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France avails 1.2bn/- for cultural industry

By Henry Mwangonde

THE French Embassy in Dar es Salaam has launched a 510,000 euros (1.2bn/-) project aimed at supporting the local creative industry.

Nabil Hajlaoui Ambassador of France to Tanzania during the launching ceremony yesterday that the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects (FSP) will finance 'Sanaa projects' or in short 'Sanaapro' over the next two years.

Various activities undertaken with the beneficiaries, with eight cultural organisations collaborating with five French organisations, with the envoy noting that creative industry has become an interesting strategic sector to boost competitiveness, productivity, employment and sustainable economic growth.

Creative industry is a key factor in social integration, social values, cultural promotion and a ladder to useful information and productive knowledge.

The 'FSP Sanaapro' initiative is an embassy priority in response to French President Emmanuel Macron seeking a higher role for the creative industry sector.

There were frank exchanges between highly engaged youth and President Macron at the New Africa-France summit in the southern French city of Montpellier last October.

Tanzania was represented by 16 people, featuring cultural entrepreneurs, human right activists and others from civil society and sporting notables, he said.

Lined up beneficiaries include Asadeva (art for social and economic development in Africa), Mudafrika, the Cultural Arts Centre in Arusha, 'We-Present Tanzania,' while others are 'Ajabu-Ajabu,' Dhow Countries Music Academy (DCMA- Zanzibar, Alliance Française Dar es Salaam and the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS).

The project aims to support artistic creation

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Tribal chiefs from various parts of Mbeya Region stroll along the Mbalizi stretch of the Tanzania-Zambia highway yesterday headed for the performance of a ritual "expected" to prevent the recurrence of loss of life and limb along a slope seen as an accident black spot. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Sort out allowance complaints of new civil servants, RCs told

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

REGIONAL commissioners need to work on complaints from the batch of 9,800 recently employed public servants as some have not been paid any allowances.

Innocent Bashungwa, the President's

Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) state minister issued this instruction yesterday, demanding that municipal and district councils work to complete the building of classrooms in secondary schools all over the country.

He said the government had disbursed

160bn/- to build 8,000 new classrooms for 2,439 secondary schools to end prospective shortage next January, as more pupils complete primary school education under the free education policy.

A total of 1,148,512 pupils are expected to join secondary school education, the first

batch of Standard Seven leavers under the new policy, in which case the classrooms must be completed within two and a half months, he said.

Stringent measures will be taken against municipal officials failing to meet the

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'Women moving to cities succeed more'

By Felister Peter

A LOT of young people are moving to cities looking for economic opportunities, with migrating to urban places creating better opportunities for women, a new study has indicated.

Dr Donald Mmari, executive director of a city economic research outfit (REPOA) made note of this finding in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a research findings dissemination meeting.

He said the study was meant to look at why people migrate to urban areas and whether the government is prepared to meet people's demands in terms of service delivery, city planning and infrastructure development.

"By the year 2030, half of Tanzanians will be living in large urban centres," he stated, pointing out that there are still substantial challenges in preparing pre-urban areas for urbanization as well as in city planning.

Data was structured from responses of 2,014 individuals in Arusha, Njombe and

Dar es Salaam regions, in the research exercise supported by the German social democratic think tank, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES).

Elisabeth Bollich, the FES resident director, said the research was important as urbanization is fast growing in Tanzania, with Dar es Salaam among the fastest growing cities in the world, thus facing immense challenges.

Rapid urbanization in Tanzania is challenging, with little fiscal space to respond to the challenges, she said, noting that this makes it difficult to achieve the United Nations resolutions known as the Sustainable Development Goals.

(SGD-II refers to the need to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, she elaborated, affirming that FES supported the research to add to awareness of vital public services reaching everyone, and how people participate in decision making.

Prof Tumsifu Nkya, a city planning expert and retired housing director in the Lands ministry, commended REPOA for coming up with the findings noting that city planning requires correct information.

He said the new findings will help decision makers in making informed decisions specifically in city planning and provision of services.

The findings on urbanization and transformation of cities in the country indicated economic factors influencing migration decisions, where youth migration has increased in the past two years.

A questionnaire made the rounds from April

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Lower Ruvu substation cripples water pumping

By Guardian Reporter

WATER and sewerage authorities in Dar es Salaam yesterday pointed at a breakdown in electricity supply to its Lower Ruvu pumping installations as the reason for the ongoing water scarcity in the city and its suburbs.

In a widely circulated statement, DAWASA said the water pumping system failed to operate, this disrupting water

supply to Bagamoyo and parts of Dar es Salaam.

Affected areas include Mapinga, Mabwepande, Bunju, Tegeta, Wazo Hill, Mbweni, Boko, Salasala, Kunduchi, Mbezi Beach, Goba, Mivumoni, Madale, Kawe, Lugalo, Makongo, University of Dar es Salaam, Mwenge, Kijitonyama, Mikochoeni, Msasani, Oysterbay, Masaki and Mwananyamala.

Other areas are Kinondoni, Magomeni,

Kigogo, Chang'ombe, Keko, Kurasini, Kigamboni, Airport, Kiwalani, Buguruni, Vingunguti, Ilala and the central business district.

Technicians from the power utility, TANESCO were working to rectify the situation, a week after DAWASA issued an assurance that those served by the Lower Ruvu pumping facility will be at ease.

This assurance followed an earlier

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deadline, the minister emphasized, pointing out that available classrooms can only accommodate 454,902 Form One students.

"The number of pupils selected to join Form One studies in 2022 was 907,802 while 422,403 students completed Form Four last year. We need to build more classes and improve other infrastructure like toilets and laboratories to accommodate an additional 485,399 students," he declared.

The monies have already been allocated to local government authorities to ensure timely completion of the projects, he stated, urging RCs and DCs to closely monitor the classroom building projects.

"You must supervise district executive directors and those at ward level to ensure appropriate expenditure of the funds. We want to see value for money in each of the built structures," he reiterated.

Supervision of constructing the new secondary schools is conducted under the Secondary Education Quality Improvement Project (SEQUIP), enabling the

schools to be registered and start receiving students in January.

Projects were slated for completion by October 31, while the ministry completes a five year plan to end the shortage of classrooms and other infrastructures at newly constructed secondary schools, he added.



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disruption, where a pumping station switch-off was taken to enable repairs of a major pipe at Mlalakuwa, on the outskirts of the University of Dar es Salaam that was damaged.

The entity has called for calm among water users as it works on the matter, a sequel to a similar situation last November, when Dar es Salaam faced power and water

rationing due to low water volumes in the Lower Ruvu holding dam, as river output thinned following drought.

Water minister Jumaa Aweso recently said that the government was seeking to bring together stakeholders to find ways of ending water shortages.

He was launching the third phase of the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP), a five-year initiative estimated to cost \$6.5bn.

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2021, with the results showing that big numbers of youths aged 18 to 35 years moved to large urban centres in the period, while migration by those aged between 35 and 55 years was modest.

Upwards of 38 percent of respondents had come to where they live by migration, while 62 percent were born in regions they were living. A cohort of 58 percent of those migrating shifted to urban places.

An estimated 45 percent of people migrated to look for jobs while 18 percent joined either spouses or family members, the director noted, highlighting that. He said those with lower monthly income, the less educated and women migrated to cities in search of better opportunities.

The majority of respondents agreed that migrating to Dar es Salaam improves opportunities for women, citing access services such as public transport, trade, markets and improved health care.

Rural respondents, (81 percent) said they expected better provision of public services in urban areas while 49 percent of migrants from rural to urban places consider rural areas as home. Nearly two thirds (61 percent) of them have strong connections with their places of origin, the study affirmed.

A simple majority (53 percent) of respondents migrated to their current living areas in the past 10 years while eight percent migrated there within the past half-decade.

Expectations on public service delivery had mixed sentiments with just 11 percent of respondents expecting the government to deliver services as the public pays

taxes. Those with higher levels of education and income depend less on public services, responses showed.

One area of concern was unequal distribution of public services across wards and districts, with Kigamboni and Temeke districts having fewer schools and health centres, meanwhile Kigamboni district lacks a sewage system.

The government needs to invest more in youth-related employment programs to address the skills gap and provide vocational training to young migrants. It also needs to assess women and youth empowerment schemes and engage financial institutions and banks in addressing the key challenges, the director added.



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Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (C) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday. She urged the public to take precautions on the outbreak of the Ebola disease. Looking on are government chief medical officer Dr Afella Sichwale (R) and prevention director Beatrice Mutayoba. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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and dissemination throughout Tanzania, in order to contribute to social cohesion, influencing the Tanzanian authorities to create a legal framework to protect the status of Tanzanian artists and to help the emergence of a new generation of cultural professionals and encourage their empowerment.

On the French side the beneficiaries are Dance choreographers Moïse Touré / Francis Viet Ibomma of the Indian Ocean music market in La Réunion, Offcourts Trouville festival of the Normandie, 'We Present' at Marseille and Africolor of Paris.

The Sanaapro's objective is to achieve milestones like 15 grant programmes for live events in the

2022/2023 period and a series of nine debates on the creative industry.

Other landmarks are shared equipment investment for cultural organisations, public contemporary dance events and the training of 70 technicians in sound, light and management.

Also envisaged is the training of 72 hip hop artists from all over

Tanzania plus the production of international quality level short films.

It similarly aims to support artistic creation and dissemination all over the country to contribute to social cohesion, as well as collaborating with stakeholders to create a legal framework to protect the status of Tanzanian artists, the envoy added.



HelpAge international country director Smart Daniel addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday about plans set ahead of International Day of Older Persons commemoration on 1st October. Left is World Health Organisation country representative Zabron Yoti. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

NAIROBI

KENYA'S wildlife officials have made a free mobile phone app to help track wild animals in the country. They plan to use information from the app to help protect the animals.

Kenya is home to nearly 400 species of mammals. Officials say it is getting more difficult to protect them, as climate change and human activities damage their natural environments.

The Mammal Atlas Kenya (Makenya), lets any user who sees a wild mammal identify it and give its location. Users can also give other details.

"You can also add the behavior," said Dr Simon Musila, a researcher at the National Museums of Kenya. "When you see this animal, what are they doing? Are they resting? Are they running away? Are they

Kenya using mobile app in tracking wild animals

feeding? What are they doing at the moment you see them?"

Musila said there is a need to have many people uses the app to get more information about the animals. This can help the small number of mammal specialists in Kenya. The specialists have kept records of the animals' changing environments and survival conditions.

Many people, including safari guides, visitors, students, or anyone who goes out and sees the animals, could use the app, Musila said. They can upload images and add details, such as the number of mammals

and their exact locations.

Samson Onyuok uses the Makenya app. He said he is proud to help protect animals in his country. Users like him have reported more than 2,500 mammal sightings since August.

"I think as a Kenyan, that is my little way of contributing to the conservation initiatives," Onyuok said.

Experts say that while Africa is not the cause of much climate change, it is badly affected by it. Dr Philip Muruthi, vice president of the African Wildlife Foundation, told VOA that the birth rate of rare

mammals and the survival rate of young ones are dropping.

"It is very hard to benefit or manage what you don't know," he said. "That is why this is so important. It is going to tell us which species we have, where they are, and maybe which ones are highly endangered, what we need to do about them. And especially not just the big things but also the small things, like the bats."

Wildlife officials say Kenya is home to at least a third of the mammal species in Africa and are hopeful app users will help protect them.



Deputy minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde (3rd R - standing) with participants (seated) shortly after launching a two-day agribusiness training for the Foundation of Disabilities Hope (FDH) sponsored by the Serengeti Breweries Ltd (SBL) in Dodoma yesterday. On his (R) is SBL's corporate relations director John Wanyancha. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PWDs to benefit from brewer's skills training

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) is promoting inclusive economic growth by training people with disabilities to generate more income through agriculture in two-day training in partnership with the Foundation of Disabilities Hope (FDH).

The trainings run from September 28-29, this year in Dodoma, featuring over 100 people with disabilities acquiring agriculture skills, entrepreneurship skills, and financial literacy to help generate more income in their day-to-day economic activities.

Speaking at the launch of the programme, SBL corporate relations director John Wanyancha said that the initiative will complement the government's efforts and their

Society 2030: Spirit of Progress - a 10-year action plan to create an inclusive and sustainable community.

Wanyancha stated: "We are proud to partner with FDH to facilitate this income-generating training that will equip over 100 PWDs with agricultural and other technical skills." We are confident that as a result of this, we will be able to create a new pool of agriculture officers and agribusiness experts who will be involved in commercialized farming, thereby strengthening our agriculture sector, which is the backbone of our economy. "We will also be proud to source our raw materials from PWDs, which will, ultimately, boost their income and raise their standard of living.

He reiterated how SBL is committed to advocating for

inclusive communities where everyone, regardless of their physical state, can enjoy life anywhere, anytime. He said, "we are ready to work with PWDs associations in other sectors to ensure sustainability and help the government achieve inclusive economic growth without leaving no one behind.

Anthony Mavunde, deputy minister for Agriculture acknowledged SBL's role in supporting agriculture in the country through its business operations that source over 18,000 tonnes of cereals per annum.

"We are grateful to SBL for fostering agriculture resilience in our country by being inclusive of people with disabilities," he said.

Mavunde said: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan, since assuming

office, has been expressing her willingness to work with the private sector as an engine for economic growth, especially in agriculture. That is why we are pushing to ensure that we commercialize this sector by bringing in more investment players and farmers who will put in more work to revolutionize the sector and spur growth - and for this, we congratulate SBL for supporting our call."

SBL has stated that it will continue to partner with key PWD associations and stakeholders to drive the inclusion agenda that will ensure sustainability in the community. The beer maker recalled other efforts it is making in providing scholarships for PWDs to study agriculture-related courses in their new Kilimo-Viwanda Scholarship window that was launched in August this year.

Government: Intensify surveillance and control measures after reported Ebola outbreak cases

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FIVE regions with high risk of receiving Ebola patients have been directed to intensify surveillance at both official and unofficial border points to minimise the risks of the disease outbreak in the country.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Health minister Ummu Mwalimu named the high-risk regions as Kagera, Mara, Geita, Mwanza and Kigoma.

She named other mid risk regions as Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Songwe and Mbeya.

The minister directed all regions to prepare a contingency plan showing how they can control the spread of the disease in case of an outbreak in the country.

"There no reported cases of EVD so far but we have to take precautions in case of an outbreak," she said.

"I direct a national task force on public health emergency and rapid response teams in all regions to dispatch drugs and medical supplies including PPE to ensure health staff are protected when they are on duty," she added.

She said Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) was a dangerous disease compared to other reports recently due to the fact that it has a high fatality rate noting that it ranges between 50 per cent and 90 per cent.

Mwalimu said the government had dispatched a mobile laboratory to easy test samples for those who were suspected or showing signs of symptoms.

According to Mwalimu, the primary signs and symptoms of Ebola often include some or several of the following: fever, aches and pains, such as severe headache and muscle and joint pain, weakness

and fatigue and sore throat.

She also directed the region across the country to get prepared by allocating isolation points and burial places in case of an outbreak of the disease.

"The government will now embark on community awareness about the disease including precautions to reduce the possibility of contacting it," she said.

The awareness should be given the most priority in regions like Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Kigoma and Mara because they have a high movement of people out and about.

Beatrice Mutayoba, director of preventive services at the ministry of Health called on the public to adhere to principles of cleanliness such as hand washing and avoid unnecessary gatherings.

"In case anyone has symptoms, they should report to the nearest health facility," she said.

Chief medical officer Dr Aifello Sichelwe said so far there are no vaccines for treatment of the disease and called on the public to take precautions.

Few days ago, Uganda's Health ministry reported a steady surge in Ebola Sudan cases, bringing the total to 36 of which 23 were fatal.

The outbreak involving the rarer but still deadly Ebola strain initially involved people from Mubende, located west of the capital city of Kampala.

However, the country's Health ministry said cases were reported in Kyegegwa, a city on a busy road west of Mubende and Kassanda located just east of Mubende.

Uganda also reported four outbreaks, in 2000, 2011 and 2012 (two outbreaks) and the outbreak in 2019.



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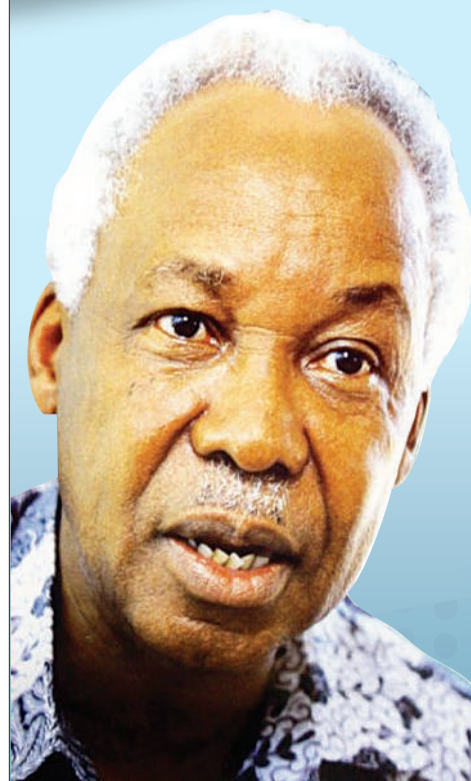
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Feleshi tells public legal service providers to uphold core values

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ATTORNEY General Dr Eliezer Feleshi has called on public legal service providers to uphold core values, saying conduct of injustice is a taboo in their practice.

He reminded them that as civil servants, they cannot be millionaires overnight but fairness at work was paramount, noting that they have to work in line with the government vision, plans and directives.

According to Dr Feleshi, the legal officers work in fulfilling God's call for equality and in accordance with section 8 of the constitution which states that the government has the obligation to services and development to people.

The AG made the statement while officiating the opening of a meeting that involved directors, head of departments and other leaders in government legal teams, he urged them to maintain integrity.

He also underscored the need for the legal service providers to be autocratic and more professional. "In everything you do professionalism is more important and you have to uphold intellectual approach," said Dr Feleshi.

Noting the importance of the officers in driving the government activities, he said the learned friends should always conduct personal assessments to see if they are working as required.

He said the legal officers that came from different government offices, departments and sections ought to know if they are working according to employer's visions and missions.

"It is important that every one of us here conduct own evaluation and see if we implement visions of our departments," he said, adding that if one cannot, then should listen to remarks and observation from others who can provide evaluation report.

He also called on them to conduct stakeholder's analysis and understand both internal and external stakeholders and see how best to work together with them.

Dr Feleshi also urged the leaders to allow their subordinates access some of the opportunities like training, professional meetings, among others, noting that they help in uplifting practice and professionalism.

On the other hand, he urged them to be productive and help realise the government expectations and more importantly, avoid creating enemies for they are doing God's work.

He also stressed on the need for the officers to see how to improve legal service at their work places, stating that his office can now access all the registered legal offices throughout the country.

He said the online registry show that there are 14 legal officers PhD holders, 7000 LLBs, 863 Post Graduate diplomas and some 858 with bachelor's degrees.

According to the AG the register shows all information like academic credentials, levels of education, year of employment and other related needful information.

Earlier, the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), Sylvester Mwakitalu noted that the meeting brought together leaders at different government legal service officers to share experiences and knowledge.

The meeting preceded annual meeting for all government legal service officers today. The meeting's opening will be officiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.



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Namtumbo district commissioner, Dr Julius Mingu (3rd L) cuts a ribbon to mark the official launch of the BRAC Tanzania Finance Ltd Namtumbo branch in Ruvuma Region recently. Looking on are the BRAC employees. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NEMC ordered to take stern measures against uncomplying industry owners

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Parliamentary Committee, Industry, Trade and Environment has ordered National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to take stern measures against industry owners who don't comply with environmental laws and regulations.

The command was given yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Committee Chairperson, David Mwakiposa, after they have visited Elseweedy Electric Company in Kigamboni.

The committee is in four days tour to some of Dar es Salaam industries under the coordination of NEMC.

The chairman also advised the industries owners to give priority to Tanzanians when there is

employment opportunities because they are also able to deliver and there is no need to hire experts from outside while Tanzania has abundant of skilled people.

He said the aim of the tour is to check if industry owners adhere to environment laws and regulations and advise the government on what measures to take for those who don't comply.

He said all committee members were satisfied on how Elseweedy comply with environment laws and he urged other industries to do the same.

The chairperson also said they were happy to hear that the industry have employed 200 staff and they expect to increase to 500 in a very near future.

"We have commended them because they don't pollute environment, we have cross-

checked if there is air pollution or waste water but there is no such thing so we argue them to maintain this standard," he said.

"We were told that they have contracted someone to take all waste water from the industry every after six month. This is good and by doing so our environment will continue to be clean always," he said.

He said for those who don't comply with the environmental law voluntarily NEMC should take stern measures to be a lesson to others because the committee will never entertain such practices.

One of the committee member who is also Deputy Minister in Vice President Office, (Union and Environment), Khamza Khamis said they have ordered the industry to help the surrounding community.

He said community near by the

industry would be happy to see that they are facilitated with health facilities, education, water and other basic human needs.

Joseph Sige, who is industry's Safety Manager, said they have taken all challenges posed by the committee members and they are going to implement them to ensure they maintain the environment in their daily operations.

NEMC Representative, Redempta Samweli, commended the industry for complying with environment laws and regulations saying the council is happy to see that there is no water and air pollutions.

