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Former Prime Minister John Malecela talks to reporters on the 62 years of the country's independence. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

TANZANIA has achieved a number of milestones even more than other African countries since it obtained independence in 1961, a veteran leader has declared.

John Malecela, former prime minister who in the past held the Foreign Affairs portfolio, made this remark in a media interaction at his residence here yesterday, on the 62nd anniversary of the country's independence.

He said that the country had witnessed rapid progress in political maturity, freedom of expression and good governance, with the country being blessed with solidarity and unity among citizens.

This situation has allowed smooth management of change and reform as part of socio-economic development, he stated,

noting that most African countries attaining independence at around the same time passed through debilitating chaos or economic meltdown.

"Despite several challenges, today Tanzania stands among countries whose annual economic growth is at a satisfying rate, but also with major improvement in the dispensation of key social services," he stated.

The sixth phase government has managed to assure widespread distribution and availability of safe water in urban and rural areas, along with electricity, health and education services, he pointed out.

"It is a meaningful economic achievement that the government is currently finalizing construction of the Julius Nyerere Hydro-power Project (JNHPP)," he said, saluting the government

Foreign minister, AfCFTA explore women's trade opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is closely working with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) secretariat to benefit from the 1.3bn people market across 55 countries.

January Makamba, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister made this affirmation yesterday at a meeting with AfCFTA secretary general Wamkele Mene in Dar es Salaam.

The AfCFTA executive was in the country for the just ended AfCFTA conference on women in business held on December 6 to 8, examining how to strengthen women's participation in business to accelerate AfCFTA implementation.

The conference was organised by the Industry and Trade ministry working with the AfCFTA secretariat, bringing together 700



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for arranging financing for the 6.55trn/- facility without relying on traditional donors. Apart from quenching the country's electricity demand and pushing needed industrial growth, completion of the project will enable the country to sell power to neighbouring countries, he said. Dwelling on good governance and ethics, he observed that the country was performing well, with just a few leaders and civil servants lacking the spirit of patriotism in their conduct of work.

He expressed satisfaction with the way President Samia Suluhu Hassan is working to promote democracy, emphasizing that the president is effectively practising representative democracy. She will lead the country to eagerly-awaited development, he declared. "As we're celebrating 62 solid years of our independence today, my call to all Tanzanians is that we must stand together to support President Samia to translate into reality her good economic vision towards this country. "This is not time to hold political

grudges against each other, but rather it is high time to exercise 'clean politics' with an eye to assure needed development from the grassroots across the country," he emphasised. Malecela, born 19 April 1934 in Bugiri village in Dodoma Rural District, served as second phase prime minister from November 1990 to December 1994, as well as serving as the vice-chairman of CCM from 1995 to 2007.

He headed the Tanzanian delegation to the first Tokyo International Conference on African Development in October 1993, and earlier served as Tanzanian Ambassador to Ethiopia and the OAU (1967), Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (1972-1973), Communication and Transport minister (1973-1974), Agriculture minister (1975), East African Community minister (1975-1976), Iringa regional commissioner (1980-1984).

Other positions he held are member of the group of eminent persons of the Commonwealth on the South African situation (1985), Tanzanian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (1989-90), Prime Minister and First Vice President (1990-1994), vice-chairman of CCM (1995 to 2007) and Member of Parliament for Mtera (1990 - 2010).



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman, closing the second African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) conference on women in trade in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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people including a variety of female leaders from Africa and outside.

They included presidents, vice presidents, prime ministers, heads of various international institutions, well-known individuals and ministers in charge of business, officials said.

The minister and the visitor exchanged views on the best ways to smoothly conduct busi-

ness within the continent and benefit from AfCFTA.

Opening the AfCFTA conference on Wednesday, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the future of trade in Africa rests on the successful implementation of AfCFTA.

The trading bloc combines countries that share history and have similar economic structures, thus African countries can agree on parallel or similar

product standards to eliminate technical trade barriers, unlike countries outside Africa that differ economically from Africa, he told the gathering.

Deliberate efforts are needed to deal with obstacles that prevent women and young people from using opportunities arising from AfCFTA, he said, citing technical and financial challenges.

