drawn from the oil project affected districts, in which 10 to 15 successful trainees, will be selected for welding jobs, the company said, while the rest will be considered for other positions.

The applicants, one after another in their testimonies delivered at the training facility run by Sunmaker Energy in Bugolobi, indicated they did not initially consider welding a worthwhile undertaking until recently.

Nearly all of them had elementary experience in fabrication but in the highly standardised oil and gas industry, advanced knowledge in welding and certification is still a challenge.

Welding is basically fusing separate pieces of metal together, using intense heat and pressure.

From communication gadgets to transport vehicles and medical equipment to ammunition, construction equipment and all sorts of machinery, are all works of the welders. For long spells welding was regarded a dirty and dangerous job - a preserve for vocational education and others self-taught fabrication workshops - but with the construction of the oil infrastructure taking shape that view is fast changing.

While Uganda has a considerable supply of welders with advanced knowledge, certification has proved a challenge. In a few instances, the oil companies and their contractors have had to pick the tab for local welders to attain advanced training courses in 4G, 5G and 6G or 6GR levels, respectively. Uganda has 12 accredited vocational institutions that train in the different levels of welding including, Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba, Sunmaker Oil and Gas Training Institute, Nakawa Vocational College and, Uganda Technical College, Kichwamba.

Sinopec officials said they have mobilised experienced expatriate welders to make sure that standard welding skills are transferred to local welders, supported by more training and retooling.

"We are engaging local welders and will engage more in the course of project execution," said Mr Zhang Zongxin, the Sinopec Uganda boss.

The company early this year offered training to 26 local welders. Sinopec is one of the two contractors, alongside US-based McDermott, awarded the engineering, procurement, supply, construction and commissioning tender for the Tilenga project operated by TotalEnergies.

It is employed on the northern part of Tilenga in Nwoya District and expects to start pipe construction and installation from the well pads inside the Murchison Falls National Park in the first quarter of 2023.

The Tilenga project will produce about 230,000 barrels of oil per day to be fed into the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline. Welders and fabricators are an integral part of speeding up the ongoing construction phase to kick start commercial production in 2025. Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) indicates that 1,230 welders are required during the construction phase.

"The country has been able to train 1,147 welders from 2G-6G coded welding with international certifications," Ms Gloria Sebikari, the PAU manager for corporate affairs, but noted they are cognizant of the fact that Ugandans may not, at the start have all the required welding skills for the various stages of the construction of the respective oil and gas facilities and installations.

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MONDAY 28 Nov			
5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo	21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	21:30	Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
6:00	HABARI	21:45	Kipindi maalum: TCDC
6:40	Kumekucha	22:30	Soap: Uzalo
7:30	HABARI	23:00	Habari
8:00	Kumekucha Michozo	23:30	The Base
8:55	Habari za saa	00:30	Al Jazeera
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12:00	Al Jazeera	7:30	HABARI
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19:00	Alya ya Jamii	14:00	Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt
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9:00	Watoto wetu	16:30	Watoto Wetu
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11:00	World Cup review	18:00	Jiji Letu
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WORLD

Biden calls on Congress to avert potential rail strike

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Monday called on Congress to intervene to avert a potential rail strike that could occur as early as Dec 9, warning of a catastrophic economic impact if railroad service ground to a halt.

Biden asked lawmakers to adopt the tentative deal announced in September "without any modifications or delay" to avert a potentially crippling national rail shutdown and added that up to 765,000 Americans "could be put out of work in the first two weeks alone."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said lawmakers would take up legislation this week "to prevent a catastrophic nationwide rail strike, which would grind our economy to a halt."

On Monday, more than 400 groups called on Congress to intervene in the railroad labor standoff that threatens to idle shipments of food and fuel and strand travelers while inflicting billions of dollars of economic damage.

A rail traffic stoppage could freeze almost 30 percent of US cargo shipments

by weight, stoke inflation and cost the American economy as much as \$2 billion per day by unleashing a cascade of transport woes affecting US energy, agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare and retail sectors.

"A rail shutdown would devastate our economy," Biden said. "Without freight rail, many US industries would shut down ... Communities could lose access to chemicals necessary to ensure clean drinking water. Farms and ranches across the country could be unable to feed their livestock."

Biden hailed the contract deal that includes a 24 percent compounded wage increase over a five-year period from 2020 through 2024 and five annual \$1,000 lump-sum payments.

Workers in four unions have rejected the tentative deal, while workers in eight unions have approved it.

Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack have been involved in discussions with the rail industry, unions and agriculture industry stakeholders.

Senator Roger Wicker, the top Repub-



US President Joe Biden

lican on the Commerce Committee, praised Biden's call to Congress to act and said no one side was fully happy with the compromise contract deal "but the responsible thing to do is avoid the strike."

The Association of American Railroads said "congressional action to prevent a work stoppage in this manner is appropriate ... No one benefits from a rail work stoppage - not our customers, not rail employees and not the American economy."

In a letter on Monday, the US Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, National Retail Federation, American Petroleum Institute, National Restaurant Association, American Trucking Associations and other groups warned that impacts of a potential strike could be felt as soon as Dec 5.

Biden said Congress "should set aside politics and partisan division

and deliver for the American people. Congress should get this bill to my desk well in advance of December 9th so we can avoid disruption."

"The risks to our nation's economy and communities simply make a national rail strike unacceptable," says the letter to congressional leaders first reported by Reuters, warning a strike could halt passenger railroad Amtrak and commuter rail services that "would disrupt up to 7 million travelers a day."

Biden's Presidential Emergency Board in August released the framework for the tentative deal forged in September between major railroads and a dozen unions representing 115,000 workers. Those carriers include Union Pacific, Berkshire Hathaway Inc's BNSF, CSX, Norfolk Southern and Kansas City Southern.

Agencies

WHO renames monkeypox as 'mpox' to avoid stigma

GENEVA

TO avoid racist stereotypes and stigmatization, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended on Monday that the monkeypox virus be renamed "mpox."

Both names -- mpox and monkeypox -- will be used simultaneously for one year while the latter is phased out, the WHO said in a press release. The change comes after a number of individuals and countries have raised concerns in several meetings and asked the WHO to propose a way forward to change the name.

The one-year transition period serves to mitigate experts' concerns about confusion caused by a name change in the midst of a global outbreak. It also gives time to complete the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) update process and to update WHO publications.

In July, the WHO officially declared the multi-country

monkeypox outbreak outside of the traditional endemic areas in Africa a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), the highest level of alert that the global health authority can issue.

It is the WHO's responsibility to assign names to new and existing diseases through a consultative process, which includes the WHO member states. The consultation on monkeypox has involved representatives from government authorities of 45 different countries, it said.

According to the WHO, as of Saturday, 110 member states had reported 81,107 laboratory confirmed cases and 1,526 probable cases, including 55 deaths.

Most cases reported in the past four weeks were from the Americas (92.3 percent) and Europe (5.8 percent). The number of weekly reported new cases globally decreased by 46.1 percent in the week of Nov. 21-27.