Redempta said the industry has Environment Impact Assessment Certificate (EIA), and argue the industry management to maintain the environment status as they have witnessed during this committee visit.

NGO launches campaign against killing of giraffes

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

CHEM CHEM Association, an NGO that has invested in tourism and conservation in Burunge Wildlife Management Area (Burunge WMA) has launched a campaign to stop the killing of giraffes in the area.

Burunge WMA is in the middle of Tarangire and Manyara National Parks in Arusha Region and in recent years

there has been increased poaching for the giraffes.

Many people were arrested in Babati District with some prosecuted in courts, while one of them was jailed for being found with giraffe meat.

Launching the campaign at the 2022 Chem Chem festival here early this week, Manyara Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Carolina Mtakula called on residents of villages inside Burunge

WMA to participate in the fight against wildlife poaching, in particular on the giraffe which is a national emblem.

Earlier, Chem Chem project officer Hamisi Giori said the organisation has been organising festivals every year and this is the eighth one.

He said the aim of the festival which organises various sports and games is to fight poaching, protect the environment and prevent wanton tree cutting.

The supervisor of community wildlife areas from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Fidelis Kimario called on the community to participate in the fight against poachers saying people living in Burunge WMA have greatly benefitted from many investment projects.

Burunge WMA incorporates 10 villages with each one providing its area for conservation activities.

20,000 households set to participate in HIV/AIDS prevalence researching project

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

A TOTAL of 20,000 households are set to participate in an HIV/AIDS prevalence research project dubbed THIS 2022-23 which will involve 40,000 people in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

The resident Director of ICAP at Columbia University Haruka Maruyama made the remarks recently during training to Journalists.

The training was aimed at empowering journalists to analyze and report about the study which will evaluate results of a treatment and care programme to people with HIV/Aids in the country.

He said the programme will involve 20,000 people in various places across the country and will involve 40,000 people aged 15 who have agreed to take part in the study which will also analyze the number of new infections, prevalence and those on treatment.

He said the information was vital as it will help Tanzania to attain United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) targets of reducing new infections by 2030 as well as test the prevalence of Hepatitis B and C.

The study is being commissioned by the Tanzania Aids Commission (TACAIDS), Zanzibar Aids Commission (ZAC), and the Ministry of Health from mainland and Zanzibar, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) as well as that of the Isles.

The study is funded by the United States government under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and technical support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ICAP of Columbia University.

He added that the researchers who have received special training will visit the households and take samples in a high privacy way from participants.

"Voluntary counsel will be offered by researchers who will also be collecting samples as well conduct HIV testing to willing participants as well as refer those tested positive to hospitals of their choice for further counseling," he said.

He said the study will offer guidance to the government and other stakeholders to implement the UNAIDS 95-95-95 testing and treatment targets achieved within all sub- populations and age groups and 95-percent of women of reproductive age.

The study will be launched today by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa where various dignitaries are set to attend.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF SHIPPING AGENCY AND RELATED SERVICES. ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0009	
<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, executing Early Services for the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Ship's agency and related services for cargo ships and marine equipment's</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania incl. a Jetty with Load Out Facility for Oil Tankers, near Tanga in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <p>Responsibilities of Shipping Agents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring a berth for the incoming ship - Arranging for the pilot and the tugs if necessary - Drawing up the documents for the customs and harbour services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arranging for the necessary husbandry services (fresh water, stores, chandlery, meet & greet, shore passes, transportation and offshore transfers, visas, permits, medical assistance, etc.). - Liaison with local authorities and communications assistance <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required for Customs clearance, transportation and related services as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification: ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018), EN ISO 14732, EN ISO 90606-1, ISO 11484, EN ISO 90609-1, EN ISO 10893-8, 10893-11, or equivalent certificates. - Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
<p>Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to Procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 14 October 2022 1800hrs Tanzania Time.</p> <p>Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.</p> <p>Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.</p>	

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED SERVICES. ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0010	
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By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

MTUWASA signs 19 billion/- contract for revamping water supply infrastructure

MTWARA Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (MTUWASA) has signed an agreement with Patty Interplan Limited, a contracting firm for a one-year project to revamp water infrastructures in 117 square kilometre area valued at 19bn/-.

The agreement signing took place here on Tuesday this week witnessed by Water Minister Jumaa Aweso who said the project will improve water supply services.

Aweso called upon the contractor to work diligently while involving

district and regional officials to achieve project's aims.

He also pledged to provide 100m/- for drilling wells for the Mtwara-Mikindani, following request from Mtwara Urban Member of Parliament, Hassan Mtenga for the Mitengo and Ufukoni wards.

"I promise you Mtwara residents

that my ministry will provide 100m/- as requested by your MP," said Aweso.

Earlier, submitting report on the MTUWASA project, MTUWASA Managing Director, Eng Rejea Ng'ondya said the project will involve the erection of water tanks including the one that will hold

6million litres at Mangamba area, another 1 million-litre tank at Hiari area and 500,000-litre tank at Uwanja wa Ndege area.

"Other works will involve increasing the capacity of the main 500mm pipe line from Mangamba, a distance of one kilometre, laying down more distribution pipes and

change those with small diameter of a total length of 83kms," said Ng'ondya.

He added: The project will involve the laying of a main pipe line seven kms long of 400mm and 300mm diameter from Mtwanya to Mangamba to supply water to various areas of Mtwara Town."



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France ambassador to Tanzania, Nabil Hajlaoui (L) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of SanaaPRO that will support the creative industry in the country. Looking on are Asedeva company managing director Isack Abeneko (R) FCS company director Arthur Mtafya and Mudafrika director Rachel Kessi. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

TENDER NOTICE

1. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/2022/SUP/028 For Provision of Consultancy Services - HIV Prevalence Study Among Refugees in Camps
2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/2022/SUP/029 For Provision of Consultancy Services -Data collection for UNHCR Results Monitoring Survey (RMS) in Tanzania

Kindly download the tender documents in the below link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16i8mr8lPkiYBX-K00WfYrIiYRQCEdBz?usp=sharing>

If you fail to access the link, please write to ishobeza@unhcr.org copy ndassa@unhcr.org

CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Monday 07 th October 2022 at 2359 hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Friday 21 st October 2022 at 1500hrs EAT

UNHCR tenders are free of charge, no fees are charged to collect the tenders.



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AFRICA SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT (SESA) OF MTWARA DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR PLAN

Background

The World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Tanzania Office is implementing African Sustainable Investment and Infrastructure Program (ASI) as part of regional program which covers Kenya, Madagascar and China aiming at promoting sustainable investment and infrastructure development for the purpose of safeguarding ecosystems. The program aims at supporting the governments to adopt and implement sustainable investment and infrastructure legislations, policies and plans, countries financial institutions to adopt and implement green finance principles and policies as well as supporting local communities and NGOs in monitoring developments (implementations of policies) and piloting sustainable initiatives which includes the Nature Based Solutions (Nbs) and Bankable Solutions Projects in the course of safeguarding the ecosystem for nature and people. The five-year program (2021-2025) is implemented in WWF priority landscapes of Water Tower and Ruvuma landscapes. WWF -TCO seeks to recruit a consultant or a team of consultants to conduct independent Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) of Mtwara Development Corridor Plan for purpose of identify negative environmental, social and economic impacts and thereafter to engage stakeholders on mitigating/ adapting the shortcomings.

Objective of the Consultancy

The general objective of the consultancy is to conduct an independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (SESA) for the Mtwara Development Corridor Plan which is implemented in the Ruvuma Landscape for the regions of Ruvuma, Mtwara and Lindi.

Specifically:

- I. Undertake a socio-economic and environmental context analysis of Tanzania and the Ruvuma landscape covering the Ruvuma, Mtwara and Lindi Regions.
- II. Identify the positive and especially negative social and environmental impacts and risks associated with the Mtwara development corridor plan within the Ruvuma landscape covering the Ruvuma, Mtwara and Lindi Regions.
- III. Assess the policy, legal and institutional framework and capacity of government systems to manage these issues internally and externally.
- IV. Undertake a stakeholder engagement to gather information for the context analysis and impacts and risks of the Mtwara development corridor plan and to start compiling the recommendations
- V. To propose a set of actionable recommendations to the stakeholders by which these issues can be addressed at a policy, plan or programme level so as to enhance environmental sustainability and social equity for the Ruvuma landscape (Mtwara Development Corridor).

Application procedure & Submission of Applications

All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR on WWF websites at https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/ and also, send your full proposal (technical & financial) through procurement email at procurement@wwftz.org only softcopy proposals are accepted, please, addressed to;

Secretary, Procurement Committee WWF Tanzania
Kiko Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road Plot 252, Mikocheni
P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077 Fax: +255 22 277 5535;
website. www.wwf.or.tz

- Please send a 1-page application letter outlining your expertise and relevant experience about this consultancy.
- Submit a concise 2 – 4 pages technical proposal highlighting the proposed approach, methodologies, brief work schedule, team composition and timings of the process. A brief financial proposal, clearly specifying the time professional fees, and proposed implementation costs. A 2 – 3-page CV of lead should also be attached.
- All applications should reach us by or before 10.00am Tanzania local time **Thursday 13th October 2021**
- Evaluation of the consultancy applications will be done based on WWF procurement guidelines and that WWF Tanzania is not bound to accept any lowest or highest proposal/bid

Only successful candidates will be contacted



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – RFP PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES TO WWF TANZANIA COUNTRY OFFICE

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www.wwftz.org

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non- Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature by:
 - conserving the world's biological diversity;
 - ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
 - promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption
2. WWF TCO now wishes to engage a highly experienced firm (ISP) in Supply of dedicated internet Connection service. The overall objective of the assignment is to ensure a well-functioning of all activities through the provision of internet services to WWF offices, the services must provide full-time 24-hour internet access to the All offices.
3. WWF TCO Structure.
WWF Tanzania has its headquarters at Dar Es Laam, Mikocheni Plot No. 252, Kiko Ave, together with other 3 offices.
 - Masasi Office (Latitude: -10.712457Longitude 38.832367)
 - Kilwa Office (8°56'17.4"S 39°30'37.6"E)
 - Arusha Offices (-3.387525, 36.654240)
 All these offices run a number of online platforms that require full time connectivity.
4. Technical Requirements
 - Supply and installation of dedicated internet service connection with speed of 45 Mbps for the WWF Tanzania HQ (Fiber Connectivity).
 - Supply and installation of dedicated internet service connection with speed of 15 Mbps for the branch offices (Vendor can advise the best connection depending on the coordinates shared).
 - Kindly include Mikrotik Router-board RB2011UiAS-2HnD-IN Sfp Port plus 10 Port Ethernet one for each site.
 - Backup link for HQ Office only in case of any downtime of the fiber connectivity.
 - ISP shall provide 24x7x365 monitoring of the link.
5. All registered, eligible and reputable firms are advised to submit both technical in term of services offered and financial section in terms of premiums and services pricing and forwarded to procurement email at procurement@wwftz.org
4. Each applicant should attach current License from the relevant authority and proven evidence of undertaking similar assignment for the past 5 years and will be verified by WWF during evaluation process.
5. The Application prepared by the Applicant, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Application exchanged by the Applicant and WWF shall be written in English and currency used shall be Tanzanian Shilling – TZS and not any other. Supporting documents and printed literature provided by the Applicant may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English, in which case, for purposes of Interpretation of the Application, the translation shall govern.
6. All proposals will be sent electronically to the procurement email that provided in para # 7 below;
7. **Submission of Applications:** Interested applicants are requested to submit their electronic full proposals (both technical and financial) addressed to:

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email: procurement@wwftz.org; website: <https://www.wwf.or.tz>

 - This advert is also accessible on WWF website https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/
8. Evaluation of the tenders will be done based on WWF procurement guidelines
9. WWF Tanzania is not bound to accept any lowest or highest proposal submitted
10. All applications should reach us by or before **1000hrs Tanzania local time Friday 14th October 2022**
11. Only successful applicant shall be contacted.
12. WWF has a principle of zero tolerance to fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org



**THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FINANCE AND PLANNING**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)
COUNTRY: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

NAME OF PROJECT: BOOSTING INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR ZANZIBAR: INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BIG-Z).
Loan No: IDA - 69140 -TZ
Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Preparation of the Spatial Development Master Plan for Pemba Island (PSDMP)
Reference No: TZ-POFP-290753-CS-QCBS

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the Boosting Inclusive Growth of Zanzibar: Integrated Development Project (BIG-Z) that appeared in the UN Development Business online No. **WB-P811333-8 of 27-08-2021**

The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Boosting Inclusive Growth for Zanzibar Project (BIG-Z), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consultancy Services ("the Services") includes the provision to prepare a Spatial Development Master Plan for Pemba Island (PSDMP). The overarching goal of the PSDMP is to guide and control the sustainable development of Pemba and provide a framework for delivery of basic services by the local authorities and national institutions for 20 years' time horizon. The PSDMP should involve two levels of urban planning, that is, at the strategic level with a broad and long-term vision and goals for promoting economic, socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental sustainability and at the operational level with focused on operational short-term and medium-term strategies for promoting sustainable urban development through specific measures, plans and implementing tools. The assignment shall be for the period of sixteen calendar (16) months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.mofzanzibar.go.tz or upon request to the following email: bigzpmt@gmail.com

The Principal Secretary, President's Office Finance and Planning now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- A: Core business and 10 years in business.
- B: Relevant similar experience as specified below
- At least ten (10) years of experience in the execution of urban and regional planning assignments of a similar nature with at least three similar assignments successfully conducted in the past 10 years in the developing countries;
 - Demonstrated experience having undertaken not less than three Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments in developing countries.
- C: Technical and managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff). Do not provide CV of the key staff. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to section III, paragraph 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's Policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 07.30 am to 03.30 pm EAT excluding public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by mail) by 19th October 2022. The firms that will submit their REOI via e-mail must get confirmation of the receipt of their documents from the Project Coordinator, BIG - Z Project. In case the firm does not receive an acknowledgement within two days after sending the documents via email they should call +255 776 979979 for follow-up.

The address referred above is:
President's Office, Finance and Planning
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The Principal Secretary, President's Office Finance and Planning

Kagera residents warned to take measures against Ebola

By Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

AUTHORITIES in Kagera Region have cautioned residents to avoid risk factors including shaking hands so as to avoid spread of the Ebola Sudan disease.

On September 26, Uganda's health ministry reported a steady surge in Ebola cases, bringing the total to 36 of which 23 have proved fatal.

Kagera Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Toba Nguvula made the call yesterday after visiting Kabindi Beach fish market in Kashenye village of Missenyi district.

The authorities in the region accompanied by medical experts

are currently visiting border areas to raise awareness against the deadly epidemic.

"Border areas are always populated due to interaction of people from various areas working in various economic activities, so after the disease reported in Uganda, we also need to take precautionary measures to make ourselves safe, so we encourage people to observe sanitary measures and avoid hand and body touching, we will continue educating and reminding the public on this," he said.

He has directed the village and ward leaders to fulfill their responsibilities well by educating and supervising cleanliness in their

areas as well as acting immediately whenever there are unusual health cases.

Kashenye village chairperson, Eustace Makubo said they will do their best to put the Ebola threats under control by following all the precautions advised by health experts.

Initial symptoms include fever, headache, muscle pain and chills and later a person may experience internal bleeding resulting in vomiting or coughing blood.

Experts say people should avoid contact with blood and body fluids of a patient, and to avoid contact with remains of bats, forest antelopes, monkeys and chimpanzees.



Tanga regional commissioner, Omary Mgumba (R) talks with one of the land owners of Amboni in the outskirts of Tanga city, Teresa Ruwanda yesterday who had a conflict with an investor in the area. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

By Guardian Reporter

THE Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa joined other 700 heads of state and government from 195 world countries and 23 international organisations to lay wreaths at the burial of former Japan Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe.

Majaliwa, who is in Tokyo, Japan representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the burial, paid his last respects on Tuesday in Nippon Budokan accompanied by his wife, Mary Majaliwa, deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Amb Mbarouk Nassor, Tanzania's ambassador to Japan, Amb Baraka Luvanda and his wife, Consolata Luvanda.

After paying last respects,

Majaliwa among 700 world leaders at Shinzo Abe's burial

Majaliwa went the Akasaka Imperial Palace in Tokyo where all government business take place to console Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Shinzo Abe's widow, Akie Abe.

Majaliwa was among 40 other leaders from various nations who received the opportunity.

Other leaders who attended the burial included Presidents of Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Vice Presidents of the US, Indonesia and Philippines, former presidents of France and Germany and UAE, and emirs of Kuwait and Qatar.

The prime ministers who attended included Narendra Modi (India), Justin Trudeau (Canada), Han Duck-soo (South Korea) and Antony Albanese (Australia).

Others were former prime ministers, house speakers, judges, heads of UN organisations and ambassadors.

Earlier in the morning, Japanese citizens lined up in long queues for the opportunity to give their last respects, by laying wreaths at a special area reserved in a garden outside the Nippon Budokan Hall that held over 4,300 mourners.

South Koreans drilling TRC employees on operation, maintenance of electric train

By Correspondent James Kandoya

KORAIL, a South Korea's railway company yesterday started operation and maintenance training to employees of Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) to strengthen their capacity to operate the new electric train.

The training was conducted in Dar es Salaam by fifteen Korail experts to build capacity of 303 staff of TRC who will be running the operation of the train when it kicks off.

Speaking at the launching of operation and maintenance training, TRC Director General Masanja Kadogosa said the training was part of the contract agreement signed recently in Dar es Salaam between TRC and the Korail to build capacity of the working staff.

Kadogosa said the training will focus on logistics, traffic control centralized system, marshalling yard, rail safety, catenary, train operation model, renovation of infrastructure and ICT.

"Initially, the plan was to dispatch a team of experts abroad but through this training, TRC will save more funds," he said.

Kadogosa said Korail was selected

to conduct the training due to its historical background in the rail operations adding that it is free from rail accidents.

He said TRC chose more young engineers and experts in other cadres in order to have long serving staff and highly knowledgeable staff.

The TRC boss said the construction of the SGR for the Dar es Salaam /Morogoro section had reached over 97.4 percent.

Deputy project manager Lee Suk Ju thanked TRC for the continuing appreciation adding that the training will be successful.

"We shall further strengthen cooperation between the two countries through the training programme for railway officials in Tanzania."

Recently, TRC Director General Masanja Kadogosa said at least 167 local engineers were needed to operate the electric train in the Dar es Salaam - Morogoro section when the construction of the Standard Gauge Rail (SGR) is over November 01, this year.

He said that when opening the Strategic Management for Railway Operation course that involved twenty two technical staff.

He said the move aimed at

ensuring that local experts were fully equipped and trained to operate the much awaited modern form of railway transport in the country by November this year.

The TRC boss hinted that the training to personnel was the preparation ahead of the new electric train that will kick off from November this year.

In May this year, the Korail signed a contract worth 15 billion won (US\$11.53 million), to provide rail operation consulting services for the TRC.

Initially, the plan was to dispatch a team of experts abroad but through this training, TRC will save more funds



Shinyanga regional commissioner, Sophia Mjema hands over an ignition tractor dummy key to Mawazo - Mangu farmer from Kahama municipality. 21 tractors had been given to farmers by the Agricultural and Industrial Tools Facilitation Company (PASS Leasing) on Tuesday. Others are the leaders of the Agricom company. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

Government set to team up with stakeholders to curb escalating problem of many street children

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE government has stressed the need to collaborate with Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) working to advocate for children rights, a move which is likely to control the increased number of street children.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Zainabu Chaula, made the call recently in Dar es Salaam when launching a five years strategic plan of an NGO-Children Africa.

She said handling children matters isn't one man's responsibility, rather a task that needs to be handled collaboratively to make sure those at homes remains there and those in streets are rescued and taken back to their families.

"Children's right advocacy isn't a one man show; it cannot be left to one organisation. We need to team up to demonstrate and safeguarding solutions for street connected children and the ones at home," she said, adding that every organization should vividly show their input as a vision to control the available challenges.

Analyzing the Railway Children Africa five years plan, Mary Gatama, the organisation's Programme Manager said protecting vulnerable children, young people and strengthening families is among the four strategies set in the plan.

Gatama said the organisation will work to support children that are alone on the streets and those at risk of separation. She analysed that the task will reunify children with their parents, support them to continue with education, strengthen their families and link them to existing government schemes such as Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

He added that the plan will also strengthen community

responses through partnering with communities where children are found, "Under this action area we will aim to train transport staff, police and others who work in and around bus terminals," she said adding: we will also work closely with policy makers, public servants and civil society to find and implement ways to strengthen and better resource child protection system likewise investing in evidence building.

Railway Children Africa Executive Director Mussa Mgata, said the organisation has contributed in reducing the number of children living and working on the streets by 31 percent from 2017 to 2022. "In 2021 we supported the government to conduct headcount exercise in six regions namely Mbeya, Arusha, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. Results showed that at least 4,800 children are on the streets. Which is 31 percent reduction from the 2017 headcount data," he said.

One of RCA beneficiaries based in Mwanza, Massaga John narrated how he jumped from home to the streets for a better life as he engaged in picking metal tools that he sold to metal industries.

Massaga said with the business, he suddenly met an RCA official who trained him on how to save his shares in an organization named 'Tupendane Association' and the good news is that he now holds his own company.