To ensure that no one is left

behind in participating and benefiting from the opportunities of the AfCFTA, Heads of State encouraged strong participation of stakeholders through a simplified business modality to empower youth, women, small entrepreneurs, small businesses and informal traders, the premier affirmed.

AfCFTA is the world's largest free trade area bringing together the 55 countries of the

African Union (AU) and eight regional economic communities to create a single market.

The aim is to enable the free flow of goods and services across the continent and boost Africa's trading position in the world market. AfCFTA entered into force on May 30 2019, after 24 member states deposited their instruments of ratification to the secretariat.



Marcel Akpovo (2nd R), the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR) regional representative for Africa speaks at a meeting to assess the human rights situation in Manyara Region, organized by the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, involved media editors. On his right is LHRC executive director Dr Anna Henga. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika ondent

US provides humanitarian assistance in response to flooding in Katesh town

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States has provided \$100,000 in response to flooding and landslides in the Manyara Region.

The landslides resulted in the tragic deaths of over 70 Tanzanians, damaged hundreds of acres of farmland, and displaced thousands of other people.

The emergency humanitarian assistance provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through the World Food Program, will support the government in its on-going robust response to the natural disaster in the northern regions.

US Ambassador to Tanzania Michael Battle said: "We grieve with Tanzanians across the country at this tragic loss of life and livelihoods."

Battle added: "The thoughts and prayers of the entire US Mission to Tanzania are with all those impacted by this natural disaster. The United States stands by our long-time friend and partner Tanzania at this time."

Ambassador Battle commended the government for its strong leadership and prompt actions to mitigate the disaster and support the people in the Manyara Region.

USAID and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to provide additional support as needed.

Heavy rainfall has affected areas of northern Tanzania since mid-October during the October-to-December rainy season, causing flash flooding, overflowing rivers, and landslides.

On December 2, a landslide struck Katesh village in western Manyara's Hanang District, resulting in the majority of the reported damage. The landslide also damaged public infrastructure, including roads, electricity, and communication and water supply systems.

Katesh known bodies reach 80 as damage tallying raises census data

By Guardian Reporter

PEOPLE who died in the mudslide in Katesh and surrounding areas in Manyara Region have now reached 80 as more bodies were being recovered from the mud.

Government spokesman Mobhare Matinyi announced yesterday that efforts were being pursued by rescue teams to remove mud and bring life back to normal.

He said in a statement that by midday yesterday, the toll reached 80 where 48 were elders, along with 19 younger

men, 29 women and 32 children.

The body of a young boy was not identified up to Thursday but was identified yesterday, while an old woman's body has not been identified, so the number of identified bodies is 79," he said.

The number of injured people received in different hospitals stands at 133, with the regional referral hospital having 18 patients, Tumaini Hospital having 26 patients and Gendabi health centre having seven patients, he said.

There were 440 people in camps as of yesterday, with the government expecting to gradu-

ally reduce the number of people in the camps after a thorough analysis of the situation.

Some of them will be leaving camps to other dwellings or rented places, but the relevant department will evaluate options of what places are best for each family to reside, he said.

The government was studying the extent of the damage with evaluators making physical visits, while data from the 2022 census which covered population and housing will establish the number of houses and the size of the area affected, he said.

Evaluators will also find out the number of households and people affected and whether

any artificial increase in the number was conducted, he said, noting that this will involve checking postal codes and local government records for the number of people, households, plus those who lost their lives or properties.

The number of farms lost during the calamity will be known after the exercise now underway is completed, but also the number of livestock lost, he said.

He referred to 25 bags of sunflower the local authorities kept at a Gendabi warehouse that were destroyed, plus other crops belonging to individuals who lost their lives in the disas-

ter.

Services such as water, electricity and telecommunication were already being restored, he said, elaborating that 75 transformers have been switched on, 58 electricity poles erected after being washed away by the mud.

A preliminary report has helped authorities to start identify dangerous zones to be used as buffer, along river Jorodo which drains downstream from Mt Hanang.

The government also set up a bank account to collect support for the victims, titled the National Relief Fund - No: 9921159801 at the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), he added.

Samia to launch preparations for national development vision 2050 in Dodoma today

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan will today launch preparations for the National Development Vision 2050 which aims to set the context of national development in line with regional and international plans.