A patient shows his hand with a sore caused by an infection of the monkeypox virus, in the isolation area for monkeypox patients at the Arzobispo Loayza hospital, in Lima on Aug 16, 2022. Nearly 28,000 cases have been confirmed worldwide in the last three months and the first deaths are starting to be recorded. AFP

15 killed as security forces end 20-hour hotel siege in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU

SOMALI security forces said Monday they have ended a more than 20-hour siege at a popular hotel in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, that left at least 15 people dead including six attackers.

Sadiq Dudishe, Spokesman of the Somali Police Force said five of al-Shabab attackers were shot dead, one blew himself up after the militants stormed Villa Rosa Hotel in Mogadishu at

around 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Dudishe said eight civilians and one soldier were killed and five were wounded in the attack which has been roundly condemned by the international community. "Sixty people were safely rescued from the hotel," he told a televised news conference in Mogadishu.

The heavily fortified hotel is a popular hangout spot for senior government officials including the business community and three

ministers were inside the facility at the time of the attack, the police said. It was unclear how the extremists stormed inside the heavily secured hotel which is near the presidential palace but witnesses said they first heard gunshots at the gates of the hotel before the attackers stormed inside.

Al-Shabab, which has waged nearly two decades of insurgency to topple the internationally-backed government, claimed responsibility for the latest attack,

saying its fighters were targeting a gathering of officials inside the hotel.

The latest hotel assault is the third attack by the al-Shabab since the new government took over in May.

The militants in August killed 21 people at Hayat hotel in a siege that lasted for 30 hours and an attack on Tawakal Hotel in the southern city of Kismayo in October where 11 people lost their lives.

The Villa Rosa Hotel attack came hours after the

government announced that more than 100 al-Shabab extremists were killed in an operation backed by the international partners in the central region, two days over 60 militants were killed in the southern part of the country.

Al-Shabab extremist group was driven out of Mogadishu in 2011 but it is still capable of conducting attacks, targeting government installations, hotels, restaurants, and public spaces.

Xinhua

China rebukes Canada for ideologically-biased strategy

BEIJING

CHINA on Monday expressed serious concern about and firm opposition to Canada's Asia-Pacific region diplomatic strategy designed to "mitigate risks posed by China," saying it is dominated by ideological bias.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian made the remarks at a daily news briefing when asked to comment on the strategy. He said that the content on China in the strategy hypes up the so-called "China threat" and makes unwarranted accusations against China.

"The Chinese side is gravely concerned and strongly opposes this, and we have made solemn demarches to the Canadian side," Zhao said.

Zhao said that China has all along been committed to peaceful development and advocated openness and inclusiveness. China has been a defender of world peace, a contributor to global development and an upholder of international order.

China's development creates opportunities for the world and strengthens the force for world peace. No matter what level of development China achieves, it will never seek hegemony or expansion.

"Who is safeguarding world peace and promoting common development and who is fanning up the Cold War mentality and hyping up bloc confrontation? The international community knows all too well," said Zhao.

The principle of non-interference in each other's internal affairs is a "golden rule" governing state-to-state exchanges. Affairs related to Taiwan, Xinjiang and Hong Kong are purely China's internal affairs, which allow no finger-pointing from external forces, he said.

The Chinese side will not waver in its resolve to safeguard the nation's sovereignty, security and development interests, he added.

"The Canadian side has said on many occasions that it attaches importance to its relations with China and would like to improve and grow the relations with eyes set on the future.

The Canadian side needs to honor its words, show sincerity and goodwill, seek common ground while reserving differences, adopt reasonable and practical policies towards China, and deliver its commitments with concrete efforts," Zhao said.



Zhao Lijian, spokesperson for China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attends a regular press conference in Beijing, China on Nov 9, 2022. File photo

Uganda sees fewer Ebola cases amid strict control

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S tough stance on Ebola control measures, including a strict lockdown in the epicenter of the outbreak, is yielding results as fewer cases are being reported, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has said.

Museveni said in a statement, read by Vice President Jessica Alupo on Saturday, that a 42-day lockdown imposed in Mubende and Kassanda districts, the epicenter of the Sudan strain of Ebola, has limited the spread of the deadly disease to other parts of the country, especially in densely populated areas.

Museveni said he acknowledged the pain and the inconvenience caused by the restrictions but insisted that had they allowed the escalation of the outbreak into the Ugandan capital of Kampala, the consequences would have been bad, including possible exportation of the virus to neighboring countries.

Since the outbreak of the virus was reported on Sept. 20, it has moved to seven districts, according to the Ugandan Ministry of Health. Museveni said the ministry responded with swiftness in districts where cases were reported. He cited the case of Jinja city, in the eastern part of the country, where 300 people who had contact with an Ebola patient were put under institutional quarantine.

As of Nov. 26, 141 people have been confirmed positive for Ebola virus disease, 79 have recovered, and 55 have succumbed to the disease, according to figures from the government. In order to consolidate the gains made, Museveni extended the lockdown in Mubende and Kassanda for another 21 days up to Dec. 17. He said if the 21 days elapse with no new cases recorded in the two districts, then the lockdown would be lifted.

"I would like to assure the public that we have established a fully-fledged response to contain the disease spread. We are very optimistic that the outbreak will come to an end in the coming months," the president said.

QR code makes life of Chinese people more convenient

QR code is nowadays bringing huge convenience to the Chinese people. It is widely used by them to pay for commodities, log in to their online accounts, verify their identities, and obtain information about objects.

According to a report recently issued by the Payment & Clearing Association of China, QR code scanning is the most frequently used payment method for 95.7 percent of Chinese mobile payment users, and 52.6 percent often pay for their fares on buses and metro services with QR code. The proportion of users who pay with prepaid transportation cards or cash has decreased, said the report.

Besides, users can use the scanners on

some mobile payment platforms to obtain information about objects, such as flowers and animals.

For instance, the scanner on mobile payment platform WeChat can recognize over 100 million commodities, 300,000 famous paintings, 100,000 landmarks, tens of thousands of animal species, and 5,000 plant species.

A man with mobility difficulties in Shanghai, whose surname is Liu, recently attempted to book a wheelchair by scanning a QR code on the seat of a bullet train from Shanghai to Beijing. His order was soon received by an attendant and then reported to the conductor.

When Liu's train arrived in Beijing, a wheelchair was already waiting for him on the platform.

Since September this year, a standardized QR code has been added to the paper and digital business licenses held by all 3.2 million market entities in Shanghai. The QR code carries relevant information about the entities, including their registration information, business permits, and supervision information.

Nanjing, the capital of east China's Jiangsu province, has pasted a QR code sticker to all electronic scales in farmers' markets. By scanning the code, consumers can acquire

relevant information about the scales, such as the specification and calibration, so as to make sure the measurement is accurate.

However, while bringing more convenience to the people, QR codes also trigger problems. For instance, they are sometimes used to conduct illegal and criminal activities.