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TMDA seizes 2,200 packets of fake cigarettes worth 1.8bn/-

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

THE Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has seized 2,200 packets of fake cigarettes worth 1.8bn/- which are suspected to be illegally imported from neighbouring countries.

The seizure happened in Lake Zone regions in a period of one and a half years as the authority embarked on initiatives to control illegal importation of tobacco

products to reduce their effects on humans.

TMDA Manager for Lake Zone and western regions, Dr Edgar Mahundi admitted that smuggling of goods including tobacco products is high in the regions, thus threatening the global approach to jointly combat illicit trade in tobacco products.

"Our inspectors in collaboration with customs officials compounded one 20ft container full of fake

cigarette packets. The products are believed to be imported from neighbouring countries; this happened on September 26 following an organised detection technique deployed by the authority," he said.

Dr Mahundi told The Guardian that they are still conducting investigations in collaboration with other institutions, adding that more information on the matter will be shared accordingly.

TMDA Manager, Communication and Public Education, Gaudensia Simwanza warned smugglers to stop and refrain from illegal tobacco trade, saying the authority is determined and devoted to protect and promote public health.

TMDA alerts that there are mixed toxic chemicals contained in tobacco products that cause health effects to users.

Smoking causes cancer, heart diseases, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), it also increases risks for tuberculosis, certain eye diseases, and problems of the immune system, including rheumatoid arthritis.

Govt made great efforts in creating better environment for investment to spur employment creation - Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the government has made great efforts in creating better environment for investment and conduct of business to spur employment creation.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks here yesterday at the Golden Tulip hotel in a speech read on his behalf by Zanzibar First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman at the opening of the Italy-Zanzibar Business and Investment Forum.

He explained that the efforts stem from the implementation of Zanzibar Development Plan 2050 and other goals through regional and international development organisations.

Dr Mwinyi said Zanzibar has opened its doors to business on soft investment conditions in efforts to

spur economic transformation for the development of the people.

In the circumstances, he called upon investors not to hesitate to grab the opportunities by investing in Zanzibar in various economic sectors.

He added that the ongoing achievements on the rise of investments in the Isles to a great extent have been attributed to respect of good governance as well as peace and stability.

Dr Mwinyi said records show that in the period of two years beginning November 2020, 136 projects were registered valued at USD 1.4 billion which have contributed to the creation of 9,000 jobs.

He said in addition to these achievements, Zanzibar continues to see the need to satisfy the needs for investment by reviewing its various policies on investment,

trade and the economy in general.

He added that Zanzibar is a good place that is peaceful, good hospitality and called on investors and traders from Italy to continue investing in the Isles as there are numerous opportunities still untapped.

Meanwhile, the Zanzibar Minister of State in the President's Office (Labour and Investment), Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga said the government continues with efforts to create better business and investment environment and that this is important to woo in business people from various areas to come to Zanzibar.

The Italian ambassador to Tanzania Marco Lombardi said the existing cooperation between the two countries is important for creating even better environment for investment to spur trade and development.



Works and Transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete listens to Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation Captain Ghadaf Chambo on the operations of the institution when the latter visited their booth during the World Oceans Day held in Kilwa District, Lindi Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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World can gear up for fight against cancer

Joining experts from around the globe at the World Cancer Congress in Melbourne five years ago, the question running through our mind is: How much more evidence is needed before the world steps up action on cancer prevention?

Over the course of the year in 2014 the momentum has been building around cancer - and what we can do to prevent it - in the wake of a significant increase in the number of cases of the disease worldwide, and mounting evidence of the strong links between lifestyle, obesity and a whole host of cancers. In February 2014, for example, UN Agency, The International Agency for Research on Cancer reported that "cancer is now the world's biggest killer, with the number of cases set to explode" to 24 million a year by 2035.

In May, The Lancet published the Global Burden of Disease study revealing that nearly one-third of the world's population is either obese or overweight. And just in November 2014, the McKinsey Global Institute calculated that the global economic impact of obesity amounts to roughly \$2 trillion annually - 2.8 per cent of global GDP - nearly equivalent to the global impact of smoking or of armed violence, war, and terrorism.

Put simply, we are experiencing what the World Health Organization describes as a cancer epidemic, and the scale of the problem means that humanity will not be able to treat its way out of it. We urgently need to focus on prevention. World Cancer Research Fund International's systematic, and rigorous analysis of global research shows that there is a strong link between being overweight, obese and an increased

risk of nine cancers - ovarian, advanced prostate, bowel, kidney, gallbladder, womb, oesophageal, pancreatic and postmenopausal breast cancer - and that about a third of the most common cancers can be prevented through diet, weight and physical activity. In other words, globally, about 2.8 million cases of cancer a year are preventable.

And it looks as though world leaders are beginning to take cancer prevention seriously. Recent examples include the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Action Plan on NCDs 2013-2020, the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's new five-year Food and Nutrition Action Plan (adopted this September); the new European Code Against Cancer (launched in October) which provides 12 ways for people to adopt healthier lifestyles and boost cancer prevention; and world governments attending the Second International Conference on Nutrition adopting the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action in November 2014, addressed malnutrition - including overweight and obesity - in all its forms. But much more needs to be done - by everyone; because so far, the world has been dancing a slow waltz, when it's actually a much faster, quickstep that's required. This means that governments, cancer charities and health professionals across the world need to work collaboratively - and across sectors - to create comprehensive, and urgent behaviour change across populations, food systems and food environments. Words and commitments are no longer enough, it's concrete and immediate action that's needed.

Reflecting on food waste can help uplift hunger precautions in Africa

ENVIRONMENTAL and poverty alleviation activists are likely to have plenty to discuss as the world marks the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, observed on September 29. A United Nations chronicler says that what is important about reducing food loss and waste is that upwards of 14 percent of the total harvest of food produce is lost after harvest on average, while some past data shows that up to 40 percent may be lost for some perishables. Fruits and vegetables are first in line on such losses; agro-sector administrators have often no answers.

The chronicler says that the 14 per cent estimate doesn't include the retail stage of the food products supply chain, in which case an even higher portion, up to 17 per cent is believed to be wasted in retail and at the consumption level.

That ties up to one third of the produce, which is perhaps true of grains, the easier to preserve and more noticeable of the food supply diversity. Perishables present a difficult setting.

Analysts say that even within this food loss and waste matrix, it accounts for up to 10 per cent of the total global greenhouse emissions data - contributing to an unstable climate and extreme weather events such as droughts and flooding. These changes negatively impact crop yields, reduce the nutritional quality of crops, lead to supply chain disruptions and threaten food security and nutrition. All these issues are raised on the commemoration day; solving them together is ponderous.

The chronicler points out that the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - specifically SDG 12, target 12.3 - calls for halving per capita global food waste at the

retail and consumer levels. This appeal also sets a target of halving food losses along the production and marketing level specifically, not via specific United Nations development programmes but targeted national efforts. The degree to which international aid is available can be tricky owing to the steep demand side.

Not all of us routinely remember that an estimated 3.1bn people worldwide do not have access to a healthy diet and some 828m people go hungry on a day to day basis. This reality is at the foundation of human consciousness, tied up with fate and conditioning religious observation as in 'give us our daily bread,' as it is on no account assured, for millions of people around the world. Having a moment of profound reflection on the matter at least for one day, and discussing it across a table, can lead to decisions promising good tidings, depending on the level thereof.

UN experts say the urgency for scaling up action to reduce food loss and waste cannot be overemphasized, noting that reducing food loss and waste presents an opportunity in seeking to improve the overall sustainability of our food systems. Yet as food chains from production to markets, retailing and consumption are locked in together. Overall technological upgrading of these systems is vital to cut losses.

Governments must addressing preliminary drawbacks like successive droughts induced by climate change, first. The recent emphasis on irrigation agriculture by President Samia Suluhu Hassan is vital, for predictable harvests not depending on vagaries of rainfall. That will enable credit lines to individuals or cooperative units to speed up storage and marketing, etc.

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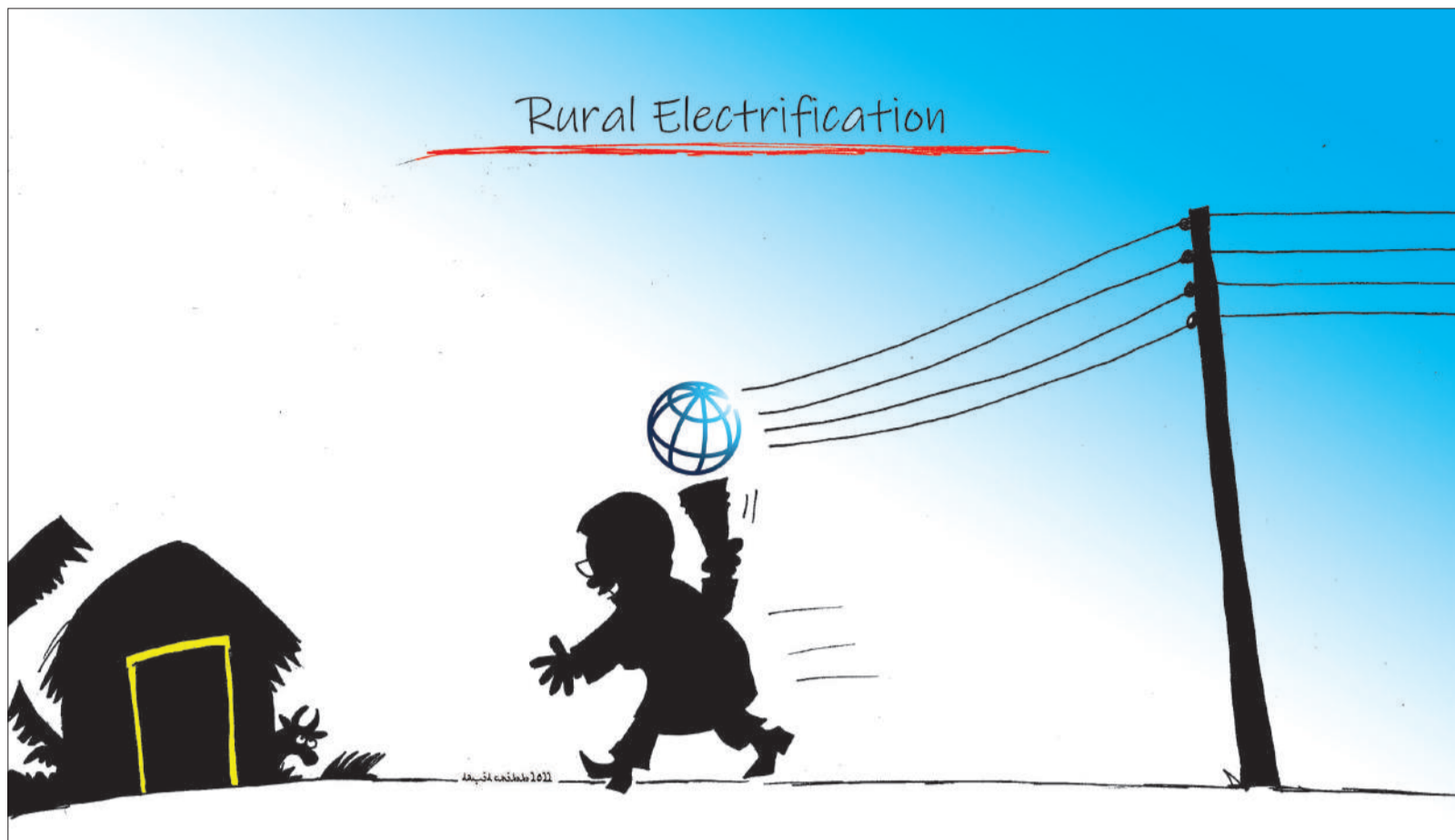
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World News Day: In times of crisis, change, journalists play critical role

By Warren Fernandez

WE live in bewildering times. War is raging in the heart of Europe, with the senseless fighting expected to make for a long, hard winter.

Food and fuel prices have spiralled as a result, portending hunger and hardship, not least for vulnerable communities far flung from the conflict.

Rising tensions in East Asia, amid the rivalry between the United States and China, make Taiwan a tinderbox that could flare up into a major confrontation that no one wants, nor may be able to control once set off.

Against this backdrop, the welter of reports on extreme weather - sweeping floods, roaring fires and devastating droughts - across the world, raise alarms that the climate crisis is getting harder to address by the day.

Little wonder, then, that all manner of audiences say that they are exhausted by the news. People are anxious about present developments and where they might be heading.

Fake news and misinformation add to the malaise. Some of this is spread deliberately, to sway public opinion, but much is also shared innocently, even unthinkingly, on social media platforms. Yet, curbs to check the former could constrain legitimate interaction.

At times like these, World News Day, which is marked each September 28, is of added significance. It is a special day for reflection on how journalism can make a difference, and why it is so important that it does.

Journalists in professional newsrooms have a vital role to play in safeguarding the well-being of the communities they serve. Our democracies depend on them doing so, effectively and purposefully.

How best to do so?

To my mind, we need to focus on delivering information, insight and inspiration.

Credible information - fact-based, reliable, and timely - remains vital if we are to have reasoned, and reasonable, debates on how to tackle the challenges humankind is facing and figure out the ways forward.

While we might all be entitled to our opinions, we are not entitled to our own facts. Without any



agreement on even basic facts, democratic discussions are reduced to a cacophony of assertion, where "the best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity", as legendary 20th-century Irish poet, dramatist and writer William Butler Yeats (13 June 13, 1865 - January 28, 1939) put it.

Fact-based journalism requires painstaking legwork by reporters, relentless cross-checking and quality control by editors, as well as authoritative analysis and interpretation by seasoned commentators.

Not surprisingly, in this age of bewilderment, audiences are seeking out trusted voices they can rely on to deliver reliable reports and insightful commentaries.

Multiple studies show that, apart from the news, audiences value explainers, backgrounders, analyses - whether online, on video or through newsletters.

Beyond this, faced with relentless waves of doom and gloom, people also want inspiration. They want to hear about possible solutions to the problems at hand as well as of those who are stepping up to address them. So too content that seeks to shine a light in dark corners and give voice to communities and subjects that are more often neglected or ignored.

Allow me to cite one example: a video series, entitled 'Invisible Asia', in which my colleagues from The Straits Times cast a spotlight on people living in the shadows of their societies, largely unseen and

unheard.

These people include the ostracised burakumin or "untouchables" in Japan, the hardships endured by sewer cleaners in modern-day India and China's silent army of odd-job migrant labourers, as well as the sense of isolation faced by unsuspecting brides drawn from abroad to marry men in Singapore.

The series was awarded the top prize for investigative/enterprise video journalism at the global Editor & Publisher EPPY Awards 2021.

Many more examples of how journalism has made an impact can be found on the World News Day website. The newsroom adage "show, don't tell" applies here.

At a time when Orwellian "War-is-Peace", "Freedom-is-slavery" doublespeak and state-sponsored misinformation campaigns are rampant, it seems fitting to turn to that journalistic sage, George Orwell, for inspiration on World News Day.

In his 1946 essay, 'Why I Write', English novelist, essayist, journalist, and critic Eric Arthur Blair, better known by his pen name George Orwell, argued that all writing, but perhaps especially journalistic endeavours, has a political purpose as well as a quest for telling a good story well.

The words by Orwell (June 25, 1903 - January 21, 1950), whose work is characterised by lucid prose, social criticism, opposition to totalitarianism and support of democratic socialism, ring true

today.

He wrote: "My starting point is always a feeling of partisanship, a sense of injustice."

"When I sit down to write a book, I do not say to myself: 'I am going to produce a work of art'. I write it because there is some lie that I want to expose, some fact to which I want to draw attention, and my initial concern is to get a hearing."

"But I could not do the work of writing a book, or even a long magazine article, if it were not also an aesthetic experience... I am not able, and do not want, completely to abandon the world view that I acquired in childhood. So long as I remain alive and well I shall continue to feel strongly about prose style..."

"The job is to reconcile my ingrained likes and dislikes with the essentially public, non-individual activities that this age forces on all of us."

So it was, and so it remains, especially today.

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Explore your multiskilling abilities to dodge the agony of joblessness

IN a world where jobs are hard to come by, people who have skills, aptitude or ability in more than one area have an advantage compared to those who have trained in only one area. As the saying goes, don't put all your eggs in one basket.

For, in today's workplace, companies and organizations are eager to simplify and form one-stop shops, complete with multiskilled staff to manage the quality of products and services. In such circumstances, the panel is highly likely to hire the multiskilled.

I was recently talking to a friend about my new project for over an hour, and while he thought it was great, he wasn't sure I could handle it on my own.

"Well, I can code a good website," I said. "Plus, there are tonnes of drag-and-drop editors nowadays, which makes the whole thing a lot easier to build."

"Okay. But how do you make it: live or design it?" he asked. "I did that a dozen times as a child with other small website projects I had." Hosting is simple, and it will cost me peanuts. As for the design, we went to design school together."

My friend already knew I was multiskilled; he had just never seen all of those skills combined into one project. I launched my website a week after our conversation. Fast forward a year and a half, and it is now his turn to launch his project.

His idea, like many others nowadays, needed to begin with a website. This meant he'd have to figure out almost everything on his own. It was now his turn to face the harsh reality of today's workplace: in order to succeed, you must be multi-skilled.

Why is it a big deal? Well, if you want to have a good chance of succeeding in life, you won't get there with just one skill. There was a time when doing one thing exceptionally well could suffice. You had a better chance of success if you were an expert. And you still do today, but if you're just an expert, chances are you'll be working for someone else rather than yourself.

Experts nowadays have one of two options: they have one master skill that they are excellent at and a lot of small skills that come in handy on the side, or they have multiple skills that they are re-



ally good at but not necessarily excellent at.

This is a really fine line to walk because you don't want to split your energy between too many skills at once. If you do that, you'll only be average at a few things and not so good at most. The key is to find the perfect balance between actually being good at a bunch of things yet being able to move a project forward.

Nobody will work the same job for the next 30 years. Not only do people crave change more and more as technology advances at a breakneck pace. This means we must all keep up risk being left behind.

At a micro level, this means either learning new skills when new things come up or falling behind. On a macro level, this means that some businesses

will fail to adapt. We can all imagine a small business in 2021 that still uses computers from 20 years ago, doesn't install updates, and has been doing the same thing for 20 years or more. These companies' employees have not learned to be multiskilled.

Multitasking is yet another byprod-

uct of our modern world but it is vastly overrated and should be avoided at all costs. It causes more stress, wastes time, increases the percentage of errors in task processing, and results in insufficient attention overall.

Having multiple skills and utilising them in a smart way is not at all the

same as doing multiple things at the same time. Multitasking is trying to code a website, design it, and work on the marketing campaign all at the same time. Multiskilling is knowing very well how to do each one of those tasks, and allocating dedicated time blocks to each one of them in a structured manner.

Looking at this from a company level again, avoiding multitasking within your organisation will usually mean hiring more multiskilled people. At my 9-5 job, my CEO always puts emphasis on hiring people with a lot of skills, even if we end up needing only 3 or 4 of those skills. He always wants us to have an exhaustive list of skills on our job listings.

As he puts it, "it's better to have a toolbox with 50 tools and only need 10 than to have 5 tools and not the one you need."

He says it doesn't matter if some skills are irrelevant because what matters is to avoid having people do many things at the same time as much as possible and skills, when solid, always come in handy.



HARARE

At his house in Mabvuku, a high-density suburb in Harare, the Zimbabwean capital, 86-year-old Tinago Murape claims his grandchildren starve him.

Not only that, but Murape, who now walks with the support of a walking stick, said his three grandchildren - grown-up men with their wives and children living in his house, accuse him of bewitching them.

Murape's wife, Sekai, born in 1941, died two years ago after she contracted COVID-19. All of his three children, two sons and a daughter, succumbed to AIDS decades ago, Murape told IPS without beating about the bush as he tapped on the ground with his walking stick.

Faced with joblessness and leading lives as domestic part-time workers in the affluent suburbs of Harare, his grandchildren strongly believe their grandfather cast spells on them, resulting in them failing to get formal jobs even though they are educated.

Now the grandsons, and their wives, have reportedly slapped Murape with sanctions - denying him food as a way of punishing him for causing their economic misery, according to him.

The grandchildren have vehemently denied the accusations.

"That's not true. It's old age pushing him to think like that," one of the grandchildren told IPS.

Yet, for Murape, the abuse has gone on for years as he claims well-wishers and neighbours have often fed and clothed him.

The three grandsons, 27-year-old Richard, 29-year-old Benito and 32-year-old Tamai Murape, have never been formally employed after they completed their technical courses at Harare Polytechnic College.

According to the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, 90 percent of Zimbabweans are unemployed.

Aged persons haunted by abuse in Zimbabwe



HelpAge Zimbabwe director Priscilla Gavi is concerned about the elder abuse in Zimbabwe, especially as many are reliant on their families for support. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS

Murape's grandsons are part of the country's unemployed, although they blame witchcraft, which they pin on their aged grandfather, for their joblessness.

Director for HelpAge Zimbabwe, Priscilla Gavi, said: "Older people are wrongly accused of practising witchcraft, which sees them blamed for deaths, drought, floods, disease and other calamities."

In some instances, said Gavi, older persons are set upon by community members with beatings that may be fatal or leave them with disabilities or are burnt in their houses.