The vital development was unveiled yesterday in Dodoma by the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Policy, Parliament and Coordination, Umy Nderiananga during a special audience with members of the press.

Among others, the press conference was meant to brief the public on preparations for today's celebrations of the 62nd anniversary of the Independence of Tanganyika and the first meeting for preparation of the National Development Vision 2050.

"Preparations for the two major events have been completed; we are finalizing some remaining things and we are optimistic that all will go well as planned," she expressed.

Nderiananga expressed that Tanzania will today celebrate 62 years of the country's independence under the theme 'Unity and Solidarity Is The Impetus For Our Nation's Development'.

The minister detailed that through the National Development Vision 2025, there are many recorded successes including the strengthening of the education sector, health and empowerment of women in various areas.

"On women empowerment, we congratulate President, Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan for being in the forefront in putting in place guidelines and instructions that have cemented unity and solidarity

among Tanzanians. The prevailing peace and unity have resulted in our country to continue propelling socio-economic development," said Minister Nderiananga.

She added that the event for the launch of the country's crucial economic vision drive is expected to be attended by various national leaders and members of the diplomatic corps as well as the citizens.

She said the event will feature exhibitions from local entrepreneurs, institutions, government departments and ministries.

"I would like to use this opportunity to welcome Tanzanians from neighbouring regions to attend the event," she added.

In another development, the minister noted that the launch of the preparations for the National Development Vision 2050 will go together with receiving an evaluation report on the implementation



Tanzania - China Friendship Promotion Association (TCFPA) representative Husna Sharif (L) hands over the 24 beds and mattresses worth 16m/- to Muheza MP Hamisi Mwinjuma in Muheza, Tanga Region on Thursday donated by the association to support Muheza district hospital. Others looking on are the District Council Chairman Erasto Mhina (3rd R), the Council acting director Cyprian Mselem (2nd R) and the District Medical Officer Dr Juma Mombokaleo. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

of the National Development Vision 2025.

"The event will also be used as a potential podium to launch a spe-

cial campaign for the gathering of views from the stakeholders over the 2050 vision and as per the set plans, opinions will be collected

from the relevant stakeholders through mobile phones, interviews and an online questionnaire," she said.

Diplomats commend government efforts in the Hanang rescue, promise more humanitarian aid

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Diplomatic Corps in Tanzania have commended the efforts of the government in the Hanang rescue operation following mudslides landing in the area due to heavy rainfall in Manyara Region on December 2, 2023.

The diplomats expressed their appreciation when they met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, January Makamba, in Dar es Salaam.

The meeting aimed to brief them on the situation in Hanang and the measures taken by the government to address the disaster.

Makamba said the mudslides resulted in the loss of 72 lives, injuries to 117 people, and extensive damage to property, homes, and infrastructure such as roads, water, and electricity systems.

"The Tanzanian government is grateful to the international community for their condolences and the support you provided to us during this time," said Makamba.

He further mentioned that in response to the disaster, the Tanzanian government established a National Disaster Committee under the Prime Minister's Office in cooperation with Manyara Regional authorities and has opened a special disaster relief account to coordinate and receive various aid contributions to assist the affected victims and facilitate the resumption of normal life.

"The victims still require humanitarian aid. Many have lost their homes and their loved ones; infrastructure like roads, water, and electricity has been severely affected and caused life to standstill in the affected area," He said.


Speaking at the meeting, the United Nations Country Representative to Tanzania, Zlatan Milisick, praised the rapid and faster actions taken by the government in rescuing citizens and their property in Hanang and pledged that UN Tanzania will continue to collaborate with the government, adding that UN agencies in Tanzania have organised humanitarian aid for the survival which will be handed over to the Tanzanian Government.

Kenyan Ambassador to Tanzania, Isack Njenga, expressed solidarity with Tanzania, adding that they were offering prayers for the deceased and condolences to the affected families.


Similarly, speaking on behalf of the African Diplomatic Corps the Somali


Ambassador to Tanzania Zahra Ali Hassan, extended prayers and support to the victims, saying that the African

Group has also organised humanitarian aid, which will also be delivered to the Tanzanian government.