In order to crack down on such crimes, mobile payment platforms have expanded their investment in the development of anti-fraud systems.

In December 2021, the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, issued a technical specification on barcode payment which regulates the coding rules and safety require-

ments of barcode payment to ensure the safety of users' information and assets.

Qiu Han, a researcher with the Institute for Network Sciences and Cyber-space of Tsinghua University, said that as the internet industry maintains rapid development, the fight against telecom and online fraud will become a globally challenging issue that calls for joint efforts from multiple industries and entities, such as payment organizations, financial institutions, public security departments, telecommunication carriers, and internet companies.

People's Daily

UK royals in US spotlight as William and Kate visit

LONDON

PRINCE William and his wife Kate are expected to fly out to the United States today for their first visit for eight years, as an intense media spotlight on the British royal family and the sons of King Charles shifts across the Atlantic.

The US trip will be the new Prince and Princess of Wales' first overseas excursion since the death of Queen Elizabeth, which meant William - Charles's eldest son - became the heir to the throne.

The visit has gained added significance as it comes a few days before William's Los Angeles-based younger brother Prince Harry and American wife Meghan take the limelight at a prestigious awards ceremony ahead of a Netflix TV documentary and revealing memoir.

For royal commentators and many in the British press, it will be a chance to contrast the popularity and lives of the two brothers, whose falling out, along with Harry and Meghan's criticism of the monarchy, has become one of the defining stories of the House of Windsor in recent years.

"The royal family are a competitive bunch, they always have been and always will be," royal biographer Andrew Morton told Reuters.

"Prince William is the future king, Prince Harry no longer has a royal role. But nonetheless, they will be looking at the optics to see who had the biggest crowds, who had the most column inches and if they tell you otherwise, don't believe them."

William and Kate will visit Boston, primarily to attend an awards ceremony for the Earthshot environmental prize which the prince set up. It is being viewed by the royals as a trip rather than a more traditional tour.

The last time they visited the United States in November 2014, they were guests of then-president Barack Obama at the White House.

This visit will be lower key: they will visit local environmental, educational and community projects in Boston, although the Earthshot ceremony itself will be a star-studded event with the likes of Grammy-winning singer Billie Eilish and Oscar-winning actor Rami



Britain's Catherine, Princess of Wales, and Prince William, Prince of Wales, leave the Copper Box Arena in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park after taking part in an event with Coach Core, in London, Oct 13, 2022. AP

Malek.

"Our number one focus... is the Earthshot Prize and we won't be distracted by other things," a source close to William said.

The drama surrounding the Windsors will also draw in America's most famous political family, the Kennedys.

During their three-day stay, William, 40, and Kate, 40, will visit the John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum where they will meet Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the former president and now US Ambassador to Australia.

A few days later, Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, will go to New York for the Robert F Kennedy

Ripple of Hope Award where they will be honored for their commitment to social change and human rights work, in a group which also includes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Royal villains

For many in the British press, Harry and Meghan have become the royal villains, turning their back on duty while using their royal status to forge out lucrative careers and earn millions, including from an upcoming Netflix documentary series.

The involvement with Netflix has been especially criticized because of the depiction of events about the royals in the

US streaming service's popular drama "The Crown", most notably surrounding Charles and the break-up of his first marriage to Princess Diana - William and Harry's late mother.

In contrast, William and Kate are portrayed in the British media as dutiful and earnest, encapsulating the style of monarchy set by the late queen.

Polls suggest there is a generational division, with younger Britons warming to Harry and Meghan more than those aged over 60.

"Megan and Harry are a polarizing couple," said Morton, adding the couple who he described as "the king and queen of California" had been mobbed on their last trip to New York.

"It'll be interesting to look at the size of the crowds in New York, where Megan and Harry accept their award, compared to the crowds for William and Catherine in Boston."

Erin Hill, US People magazine's senior editor, Royals, agreed.

"I think it's only natural for people to want to pit these two couples against each other," she told Reuters. "But I think American audiences are not viewing this as a competition."

She said there would be huge US interest in both William and Kate's trip and the Netflix documentary, while Harry's upcoming memoir "Spare", released in January, would be "the book of the year".

"I can tell you that Americans have never been as enthusiastic about the royal family as they are now," said Morton, who was in California to promote his latest book "The Queen".

"The Crown", for all the criticism, has actually introduced a new generation of royal addicts," he said.

Erdogan urges Islamic cooperation to ease economic gloom

ISTANBUL

TURKISH

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday called for stronger trade and economic cooperation among Islamic countries amid growing concerns of a global economic recession.

In an opening address to the 38th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) in Istanbul, Erdogan said that the world's economic woes have yet to be over.

"Expectations of a (global) recession are rising worldwide, indicating that the light at the end of the tunnel is yet to appear," he was quoted by state-run Anadolu agency as saying.

"Advancing our trade and economic cooperation as the Islamic countries will contribute to the efforts to turn this crisis into an opportunity," he added.

The agenda of the ministerial COMCEC committee meeting includes improving transport and communications, developing sustainable and competitive tourism sectors, increasing agricultural productivity to ensure food security, and cooperation on digital transformation, according to media reports.

Turning to Türkiye's efforts to alleviate the global food crisis, Erdogan said "we believe that the extension of the Black Sea grain corridor agreement will alleviate the suffering ... especially that of our African brothers."

More than 11 million tons of grain and foodstuff were delivered to the international markets following the landmark deal signed in late July by Türkiye, Russia, Ukraine, and the United Nations. On Nov 19, the agreement was renewed for 120 days.

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G7 no longer dominates G20, Russia's sherpa says

MOSCOW

THE adoption of the outcome declaration during the G20 Bali summit indicated that the G7 no longer dominates this association, Russia's G20 sherpa Svetlana Lukash (pictured) said in an interview for Vedomosti.

"The G7 is, of course, more consolidated [compared to other G20 states - TASS]. They gather in advance and make some joint decision like the one how they intend

to ignore someone. But they fail, and the declaration shows once again, by the way, that their voice no longer dominates the G20," Lukash said.

According to the sherpa, the main issues that required consensus for the outcome declaration to be adopted were the situation in Ukraine and the grain deal agreements.

"Those were the two key elements and, at the end of the day, the two key victories by Russia and



developing economies," the Sherpa said.

She underscored that the adopted language fully complies with Russia's interests and "do not allow the voice of the West to dominate."

"Throughout this entire year, the West sought to prove that Russia and its special military operation are to blame for all ongoing crises on food and energy markets. The declaration's text proves the opposite, though," Lukash underscored.

The Sherpa noted that that the countries have already expressed their positions on the situation in Ukraine, including in the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly, which "made it possible to avoid making specific assess-

ments of the Ukrainian conflict by the G20 itself." Meanwhile, it was "cemented that there is no dominance of the Western concept, which accuses Russia of all negative processes."

The document does contain "condemnation, but not of Russia, but the war itself," the official said. Lukash noted that the Bali declaration "acknowledges the existence of different opinions both regarding the conflict in Ukraine and regarding the role of sanctions."