But Murape has said he has learnt to make do with the abuse.

"Sometimes they shut me out of my own house on top of denying me food, knowing I have no source of income and well-wishers have become my saviours every day," Murape told IPS.

In fact, with many aged Zimbabwean citizens like Murape putting up with abuse, the abuse of the country's senior citizens has turned into a growing trend.

In 2021 alone, police in Zimbabwe claimed they handled 900 cases countrywide related to the abuse of aged persons.

Like Murape, many aged persons in Zimbabwe taken care of by relatives claim they have become victims of physical and emotional abuse, with some claiming even to have been sexually abused.

Aged rape victims are many, like 76-year-old Agness Murambiwa in Harare, who claimed her 22-year-old grandson raped her before he fled to neighbouring South Africa earlier this year.

Gavi said aged persons are not spared from sexual abuse.

"Cases of rape of older women by much younger men are increasing in

parts of Zimbabwe. In some instances, these arise from the mistaken notion that having sex with an older woman can cure one of terminal illnesses," Gavi told IPS.

But the wounds remain for Zimbabwe's aged rape victims like Murambiwa.

"Earlier this year, Themba, my grandson, attacked me while I slept in my bedroom, threatened to kill me if I made any noise before he raped me. It pains me that my own blood did this to me," Murambiwa told IPS.

Murambiwa is taken care of by her two daughters, both of whom divorced their husbands and one of whom is Themba's mother.

The daughters are also strained taking care of their aged mother.

"It's not easy looking after an aged parent. We have limited resources, and she always complains that we are not doing enough, yet none of us is employed. We are vendors living from hand to mouth," 52-year-old Letiwe, one of Murambiwa's daughters, told IPS. But many aged Zimbabweans like Murape and Murambiwa said they could not fight off their abusers because they were in desperate need of care.

With limited resources to support its senior citizens, Zimbabwe has no social grants for the aged.

This means aged persons like Murape and Murambiwa are on their own as they bear the brunt of abuse in the twilight of their lives.

Yet the Constitution of Zimbabwe protects the elderly, defined in Section 82 of the Constitution as people over 70.

Many of Zimbabwe's aged citizens have no money after the 2008 hyperinflation eroded their savings.

This time, a new round of inflation has not helped the country's growing number of abused aged persons who depend on their relatives.

Inflation currently hovers above 257 percent in Zimbabwe, with food prices skyrocketing, meaning the lives of aged persons such as Murape could even worsen.

Other than inflation, for aged men - widowers that have remarried, according to HelpAge's Gavi, abuse could be even worse.

"Some older men have also faced abuse from their younger wives who mistreat their spouses wantonly, leading to some of these men finding themselves on the streets," said Gavi.

Korean slums: The shadows of society, or the new light for the future?

Seoul

Have you watched Parasite? In 2021, everyone seemed to be watching it. But I wonder how many of them paid attention to the old man who found a little shelter in a hidden basement behind the kitchen of a mansion. However hidden it was, that's where he could meet his basic needs. That was his little slum.

It may be a bit of a stretch, but I found that the movie Parasite exposed the core of South Korea's unique slum culture. It's hidden under the shadow of big skyscrapers and, more importantly, consists of seniors like the old man in the movie.

Korean slums are full of seniors. In 2020 alone, 388 seniors died home alone. There was a 29% increase in these deaths in 2021. Why? That's what we will be talking about in this article.

First, South Korea is now an aging society. By 2025, over 20% of the Korean population will be seniors. Consequently, with the increase in the elderly population, the poverty rate among seniors has also increased.

Even though South Korea is famous for being the country that flourished rapidly after the Korean War in 1953, it has constantly encountered multiple financial crises. Many industries favor the younger generation to maximize the nation's output, resulting in over 2 million elderly workers being unemployed and forcing an early retirement since the 1970s. With this trend, the elderly's well-being diminished, and many experienced financial devastation - which threw them onto the streets and forced them to seek shelter. This explains the emergence of Korean slums made up of seniors.

There is another significant cause why older people fill Korean slums. The seniors in South Korea are a unique generation, sandwiched between the Korean war in their past and the YOLO (You Only Live Once) culture. They had to support their immediate and extended family (their elderly parents, brothers and sisters, and so on). On top of this, when they become seniors, their children, who live in YOLO culture (defined as the view that one should make the most of the present moment without worrying about the future), don't support their parents. As a result, Korean families face a new crisis: abandoned seniors. Recently, there has been an increasing number of news reports about seniors abandoned by their children. Many of them die home alone without any family members. As of 2020, out of 1.8 million seniors living by themselves, 953 of them died home alone. Because of this social phenomenon, many proprietors refuse to rent their homes to seniors over 65.

To find a place to live, they go to the slums, which explains why Korean slums are uniquely full of seniors. Interestingly, these seniors have turned their slums into a silver town where they receive social welfare services and emotional support. Since they live together, charity organizations and social welfare services can easily locate and take care of them. Through these support systems obtained by living in slum areas, the seniors can feel a sense of belonging - they no longer feel alone.

Concern Worldwide Executive Director Junmo Lee told IPS that they have to approach this issue with the importance of community in mind. Creating a community where these seniors are connected back to society is the key because the disconnection isolates them. Concern Worldwide is an international humanitarian organiza-



IPS youth thought leader trainees Minseung Kim (team leader), middle, Henry Cho, right, Dongjun Lee in the interview with Seong Hoon Kim, Senior Director, Platform Development Division of Korea Social Security Information Service.

tion that strives for a world free from poverty.

But how can this disconnection

from their families and productive work be solved? We know that a single private organization can't

solve it. Then what is the solution? Seong Hoon Kim, the Senior Director of the Platform Division at

the Korea Social Security Information Service Team was able to give legislative views on the issue.

To create a community where seniors are reconnected to society, we need a communal contribution where all government, private humanitarian organizations, and family members work together as a team, Kim says.

There is a saying that it takes a whole village to raise a child.

Now, we want to say that it takes a whole village to care for seniors, especially those living in slums. We have to come as one family to support them.

However, our government needs to step up to bring the entire country together to form a community where these seniors are reconnected to their own families and society.

We are teenagers now. But we will grow old, too. We don't want to live in slums because that's the only option we may have. We hope to stay connected to our families and be productive until we die. To turn this hope into reality, we must start working on it now.

Living in slums after 65? It's not just their story. It can be our and your story, too, if we don't act now. We hope the Korean government will hear our voice and act upon it so we can live as happily as we can when we grow old. Is it not our right to pursue happiness even after 65?



IPS youth thought leader trainees Minseung Kim (team leader), middle, Henry Cho, right, Dongjun Lee in the interview with Seong Hoon Kim, Senior Director, Platform Development Division of Korea Social Security Information Service.

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Africa postal operators urged to improve security services

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has implored Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) member states to accord special attention in beefing up Safety and security in delivered of its postal services.

Opening a three-day Universal Postal Union (UPU) advanced certification training workshop for postal security experts in Arusha yesterday, the deputy Permanent Secretary (PS), Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, Mohamed Abdallah said that safety and security of the postal sector was part of the global supply chain and critical to supporting communication and trade.

Deputy PS said that Tanzania recognizes that the UPU is providing security mentorship to the

least developed countries in finding appropriate security measures, standards and procedures in the supply chain to cope with the rest of the World, adding that Tanzania has National Postal Policy of 2003 which has a dedicated section emphasizing on optimal postal security and safety to tackle any threats from modern day terrorism, while ensuring that any distribution of narcotics, contraband and other undesirable articles are prohibited in the country.

Theft, loss and violation of postal items are currently on the decline, but remain a major concern if the country does not act in enhancing security to preserve the integrity of the industry.

Mohamed thanked the director general of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the secretary



Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) manager of postal services, Haruni Lemanya welcomes to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) chief security programme, Dawn Wilkes, yesterday in Arusha. Photo: Courtesy of TCRA.

general of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) for their convergence of minds in coming up with

this humbling choice of Tanzania as venue for the important experts meeting a gesture which will

ever be proudly cherished by the Tanzanian government.

The Deputy PS wel-

comed delegates from 46 PAPU member states.

"On behalf of the Tanzanian government our

Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, allow me to warmly welcome you all to Arusha, the headquarters of the Pan African Postal Union. This postal security experts' certification workshop shall serve as a platform to Unite Post Service Experts from Tanzania and various regions within the continent of Africa, illustrating the geographical proximity in the world of postal services. It is my sincere hope that you will find Arusha very comfortable, being your "home away from home," he said.

Speaking at the event, the PAPU secretary general Sifundo Chief Moyo called upon all designated postal operators in Africa to be vigilant and always minimize the risks that could befall their businesses and affect their postal staff, assets and

mail matter. He called upon the security managers and postal security experts present at the meeting to more focus and demonstrates their quest to push the postal security and quality of service agendas to the next level in order to tap into the global e-commerce markets, adding that optimum security has preserved customers' trust in the industry for over centuries.

TCRA has played a central role in preparation of postal sector security experts meeting and is one of the key participants in the historical meeting.

PAPU headquarters is Tanzania, based in Arusha where the continental body new head office complex has reached 80 per cent of construction owned jointly by PAPU and TCRA.



Drought killing Kenya's endangered wildlife - report

By Ayanat Mersie

KENYA'S worst drought in four decades has killed almost 2 per cent of the world's rarest zebra in three months, and 25 times more elephants than normal over the same period.

It is starving Kenya's famed wildlife of normal food sources out in the open and driving them into deadly conflict with people as they roam wider, to the edges of towns and villages, in a desperate search for sustenance.

Without interventions to protect wildlife, or if the approaching rainy season fails again, animals in many parts of the East African country could face an existential crisis, conservationists say.

"It's a serious threat to us," said Andrew Letura, a monitoring officer at Grevy's Zebra Trust (GZT). Grevy's zebra, which are larger than a standard plains zebra and have narrower stripes and wider ears, are the rarest in the species: there are 3,000 left in the world, 2,500 of which are in Kenya.

Drought has killed about 40 Grevy's since June - which is how many would be expected to die over a whole year, said Letura, squinting under the searing sun at Samburu National Reserve in Kenya's arid north.

"If we are losing 40 within three months, what would that mean to the remaining population?"

GZT has begun to feed Grevy's zebras hay poured over a mix

of molasses, salt and calcium, helping to reduce but not eliminate deaths, the trust says.

The situation in southern Kenya is also bleak.

The carcass of an endangered Grevy's Zebra, which died during the drought, is seen in the Buffalo Springs National Reserve, Isiolo county

The carcass of an endangered Grevy's Zebra, which died during the drought, is seen in the Samburu national park

Endangered Grevy's Zebras look for food during drought, in the Samburu national park

"Rangers have counted eight times as many animals dead or too weak to stand, compared to a normal September. The Amboseli Trust for Elephants have recorded 50 elephant's dead

or missing," said Benson Leylian, chief executive of Big Life Foundation which works with local landowners to protect conservation areas and open rangelands of the Amboseli Ecosystem.

In the Kitenden Conservancy nearby, the stench of rotting animal carcasses is so strong that some tourists have started to wear protective masks, a ranger there said.

Some wild animals are dying at the hands of people.

"We're seeing a five-fold increase in incidents of people poaching for bushmeat, as compared to other dry seasons," said Leylian. Save the Elephants, meanwhile, said it is finding a growing number of elephants killed by guns or spears, but

with their tusks intact - a sign that they fell victim to conflict with humans in populated areas, rather than poaching.

The crisis isn't attributable to drought alone, experts say. Overgrazing by livestock is depleting rangelands and making it harder for ecosystems to recover from drought, said David Daballen, field operations chief for Save the Elephants.

Even thinking about the possibility of the next rains, which are expected in October-November, failing is frightening, said Letura of GZT. "The situation is already bad. But that would make it a serious crisis," he said.

"The first word anyone says now is that they are praying for rain."

Cambridge Education Tanzania calls upon speeding up development of ICT projects

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

CAMBRIDGE Education Tanzania has advised the government to speed up development of Information Communication Technology (ICT) projects to facilitate quality of learning for children in public schools.

Programmes communications adviser from Cambridge Education Tanzania, Daniel Harris said information and communications stakeholders have a role to play in facilitating effective learning to pupils in public schools which most of the time lack infrastructure for proper schooling.

"Information officers have the task of training teachers as well as engage all children including those with disabilities to access education, which will be possible by disseminating proper information concerning the programme," said Harris during "Shule Bora Programme" communication skills workshop organised by the organisation to information officers from Mara, Simiyu and Singida regions held in Mwanza recently.

He said the UK government was aware of the efforts put in place by the government of Tanzania to ensuring quality learning for children in public schools, saying the money put in the "Shule Bore Programme" by the British government was part of efforts to improve the sector.

"The implementation of 'Shule Bora Programme' will achieve results, in the next few years with more pupils enrolling and staying in safe and inclusive schools, and more girls progressing secondary education," he said.

Information officer from Serengeti District Council, Goodluck Mwhava said the officers have a huge task of ensuring that they look for information, analyse and disseminate them for the positive results.

"This implementation of this program will be fruitful to the girls, since most families has low response to girl's access to education," he added.

Liwina Mnamba communication officer from Bunda Town Council said: "This education programme will activate operations and be catalyse to development in our region, the information will enable our leaders to support us in disseminating information on the implementation of the projects.

Meanwhile, programme communication manager from Cambridge Education Tanzania, Raymond Kanyambo said the "Shule Bora" programme also targets to support the teaching workforce and strengthening of education management systems.

"We are trying to review the teachers curriculum to enable what the teacher learn is what is going to deliver to pupils are school and improve skills of schools management teams from national to school levels," said Kanyambo.

The "Shule Bora programme" education is funded by the UK government through UKaid up to 2027. It is to be implemented in nine regions including Tanga, Katavi, Coast, Mara, Simiyu, Rukwa, Singida, Dodoma and Kigoma.

Government vaccinates 323,638 dogs, 28,933 cats to control rabies

By Beatrice Philemon

THE government has in the period between July and September, this year vaccinated a total of 323,638 dogs and 28,933 cats in 101 district councils so as to control and eliminate rabies.

Director of veterinary services and chief veterinary officer in the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Prof Hezron Nonga told The Guardian yesterday that the exercises were conducted in all 26 regions.

He said in commemoration of the Rabies Week which commenced on September 26 to October 2, this year, the ministry is expected to vaccinate a total of

60,000 dogs and cats.

Prof Nonga said in the 2020/2021 fiscal year, a total of 986,195 dogs and 5,152 cats were vaccinated while in 2021/2022, 1,608,344 dogs and 6,833 cats were vaccinated to curb the spread of rabies.

He noted that rabies is a major global public health challenge that leads to human deaths.

"This is why the government has taken serious measures to curb the spread of rabies that affects both humans and animals. The main goal is to reduce the number of human deaths attributed to the rabies virus," he said.

He said the rabies virus is usually transmitted through a bite from an infected animal and is mostly found in wild animals like hyena, wild dogs, foxes, lion, leopard and other animals.

Rabies can be prevented if the bitten person or cat gets treatment quickly. He said.

He said, rabies is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus and it affects the nerves and brain for both humans and animals.

Currently, Regions leading for rabies in Tanzania are Mara, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Iringa, Katavi, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Tabora because the

communities are living close to the national parks and forest reserves where animals can play huge part in spreading rabies to humans through dogs.

He said the districts which have the highest spread of rabies includes Kilosa, Mvomero and other districts in Morogoro region.

He called on Tanzanians especially in those regions to vaccinate their dogs and cats because the disease that was first reported in Tanzania in 1933 is very fatal causing deaths of the infected victims, he said noting that Tanzania loses an estimated 1500 people every year.

According to him, rabies is caused by the rabies virus. Infected animals have the virus in their saliva. The virus enters the body through broken skin or the eyes, nose, or mouth, and travels through nerves to the brain. There it multiplies and causes inflammation and damage.

Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease with serious socioeconomic impact. Worldwide, the annual human mortality from canine rabies is estimated to be 59,000 of which about 60 per cent of the cases occur in Asia and 36 percent in Africa.

Deadly smoke: Feeding children kills cafeteria staff

Seoul

During my summer break this year, I read a news article about five school cafeteria workers who had died of lung cancer. Due to these incidents, a union of cafeteria workers, wearing their aprons and holding their lunch trays, held a protest in front of the President's office on a scorching summer day. And it made us think about the devastating working conditions for the school lunch employees. Isn't it so disheartening that we eat our school lunch at the expense of their health?

Did you know that one cafeteria staffer has to provide 150 student servings in a substandard kitchen with poor ventilation systems? That's why they get lung cancer. While cooking, they inhale gasses, known as cooking fumes or cooking smoke. This substance contains "carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and several toxic volatile hydrocarbons," which has caused 3.8 million people to die prematurely from this "indoor air pollution". So installing a proper ven-

tilation system in a school cafeteria is crucial to protect the kitchen staff.

But why isn't there a proper ventilation system in the first place? Initially, South Korea did not have a school cafeteria. All school children brought their lunch boxes from home until 2011. Those who could not afford their lunch box received free lunch from school. But imagine it: Johnny is flashing out his fancy lunch box next to Jane, who is eating free lunch from school. What would Jane feel about this? Well, Korean politicians thought that no child should be left behind in terms of school lunches. So for the sake of equality, the Korean government launched a "Free School Lunch for All" program in 2011. The real problem was that they launched this free lunch program without installing a proper kitchen ventilation system to save on the budget. Basically, for the sake of political populism, they overlooked the serious problems a substandard kitchen environment would bring to the health of school cafeteria workers.

What about other countries that offer free school lunches? In Japan,



Soo Hyoun Lim's classmate doing a campaign inside the Yongsan International School's cafeteria with the poster.

for example, schools are built with a free school lunch program in mind from the beginning. So proper ventilation systems are built in. And they constantly renovate

their school kitchens for the sake of the health of both cafeteria workers and students, which is a stark contrast to Korean schools.

Is there anything I can

do as a student?

I strongly believe that spreading the news of the devastating working environment for school cafeteria ladies using social media is a good place

to start. So I made a poster and posted it on my Instagram. The result was phenomenal. We got lots of 'Likes' and comments from people thanking us for raising awareness of this dire situation in Korean school cafeterias. And we will continue to design new posters and post them on social media. People may wonder what difference a small media post can make. Confucius said, "The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." Our post may be a small stone. But wait until we have a huge collection of posts about this issue. We may move a mountain. You never know.

What else can we do as students? Well, we are writing this opinion editorial to suggest creative solutions which may reach the ears of the policymakers in South Korea. That's something! For the answer, we thought of using clean and renewable energy: cook with the sun! Have you ever used a solar oven before? Basically, a solar cooker consists of a system of reflectors and a cooking pot. The setup converts the solar energy into heat energy to bake, boil, or steam food. In a solar oven, you can cook an-

anything that you can cook in a conventional electric or gas oven or stove without producing toxic cooking fumes. Well, browning is unlikely in a solar oven due to lower temperatures. On the bright side, this means that we don't need to worry about our food getting dried out or burned.

Most importantly, no deadly cooking fumes! We may not get crisp French fries or caramelized steaks, but there are huge collections of recipes designed specifically for solar ovens. If we can eliminate the harmful cooking smoke for our cafeteria ladies' health, we will be happily satisfied with the solar cooker food.

But will it work for a large crowd of people? According to Mason Terry, director of the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, multiple solar ovens were functioning superbly years ago at a refugee camp in Nepal. You may not know this, but Nepal is home to over 40,000 refugees. If it worked for such a large number of hungry people in Nepal, I'm sure that South Korea could find ways to utilize this earth-friendly oven for their students at school. Since the budget was the issue for installing proper ventilation systems in Korean schools, they can save a lot of gas and power bills by using solar ovens. And with that money saved, they can install proper ventilation systems! Again, we ardently hope that this sustainable solution reaches the ears of South Korean policymakers.

Posters on social media and talking about solar ovens. We know. They are small steps. Perhaps too small to change the current Korean cafeterias. Perhaps too weak to save the lives of our cafeteria ladies. But however small and weak these steps may be, the important thing is that we are leaving our footprints on this issue. Wayne Gerard Trotman once said, "We are not helpless. We all can make this world a better place. We can start with small steps, one day at a time." So take a small step with us today. Tomorrow we will be a step closer to bringing changes to Korean school cafeterias.

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4 letters: EDIT, TEEN, NILE, GAME, KALE, RIAL
5 letters: RIVER, VAULT, ENTER, LEASE, EENSZY, VEERS, SAY SO, NEEDY
6 letters: REMAIN, NERVES, KARATE, LEAVES
7 letters: ENCHANT
8 letters: ONE LINER
9 letters: MOUSE DEER, INTACTING

CLUES: Across
1 to tame
6 Madrid is her Capital
7 group of people descended from a common ancestor
9 up-to-date
11 person who plant seeds
12 to smash
14 refuse to admit the truth
16 dive suddenly
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19 sequence of words used to perform magic
20 Oman's Capital

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8 an Island
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14 death, destruction
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16 a job
17 a person who operates something

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Investment opportunities galore as new economic zone opens in Tanga

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN and foreign investors have new opportunities to open businesses in the newly launched multi-million-dollar economic zone in Mkinga District, Tanga Region.

Speaking at the launch of Mkinga Economic Zone in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Exaude Kigahe, said the new zone is expected to create jobs for Tanzanians especially the youth.