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Envoy calls for more protection of women rights issues

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

NORWEGIAN ambassador to Tanzania, Tone Tinnes has called upon human rights activists in the country to continue advocating for full participation of women in democratic processes to achieve gender equality in leadership positions.


He made the call during a debate on women participation in democratic processes in Zanzibar that was jointly organized by the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar), Zanzibar Female lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and Pemba Environmental and Gender Protection Community (PEGAO). The debate was part of an event to celebrate 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence (GBV) in which the envoy said gender equality is an important matter which needs to be emphasized by all stakeholders to ensure it is achieved.

She explained that "The 50/50 agenda was global, adding that it is important to look at how stakeholders can deal with GBV to allow women participate in democratic processes. She said that the debate to discuss the role of women and the obstacles they face in leadership are important in building the capacity of women to prepare especially for the general elections of Tanzania in 2025.

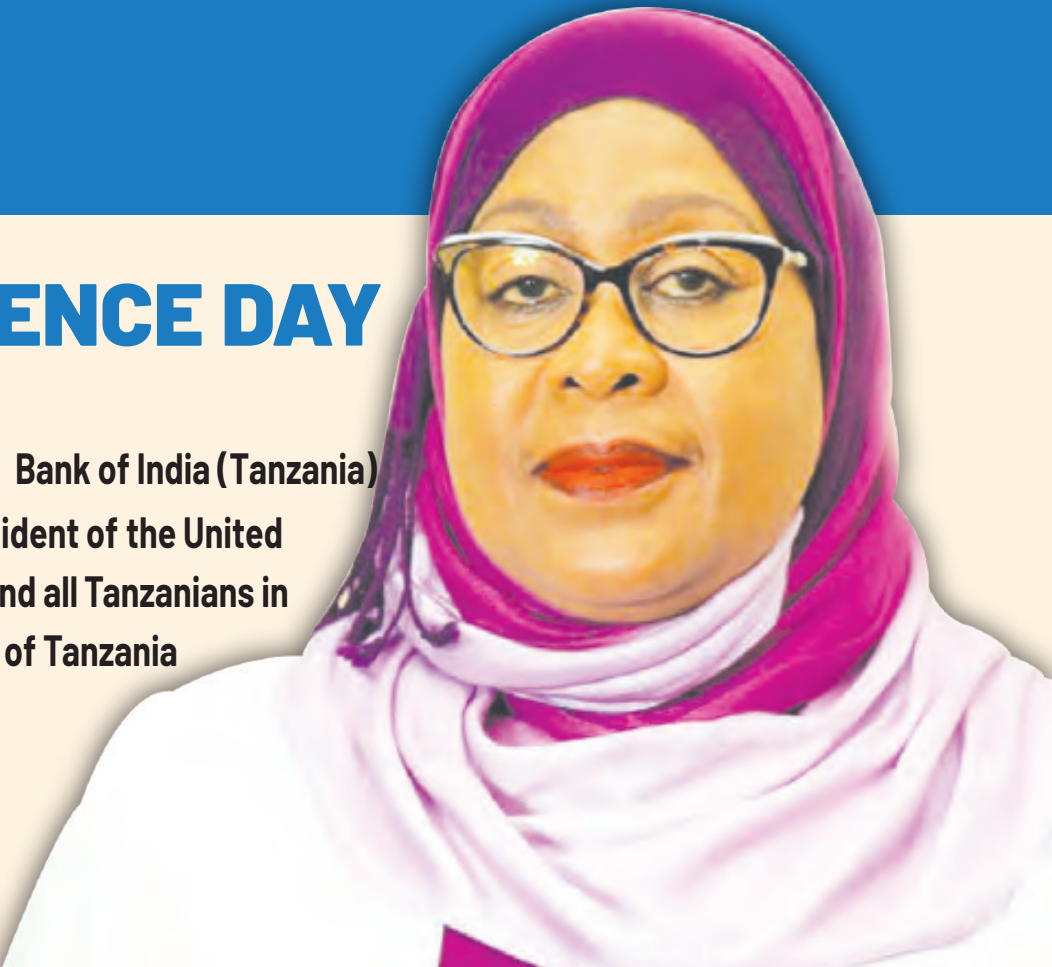
"Forums like this are important as we prepare for the 2025 elections, and there are many challenges, especially violence and gender-based violence which women face during these times," explained Ambassador Tinnes.