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China advances renovation of old urban residential communities to improve people's quality of life

THE renovation of old urban residential communities is an important task enhancing people's quality of life, as well as a vital part of China's efforts to advance urban renewal.

Improving the environment and services of old urban residential communities is of vital significance for fulfilling people's desire for a better life and promoting high-quality economic and social development.

China issued a guideline on comprehensively renovating old urban residential communities in 2020, in an effort to meet the requirements for enhancing life quality, expand domestic consumption, promote urban renewal and transition in development and construction, and facilitate high-quality economic development.

At the end of the last year, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and other departments jointly issued a notice, saying the renovation work should focus more on quality, reduce its dependence on subsidies from the central government, introduce more social capital and establish a sustainable mechanism.

Zhu Guiying is a resident who has been living in Tangqiuwan community, Yueyang, central China's Hunan province for over 20 years. According to her, the community was always flooded when the rainy season came, and sometimes the ponding could be more than 1 meter deep.

Besides, the sewage would also emerge from underground and emit a terrible stink on rainy days, Zhu said.

Thanks to a pipeline renovation project launched in the community, waterlogging has never happened again.



An old residential building in Shuangjiang township, Tongdao Dong autonomous county, Huaihua, central China's Hunan province is being renovated, Aug. 31, 2022. (Photo by Li Shangyin/People's Daily Online)

"It's no longer a trouble for us to go outside when it rains," Zhu told People's Daily.

Aging pipelines and waterlogging are urgent problems facing many old residential communities. To improve the drainage performance in the Tangqiuwan community, the team implementing the pipeline renovation project applied technical equipment and tailored a targeted upgrading plan based on surveys and investigations.

It divided the pipeline system buried under the community into two sections - one for rainwater and the other for sewage. Besides, the team built an integrated pump station to drain the ponding in the community. When sensors detect that the water level reaches a preset value, the pumps start working to improve drainage efficiency with a total capacity of 1,300 liters of water every second.

Apart from the pipeline ren-

ovation, the team also guarantees follow-up maintenance for the community. According to the team, underground pipelines are nowadays checked by a remote-control mobile monitor that can be sent underground and transmit real-time images. Once the damage is spotted, a robot will be sent to the location and repair the pipeline with ultraviolet coating technology.

The renovation work is not only about facility improvement, but also about service optimization. To enrich the supply of community-based elderly care, childcare and catering services, many cities have started exploring a sustainable mechanism that provides quality services and draws more social participation.

By introducing social capital, a residential community in Shijingshan district, Beijing has built a cafeteria, a club for seniors, rooftop gardens

and a vertical parking system. The programs, including neighboring communities around, form a scale effect and sustainable operation. Zaozhuang city of east China's Shandong province is also offering favorable tax policies and vitalizing idle resources to attract social participation in the renovation of old urban residential communities.

In the past 10 years, China has started renovating 163,000 old urban residential communities, benefiting more than 28 million households.

A total of 185,000 kilometers of aging water pipes, cables, gas pipes, caliducts and communication wires across the country have been upgraded. As many as 36,000 community-based elderly care, childcare and other service facilities have been built.

Around 219,000 old urban residential communities built before the end of 2000 are expected to be renovated during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025).

People's Daily

Three Palestinians reported killed amid deadly West Bank clashes

RAMALLAH, West Bank

ISRAELI forces killed at least three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank yesterday, Palestinian officials said, in the latest in a months-long series of deadly clashes between security forces and Palestinians.

Two brothers were killed near the hub city of Ramallah and a third man was shot in the head in the town of Beit Ummar near the city of Hebron in clashes with Israeli forces, the Palestinian health ministry said.

The Israeli military confirmed the two clashes and said it was aware of the reports of two Palestinians killed near Ramallah and was investigating.

Later yesterday, Israel's emergency services said they treated a young woman who was seriously injured after being hit by a car in what the military said was a ramming attack near the Kochav Yaakov settlement outside Jerusalem. Police said they shot the suspected attacker.

The Israeli military has cracked down on militant groups and protesters across the West Bank following a number of attacks by Palestinians in Israel earlier this year.

Last week, incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu named far-rightist Itamar Ben-Gvir as security minister with powers over West Bank policing under a coalition deal being worked out to form a new government.

Yesterday's clashes began when two Israeli military vehicles stalled outside Beit Ummar during what the army called routine activity

and troops opened fire when protesters shot at them and hurled rocks and petrol bombs, the military said.

The incident near Ramallah appeared similar, with troops firing on protesters throwing stones and petrol bombs.

Hundreds gathered outside a Ramallah hospital to pay their respects to the family of the two brothers, both in their early twenties.

"They are my children," the father was heard saying through tears as he embraced his dead sons in a video circulating on social media.

Senior Palestinian official Hussein al-Sheikh in a tweet called the killing of the brothers an "execution in cold blood".

The Palestinian health ministry said 205 Palestinians have been killed this year, including those who died during a brief conflict in Gaza in August.

According to Israeli military figures, prior to Tuesday's bloodshed, the number of Palestinians killed so far this year stood at 136, including civilians and members of militant groups. At the same time, 23 Israeli civilians and eight security personnel have been killed in Israel and the West Bank.

Agencies



An Israeli flag flies in a street in front of the Ibrahimi Mosque or the Tomb of the patriarchs, in the West Bank town of Hebron, on May 26, 2022. AFP

SPORT



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president Wallace Karia.

TFF can hardly direct age limit for district-level soccer tournaments

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

A directive has lately been issued by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) requiring that district associations organizing leagues should limit the players registered for such competitions to 20 years of age.

The TFF president Wallace Karia explained his directive with an observation that the idea is to develop youth talents and thus avoid bringing in players 'who have retired from upper league contests'.

There is an impression that the TFF leader sees soccer not as a social activity but as talent scouting and thus wishes to throw out thousands of youths from the competition.

The TFF president is wrong on at least two issues, first whether such a vocation of district competitions is valid as an objective, and whether as the TFF leader it is within his mandate to decide that only U-20 should play football in the country.

Were this decision reached by a national conference of all associations including the district level that make the TFF membership and duly reached this decision, that would have been one issue.

But if it is entirely a directive from the TFF leadership there is a way that, in association terms, it can be null and void.

The issue here is that league football is a competition format of a social activity that has to be free to attract the highest number of youths in the society.

The TFF seems to be unaware of the social dimension where the highest possible number of participating youths is the better, and that no age limit can be placed on the right to social inclusion in any sport, or a competitive format of that sport.

In other words, TFF can directly organize U-20 tournaments at the district level, not converting existing leagues into a U-20 format as it would lose its texture and fold up.

Strictly speaking, what the TFF leader appears to have in mind is a massive school competition, as up to 18 years of age one is likely to be in secondary school, and up to 20 years, in high school.

The tournaments appear to involve non-school youths, playing football for fun, and having their cheer groups and support networks.