He said the economic zone in Tanga region is expected to be a game changer in the economic development and partnership in Africa as it acts as a gateway to more than 18 land-locked countries in the region.

"I have been informed that the Mkinga Economic Zone will enable more than 5,000 people to be employed directly or indirectly. So the zone will also benefit the residents of Mkinga

who will be the first to be employed."

The project, to be implemented in six phases each costing 50 million dollars, is implemented by Egyptian investors ZDS Developments in partnership with Signon Logistics E.A Limited and Rift Africa, international consultancies with a wide range of experience in big projects across the globe.

According to Shady El Zeki, the Zworld's board member, the project, worth 300m US dollars (699 billion shillings) in total, is the first smart economic zone in Africa spanning on 650 acres and leading the sustainable and economic development in Africa. The project features world-class technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), E-commerce and digital business (virtual company) making it unique in the region.

"The project aims to create vital infrastructure for Mkinga to enhance the economy and to build the foundation for developments taking



Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Exaude Kigahe (L) receives an award from Ambassador Nael Ali Assad, Chairman of Mkinga Economic Zone, during the official launch of the project in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

into consideration the agreements between African nations such as AfCFTA, EAC, SADC, AGOA and many

other agreements," he said.

He said so far five investors have shown interest to inject money in the

project coming from different nations including Brazil, Egypt, Tunisia, Bulgaria, GCC, Philippines, and India.

The Managing Director for Signon Logistics E.A Limited, Ali Mohammed said the company has created conducive and friendly environment to allow smooth investment through partnership with government agencies, a move that will cut unnecessary processes for a quicker turnaround.

"In a period of two weeks, interested investors will be able to get approvals to invest in this project after complying with the prerequisite requirements. We expect to start the implementation of the first phase in the first Quarter of 2023 and we invite both local

and external investors to grab this opportunity.

"We expect to start the implementation of the first phase in the first quarter of 2023 and we invite both local and external investors to grab this opportunity," he said.

He said the government of Tanzania will benefit from foreign direct investments while becoming an icon in the East and Central African region as a player to benefit from African intercontinental trade protocol.

He added that Tanga will be a game changer by getting employment benefit and economic growth by being center of excellence in development in the region as a business, marine and aviation hub.

Venture into aquaculture, Tanzanian youth advised

By Guardian Reporter

AMANI Fish farm manager Jovina Kyaruzi has encouraged the youth to engage in fish farming as a way of generating income and curb unemployment.

A 23-year-old girl, who is also a Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) graduate made the call on Tuesday when speaking to a researcher Fredrick Soka of the Wide Approach Limited who visited her farm located in Vikindu, Mkuranga Coast region.

With the support from The Netherlands Embassy in Tanzania, Wide Approach Limited and the Aquaculture Association of Tanzania (AAT) have teamed up for a joint survey on youth-led aquaculture projects in Dar es Salaam and Coastal to experience what is really happening on the ground.

The objective was to understand the bottlenecks facing youth in the aquaculture sector, attest willingness of youth to join a club for further discussions on solutions to challenges as one voice.

Among others, the team came across a passionate, young lady with entrepreneurial spirit and determination to use aquaculture skills for outreach.

The 23-year-old girl tasks youth to venture into aquaculture sector, which are yet to be explored and has a good future.

"I would encourage my fellow youth to join the aquaculture sector, capital is the challenge but hey...you have to start somewhere, you can start by doing extension services or outreaches just like how I started, stop worrying and start working," she said.

Jovina called on youth to venture into the area as the fish demand has been growing as



Amani Fish Farm manager in Vikindu area, Mkuranga District, Coast Region Jovina Kyaruzi (L) explains something to Fredrick Soka of the Wide Approach Limited on her aquaculture experience during the farm visit on Tuesday. With support from the Netherlands Embassy in Tanzania, Wide Approach Limited, together with the Aquaculture Sector of Tanzania conducted a survey in Dar es Salaam and Coastal regions, while visiting youth-led aquaculture companies and projects with the objective of understanding the challenges facing youth in the aquaculture sector, attest willingness of youth to join a club for further discussions on solutions to challenges as one voice.

people look for protein.

"It's a one of the sources for youth employment and aquaculture farming stands a chance to contribute enormously in the providing sustainable solution.

It is estimated that more than 1600 aquaculture grad-

uated from different aquaculture institutes, only 34 percent found their way back to work (either employed or as an entrepreneur) in the sector."

In the area, youthful lady is popularly known as Bibi Samaki, who was inspired by

her father who is aquaculture farmer, grew up seeing losses incurred from the family business due to lack of expertise, drove her to undertake an aquaculture course at the SUA and graduated in 2021.

As an aquaculture graduate, she learnt the knowledge

and skills acquired was more theoretical and could not fit the market requirements. Also, only realized that the aquaculture sector in the country is designed for graduates to create self-employment but forgot the aspect of enabling environment for self-employment for youth. After graduation, she had to visit and attach to several private aquaculture farms for practical skills.

"You know apart from studying this course at the university, you have to make sure you find a proper place where you can practice before call yourself an expert. The problem of our education system, there are too much theories and few demonstrations which kills confidence to most of fresh graduate," said Jovina.

The survey revealed common challenges facing the aquaculture sector in general notably availability and affordability of quality certified fish feed, fingerlings and knowledge of best aquaculture farming practices-water management and biosecurity.

Interestingly, Jovina among others is using her university knowledge to test alternative sources of protein for animal feed by exploring ways to commercialize and fattening of maggot larvae of black soldiers fly (BSF), she is also researching on how to make her own fish feed by using local raw materials.

Jovina is looking for more sponsorship so that she can widen her knowledge and skills on aquaculture field, and available for outreach, extension services and as an aquaculture farm manager.

Stanbic Bank (T) launches new proposition for SMEs

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has launched an exclusive value proposition for Small and Medium enterprises (SMEs) dubbed 'Mpambanaji', with the theme: 'We empower you to grow your businesses'.

The New solution aims at promoting financial inclusion by empowering SMEs to utilise the country's investment opportunities and increase their regional and global competitiveness.

The proposition was unveiled through a campaign that kicked off with a press conference and a workshop for SMEs at the Goldcrest hotel in Mwanza.

The Mpambanaji proposition comprises a full suite of solutions including SMEs-centred accounts for individuals, groups and SACCOS - Mpambanaji account, Vikundi and Saccos, an incubator program for capacity-building, Borderless Banking, Vehicle Asset Finance (VAF), Insurance services, Biashara Exchange, Africa China Trade Solution, as well as Agency Banking solution - Stanbic Wakala-with over 500 agents, increasing the bank's footprint in the country.

Speaking about the proposition during a press conference, the bank's Head of Business and Commercial Clients, Frederick Max, stressed that Mpambanaji aims to solve the challenges that have been hindering business from transitioning from informal to formal businesses.

"SMEs constitute over 70% of the private sector and employ over 4 million people. The small and medium business sector has the potential to make a significant contribution to the economy of Tanzania if formalised."

He said: "That is why as a financial institution we recognised the importance of providing support that goes beyond financial assistance, by creating a proposition that will ensure SMEs have the tools they need to establish sustainable and profitable businesses."

Bank's head of Retail Banking, Omari Mtiga disclosed that the bank is continually looking to create innovative and practical solutions that will enable their customer's dreams to come true.

"The Mpambanaji account is for the go-getters, the SMEs who grind every day to ensure that they achieve their business goals. Stanbic Bank is here to walk you through your transformational journey," Mtiga said.

DC praises coop members for using Covid-19 funds well

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

UNGUJA South District Commissioner, Rajab Yusuf Mkasaba has praised members of Kumekucha Cooperative in the Shehia of Mzuri Makunduchi for using well the loan from the Covid-19 funds to develop vegetable farming that provides them with both income and employment.

Mkasaba gave the praise at the Kumekucha Cooperative farm at Mzuri Makunduchi in the District after inaugurating tomato harvest in the farm.

He also used the occasion to praise Zanzibar President, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi for recognizing entrepreneurs by allocating funds for loans to enable them engage in various development activities.

DC Mkasaba said the Kumekucha Cooperative has shown a big example in putting to good use the loan money.

He also assured members that the government, under Dr Mwinyi will continue to support all entre-

preneurs to make sure they attain their goals in the fight against poverty.

He stressed upon cooperative members to continue working together to attain bigger development achievements.

Reading the Cooperative statement to the DC, Rehema Issa Ameir, one of the Kumekucha Cooperative members said on July 6 this year they received launched by President Mwinyi.

"We praise him for his efforts and today we welcome you to witness the results of President Mwinyi's development," Rehema said.

She said the Cooperative was established March 3 2012 with 20 members and whose business was banana cultivation and later they saw the need to start vegetable farming which they still engage in up to now.

However, they cited some challenges they face as including lack of reliable electricity for developing their farming activities



Coffee farmers bank on grafting to grow returns

By Guardian Reporter

Coffee ranks among key foreign exchange earners for Kenya. However, its production has over the years been dwindling to stand at a paltry 40,000 tonnes annually from highs of 150,000 tonnes at its peak.

The decline has been partly attributed to farmers abandoning the crop due to poor returns, adverse effects of climate change and an ageing farming population.

To stop the sector from suffering the same fate as pyrethrum, Kenya has stepped up initiatives to boost production in the race to match successful producers such as Ethiopia, which is one of the top exporting nations of the Arabica variety in the world market.

To achieve the targeted production, government and non-governmental actors via coffee revitalisation programme, have developed new varieties that can withstand harsher climatic conditions and have come up with new technologies to spur yields.

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (Kalro) has been working on technologies that will save farmers from the effects of climate change and deal with pests and diseases.

Harrison Mugo, a research scientist with Kalro at Coffee Research Institute (CRI) says the institution has developed a new technology that enables farmers to continue harvesting the produce from their old variety while the new one, which is attached to the old tree through grafting continues to mature.

"With the new technology, we use the old varieties that are already on the farm, by raising suckers and then grafting them with scions of the resistant coffee varieties," said Dr Mugo.

"During grafting, farmers will still be harvesting their coffee from the old tree as they raise the new suckers until they are ready to produce before getting rid of it."

Dr Mugo said through this process, the old coffee is converted into a new variety and because they do not require much space like the old ones, farmers can add other trees in between the spaces.

Dr Mugo said production over the years has stagnated as farmers are using the old coffee varieties that were planted decades



A farmer picks coffee at Kaheti village in Nyeri county

ago and, which are susceptible to two major diseases- coffee Berry diseases and coffee leave rust.

The improved varieties- Ruiru II and Bation, which are also high yielding, can withstand the two coffee diseases hence enhancing farmers' yields.

"With the new varieties, farmers can increase their income by 30 percent because they will not have to use pesticides to control the two diseases, cutting on production costs," he said.

Kalro, Director General, Eliud Kireger says with climate change in Kenya becoming a reality, traditional coffee-producing areas are becoming drier, hence unsuitable for the crop while zones, which were not producing the crop before are now emerging as new frontiers.

"There is a shift already in terms of where

coffee is now being produced in the country as well as globally, due to climate change. There is a focus that big players like Colombia and Brazil, are witnessing a falling trend in their production," said Dr Kireger.

Colombia and Brazil are the world's largest producers of coffee and a decline in production in the last planting season has benefited Kenya whose income from the crop went up by 62 percent in 11 months to August to hit \$210 million. Coffee year in Kenya starts in October.

Traditional coffee-rowing regions in Kenya are Machakos, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kiambu and Kirinyaga.

Trans-Nzoia and Uasin Gishu are the new emerging regions where coffee is now gaining momentum. The two counties, which are predominantly known for maize pro-

duction, are steadily embracing the beverage.

Trans-Nzoia County Executive Member for Agriculture Mary Nzomo says the area under coffee has in the last couple of years increased from 2,000 hectares to 2,800 with the devolved unit setting a target of achieving 5,000 hectares in coming years.

"As a county government, we embarked on a crop diversification programme with coffee being one of them. We have been rehabilitating previously existing coffee bushes to come up with the variety that can withstand the effects of climate change," said Dr Nzomo.

She said the county introduced a subsidy programme where farmers purchased seedlings for Sh10 instead of Sh20 as it was before to attract more growers.

The coffee value chain has many enter-

prises, apart from selling berries, there are other opportunities like nursery management, seed propagation, and grafting and value addition.

According to Kalro, the average age of a coffee farmer is 64 years hence there is a need to have the younger generation pick up this farming. But this is changing as more youth are encouraged to consider coffee farming.

Victor Murei, a 23-year-old young farmer, picked coffee farming from his father and is now managing over three acres of the produce on their Tran-Nzoia farm.

His father, Zephaniah Chemweno, a retired teacher, says he introduced his son to the coffee business for the sake of continuity of the enterprise.

"I realised that my son is interested in farming and so I decided to introduce him to coffee and since 2019 he has been actively involved in this farming," said Mr Chemweno.

The Information Technology graduate says he is breaking the narrative that farming is for the old and those who did not go to school.

"My age mates would argue that farming is for old folks and they would rather work in the office. I want to tell them that the future is in farming," said Mr Murei.

Mr Murei is also doing seed propagation which he sells to farmers as a way of raising more income for himself. Beveline Birira is another youth farmer. The 26-year-old who is a graduate of community development has embraced coffee farming having in mind the role that the crop played in her education.

"After completing my university education, my father gave me this piece of land which had an existing coffee crop to manage and I have since then embraced this venture," she said.

Ms Birira also does coffee propagation and she currently has over 20,000 seedlings at her farm, which are already booked due to the high demand from upcoming farmers.

How plunging UK pound against dollar is affecting Kenya

By Guardian Reporter

A unit of sterling pound has fallen below Sh130 levels against the shilling for the first time since the peak of Covid restrictions, portending lower cost of imports from the UK, while hurting export earnings for farm produce to that European country.

The shilling opened trading on Tuesday at 129.97 units against the pound before losing a bit of ground to exchange around 130 units later in the afternoon.

The UK currency fell to a record low against the globally-bullish US dollar on Monday as markets reacted to last weekend's UK's biggest tax cuts in 50 years which have raised the cost of the UK government borrowing.

The weakening of the pound against the dollar is reflected in other markets partly because the greenback, the US currency, serves as the global benchmark in foreign exchange markets.

The shilling appreciated 3.42 percent against the pound on Monday, the biggest gain in nearly 14 years.

Central Bank of Kenya data shows the shilling last appreciated at a faster pace of 3.82 on January 20, 2009.

Trade between the two countries is tilted in favour of Kenya, meaning local exporters are net losers as the pound weakens.

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics data, for instance, show exports to the UK amounted to Sh49.4 billion last year against Sh33.6 billion in imports – a trade deficit of Sh15.8 billion.

Kenya mainly sells agri-



A trader holding ten pound sterling notes as a customer pays for goods at Whitechapel Market in east London.

cultural produce such as cut flowers, vegetables, fruits, coffee, and tea to the UK and largely buys vehicles, machinery, alcoholic beverages like spirits, pharmaceuticals and electronics.

Kenyan cut flower exporters estimate the weakening pound is wiping out as much as 15 percent of earnings from the UK, compounding liquidity challenges brought about by elevated cost of production locally.

"Our exporters have standing contracts with the buyers and those contracts are done in local currency of the buyers, in this case, the sterling pound," Kenya Flower Council (KFC) chief executive Clement Tulezi told the Business Daily.

"We are incurring a lot of production costs on the shilling which we cannot recover on the pound when you are selling. You need a stable currency to cushion you."

The pound is among the major international currencies that have been falling against the bullish US dollar amid continued increases in interest rates by

the Federal Reserve, the American central bank, to curb runaway inflation.

The Euro has also dropped to a 20-year low against the dollar this year amid the risk of recession.

CBK data shows the shilling has appreciated 14.52 percent against the pound since the beginning of the year, while the Euro is down 9.02 percent to just below 117 units of the shilling.

About a fifth of Kenya's cut flower exports are sold to the UK, Mr Tulezi said, with the bulk of the consignments sold to the 27-member European Union bloc through Amsterdam.

A stronger shilling against the pound and the Euro means reduced earnings for horticultural exports, who largely depend on the UK and EU markets.

"With [inflationary] pressure that people in Europe have, especially on energy costs, they are cutting expenditure on things like ornamental where cut flowers fall. We are also incurring a lot of production costs on the shilling which we cannot recover on the pound when you are selling," Mr Tulezi said.

"This year the market has, therefore, been horrible. It is not working in favour of the growers. A lot of farms are struggling with liquidity challenges because money is not coming as they had expected."

The BBC reported on Tuesday that the Bank of England will "not hesitate" to hike interest rates to curb inflation after the pound fell to a record low against the US dollar.

The Bank said in a statement it was "monitoring developments closely" and would make a decision on any action in November.

The weaker pound is, however, expected to make imports from the UK cheaper in a boost to importers in lower costs that could also translate to consumers in lower commodity prices.

The strengthening shilling against the pound will also slightly ease Kenya's external debt burden, with 2.3 percent of Kenya's external debt load of about Sh4.3 trillion denominated in the UK currency as the end of June.

Mangrove forests contributing to blue economy – Deputy Minister

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Natural resources and Tourism minister Mary Masanja has said mangrove forests and marine grass are expected to contribute to the development of blue economy by preserving carbon dioxide five times over that normal forests.

Masanja made the remarks Tuesday this week in Dar es Salaam when opening a two-day workshop for stakeholders in carbon dioxide ecosystem and the development of Tanzania's blue economy with the aim of discussing the best way to solve challenges facing the country's forest sector.

The Deputy Minister told workshop participants to bring up important issues which will assist the government to have in place a good environment for carbon trade.

She mentioned other benefits from mangrove forests include helping in fighting environmental effects such as climate change, soil erosion and sea hurricanes.

She said human activities in mangrove forests contribute to their extinction and affects the growth of the blue economy.

She explained that in order to fight challenges posed by mangrove forests extinction, the government will educate the people on better ways to protect the mangroves in collaboration with the private sector.

TFS Commissioner of Conservation, Prof. Dos Santos Silayo said people are supposed to have sustainable systems for income generation to enable them live without depending on the mangroves.

For his part, the Director for Fisheries in the Zanzibar Ministry of Blue Economy, Dr Salum Hemedi said there is a great relation between the blue economy and the carbon trade.

He said the carbon trade is done extensively by many countries in the world with industries that use carbon dioxide who pay the countries with huge forests for their protection.

The workshop was also attended by officials from Kenya government, representatives from the private sector, stakeholders from the Blue Economy Ecosystem and the Dutch Ambassador in Tanzania.

NSSF tags lower interest rate to mid-term access

KAMPALA

FOR the first time in a decade, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) declared a single digit interest rate of 9.65 percent that will be paid to members for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

This is equivalent to Shs1.37 trillion that will be credited to members.

The drastic drop from 12.15 percent declared for the FY2020/2021, has been attributed to the payout of the mid-term benefits, and economic shocks like inflation that greeted the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the impact of the Russian war on Ukraine.

Without these, the Fund argues members would have earned a 12.06 percent.

The Fund, however, witnessed asset growth of 11 percent to Shs17.25 trillion. Member contributions grew by nine percent.

Speaking at the 10th Annual Members Meeting in Kampala yesterday, the Minister of Finance in-charge of General Duties, Mr Henry Musasazi, who declared the interest, said the mid-term payments increased the total benefits paid out, reduced the money available for investment and distorted the Fund's investment portfolio by pushing more funds into short-term ventures that earn lower returns.

The money invested in short-term grew from Shs262b to Shs1.7 trillion so as to make available liquidity for when members claimed their ben-



Left to right: NSSF managing director Richard Byarugaba, Minister of Finance in-charge of General Duties Henry Musasazi and Minister for Gender, Labour and Social Development Betty Amongi during the 10th NSSF Annual Members Meeting in Kampala yesterday.

efits.

The Fund operationalised the midterm benefit in March, in line with Section 20(A) of the NSSF (Amendment) Act, 2021 that President Museveni signed on January 4.

The amendment grants savers aged 45 or older, and have contributed to the Fund for at least 10 years, access to 20 percent of their benefits, while a person with disability, if 40 years or older, is eligible to receive up to half of their savings.

There were 41,174, eligible savers, whose 20 percent benefits are to a tune of Shs793 billion. Of this, Shs443 billion has been paid out to 21,700 claimants.

Consequently, the total benefits paid out, in-

cluding the retirement benefit, totalled to Shs1.2 trillion, consuming 85 percent of the annual contributions.

The Fund's performance report over the previous financial year as presented by the managing director, Mr Richard Byarugaba, indicates that members would have earned 12.06 percent interest if the mid-term access had not been effected.

"We have declared 9.65 percent, however, if we had not paid out Shs450b in mid-term access, we would have had that money still invested in long term bonds, which would have brought in an extra Shs4.5b," he said.

Prior to the enactment of the new Law, officials in the Fund, including Finance Minister Matia Kasaija and Mr Byarugaba voiced concerns that the midterm benefit posed great risk to the Fund capital base.

Members of the 11th Parliament, who passed the amendment, however, argued savers needed their money, especially following the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Market effect
The performance report further indicates that market shocks that slowed the global economy, including inflation, the spill-over effects of the Russian war on Ukraine and high interest rates cost the Fund revenues to the tune of Shs289b, which would have bettered the interest by 1.75 percent.