Trying to reset that competition to make it a U-20 only is a confusion of objectives, as the TFF leader was speaking more of talent scouting than competition as such.

This position taking on the part of TFF is an illustration of the 'big results now' attitude which is tantamount to forcing outcomes rather than engineering them as the basic concept supposes.

Chunga refutes resigning from his position in Dar Athletics Association

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FELIX Chunga has said that he cannot resign from his post in the Dar es Salaam Regional Athletics Association (DAA) even after the official won the position of Athletics Tanzania (AT) Executive Committee representative for the Coast Region in the association's recent by-election.

Chunga is the assistant secretary of DAA, a position he held before running for the AT post, and was elected after collecting 21 votes in the national athletics body's by-election that took place in Dodoma on November 27.

Although some local athletics stakeholders questioned the legitimacy of working for DAA and AT at the same time, asking Chunga to resign from DAA duty, the official said he cannot do that because he is not contravening

the law.

"I am not prevented from being DAA assistant secretary, because I am not the first in athletics to serve the regional association and AT," he said.

Speaking about his plans in the regions of Lindi, Mtwara, Dar es Salaam and Coast Region, the area the official represents at AT, Chunga said his goals are to implement all that is required according to the constitution.

Chunga noted: "First, I will start by visiting the regions and looking at their policies and how they run athletics, as well as having joint strategies to raise athletics in our region."

"School teachers and coaches should also get various athletics courses and strengthen regional teams for national and school competitions (Umisseta and Umitashumta) in our region to do well," Chunga added.

SPORTS

Tanzanian swimmers on cloud nine after CANA Zone Three glorious success

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipoke

A little over a week ago, a truly monumental sporting feat of massive import was achieved by Tanzanian swimmers at the greatly valued CANA Zone Three Swimming Championships held here in Dar es Salaam.

Indeed, despite the strong challenge mounted by the likes of Uganda and South Africa among others, our swimmers distinctly proved to be a cut above the rest and magnificently ended up winning the whole shebang.

Following this swimming tour de force then, it is hoped that immense investments will be made into local swimming to maintain the sport's impressively upward trajectory.

Indeed, it appears that there are loads of talented swimmers on the local scene as our country has fabulously claimed the CANA Zone Three Swimming Championships title on two earlier occasions in 2016 and 2017.

It seems then that this is an opportune moment to redouble our efforts at boosting local swimming as doing so will help us to reap enormous rewards.

Let us now turn our attention to local wheelchair tennis where the country's foremost wheelchair tennis coach, Riziki Salum recently attended a four-day workshop for the sport's coaches that took place in Accra, Ghana.

At this juncture, it should be noted that our wheelchair tennis players have produced smashing performances at international competitions in the last few years despite the many obstacles impeding the sport's development.

These damaging hindrances include a lack of modern wheelchairs, a lack of qualified coaches, and arguably, most crippling, a lack of wheelchair tennis tournaments on the home front.

Admittedly, the fact that Riziki Salum was in attendance at the coaching workshop in Accra will not solve all of



Swimmers making Tanzania's national squad in a group photo after they were presented with the national flag recently before battling it out in the 2022 African Swimming Confederation (CANA) Africa Zone Three Championships which climaxed in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

the challenges facing local wheelchair tennis in one fell swoop.

That notwithstanding, though, one expects that Salum will return home with an enlightened perspective on wheelchair tennis coaching, which ought to be a good omen for the sport going forward.

Speaking of advancing, many die-hard football fans on the continent must be elated by the encouraging fact that Senegal and Morocco picked up their first victories at this year's World Cup in Qatar last weekend.

Indeed, the Lions of Teranga (Senegal's nickname) easily brushed aside the hosts 3-1 to earn their first three points of the competition, which sets them up for a high stake, winner-takes-all duel against Ecuador in their last group A face-off.

Indeed, battling it out with Ecuador will not be an easy task for Senegal as the former's captain Enner Valencia has been in deadly, red-hot goal-scoring form at this World Cup.

Still, the Lions of Teranga are renowned for their famous fighting spirit and one strongly feels that Senegal will need an iron will in spades to overcome Ecuador and seal a berth in the championship's knockout round.

As for the Atlas Lions of Morocco, their stunning and

deserved 2-0 win against mighty Belgium must have put huge numbers of their fans in seventh heaven, and rightly so.

The sensational humbling of Belgium, who are ranked second in the FIFA World Rankings, maintains the uplifting theme of giants being felled by underdogs as the likes of Argentina, Germany and now Belgium has discovered to their detriment.

Hopefully, then, Ghana, Cameroon, and Tunisia will be able to get in on the giant-killing act that is taking this already memorable FIFA World Cup by storm.

Dar soccer center celebrates Thanksgiving Day

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 100 children from various parts of Dar es Salaam on Saturday celebrated Thanksgiving Day by taking part in sporting activities.

The celebrations were organized by Magnet Youth Sports Organization (MYSO) and involved some children from Dar es Salaam-based less privileged centers.

Speaking at the event, Tuntufye Mwambusi, MYSO Director, said this is the third year in a row that his center is celebrating Thanksgiving Day.

He said the aim is to offer children now raised at foster centers the opportunity to showcase their talents and have the time for celebration and relaxing with others.

"Thanksgiving Day is commemorated on November 24, it is a day people thank the Lord for His blessings, we thought it wise to celebrate it with less privileged centers, we eat, dance, play football, and do other activities together, I think this is the better way for us to celebrate Thanksgiving Day," he said.

He further said as a center that identifies, develops, and promotes football talents, it will be making follow up on children who will demonstrate prowess.

Joyce Shabaan from Kunduchi-based Unshakable Center hailed the celebration's organizers for the gesture, saying it has given them a sense of belonging.

Shabaan said her center works in collaboration with other centers to develop arts and sports in Kunduchi and surrounding areas.

"We are happy to be part of these Thanksgiving Day activities organized by the center... we are also happier that children from the institution have presented assorted items which include clothes to us, the items have come at a good time to us," she said.



Some youngsters from Magnet Youth Sports Organization (MYSO) participate in a soccer duel that was part of events aiming to celebrate Thanksgiving Day organized by the center in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Swiss loss sets up enticing rematch with Serbia at World Cup

DOHA, Qatar

SWITZERLAND'S loss made its upcoming World Cup rematch all the more enticing, and with a lot more on the line.

Ever since the match schedule was made in April, the Group G game between Switzerland and Serbia has been one to keep an eye on. Not just because of the talented players on both teams, but because of the political tensions they brought on the field when they met at the last World Cup.

Four years ago in Russia, Switzerland captain Granit Xhaka celebrated his goal against Serbia by making a double-headed eagle with his hands – thumbs representing the heads of the two eagles, fingers fanned to look like feathers. The figure is considered to be an Albanian nationalist symbol.

Xherdan Shaqiri added another goal in the final minute of the game, and did the same thing with his hands as the Swiss won 2-1 in the second of the three group matches.

Xhaka and Shaqiri both have ethnic Albanian heritage and family ties to Kosovo. They were teenagers growing up in Switzerland when Kosovo declared independence from Serbia, something the Serbs still don't recognize 14 years later.

Both players were fined by FIFA during the tournament, and the government of Albania opened a bank account for people to contribute towards paying the 10,000 Swiss franc (\$10,500) penalties.

On Friday, only one of the two teams will be able to advance to the round of 16 in Qatar. Brazil, which beat the Swiss 1-0 on Monday and defeated Serbia 2-0 last Thursday, has already assured itself of a spot in the knockout round.

'It's normal - it's Kudus': Ghana youngster lights up World Cup

DOHA, Qatar

MOHAMMED Kudus announced himself on the global stage with his brace at the World Cup on Monday to show why he is one of the most coveted young players in football.

The attacking midfielder scored twice, including the winner, in Ghana's dramatic 3-2 win over South Korea in Qatar.

The 22-year-old, who plays his club football for Ajax, almost single-handedly saved Ghana's World Cup campaign when he stroked in left-footed in the 68th minute.

He had earlier scored with a header, before Son Heung-min's South Korea mounted a comeback, only for Kudus to win it for Ghana and their colourful, chanting fans.

He has now scored seven times in 20 appearances for his country, having made his debut three years ago.

It remains to be seen how much further Ghana go at the tournament – they have three points from two games and face a grudge match against Uruguay in their final Group H match on Friday.

But no matter what they do, Kudus looks set to go far once the World Cup wraps up.

Ghana captain Andre Ayew shrugged and smiled when asked afterwards how impressed he had been by his young team-mate.

"Not impressed at all," the 32-year-old forward said, a smile forming on his face again. "It's normal – it's Kudus."

"He has a bright future in front of him. We know this, I know this, Ghana knows it now, the world is going to know it."

"You'll see, more is coming from my boy."

Crystal Palace's Jordan Ayew – Andre's brother – came into the Ghana side and provided the cross for Kudus's first-half header

He said Kudus was "shining".

The Swiss likely need only a draw at Stadium 974, and Shaqiri should be available to play after sitting out the match against Brazil with a muscle injury.

Xhaka, now 30 and a mature leader for his country, brushed aside the controversial match from four years ago.

"(There's) nothing in the history behind these two games," the Arsenal midfielder said. "We are Switzerland, they are Serbia, that's it. We are here to play football – them, us as well."

Still, the Serbian delegation at this year's World Cup has already made the politics of Kosovo an issue.

Serbia's locker room ahead of its opening game against Brazil displayed a national flag with territory that included Kosovo and the slogan "No Surrender." FIFA opened a disciplinary case against the Serbian soccer federation on Saturday.

The Kosovo soccer federation formally complained to FIFA after a photograph circulated and the country's sports minister, Hajrulla Ceku, described the image as using the World Cup to promote "hateful, xenophobic and genocidal messages."

The Swiss advanced to the round of 16 in 2018 after a draw with Costa Rica in their final group match, while the Serbs were eliminated after losing to Brazil. This time, the teams go head-to-head in their final group game.

"Of course, the history is the history," said Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer, who also played against Serbia four years ago in Kaliningrad. "But in this moment it will be the game that is important."

"We know this game already," Sommer added. "We had it in Russia."

AP

Messi, Argentina play Poland for survival at World Cup

DOHA, Qatar

LIONEL Messi has already come to Argentina's rescue at the World Cup. He might just have to do it all over again.

Another emotionally charged evening awaits Messi and the soccer-mad south American nation that worships him when Argentina meets Poland today for a match with so much on the line.

For Messi, who is playing in likely his last World Cup. For Poland striker Robert Lewandowski, who might also be too old when soccer's biggest tournament rolls up next in 2026.

And for the World Cup as a whole. Because who, really, doesn't want to see Messi – one of the game's greatest ever players – in the late stages of a tournament that is heating up so nicely.

There are multiple permutations at play for the Group C finale: A win for the Argentines and they are sure to advance, likely as the group winners. A draw, and they can either finish in second place behind Poland or be squeezed out by either Saudi Arabia or Mexico, who are playing in a match taking place concurrently.

A loss? Well, that just doesn't bear thinking about for anyone associated with Argentina. The team wouldn't just be eliminated but humiliated. Messi might never be seen in the Albiceleste's sky blue-and-white jersey again.

That scenario is too much for Argentina fans to take. It's why tears were shed on the field, among the technical staff and among the fanbase after Messi scored the crucial second-half goal to set Argentina on its way to a 2-0 win over Mexico on Saturday.

That victory meant Argentina bounced back from its shocking 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia in its opening match and now has a fighting chance to avoiding a first group-stage exit since 2002.

"Now another World Cup has begun," said Messi, who will hope to score for the third straight match at this World Cup and has netted 13 goals for Argentina in 2022 – already a career-high haul in a single calendar year.

Concerns about Messi's health have dogged the seven-time world player of the year at the World Cup, starting from when he trained alone for two days before Argentina's opening game. He played the full 90 minutes against Saudi Ara-



Argentina's Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal during the World Cup group C soccer match between Argentina and Mexico, at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022. (AP Photo)

bia and also in the Mexico game, which he finished in some discomfort after turning his ankle late on.

Messi later confirmed it was nothing serious. But it only adds to the worries about the physical wellbeing of a 35-year-old player who is clearly pacing himself during matches, picking and choosing his moments to explode into life.

Elsewhere, Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni must decide whether to persist with Lautaro Martinez, who has been well covered in the first two games, or go with another striker in Julian Alvarez. Likewise, has highly rated young midfielder Enzo Fernández done enough to force his way into the team after a scoring cameo as a substitute against Mexico? And who will Scaloni pick at full back, having played a different right back and left back in each of Argentina's games?

As for Poland, some of the weight is off the 34-year-old Lewandowski's back after he finally scored a goal at a World Cup in the 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

Now he's looking to advance beyond the group stage for the first time at a World Cup. Poland hasn't done so since 1986.

Argentina fans will be wary of the threat of Lewandowski, who rivals France's Karim Benzema as the best striker in the world.

They'll know, though, that they have an even bigger icon in Messi, who continues – even in the twilight of his magnificent career – to bend soccer games to his will.

Can he do it one more time?

Meanwhile, scenes of wild celebrations featuring flares and fire are not the norm in Australia after World Cup matches.

Yet that was exactly what happened in Melbourne's Fed Square after the Socceroos beat Tunisia on Saturday for just their third win in 18 World Cup matches.

Now, Australia is after something even bigger: reaching the last 16 of soccer's biggest event – something it has achieved only once, in 2006.

Australia faces European Championship semifinalist Denmark in its decisive final group game Wednesday, with the winner likely advancing.

"It's been an amazing reaction from our result. And so there should be," said Australia striker Mitchell Duke, who scored with a header in the 1-0 win against Tunisia. "But we haven't achieved anything yet."