Following the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Amendment Act 2021, that allows members who are 45 years and have contributed for 10 years access to 20 percent of their accrued benefits, they can also access 'affordable' housing using their NSSF savings.

NSSF has unveiled its mixed-use affordable housing project located in Temangalo, Wakiso District, 17Km from Kampala City centre.

While unveiling its mixed-use affordable housing project located in Temangalo, 17Km from Kampala City Centre yesterday, NSSF managing director Richard Byarugaba, said when completed, it will comprise of 3,500 houses of various types.

So far construction of Phase 1 comprises of 550 units and 350 units is already on ground. This means that 25 percent of the project is already done.

"To accommodate different income classes, to cope with the increased demand for affordable housing within the country with a starting price of about Shs90 million. You can also use your NSSF money and the rest will be from the rent," Byarugaba noted.

This means that for the start, it can be 20 percent off your savings which is about Shs18 million. The remaining Shs72 million (about 80 percent) will be paid over 10 years to clear the mortgage.

He added:
"This is an advantage for us because you have your savings with us. We can look at your age, how much money you get and be able to calculate. Banks can see your bank accounts but can not see your savings. For us we know your savings and your salary. The information we have about you can help us track the housing units you want to get. This too involves the private sector."

The infrastructure started in October 2021 and is scheduled for completion in June 2024.

Housing units

It comprises 550 units; 200

bungalows, 100 town-houses, 50 villas, 200 apartments and infrastructure and amenities like a water treatment plant, green spaces, public playgrounds, and a soccer pitch, among others.

"We have impeccable titles to all the land that the Fund purchased in 2008. The Fund is also the registered proprietor and is in possession of all the land titles. The houses will be on the market for sale in 2024," he added.

Mr Byarugaba further clarified that the Fund builds projects for the open market with the aim of earning a return that is paid to its members in form of interest at the end of every financial year.

He explained:

"Whereas we encourage members to invest in owning a home, the NSSF Board's fiduciary obligation is to ensure there is secure, profitable and effective financial management which is the basis of the Fund's investment strategy.

We must ensure a proper long term asset mix, diversification and prudent risk management to achieve our overall investment objective which is to earn a return."

Assets

Currently, the Fund manages assets worth over Shs17.2 trillion, invested in fixed income, equities and real estate assets within the East Africa region.

The largest fund in East Africa by value, hopes to grow its assets under management to Shs20 trillion by 2025.

Nema throws Hoima Sugar off forest land

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environment Management Authority (Nema) says it has withdrawn the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment certificate it had given to Hoima Sugar Limited to grow sugarcane over abuse.

Addressing journalists in Kampala yesterday, Dr Barireja Akankwasah, the Nema executive director, said on August 14, 2020, Nema leased to Hoima Sugar Ltd nine square miles of land in the Bugoma Forest Reserve to plant sugarcane, 312 hectares to develop an urban centre, 520 hectares to develop an eco-tourism centre, 40 hectares for a cultural site and six square miles were to be reserved for natural forest but their investigations reveal that the company contravened the conditions.

"... in June 2022, Hoima Sugar Ltd submitted to the authority an audit report as required by the certificate. But we have also been receiving petitions from Bunyoro Kingdom, civil society organisations and the general public that there is continued degradation of the natural forest area, which was supposed to be left intact," he said.

He said they investigated the matter and carried out an inspection audit of the activities in Kyangwali, Kikuube District and came to a conclusion that there is deforestation in



A section of Hoima Sugar Factory in Kikuube District.

the eco-tourism site contrary to the approval condition.

Dr Akankwasah said they were forced to withdraw the certificates to safeguard the environment and avoid further damage of the critically important ecosystem, which is also a habitat for endangered species.

Hoima Sugar has agreed to restore land at Kyangwali in Kikuube District, which was damaged by encroachers.

This followed a letter from the National Environment Management Authority (Nema), informing the sugar company that a recent site visit to the Kyangwali Mixed Land Use project found the area greatly degraded and many trees cut.

But in a statement issued on Tuesday, Hoima Sugar Limited said whereas they followed the requirements of the Environ-

mental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) certificate issued by Nema in regard to using the land, some trespassers on the land, who have engaged in logging and charcoal burning, have frustrated their work.

"We would like to state clearly that all clearing activities carried out by the company for the establishment of the sugar cane estate have been done with adherence to the coordinates in the ESIA licence. The company has not undertaken any clearing in any areas outside of the permitted coordinates," said Hoima Sugar in a statement issued on Tuesday morning.

"However, we have been struggling with illegal trespassers on the land who have engaged in logging and charcoal burning ever since the project began."

Hoima Sugar was allowed to

set up a sugarcane plantation on 2,393 hectares, develop an urban centre, an eco-tourism centre, a cultural site and a natural reserved forest and nature walkways.

Nema says there was deforestation of the natural reserved forest areas contrary to approval conditions.

"As a result of this, the area of natural forests that was supposed to be protected has been severely degraded. There was deforestation of the eco-tourism site contrary to approval conditions, which has affected the quality of the site for eco-tourism purposes," NEMA's statement issued on Tuesday reads in part.

In response, Hoima sugar said it has been battling trespassers who damaged the land.

The company said the most recent of the challenges came

about between September 2021 and April 2022 when thousands of people were ferried into the project area and began farming and burning charcoal in complete disregard for the conservation requirements that governed the activities which were permitted on various sections of the project land.

"The trespassers were extremely hostile to our staff and we were advised by security officials to withdraw from the area in order to avoid any violence. We followed this advice and took up the matter in writing with the appropriate authorities to take action against these illegal trespassers. It was only in April 2022 that we were able to regain access to these areas," said the sugar company.

"This process was witnessed by the authorities and the media

at the time. It is evident that there has indeed been partial damage to the buffer zones and green zones of our project area."

Nema blocked what it described as deforestation of the natural reserve forest area, eco-tourism area, cultural sites area and land reserved for urban centre.

"No sugar cane should be planted in the natural reserved forest area, ecotourism area, cultural sites area and land reserved for urban center. The sugar cane must be restricted to the area permitted in the certificate. The 312.3ha earlier approved for the urban centre is halted to be kept as a natural forest in view of the country's efforts to recover forest cover loss.

Restore all degraded areas of the natural reserved forest area, eco-tourism area, cultural sites and land reserved for urban center," Nema said.

Hoima sugar said the project, despite being on private land, had been designed by the company to encompass these zones in order to preserve the ecologically sensitive areas of the project land.

"The company therefore expresses its deep regret that these areas have been partially damaged by illegal trespassers," said the Sugar company.

Nema said Hoima Sugar should prepare a restoration plan for the degraded areas in consultation with

Forestry Sector Support Department of the Ministry of Water and Environment (FSSD), National Forestry Authority (NFA) and Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) and submit the same to this Authority for approval within a period of not more than three months from the date of this order.

"Implement the Restoration Plan in 4 above at your cost with guidance from FSSD, NFA and UWA to the satisfaction of this Authority. Permit third parties approved by this Authority who may wish to participate in the restoration process of the degraded areas as appropriate," said Nema.

In response, Hoima Sugar observed: "... as the implementers of the project, we fully agree with the order from NEMA to undertake restoration of the damaged areas. We commit to restoring these damaged areas with strict adherence to a NEMA approved restoration plan."

Background

Since 2020, the giveaway of the Bugoma forest, which is said to have originally been property of Bunyoro Kingdom, has been a centre of controversy among Bunyoro Kingdom officials, some of whom claim the disputed land belongs to the ruling Babiito clan. Kingdom officials say the land has trees for making royal thrones, drums and herbal tree species, among other cultural heritages.

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Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss

affiliations".

"(It) creates a sense of fear inside the civil service at senior level which will prevent them from giving the honest advice to ministers that they need to hear," he told Reuters.

"You need the civil service to be robust and honest right from the off," said Kerslake, rejecting accusations that they have resisted change. He now serves as an independent member of the upper house of parliament, the House of Lords.

Just over two weeks after Scholar's departure, Truss's new finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng launched a new fiscal policy, without the normal independent scrutiny of government spending plans, that sent markets into a tailspin and the pound to a record low against the dollar.

The civil service is a quintessentially British institution, immortalized in the 1980s TV satirical program "Yes Minister" which chronicled the career of a hapless minister who struggled to get his policies past his supposedly impartial permanent secretary - the most senior civil servant in a government department - and who wielded the real power in the show.

It has long been seen as essential to running Britain, with government advisers considered crucial to taming some of the more exuberant ideas touted by new ministers, sometimes bluntly telling them their proposals simply will not work.

For many in the civil service and for the unions representing all government workers, Truss has signaled what could be a fundamental change -- favoring partisan advice over a dispassionate assessment of policy decisions.

She has long criticized the finance ministry's "orthodoxy" which she blames for years of low economic growth. Several of her lawmakers have also attacked the civil service for being too slow to challenge established thinking, especially during years of wrangling over Britain's departure from the European Union.

Agencies

Some UK civil servants now fear for jobs under Truss

LIVERPOOL

"SPEAKING truth unto power" has long been the motto of Britain's civil service, but now some government workers charged with offering ministers impartial advice whatever their party are fearful of their political bosses and are keeping quiet.

Some say it's been a long and slow whittling away of confidence among civil servants, or public sector officials, who for years have been accused of resisting change by elected lawmakers, particularly in the governing Conserva-

tive Party.

But it was the sacking of the top official at the finance ministry by his new boss Kwasi Kwarteng on the day that Liz Truss was appointed prime minister that sent shockwaves through a service which has already been charged with reducing numbers to save government money.

Bob Kerslake, head of the civil service between 2011 and 2014, said the sacking of Tom Scholar as permanent secretary at the Treasury broke with the convention of having officials that serve the government "whatever their political

BRI projects benefit peoples' livelihoods, Macao forum hears

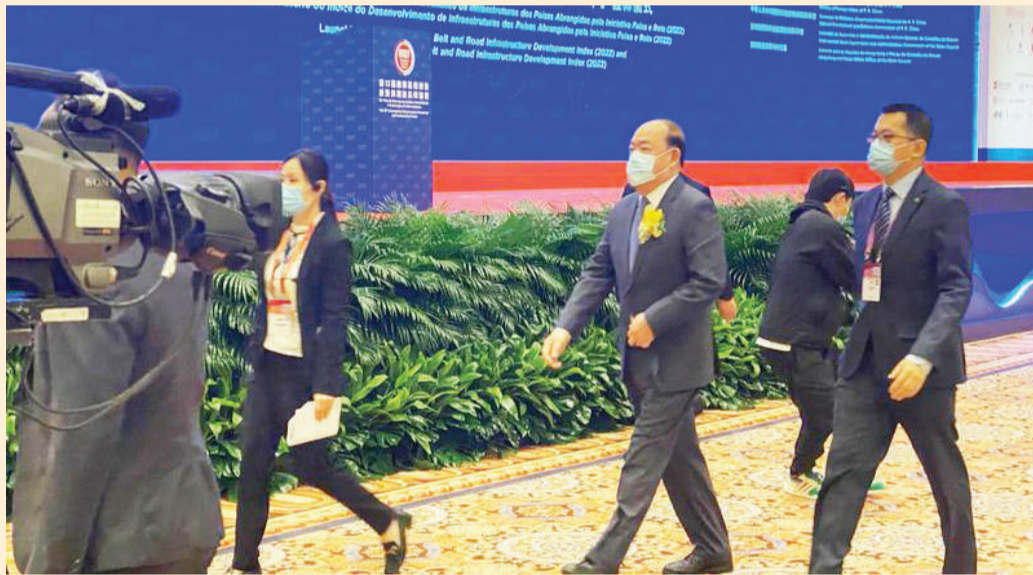
MACAO

INFRASTRUCTURE is regarded as a pillar industry for nearly all countries, and sustainable and green projects built with China's Belt and Road Initiative have greatly enhanced connectivity and contributed to better growth of the developing world, experts say.

The two-day 13th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF) opened on Sept 28 in Macao Special Administrative Region with the attendance of Chief Executive Ho Iat-seng. Fang Qiuchen, chairman of the China International Contractors Association, host of the opening ceremony, noted that the forum's theme, "Co-building Infrastructure of High Standard, Sustainability and Benefit to People's Livelihoods", followed the pulse of global expectations.

Fang, together with Wang Wen, chief economist of China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation, launched The Belt and Road Infrastructure Development Index (2022) and The Report on the Belt and Road Infrastructure Development Index (2022) at the event.

This forum is focused on consolidating the foundation of collaboration, expanding the field of collaboration, and extensively carrying out dialogue and exchanges, said Li Fei, assistant minister at the Ministry of Commerce, in his keynote speech. "I believe it is of great significance for the high-quality joint construc-



Macao Chief Executive Ho Iat-seng attends the opening ceremony of the 13th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum yesterday. (WILLIAM XU / CHINA DAILY)

tion of the Belt and Road, the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and the promotion of building a community with a shared future for mankind," he said.

Li noted that "infrastructure plays an important role in supporting economic and social developments". In 2021, China's foreign investment cooperation overcame the impact of the pandemic and achieved stable and healthy development, he said, with annual foreign direct investment of US\$178.8 billion, up 16 percent year-on-year, and with new contracts for foreign contracted projects of US\$258.5 billion, achieving a turnover of US\$154.9 billion.

A number of major infrastructure projects steadily advanced, and small but meaningful livelihood projects have been implemented one after another, making positive con-

tributions to the recovery of the global economy and enhancing the well-being of people of all countries, he said.

In his speech, Li addressed the pandemic, the intertwined changes not seen by the world in a century, the adverse forces economic globalization has encountered, the challenges to the security and resilience of the industrial chain and supply chain, and the complex and profound changes the international infrastructure collaboration environment is undergoing.

"At the same time, a new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation has developed and deepened, the digital economy and green development have become new engines of economic growth, and infrastructure cooperation is also facing new development opportunities," he said. "China

is willing to deepen communication and exchanges with all parties, further tap the potential of international infrastructure cooperation, and work together to promote global common development."

Li said the upcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China will draw up a grand blueprint for China's future development. "We will continue to bring new opportunities to the world with China's new development ... promote the joint construction of the Belt and Road, continue to deepen pragmatic cooperation with other countries in the field of infrastructure, and work together to create a better future."

Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei, minister of energy and infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates, said the relationship between China and the UAE has become increasingly

close over the years, and the two countries' ties are characterized by broad development potential and positive prospects.

According to him, the UAE has contributed to more than 650 projects with Chinese investments, and more than 4,000 Chinese companies operate in the UAE today, creating more than 400,000 jobs.

"By granting foreign investors full ownership of different enterprises, we aim to stimulate investment cooperation between our two countries in different areas, such as digital economy, green economy and circular economy," he said. "In its vision for the future, the UAE is seeking to shift to a more sustainable green economic model."

He noted that construction is the most attractive sector for investors, and despite the impact of COVID-19, construction investment in the UAE is still growing. The UAE understands that sustainable infrastructure investment is key to green growth after the pandemic.

In a video address, Wee Ka Siong, Malaysia's minister of transport, described infrastructure development as a nation's backbone "to spur progress and improve the well-being of its people".

He said Malaysia remains committed to working on "quality and sustainable infrastructure that will have a high catalytic impact" toward the goal of achieving a high-income, developed economy. Also, priority is placed on improving connectivity across regions through the integration of various transport modes.

Xinhua

Russia values Abkhazia's principled stance on Ukrainian crisis - Lavrov

MOSCOW

RUSSIA appreciates Abkhazia's principled stance on the origins of the Ukrainian crisis, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in the run-up to his meeting with Foreign Minister of the Republic of Abkhazia Inal Ardzinba on Tuesday.

"I hope that we will discuss the international situation today. We appreciate your principled position on issues linked with the causes of the crisis in Ukraine," the Russian top diplomat said, adding that Moscow would continue to support the expansion of Tskhinval's international relations.

"In March 2022, Abkhazia and the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics recognised each other. We will support you in every way here," Lavrov continued.

He also said that Moscow was looking forward to receiving Lasha Ashuba, the new Speaker of the People's Assembly of Abkhazia, in the near future.

"All this is related to our continuing cooperation in the economic and tourism areas. We are happy that tourist traffic continues to increase, and that it helps develop Abkhazia and expand our relations," Lavrov went on.

He also said that an investment cooperation programme for 2023-2025 was approved a while ago.

"Preparations are underway to hold a meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission for Socio-Economic Cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Abkhazia in November 2022.

We have not met in person for some time, but the current epidemiological situation allows this," the Russian top diplomat added. "We are happy that tourist traffic continues to increase, and that it helps develop Abkhazia and expand our relations."

Millions in Florida urged to evacuate as Hurricane Ian nears

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

RESIDENTS of Florida's Gulf Coast on Tuesday boarded up homes, packed up their vehicles and headed for higher ground as Hurricane Ian drew near, threatening to bring a deadly storm surge and more than a foot of rain to some areas.

Ian churned across the southeastern edge of the Gulf of Mexico headed for Florida after slamming into Cuba earlier in the day, leaving the entire country without power, forcing mass evacuations and swamping fishing villages.

More than 2.5 million Floridians were under evacuation orders or warnings with the sprawling storm on track to make landfall as a Category 3 or Category 4 hurricane on Wednesday evening somewhere along Florida's Gulf Coast.

A Category 3 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale carries maximum sustained winds of up to 208 km per hour. The latest 8 pm EDT (2100 GMT) hurricane advisory put Ian's top winds at 195 km per hour.

Ian was most likely to come ashore south of Tampa near Sarasota, the National Hurricane Center said. That region - home to miles of sandy beaches, scores of resort hotels and numerous mobile home parks - is a favorite with retirees and vacationers alike.

"I know I should be scared of this one, but I'm too busy to be scared. I just know we have to go," said John O'Leary, a jazz pianist from Tampa, said as he and his wife loaded food, water and family photos into their car before heading to his mother's house in Palm Harbor, 40 km to the west.

O'Leary, 36, was one of the thousands of motorists to hit the road as they fled low-lying areas in hopes of avoiding a potentially life-threatening storm surge that, according to forecasters, could reach 3.7 meters in the Sarasota area.

While predictions remained imprecise for where the storm would come ashore, "the impacts are going to be far, far broader than just where the eye of the storm happens to make landfall," Governor Ron DeSantis said.

DeSantis warned of the potential for devastating Hurricane Harvey-like flooding that struck the Houston area in 2017, the result of a slow-moving storm piling up high water.

Parts of central Florida could see as much of 0.6 meter of rain from Ian, according to the National Weather Service. The NHC also issued extensive storm surge warnings for about half of western Florida's shoreline, with predictions of life-threatening coastal flooding up to 12 feet from wind-driven high surf.

Florida's director of emergency management, Kevin Guthrie, urged residents in evacuation zones to move to safety.

Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao see fruitful results in educational cooperation

THE Guangzhou campus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), officially known as the HKUST (Guangzhou), opened its new semester this September.

The new campus, sharing resources and complementary advantages with the HKUST, has upgraded the Hong Kong university to a new level.

Located in Nansha district of Guangzhou, the campus is the first legally-independent university co-established by the Chinese mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) since the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) was unveiled in 2019.

It is expected to foster innovative talents with international visions and better serve the construction of the GBA.

The Outline Development Plan for the GBA encourages the area

to a large number of higher education institutions from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in jointly operating schools, and encourages the joint development of academic programs, laboratories and research centers in fields where they have a competitive edge.

Over the past three years, educational cooperation in the GBA has made intensive and extensive progress. At present, a batch of cooperative programs between Hong Kong and Guangdong province are well underway, such as the Dongguan campus of the City University of Hong Kong, the Zhaoqing campus of the Hong Kong Metropolitan University and the Shenzhen branch of the University of Hong Kong.

The cooperation will help the three regions further share educational resources. The GBA has a strong economy and sees abundant innovation elements. As an internationalized region, it is home

to a large number of higher education institutions.

Colleges and universities in Guangdong are engaged in a wide range of academic disciplines. They enjoy reliable student resources and sound local industrial development on their way to build first-class institutions.

Hong Kong is a hub of renowned and internationalized universities that enjoy strong research capabilities, while Macao boasts a batch of high-level and featured disciplines such as traditional Chinese medicine and tourism.

The three regions see the advantages of geographical proximity and cultural ties, which have laid a solid foundation for cooperation and development.

Enhancing the educational cooperation will help universities in Hong Kong and Macao tackle a series of challenges, such as a low level of industry-university-research institute collaboration, and a limited size of campuses. It will

also help these universities better translate their scientific outcomes.

Besides, universities in the Chinese mainland can learn from the advanced experiences in school running, so as to nurture more world-class universities and disciplines.

Higher education is an important indicator of a country's development and potential, as well as a powerful engine driving regional economic and social development. The high-quality construction of the GBA cannot be advanced without constant talent supply, which requires the GBA to further educational cooperation and build itself into a hub of education and talents.

In 2020, a development plan was issued on promoting educational cooperation in the GBA. The plan aims to build a synergetic development system of higher education in the GBA, and enhance collaborative innovation in scientific research for universities in

the area.

According to the plan, the GBA will nurture a batch of world-class universities and strategic scientists by 2035. A number of original scientific achievements that can have a significant impact on the world's technological development and the progress of human civilization will be created by then.

With those developments, the 11-city cluster will become a role model for the world's cooperative and innovative development of higher education.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao cooperation in education will also help enhance the sense of patriotism of Hong Kong and Macao compatriots.