"It was amazing to get that result and get that third win in a World Cup for Australia. But we're not happy and satisfied with that," Duke added. "We want more and we do believe that we can get out of the group and we can get a re-

sult against Denmark and that's our main objective now."

Defending champion France has already advanced to the knockout stages in Group D with a full six points from its opening two games. Australia sits

Australia will qualify with a win, or a draw unless Tunisia beats France. Denmark needs to win and hope that Tunisia doesn't beat France.

Australia is counting on France performing well against Tunisia.

"There's players out there that are hungry for individual awards. And (France forward Kylian) Mbappé will want to keep scoring goals to try and get the Golden Boot and things like that," Duke said. "So I'm hopeful all those players in the French squad keep that same mentality and want to get the full clean sweep in their group to get the result and do us a favor against Tunisia."

Although, as Duke also pointed out, "as long as we get the job done against Denmark, it doesn't matter."

Australia drew 1-1 with Denmark in the group phase of the last World Cup in 2018.

But Denmark will expect more of itself after a lackluster 0-0 opening draw with Tunisia and a 2-1 loss to France.

"It is very clear and it is very easy; we don't have to make any calculations or think (about) other options," Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said. "It is straightforward; we will try to win the match, that is it."

AP

As Qatar World Cup unfolds, planet keeps spinning

LONDON

SOCCER – or football, to most of the global billions watching the World Cup this month – is not human society itself, with all its thorny issues. But at times, the game is a reflection of the entire planet – of nations, their disputes, their aspirations and those of a multitude of minority communities.

In early November, just weeks before the most heavily scrutinized World Cup in the tournament's history kicked off in Qatar, top FIFA officials sent a letter urging teams to "let football take center stage."

FIFA president Gianni Infantino followed this up on the eve of the opening match with a one-hour diatribe against all who had criticized the host nation's human rights record, the conditions that led to thousands of migrant workers dying building the nation's glittering new stadiums and its stance on LGBTQ issues.

Fans from around the world have a different idea of what that "center stage" should show. Many, but not all, Iranians attending matches in Qatar have wanted to express their support for protesters at home. And they've wanted the team to do the same.

Other political issues have been erupting fast and furious on a near-daily basis. And outside the World Cup bubble, the world itself has kept turning in some of its most fractious events, both unsurprising and surprising: Russia's war in Ukraine, mass shootings in the United States and the sudden eruption of protests in China.

Of the sporting spirit, George Orwell wrote: "I am always amazed when I hear people saying that sport creates goodwill between the nations, and that if only the common peoples of the world could

meet one another at football or cricket, they would have no inclination to meet on the battlefield."

His point stands. Russia was banned from this World Cup after hosting the previous one in 2018, mirroring the isolation the country and its leaders face for the Ukraine invasion. Ukraine itself fell at the last hurdle for qualification, with fans at home likely more concerned about bombardment and survival amid electricity and water shortages than watching matches in Qatar.

Decades of enmity between the United States and Iran have been seeping into the buildup before the two nations play a critical World Cup match Tuesday that could see one of the countries progress to the knockout stages. The U.S. Soccer Federation briefly displayed Iran's national flag on social media without the emblem of the Islamic Republic, saying the move supported protesters inside Iran. The Tehran government reacted by accusing America of removing the name of God from its national flag.

The century-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including Israel's occupation of lands Palestinians want for a future

state, has also featured in Qatar, though neither national team is competing. The Palestinian flag and pro-Palestinian fans have been prominent, while Israeli media and fans have been less welcome in an Arab nation that has not normalized relations with Israel.

As Morocco completed a famous victory over the highly-ranked stars of Belgium Sunday, unrest broke out in Belgian cities and also in the Netherlands, where the immigrant North African community has long been marginalized. "Those are not fans; they are rioters. Moroccan fans are there to celebrate," the mayor of Brussels said.

LGBTQ rights have been at the fore in Qatar as well, with the country under the microscope for its human rights record and laws criminalizing homosexuality.

Germany's players covered their mouths for the team photo before their opening match to protest against FIFA following the governing body's clampdown on the "One Love" armband. Sporting rainbow colors, a symbol of LGBTQ rights, has been a key contentious issue. Some European officials have brought those colors to the stands.

Qatari soccer fans responded to Germany's protest by holding pictures of former Germany playmaker Mesut Özil while covering their mouths. This referenced Özil, a German-born descendant of Turkish immigrants, quitting the national team after becoming a target of racist abuse and a scapegoat for Germany's early World Cup exit in 2018. "I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose," Özil said at the time.

Keeping the world out of sport, as this tournament and many World Cups and Olympics before have shown, is well nigh impossible. This is especially true in a hyperconnected world, with each word, each gesture, each celebration or outpouring of dismay magnified for a global audience.

Football may indeed claim center stage when these matches are watched and nations' nervous systems go through the wringer. But day-to-day complex issues are never far from the surface, always ready to burst through and dominate. The rest of the world, it turns out, doesn't end where the soccer pitch begins.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Kudus was still playing for Ajax's youth team as recently as last year, before making an impact on the elite stage with four goals in this season's Champions League.

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Caravans Cricket Club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB

Caravans Cricket Club hammers Union SC in 2022 Gymkhana Shield tournament

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS' cricketers have kept on proving their worth in the 2022 Cello|Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield competition having garnered a 143-run drubbing of Union SC at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's oval on November 26.

It was a commanding showing put on by in-form Caravans' cricketers, ruthlessly tormenting their opponents to keep on enjoying the driver's seat in Group A of the showpiece.

Batting first once Union Sports Club's cricketers had won the toss and elected to bowl, Caravans made no mistake with the opportunity, posting 216/2 in the allotted 20 overs, the tournament's highest total thus far.

Veteran Nandakishan Pottachira was in great form for the batting outfit, ending with 121 runs which included nine sixes and 10 fours.

It was a sublime batting performance by the cricketer, commanding the century which happens to be the first of the 2022 edition of the tournament.

The opener was well supported by fellow opener Nasibu Kelvin and top-order cricketer Amal Rajeevan, ending with 44 runs not out, as the latter also made their way back with impressive scores.

Kevin's experience was in the view given the cricketer notched 36 runs, cracking five fours in his innings.

Pottachira's batting skills propelled Caravans to 211 runs, and the cricketer's innings ended with two balls remaining.

The cricketer had made his way back to the pavilion after he was stumped by Union Sports Club's Shiraz Shokat from Shabar Rattansi's ball.

It turned out to be the only wicket Union Sports Club had notched when they fielded, with Rattansi's fellow bowlers struggling to contain resolute Caravans members of the batting unit.

In response, Union SC's batting weakness was duly exposed as the cricketers were bowled out for 73 runs in 19.5 overs.

Notable showing with the bat in the fruitless chase came from Hasnain Damji, deployed at number three and made his way back with 29 runs consisting of two boundaries and a six, Shokat posted 10 runs, opener Ali Rehemtulla made his way back with 14 runs.

Union Sports Club's members of the batting unit could hardly face Caravans' bowling attack after Shokat was dismissed with 28 balls left, leaving the crease in quick succession.

Caravans' Adersh Dileep and Pottachira were so far the members of the side's bowling unit with scintillating showing, with Dileep having ended with three wickets in four overs and Pottachira taking two wickets in 0.5 overs.

Pottachira was rightly named the duel's Player of the Match because of his solid all-round showing that had the cricketer recording 121 runs and posting two wickets.

This year's edition of the annual cricket tournament, which is hosted by the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's Cricket Section, seeks to raise the standard of the game domestically.

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Cello Ruby's Magic and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). Other sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and PEPSI.

This year's edition of the tournament was officially launched at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's venue on November 1.

Simba SC plots Coastal Union downfall in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's interim head coach Juma Ramadhan Mgunda has said that plans and strategies to ensure that his side comes out victorious against Coastal Union have officially started in Dar es Salaam.

The gaffer's statement was issued upon the Msimbazi Street club's return from Kilimanjaro on November 28, having faced Polisi Tanzania in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

Simba SC played away to Polisi Tanzania at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro on November 27 and secured a 3-1 victory, goal-getter Moses Phiri netted a brace and fellow attacker John Bocco scored one for the winners.

Coach Mgunda revealed he has already started planning for the next league tie against Coastal Union, pointing out he believes the game will be difficult due to the quality of their opponents.

He noted he has started to prepare his squad to achieve the goal intended by his technical bench, as well as Simba SC fans, who have always wished to witness their outfit coming out victorious.

The gaffer pointed out: "After finishing our clash against Polisi Tanzania, I had a chance to talk to my players, the main issue I told them is that we are going to play against Coastal Union and there is a lot of work to do to ensure that we continue to do well in that game."

"I know you are good players, Coastal Union also has a good team that can win, so we will prepare intensively in training so that we can go to Tanga to get good results," the gaffer disclosed to his footballers.

"Much as Tanga is my home, it is not a reason for us to go to Mkwakwani Stadium and come out victorious, the important issue here is to prepare to face Coastal Union," Mgunda stressed.

The gaffer will return to Mkwakwani Stadium for the first time since he left his former outfit, Coastal Union, in September 2022 to join Simba SC as an interim head coach.

In another development, the Msimbazi Street side's attacker Moses Phiri has said that he has never played an attacking role and he has never been given the task of scoring since he moved to it.

The Zambian striker moved to Simba SC at the end of last season from Zanaco FC and his arrival at the Msimbazi Street club has started to yield good results following his competence in scoring goals.

He pointed out he believes in scoring goals and that is why his job has become easier every time he gets a chance.

The footballer stated that he has never played as a striker who was assigned to find the opponents' back of the net from the moment he started playing football in Tanzania.

He noted that he wishes to be entrusted with serving as a striker to continue helping Simba SC in its pursuit of three points, whether it is at home or away.

The goal-getter disclosed: "I don't know whether I will at the end of the season compete with attackers because I don't play in the attacking position but I have been fulfilling my duties, once I get a chance to score, I always score."

Nabi: Yanga must raise their level to compete in CAF Confederation Cup

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

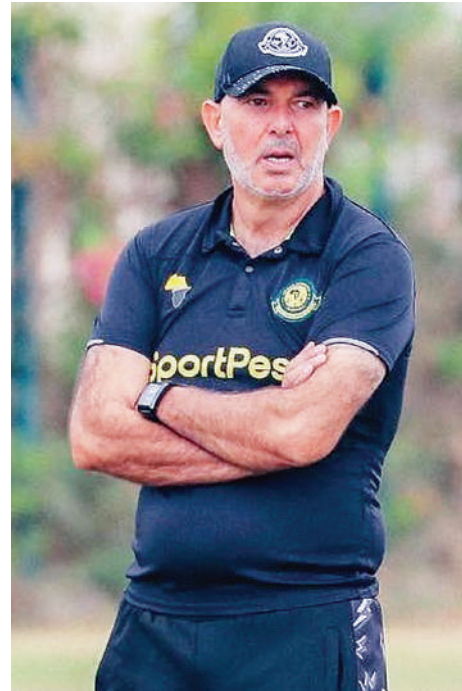
YOUNG Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabi demands his team to 'try and raise the level of play' to match the quality needed to enjoy success in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

The Tanzanian soccer giants, alias Yanga, who dropped to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup from the 2022/23 CAF Champions League have earned a group stage berth after edging out Tunisia's Club Africain 1-0 on aggregate, having won the return fixture 1-0 in Tunisia after playing to a 0-0 draw in the first leg in Dar es Salaam.

Coach Nabi has won the NBC Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup and two Community Shield silverware with Yanga has witnessed his side last tasting defeat in the league on April 25, 2021, when they lost 1-0 to Azam FC.

It was the 56-year-old's first game in charge of the Green and Yellow squad. Nabi said Yanga's players must raise their performances to compete in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

"The truth and, to be modest and sincere, we have not yet hit peak because, considering the quality of competition that corresponds to



Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage, we have to raise the levels of the team. We still have a lot lacking at this level but we are making progress, bit by bit."

After qualifying for the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage for the first time since 2018 when they failed to make it to the last eight, Yanga will be hoping to fol-

low in the footsteps of their age-old rivals Simba SC who progressed to the quarter-finals last season.

Nabi's side will find out which of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage qualified teams the Tanzanian side will be drawn against on December 12 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.

The draw will divide the 16 teams that reached the group stage into four groups of four teams each. The mini-league stage will start in February 2023.

The other sides completing the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage include ASKO de Kara (Togo), DC Motema Pembe (DR Congo), Pyramids FC (Egypt), Rivers United (Nigeria), Al Akhdar SC (Libya), Diablos Noirs (Congo), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), and ASFAR Club (Morocco).

FC Saint Éloi Lupopo (DR Congo), US Monastir (Tunisia), AS Real Bamako (Mali), Future FC (Egypt), USM Alger (Algeria), ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire), and Marumo Gallants (South Africa) will also take part in the continental showpiece.

There are a couple of rules that restrict Yanga from being drawn against a few of the other teams who have progressed to the group phase.

The teams are seeded by their performances in the CAF inter-club competitions for the previous five seasons. Each group will contain one team from each of Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, and Pot 4.



Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohammed Mchengerwa (7th R) holds the national flag with the winners of the 'Twenzetu Qatar na Hisense' promotion when he bade them farewell at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The winners have traveled to Qatar to watch the ongoing World Cup. Looking on are Tigo Pesa Chief Officer Angelica Pesha (6th R) and Simba SC keeper Aishi Manula (4th L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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11:00 DADAZ
12:00 KIPENGA XTRA
13:00 MJADALA (r)
13:30 Movie
13:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
14:00 Movie
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
16:00 Hot Spot
16:30 Zote Kuntu
17:00 SSELKTI
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 Kali Za Wana
18:30 #HASHTAG
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 Mid Week Movie
23:00 KURASA
23:05 Club Bangers

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06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
14:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

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