The Outline Development Plan for the GBA encourages students from Hong Kong and Macao to study in mainland universities. It also promotes cooperation in recruitment and employment, educational exchanges and skill competition among vocational schools

in the three regions, and enhances cooperation on basic education.

The young people are the most vital and creative group in the society, as well as an emerging force driving innovative development. In recent years, educational exchanges between the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong and Macao have been prospering, and students from the two special administrative regions are seeing expanded channels of studying in the mainland.

Thanks to a series of major projects launched, more young people from Hong Kong and Macao have started businesses in the GBA and realized their dreams.

Innovations made to upgrade the models of educational cooperation between the mainland and the two special administrative regions help foster youth exchanges and enhance the sense of patriotism of the young people participating in national construction.

People's Daily

Russia, China sign contracts on mutual deployment of navigation stations

MOSCOW

RUSSIA and China have signed contracts for the deployment of Russia's GLONASS stations in China and China's Beidou system stations in Russia, the state corporation Roscosmos said in a news release on Tuesday.

Roscosmos said that earlier on Tuesday there was a videoconference of the Russian-Chinese committee for strategic cooperation in satellite navigation projects.

Roscosmos CEO Yuri Borisov and the chairman of the China Satellite Navigation System Committee, He Yubin saw contracts signed for the deployment of Russian GLONASS stations in China and Chinese stations of the Beidou system in Russia, the news release says.

Russia's GLONASS stations will be located in Changchun, Urumqi and Shanghai, and the Chinese ones, in Obninsk, Irkutsk and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

"Used simultaneously, the Russian and Chinese systems - GLONASS and Beidou - will increase the accuracy and reliability of navigation. Therefore, we are sincerely interested in wider cooperation in using the GLONASS and Beidou systems,

as well as navigation technologies based on them," Borisov said.

At the meeting, a statement was also signed by the Information and Analytical Center for Coordinate, Time and Navigation Support of the Central Research Institute for Machine Building (TsNIIMash, an affiliate of Roscosmos) and the Test and Assessment Research Center at the China Satellite Navigation Office on jointly providing information support services to GLONASS and Beidou customers.

Earlier, Roscosmos and the China Satellite Navigation System Committee signed an agreement regarding cooperation in ensuring the complementarity of the global navigation satellite systems GLONASS and Beidou. In July, the former head of Roscosmos, Dmitry Rogozin, did not rule out that cooperation between GLONASS and Beidou might encompass communications and surveillance.

In July 2019, Roscosmos' State Secretary, Deputy CEO for the implementation of state powers Sergey Dubik said that Russia and China might mutually host three navigation stations for Russia's GLONASS system and China's Beidou system.

UN envoy underscores need for engagement with Afghanistan's Taliban

UNITED NATIONS

A UN envoy on Tuesday stressed the need for the international community to engage with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Markus Potzel, the UN secretary-general's deputy special representative for Afghanistan, saw international engagement as the most realistic approach. If the Taliban do not respond to the needs of all elements of Afghan society and constructively engage within the very limited window of opportunity with the international community, it is unclear what would come next, he told the Security Council in a briefing. Further fragmentation, isolation, poverty, and internal conflict are among the likely scenarios, leading to potential mass migration and a domestic environment conducive to terrorist organizations, as well as greater misery for the Afghan population, he warned. "That's why we have to engage. The objective of our engagement is to promote governance in Afghanistan that works to the benefit of the Afghan people and respects the norms of the global community, he said. "While success is not certain, continued qualified engagement remains the most realistic chance of achieving these objectives."

Since taking over Kabul, the Taliban's self-identified emirate has not been recognized by any state. At the same time, the international community also did not want to see the country collapse, he said. Afghanistan's neighbors, in particular, adopted a pragmatic approach and sought to deepen economic and trade ties and build stability, he added. The July 26 Tashkent conference, which for the first time brought together representatives of the Taliban, members of the region, and traditional donors, provided a platform for engagement and an opportunity for the international community to express its united position on what it expects from the de facto authorities. It was regrettable that the Taliban delegation did not take the opportunity to constructively address these expectations, noted Potzel. "Nonetheless, we believe that the Tashkent format is useful and should be continued," he said.

Initially, the de facto authorities made commitments regarding the security and independence of humanitarian assistance. These commitments have also gradually been eroded, he said. "We viewed with



Visiting Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) holds talks with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, acting deputy prime minister of the Afghan Taliban's caretaker government, in Kabul, Afghanistan, March 24, 2022. (Photo by Saifurrahman Safi/Xinhua)

great concern the detaining by the de facto Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice and the General Directorate of Intelligence of three women working for UN agencies in Kandahar three weeks ago, as well as increasing pressures on our staff and premises and those of other agencies." In general, the de facto authorities are creating operational obstacles that make the work of the United Nations and its humanitarian partners increasingly difficult, and in some cases contravene global and well-established humanitarian principles, he said. "I am afraid that patience is running out by many in the international community regarding a strategy of engagement with Afghanistan's Taliban authorities," he warned.

There have been some positive developments in the past few months. But they have been too few and too slow and are outweighed by the negatives. In particular, the ongoing ban on secondary education for girls - unique in the world - and growing restrictions on women's rights are signals that the Taliban are indifferent to more than 50 percent of the population and are willing to risk international isolation, he said.

The relegation of women and girls to the home not only deprives them of their rights, but also denies Afghanistan as a whole the benefit of the significant contributions that women and girls have to offer, he said. Some of the Taliban's claimed and acknowledged achievements are also eroding, said Potzel. In the past months there has been a steady rise in security incidents monitored by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) - both armed clashes and criminality, as well as high-profile deadly terrorist attacks, he said. "Our earlier warnings about the capabilities of Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP) were dismissed by the Taliban.

But ISKP has demonstrated in the last few months alone that it can carry out assassinations of figures close to the Taliban, attacks against foreign embassies, as well as fire rockets across Afghanistan's border to attack its neighbors, all while maintaining its long-standing sectarian campaign

against Shia Muslims and ethnic minorities," said Potzel. "We are particularly concerned about the recent attack at the Russian Embassy in Kabul that killed 10 people, among them a Russian diplomat. In addition to attacks carried out by ISKP, a number of unclaimed incidents killed and wounded Afghans going about their daily lives, in particular, while attending places of worship," he said.

The reported presence of al-Qaida leader al-Zawahiri in the heart of Kabul and the strike against him, as well as the continued presence of other terrorist groups, have forced a questioning of the Taliban's counter-terrorism commitments, further deepening the trust gap with the international community, he warned. These questions are still unanswered, noted Potzel. Armed clashes persist between the de facto security forces and armed opposition groups in the Panjshir, Baghlan, Kapisa, Takhar, and Badakhshan provinces. There are disturbing reports, as well as videos and photos, indicating possible serious human rights violations committed in Panjshir, he said. The economic situation remains tenuous, said Potzel.

While the Taliban claim they have increased exports, maintained the value of the country's currency, and generated solid revenue collection, per capita income has collapsed to 2007 levels, erasing 15 years of economic growth, he said. However, like many aspects of Taliban governance, the details behind their claims remain opaque. **Xinhua**

AU: Peace and Security Commissioner Bankole Adeoye blasts his staff

ADDIS ABABA

THE Nigerian Ambassador Bankole Adeoye has been annoyed for several weeks by the lack of work of his main collaborators within the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

He made this known in a letter sent on September 5.

The atmosphere is electric within the Office of the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the African Union (AU).

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For several weeks now, Nigeria's Bankole Adeoye has found it difficult to contain his annoyance with certain directors and heads of department, notably from South Africa, Namibia and Algeria, who are still loyal to the former PSC, the Algerian Smail Cherqui.

He blames them for a "lack of cooperation in the preparation of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) sessions".

These recriminations were the subject of a very direct official letter written on 5 September and circulated to all staff under the responsibility of Bankole Adeoye.

The three-page document, which Africa Intelligence has seen, is entitled

"Working documents for the peace and security council processes".

It refers to the threat of "managerial consequences" if the department's officials continue to disregard the rules and do not make themselves more available for preparatory work.

The second page is also entirely devoted to the elements that the commissioner now wants to be systematically included in all concept notes, briefings and reports that go to him and to the chairperson of the AU commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat.

Experienced administrator After serving as Nigeria's ambassador to Ethiopia with jurisdiction over the AU, Bankole Adeoye was elected by all 55 members of the institution - an almost unheard-of occurrence in the history of the AU - at the February 2021 heads of state conference in Addis Ababa.

Before that, he was for a long time a member of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in South Africa, where he was chief of staff to the Secretary-General, Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, whose last term ended a few months ago.

For a while, Adeoye was even considered a favourite to take over the leadership of NEPAD, before finally being sent to Addis Ababa to represent Nigeria in 2018.

China playing prominent role in coping with global challenges

BY CARLOS AQUINO

UNDER the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), China has made remarkable achievements, becoming the world's second largest economy, the largest trading nation, as well as a major trading partner for over 120 countries and regions. It is an important engine driving global growth. Its success is inspiring many developing countries.

Over the recent years, Chinese President Xi Jinping has made important remarks on common prosperity for multiple times, stressing common prosperity is an essential requirement for socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Since the country began the reform and opening-up in 1978, it has maintained long-term economic growth. It has won the battle against extreme poverty and built a moderately prosperous society in all respects as scheduled the last year. These achievements all laid a solid foundation for the country to realize common prosperity for all.

In a 2019 visit to southwest China's Yunnan province, I saw how the people there were living and working in peace and contentment. I was deeply impressed by the paired assistance mechanism adopted by primary-level CPC members there, which connected impoverished families to better educational, employment and medical resources. They were making concrete efforts to improve the wellbeing of the



A cadre from Longhai township, Luliang county, Qujing, southwest China's Yunnan province talks with local people of Yi ethnic group to learn the implementation of relevant policies, so as to better serve the local community in terms of poverty alleviation, Dec. 18, 2020. (Photo by Wang Yong/People's Daily Online)

poverty, setting a good example for many developing countries in terms of fighting poverty. Through technology transfer to other developing countries, China is actively contributing to common development, which fully demonstrates the country's sense of responsibility. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by President Xi has built a platform of win-win cooperation and common development for all participating countries. By building modern railways, ports, airports and other infrastructure facilities, China has significantly facilitated the flow of commodities and personnel, and enhanced its economic competitiveness. Every country should learn from this experience.

Many developing countries see an urgent need to upgrade infrastructure. They enjoy huge a potential in

cooperating with China. So far, China has signed over 200 Belt and Road cooperation documents with more than 140 countries and 30 international organizations, which fully mirrors the attraction of the BRI.

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People's Daily

India bans Islamic group PFI, accuses it of 'terrorism'

NEW DELHI

INDIA declared the Popular Front of India Islamic group and its affiliates unlawful yesterday, accusing them of involvement in "terrorism" and banning them for five years, after authorities detained more than 100 PFI members this month.

A government notification on Wednesday said that PFI authorities are raising funds in India and overseas as part of a "criminal conspiracy" and then transferring it through multiple accounts to show them as legitimate.

These funds are then used to carry out "various criminal, unlawful and terrorist activities in the country," it added.

Earlier on Tuesday, police in India's most populous state of Uttar Pradesh said they detained 57 persons linked to the PFI because of "violent acts conducted by them and their rising anti-national activities across the country".

The PFI denied accusations of violence and anti-national activities when its offices were raided and dozens of its members were detained in various states.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in announcing the ban, said in a statement the PFI and its affiliates had "been found to be involved in serious offences, including terrorism and its financing, targeted gruesome killings, disregarding the constitutional set up".

The PFI has supported causes like protests against a 2019 citizenship law that many Muslims deem discriminatory, as well as protests in the southern state of Karnataka this year demanding the right for Muslim women students to wear the hijab in class.

The PFI came together in late 2006 and was launched formally the next year with the merger of three organizations based in south India.

It calls itself a "social movement striving for total empowerment" on its website.



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Volleyball players from Dar es Salaam clubs compete in a tournament organized by Faru Volleyball Club, which was played at SabaSaba venue in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF FARU VOLLEYBALL CLUB

National Volleyball League set for playoffs

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THIS year's National Volleyball League is set to reach the playoffs stage, with the ties slated for early next week in Dar es Salaam.

The playoff matches bringing together group leaders and runners-up will be held from October 3-7 at Uhuru Stadium's courts in Dar es Salaam.

In the men's category, Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT) squad will meet Tanesco, while Jeshi Stars will play against Chui.

In the women's category, Magereza will confront Star Girls while Jeshi Stars will come up against the KIUT squad. Before heading to the playoffs, the men's category saw KIUT squad command Group A.

The KIUT squad finished the group matches impressively, having collected 27 points, picking nine wins and suffering one loss in 10 matches the squad took part in, and accumulating 864 scores.

Jeshi Stars ended second in Group A as the side notched 23 points in 10 duels, the army outfit had registered victory in eight ties, lost twice, and collected a total of 843 scores in the ties.

Hazina Volleyball Club registered 16 points in 10 games to sit third, the squad emerged victorious in six ties, lost four, and garnered 818 scores.

Kilimagnet took fourth place after collecting 14 points in 10 ties, the squad had posted a victory in five matches, lost in as many, and recorded 812 scores.

Mipango took fifth place after notching five points in 10 games. The squad won one game and lost the rest, amassing 750 scores.

Kigamboni wound up in the sixth position after posting four points from 10 matches. It notched a victory in only one game and lost all other games, recording a total of 718 scores.

Chui beat the other competitors to first place in Group B with 27 points

from 10 games, having notched a victory in nine matches, defeated in one clash and collected 819 scores.

Tanesco took second place with 22 points after winning seven games and losing three.

NHIF squad took third place after accumulating 15 points from 10 games, notching a win in five and suffering a loss in five.

Nyika took fourth place with 12 points after playing 10 games, coming out victorious in four games and losing six.

Serengeti was positioned second from bottom with eight points in 10 games, the team won three games and ended as a losing squad in seven.

Bottom-placed Faru Club notched six points, having notched victory in two matches and ending as the losing squad in eight clashes.

In the women's category, Magereza took first place in Group A with 15 points after playing six games, winning five, and losing one.

Jeshi Stars are placed second with 15 points after featuring in six games, the army outfit notched a victory in five outings and conceded a loss in one tie.

Mafinga Parish side was sitting third after recording five points from six games, cruising to win in two and suffering defeat in four matches.

The National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) team is sitting at the bottom without a point, losing all games.

The category's Group B witnessed the KIUT squad holding sway after recording 15 points from six games.

The group leader cruised to win in five matches, and lost four games, while the Star Girls are sitting second having recorded 14 points from six ties, cruising to victory in five and losing one game.

Golden Wings are placed fourth with seven points after playing six matches, emerging victorious in two ties and suffering losses in six matches.

Park beach on Saturday.

The dhows were sailed around the Indian Ocean from Dar es Salaam to Stone town in Zanzibar and then to Saadani National Park, Gezira Gungu, destination to Msasani Bay in Dar es Salaam depending on traditional blowing winds.

Dhows caravan team's leader, Roland Vandeven said the showdown has been organized for the second year after the event was initiated to promote domestic

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

DAR ES SALAAM Yacht Club recently organized an amateur dhow sailing competition that saw participants travel hundreds of miles on the Indian Ocean in a couple of days to promote domestic tourism.

A caravan of 24 wind-powered dhows with 50 sailors on board travelled from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar archipelago and later on headed to Saadani National

tourism.

He said he was happy with the dhows anchored at Saadani National Park beach, adding that the move helps in promoting the only park with an Indian Ocean beachfront where the bush meets the beach in East Africa.

Saadani National Park Assistant Conservation Commissioner Ephraim Mwangomo thanked competitors and expressed appreciation to the Dar es Salaam Yacht

Club for organizing the competition.

Mwangomo pointed out that the initiative will help in opening economic opportunities through tourist sites located at Saadani National Park.

He further said as is the case with other efforts implemented by the government and other stakeholders in advertising touristic attractions found in Tanzania, the competition looks forward to bringing in more domestic and foreign tourists

who will eagerly visit the park.

Saadani National Park is Tanzania's 13th national park and has an area of 1,062 square kilometers.

The park which is the closest wildlife park to Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam through the Indian Ocean is located administratively in Southeast Pangani, Tanga, and northeast Chalinze District of the Coast Region.

Mayweather now turns global megastar with unfulfilled role in Africa's boxing -2

By Correspondent Ernest Mwanjwa, Morogoro

INDEED, this is a prospect for a big role in boxing development in the continent, but his focus still seems limited to countries that already have considerable successes in boxing.

While it is true that Africa has the least share in global boxing championships, it would be logical for him to start with parts of the continent that are in bigger need.

Well, it may look impossible for Tanzania to stage an exhibition fight for Mayweather soon, but there are many other ways in which Tanzania can successfully engage him as a friend and partner in the development of boxing in the country.

One way of doing this cost-effectively entails inviting him to Tanzania as a celebrity sportsperson.

There ought to be an invitation for Mayweather to take a vacation in Serengeti, among other iconic places in the country, a move that would warm up his heart.

And if the country succeeds in either doing this or even attempting to do it, then it would not be the first to have tried and succeeded.

There are a number of

the rich and famous especially in the sports and entertainment industries who now are frequent visitors to Tanzania.

A Hollywood movie star Will Smith, American golfer Jack Nicklaus, and several football players from top European leagues have taken their holidays in Tanzania at either one point or another.

Thanks to efforts put by conservation and tourism promotion agencies such as Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), and Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), and operators in the tourism industry, Tanzania is now among the dream destinations for world's top celebrities.

Among many other aspects that Mayweather might be interested in is learning, once he arrives in the country, the state of boxing development in the country.

The legendary boxer would be interested in knowing the steps that Tanzania has taken towards promoting the sport in the region, the interest among Tanzania's youths in developing their boxing potential, and the overall requirements for realizing the development goals of the sport in the country.

Following his knockout



Floyd Mayweather Jr.

victory against Eddington back in 2018 Tanzania's professional boxer Hassan Mwakinyo stated that Mayweather was so impressed by his performance and for that reason, the USA boxer wanted to recruit him to his boxing camp.

Although for some reason Mwakinyo and his team chose not to take the offer at that time, chances are that Mayweather may have kept his interest in Tanzanian boxers for a while.

Of more interest is the fact that Tanzania has made notable progress in boxing since 2018.

There is, for example,

a bigger number of athletes in the amateur category who now join the professional rank.

And given its recent impressive performance in international boxing fights, Tanzania should now have a bigger pool of fighters with qualities that Mayweather's boxing promotion company, Mayweather Promotions, would be interested in.

But there shall be more to Mayweather's visit to Tanzania than promoting boxing.

Tanzania will naturally take advantage of his huge following, on and outside social media, in promoting the country

as an exceptional tourist destination.

Mayweather currently has nearly 29 million followers on Instagram, nearly eight million followers on Twitter, and many more on other media channels.

As a business mogul, however, it may prove challenging for Tanzania to secure Mayweather's attention via short-term plans.

Yet, this same proposal may be deployed to similarly successful boxers from around the world.

As the country is already aware, there are several equally popular boxers out there who have already social and professional connections with individuals and institutions in Tanzania.

Now that there is a new Director of Sports Development in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Ally Mayay, I hope that this idea will eventually find a slot in his long to-do list.

Should this be the case then, there are many ways to pursue the initiative, one such way is for boxing regulation and development authorities to join forces with authorities charged with tourism promotion, on one hand, and the academia, on the other.



Some fitness enthusiasts who attended the one-year celebration of Kisiwani Clinic Center (KCC) participate in exercises at Mwananyamala, Dar es Salaam over the weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KISIWANI CLINIC CENTER

Tanzanians urged to embrace fitness exercises

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM's Kinondoni District Mayor, Songoro Mnyonge, has encouraged people in Tanzania to embrace exercising and sports saying a fit person can live life to the fullest.

Mnyonge said he is fully aware of the great impact that either exercising or participation in sports, in general, has on the country.

The Kinondoni District Mayor issued his comments during a one-year celebration of a city fitness club known as Kisiwani Clinic Center (KCC) at Mwinjuma

grounds, Mwananyamala.

Mnyonge revealed: "Exercises and sporting activities are good for all people, they are essential in the prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), the country is losing its workforce and productive citizens due to NCDs."

"Time has come for society to embrace exercising and sports activities," he said.

Mnyonge also hailed KCC leadership for being at the forefront of encouraging people to embrace exercising and participation in sports.

He asked the Kinondoni District authority to set aside a bud-

get for exercise and sports activities in the district.

Samuel Laizer, Kinondoni District's Health Officer also congratulated KCC for clocking one year.

He said KCC has been a good partner of his office and promised to continue working closely with the center. Laizer disclosed: "The Mayor has raised a pertinent issue and I will take it to my superiors and hopefully something will be done."

"For now let me assure all you here that my office will continue working closely with KCC, our common goal is to see people live a good life," he said.

Michael Machellah, one of the

celebration's organizers said more than 43 jogging clubs attended the event and thanked them and other partners for the support.

More than 2500 people attended the celebration which was followed by a free heart screening conducted by experts from Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute.

Cancer screening was done by officials from Ocean Road Hospital, doctors from KAM conducted dental exercises while Kinondoni Hospital, through Magomeni Hospital, provided sight, diabetes, blood pressure, and body weight screening. There was also a blood donation exercise.

Dar Yacht Club organizes amateur dhow sailing to promote domestic tourism

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

DAR ES SALAAM Yacht Club recently organized an amateur dhow sailing competition that saw participants travel hundreds of miles on the Indian Ocean in a couple of days to promote domestic tourism.

A caravan of 24 wind-powered dhows with 50 sailors on board travelled from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar archipelago and later on headed to Saadani National

Park beach on Saturday.

The dhows were sailed around the Indian Ocean from Dar es Salaam to Stone town in Zanzibar and then to Saadani National Park, Gezira Gungu, destination to Msasani Bay in Dar es Salaam depending on traditional blowing winds.

Dhows caravan team's leader, Roland Vandeven said the showdown has been organized for the second year after the event was initiated to promote domestic

tourism.

He said he was happy with the dhows anchored at Saadani National Park beach, adding that the move helps in promoting the only park with an Indian Ocean beachfront where the bush meets the beach in East Africa.

Saadani National Park Assistant Conservation Commissioner Ephraim Mwangomo thanked competitors and expressed appreciation to the Dar es Salaam Yacht

Club for organizing the competition.

Mwangomo pointed out that the initiative will help in opening economic opportunities through tourist sites located at Saadani National Park.

He further said as is the case with other efforts implemented by the government and other stakeholders in advertising touristic attractions found in Tanzania, the competition looks forward to bringing in more domestic and foreign tourists

who will eagerly visit the park.

Saadani National Park is Tanzania's 13th national park and has an area of 1,062 square kilometers.

The park which is the closest wildlife park to Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam through the Indian Ocean is located administratively in Southeast Pangani, Tanga, and northeast Chalinze District of the Coast Region.



Banana thrown at Richarlison as Brazil thrash Tunisia

PARIS

RICHARLISON was the target of a banana thrown from the crowd as Brazil thrashed Tunisia 5-1 in a friendly in Paris on Tuesday, while Neymar edged closer to Pele's all-time scoring record for the five-time world champions.

The game at the Parc des Princes was also briefly paused in the first half as the crowd were twice implored not to point laser pens at Brazil players. "Unfortunately... a banana was thrown on the pitch towards Richarlison, scorer of the second Brazilian goal," the Brazilian football confederation (CBF) said on Twitter.

"The CBF reinforces its position to combat racism and repudiates any prejudiced act."

The Selecao produced a dominant first-half display in their final outing before travelling to Qatar for the World Cup, with Raphinha netting twice and Neymar moving to within two of Pele's record.

Richarlison also found the net, while Pedro scored as a second-half substitute before responding to more boos and missiles from the crowd by bowing in front of them in celebration.

"It's a shame, it's difficult to see images like that," said Brazil captain Thiago Silva, whose team posed for a team photo before the match with a banner bearing an anti-racism message.

"Unfortunately it seems that we can't change people's mentality.

"I hope they will realise that this doesn't work, it's the past, we have to change. Unfortunately, people continue with this mentality."

Tite's Brazil will head into their World Cup Group G opener against Serbia on November 24 on a 15-match unbeaten run, dating back to their Copa America final loss to Argentina last year.

The scene for a bad-tempered match was set when the vast numbers of Tunisia fans jeered the Brazilian national anthem before kick-off.

"I was puzzled, I was saying 'No, it's a lack of respect'. Football is a sport that promotes inclusion," said Tite.

Brazil took the lead in the 12th minute, though, as Casemiro clipped the ball over the top and Barcelona winger Raphinha directed a wonderful looping header over Tunisia goalkeeper Aymen Dahmen and into the net.

Jalel Kadri's men hit back six minutes later. Defender Montassar Talbi met Anis Slimane's outswinging free-kick to send a powerful header into the bottom corner past keeper Alisson.

Incredibly, Brazil were back ahead just seconds after that setback, as Raphinha sent Richarlison in behind to drill a strike through the legs of Dahmen to score his third goal in two games after a double against Ghana.

The Tottenham forward celebrated in front of the Tunisian supporters, who responded by throwing a banana and plastic cups in his direction.

Fred kicked the banana off the pitch, before extra security guards took up residence on the side of the field.

- Neymar nets penalty -

Brazil almost extended their advantage as Paqueta followed a fine turn with a low shot which Dahmen tipped wide.

But from the resulting corner, Casemiro was hauled down in the box and Neymar stepped up to roll home his 75th international goal from the penalty spot, despite having lasers pointed at his face.

Brazil continued to cut through the visitors' defence with ease and Raphinha scored again in the 40th minute by firing in off the post from the edge of the box.

Things went from bad to worse for Tunisia before half-time as Dylan Bronn brought down Neymar and was harshly sent off after a brief melee between the two teams.

Tunisia were much improved after the break but Brazil still scored again with 16 minutes remaining through Flamengo forward Pedro's maiden goal for his country.

Earlier on Tuesday, World Cup hosts Qatar survived a late penalty miss by Alexis Sanchez to hold Chile to a 2-2 draw in Vienna.

Canada, who are preparing for their first World Cup since 1986, lost 2-0 to Uruguay in Bratislava as Liverpool's Darwin Nunez scored his third international goal.

Sardar Azmoun scored as a substitute to earn Iran a 1-1 draw with African champions Senegal. Morocco drew 0-0 with Paraguay in Seville.

AFP

Messi 2 goals, accosted twice, Argentina tops Jamaica 3-0

HARRISON, N.J.

LIONEL Messi responded to an in-game, on-field request for a signature with a signature goal.

Messi scored two goals and was twice accosted by fans running on the field as Argentina extended its unbeaten streak to 35 matches over three years by beating Jamaica 3-0 on Tuesday night in its next-to-last World Cup warmup match.

"You have to enjoy Messi," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said. "No matter your country, everyone does. I'm his coach, but I would buy a ticket to see him."

Julián Álvarez put Argentina ahead in the 13th minute. Messi entered in the 56th and increased his career total to 90 goals in 164 international appearances with his 17th multigoal game.

"There are no words to describe what he is," Álvarez said. "Playing five, 10 minutes or all the match, he manages to do amazing things."

A fan sprinted onto the field in the 65th minute and tried to take Messi's photo. Messi stood and watched the spectator being subdued at his feet while the fan still tried to snap an image with his

cell phone.

The six-time world player of the year, three months past his 35th birthday, doubled the lead when he beat Andrew Blake to the goalkeeper's left on a 23-yard left-foot shot in the 86th minute after driving forward following a give-and-go with Giovani Lo Celso. After his first goal, Messi was approached by a barechested fan who asked him to sign his back, and he started to scrawl a signature as three guards tackled the fan and more swarmed in.

Messi got another goal three minutes later after he was pulled down by Adrian Mariappa just outside the penalty area. Messi sent the kick through the defensive wall and just to the right arm of a sprawling Blake for his ninth free-kick goal for Argentina.

Messi scored four goals in Argentina's two World Cup warmups this month, giving him 16 career goals in the U.S.

Fans erupted in applause less than a minute into the second half when Messi walked with teammates to a corner and started to warm up. A large percentage of the crowd appeared more focused on Messi stretching than they did the action on the field,



A fan is tackled as he tries to take a picture of Argentina's player Lionel Messi during the second half of an international friendly soccer match against Jamaica on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, in Harrison, N.J. (AP Photo)

and fans stood and made the stadium rumble when he entered for Lautaro Martínez and took the captain's armband from Angel Di Maria.

Messi, who won his first senior title for Argentina at last year's Copa América, still has more speed and quicker acceleration than most and his addition energized Argentina in the second half. He also forced Blake to make a pair of diving saves.

Many in the sellout crowd of 25,000 in Red Bull Arena wore blue-and-white-striped Albicelste jerseys, making it feel like an Argentina home game. Public address announcements were primarily in Spanish and ribbon boards flashed "Vamos Argen-

tina!"

Álvarez put Argentina ahead after Nicolás Tagliafico passed from the flank to Martínez, who spun around Leon Bailey to open space and centered to the 22-year-old Álvarez. He slotted past Blake for his second goal in 11 international appearances.

Heading to its 13th straight World Cup, Argentina seeks to add to championships it won in 1978 with Mario Kempes and 1986 with Diego Maradona. Argentina has one remaining friendly, against the United Arab Emirates on Nov. 16 at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. At the World Cup in Qatar, Argentina opens against Saudi Arabia, which tied the United States 0-0

Concerns linger for Southgate's England ahead of World Cup

LONDON

THE crisis crept up on Gareth Southgate.

Just 14 months ago, England was playing in a European Championship final – and coming oh-so-close to winning it – backed by fans who rediscovered their connection with the national team.

Fast forward to the last few days when Southgate's players – without a win in five games or an open-play goal getting on for 500 minutes – were holding private meetings without any coaches present.

Jeered by England supporters in the team's most recent home game, a scarcely believable 4-0 loss to Hungary in June, Southgate knew he would be facing even more vitriol if Germany, England's fierce rival, came away from Wembley Stadium with a victory on Monday.

So, how should the wild 3-3 draw in what in sporting terms was an unimportant Nations League group game be viewed?

The Southgate believers will say it showed a team playing for its coach, especially with England 2-0 down after 70 minutes and looking on course to be heading into the World Cup with another morale-sapping defeat.

The growing number of Southgate's critics, however, will argue the chaotic 12-minute period – from the 71st to the 83rd – when England scored three goals from three shots to move into a 3-2 lead simply papered over the cracks.

The truth might be



Gareth Southgate

somewhere in between.

For now, the storm around Southgate and his players has relented, even if another might be just around the corner in Qatar.

"You can try and avoid pressure but it's coming," Southgate said. "Maybe it's the third group game, maybe it's a quarterfinal... whatever it might be, it's coming."

"So, better that we feel it and we learn how to deal with it. We talked about how we needed to react if Germany scored and the players reacted in the right way."

Indeed, things had gotten so bad for England that Southgate said, perhaps tongue in cheek, he had almost forgotten what it felt like to see his team score a goal.

So when Luke Shaw scored to make it 2-1 with his first goal for club or country since that Euro 2020 final, in doing so ending England's 565-minute drought without a goal from

open play, Southgate's team was energized.

There followed a curler into the top corner from Mason Mount and a clinically dispatched penalty from Harry Kane and, suddenly, England was awash with belief, looking much more at home as a front-foot team than one sitting back and relying on its creaking defense.

And, despite that re-

cent lack of goals, it is the defense which is Southgate's major worry heading to Qatar.

On no one will the scrutiny be fiercer than Harry Maguire, at fault for two of the goals against Germany and seemingly a player bereft of confidence after being dropped by his club, Manchester United.

For the moment, Maguire still has the back-

ing of his national coach but the next few weeks at United seem key to his chances of still being in the lineup for England's World Cup opener against Iran on Nov. 21.

"In these moments, we've got to back our best and our most experienced players," Southgate said, "unless we're in a situation where, you know, it's almost untenable and impossible to pick them."

A shortage of other top center backs may save Maguire, especially with John Stones limping off with a hamstring injury against Germany.

Similarly, at left back or left wing back, Luke Shaw continues to be first choice despite also dropping out of United's team in recent weeks. Ben Chilwell, a potential replacement, doesn't appear fully sharp after a long-term injury and didn't play a minute in this international break.

With the World Cup looming, the big loser over the last few days might have been Trent Alexander-Arnold who, to many, has redefined

the role of a right back with his playmaking performances for Liverpool in recent years. With Alexander-Arnold's defensive ability increasingly questioned, though, Southgate clearly has his doubts and didn't even include him in the matchday squad of 23 against Germany.

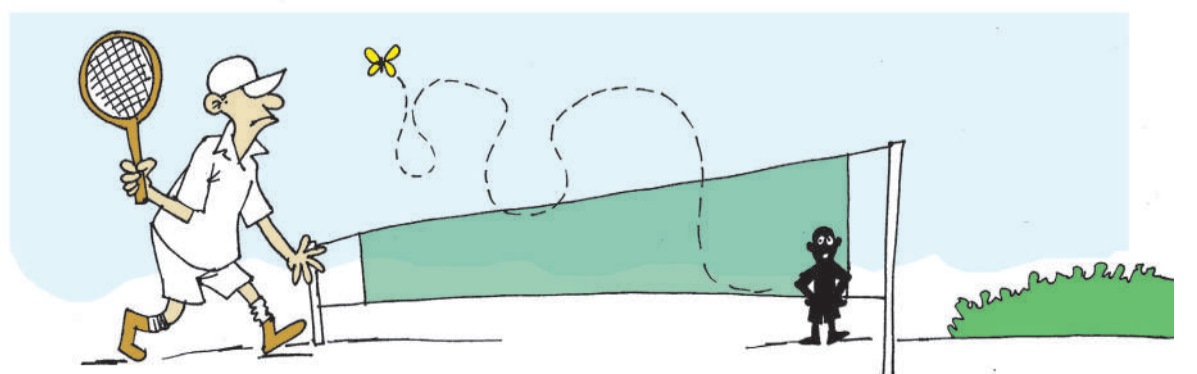
Alexander-Arnold, somehow, looks to be the fourth-choice right back for England and might not make the World Cup squad.

On the other hand, central midfielder Jude Bellingham maybe secured a starting spot against Iran, injury permitting, with a strong display against Germany that improved as the match went.

At 19, Bellingham – a regular starter for Borussia Dortmund – has a long future ahead of him with England.

The same maybe cannot be said of Maguire, and perhaps even Southgate if England doesn't build on those wild 13 minutes against Germany when the team gets to Qatar. AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Singida Big Stars FC out to defeat Azam FC in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

SPORT

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Singida Big Stars FC's winger, Dario Frederico (R), seeks to get the better of Geita Gold FC midfielder, Selemani Ibrahim, when the clubs locked horns in this season's Premier League tie which took place in Mwanza on September 21. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SINGIDA BIG STARS FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINGIDA Big Stars FC is determined to continue maintaining a one hundred percent victory record in this season's NBC Premier League with victory over Azam FC in a clash which will be played at the Azam Complex Stadium at Chamazi in Dar es Salaam on October 3.

The Singida outfit, which is participating for the first time in the top flight, is determined

to fight and get good results in the game, and correct the mistakes that led to the squad's 1-1 draw with Geita Gold FC in a clash that took place in Mwanza last week.

Singida Big Stars FC has already arrived in Dar es Salaam, continuing with preparations for the game under Dutch coach, Hans van der Pluijm.

Hussein Massanza, Sin-

gida Big Stars FC's information officer, pointed out their team is determined to fight spiritedly against Azam FC, while believing they will get three points in the away stadium.

"We are determined to continue fighting in our Premier League games, we have started very well even though in the last game we got a draw against Geita

Gold FC, the squad is here in Dar es Salaam for the camp," Massanza said.

The official noted: "We know that Azam FC has a good team this season but we have the determination that our team will fight on the away pitch, we believe that it will be a very difficult game but we still insist that our goal is three points."

Singida Big Stars FC has

become very attractive to local soccer lovers this season due to the presence of new local and foreign stars who have been doing well under Pluijm, the former Yanga coach.

The Singida club has a good defensive record having allowed two goals from four games and boasts a good goal ratio of four goals in four league games, with the ability to score at least one goal in every clash.

Singida Big Stars sits fifth in the Premier League standings with eight points, while Yanga leads the standings given it has collected 10 points similar to Simba SC which has scored many more goals than Yanga.

Azam FC shares the same league log stats with Singida Big Stars FC having scored two more goals (six) than Singida Big Stars FC who have scored four, thus sitting in the fourth spot in the league log.

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DAR ES SALAAM

Geita Gold FC ready for Premier League clash against Dodoma Jiji FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

GEITA Gold FC's head coach Fred Felix 'Minziro' reveals his charges are ready for this afternoon's 2022/23 Premier League encounter against Dodoma Jiji FC to be played at Liti Stadium in Singida.

The match's kick-off was initially scheduled for 4 pm, the game will now kick-off at 2 pm and the encounter promises to be thrilling as both sides are winless in this season's top flight.

Geita Gold FC now sits 12th with three points from four Premier League ties while Dodoma Jiji FC is placed 14th having collected two points and has the same number of games.

Minziro noted his charges are ready for the match and they are looking forward to garnering victory.

However, the coach said he has cautioned his charges not to expect an easy tie as their opponents will come flat out looking for a win.

"We are ready for the encounter, all players are ready except for Kelvin Nashon, who is injured, Oscar Masai and Edmund John that got a call-up for the senior national team and national U-23 squad respectively," he said.

After today's match, Geita Gold FC will head to Arusha to confront Polisi Tanzania and later on travel to Tanga for a duel with Coast Union.

Geita Gold FC information officer, Hemed Kivuyo, revealed the club is working hard for the game as it is keen on bringing happiness to the side's members and supporters.

"Performance during training has been great, the players are working hard as they want to bring smiles to our members and fans, we know our opponent will come hard on us but we will take on them," he said.

In the four NBC Premier League games played, Geita Gold FC lost 3-0 to Simba SC and later notched a draw in clashes against Azam FC, Kagera Sugar, and Singida Big Stars FC.

The only win the Geita club has registered this season is a 2-1 victory against Al Hilal Sahil FC of Sudan in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's first preliminary round.

Kivuyo though said they are preparing to banish a less convincing performance that has been tormenting them in the past four NBC Premier League ties.

"Winning our next week's game will be a morale boost and motivation to hunt for more wins, earning the first win in the NBC Premier League will help the team regain confidence," he said.

Dodoma Jiji FC has also not registered any win, the outfit lost 2-1 to Tanzania Prisons, succumbed to a 3-1 loss to Mbeya City FC, and managed to notch goalless draws with Singida Big Stars and Kagera Sugar.

Masoud Djuma, Dodoma Jiji FC's head coach, was recently reported in the local media saying he will use the international break to prepare his charges.

"In the ongoing Premier League, our performance has not been good, we have not won any game, it is worrisome but I will use the international break to prepare my team so that we can go back to our winning ways," he revealed.

Dar boxer eyes victory in international Featherweight bout

By Guardian Correspondent

PROMINENT Tanzanian professional boxer Ibrahim Mgendera has bragged to knock out his opponent Gustavo Pina Melgar from Mexico when they face each other in an international Featherweight bout scheduled for Friday at Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam.

The fight has been organized by MO Boxing Promotion, being the first time for the company which operates under the famous businessman Mohammed Dewji alias 'MO', to venture into the sport's promotion in Tanzania.

Mgendera, alias 'Class', said that after staying out of the boxing ring for a long time, he has decided to come back strong aiming at winning various professional boxing titles in the world.

He said that he has prepared well for the fight and he will not underestimate his opponent because he believes that the latter has come for victory.

"I know Melgar is a good boxer but not within my reach, I have prepared well and I will show him how Tanzania has good and talented boxers," Mgendera noted.

Melgar said that he has come to seek victory to improve his record in professional boxing.

The bout's organizer from MO Boxing Promotion Ahmed Seddiqi said that the preparations have been completed and there will be six supporting bouts.

He said that an action-packed main event will see a showdown between former World Boxing Organization (WBO)/World Boxing Council (WBC) Youth champion, Alfred Lamptey (10-0-0: 8 KOs).

Standing in his way is a former IBF Continental Champion from Namibia, Abraham Ndauendapo (17-8-0: 5 KOs).

"We have built a stacked night of action at Mlimani City Hall, building up to the highly anticipated



KCB Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christine Manyenye, speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the official launch of the Mo Boxing tournament that brings together pugilists from six nations. Others are Chief Executive Officer of Mo Bajaj, Ashish Josh (2nd R), Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC) secretary-general Yahya Poli (2nd L), Tanzanian boxer Ibrahim Mgendera (L), and his Mexican counterpart Gustavo Alan Pina. The tournament will debut with a thrilling Featherweight fight between Mgendera and Pina set to be held at Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam on Friday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

fight of the year in Tanzania and the atmosphere is going to be electric on a sold-out night," Seddiqi disclosed.

"This iconic night features Tanzanian and International fighters from Mexico, India, Namibia, Kenya, and Ghana looking to hook boxing fans with a nonstop action" MO Boxing Promotions' Director, Mohammed Dewji, noted.

Stacking on the undercard list, there are action-packed matchups between Juma Choki (6-0-0: 2 KOs) vs Jose Hernandez (10-8-3: 3 KOs), Nicholas Mwangi (10-4-1: 7 KOs) vs Emmanuel Mwakembe (8-1-1: 3 KOs), Sameer Anwar (4-1-0: 3 KOs) vs Adam Mrisho (12-3-0: 8 KOs), Mwinyi Mzengela (17-10-2: 7 KOs) vs Sabari J (6-1-0: 2 KOs) and Sadra Mohamed (2-2-0: 0 KOs) vs Lulu Kayage (7-8-3: 2 KOs).

The September edition is

sponsored by Azam TV, Boxer, MO XTRA, Mlimani City, KCB Bank, White Sands Resorts, Bajaj, and OTAPP.



Nigerian artist Michael Adebayo Olayinka, popularly known as 'Ruger' (C), arrives at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The musician will take part in the biggest show namely 'UnmaskedEdition' which will take place at the Warehouse, previously known as Next Door, Masaki in the city on October 1. He will be joined by other artists Nyamari Ongegu 'Nyashinski' from Kenya, as well as Tanzanian Sharif Said Juma 'Jay-Melody'. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Flexibles by David Chikoko