In addition, the Ambassador expressed his satisfaction with TAMWA Zanzibar's efforts to defend women's rights in opposing acts of violence in the Isles, and explained that the Norwegian government will continue to support these efforts to achieve the goal of gender equality.

Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children Zanzibar Anna Athanas Paul noted that the government continues to implement an important strategy to empower women in various fields in response to regional and international agreements.



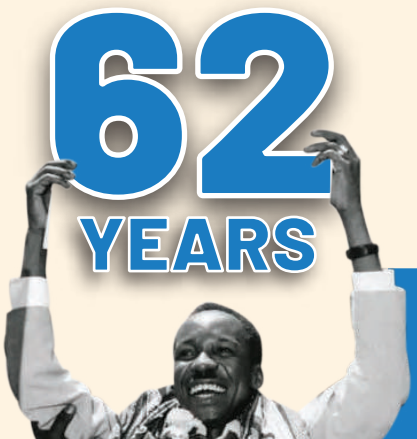
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Reforms since 1991: Building market economy with Tanzanian characteristics

By Guardian Correspondent

CHINA has been a role model for Tanzania for nearly all the time since independence, after the Chinese socialist effort, of a country pushing to industrialization on the basis of ardent equality of its citizens, took over in Mwalimu's imagination towards the mid-1960s.

It was not the Chinese example that enthralled Mwalimu at the start, when he became President of the Republic late 1962; his first role model was US President John F. Kennedy, whose appeal to American youths not to ask 'what America can do for you but what you can do for America,' which remained in his ears a decade after he left office. He was a young leader just slightly older than Mwalimu, and fell to an assassin's bullet a year later.

The difference between the two situations was that the US was an industrial society where it wasn't too hard to elicit patriotism from the youth, assured of education, jobs, welfare and an option on each aspect of life. When Kennedy fell and the chasms of US politics, its racial undertones in particular opened up, coupled with the Vietnam War, Mwalimu had no longer any references in the US political system but his good relationship at that early period helped with the union with Zanzibar. There was close communication as the US hoped that unifying Zanzibar with Tanganyika would soften the radicalism of the Ijesa leaders, namely Sheikh Abeid Karume of Afro-Shirazi Party and Abdulrahman Babu of the Umma Party.

For one thing, socialism in Tanzania failed while it was still popular, with variations of criticism of Mwalimu Nyerere for the failure, those in the bureaucracy saying he doesn't listen to advice and the masses seeing him as Moses, labouring to take Tanzania to the Promised Land. One of Nyerere's most ardent critics, Prof Ali Mazrui, in the early 1980s described Nyerere's Ujamaa policies as a 'heroic failure.' That definition sealed the discussion, forever.

There is another dimension of China-Tanzania relations which has yet to be actually set out, as to how nationalism sets limits to economic liberalization when a country takes up economic reform. Nyerere raised this matter once or twice after the party decision making organs virtually dissolved the Arusha Declaration, removing the Leadership Code, leaving decisions on the 'commanding heights of the economy' to the government. Nyerere appeared to stoically throw in the towel on socialism (viz., equality) but insisted on 'self-reliance,' not selling parastatals.

Nearly 30 years after Mwalimu made these distinctions, this has remained the broad policy outlook, and it isn't just an observed position by the government. In the mid-1990s while Nyerere was still around, his criticism of the International Monetary Fund that he gave in 1981 and pursued it after retirement in 1985



had now gained a worldwide following especially in the World Bank.

At the end of 1999, while Mwalimu was breathing his last, IMF director general (at that time titled managing director) Michel Camdessus who led from 16th January 1987 to 14th February 2000 was preparing to resign. The reason was the compulsion from the IMF-World Bank collective board of governors to accept that Tanzania and a welter of African countries had reached IMF-World Bank structural adjustment 'decision point' and merited to have their debts cancelled.

The cash was directed to education and rural roads while sections of the bureaucracy had different plans; reform largely ended. The IMF was now a fund, not a policy setting 'International Ministry of Finance' as Nyerere had cajoled in 1981 to worldwide appreciation.

As he neared the end of his tenure (by his own deci-

sion, decidedly) Mwalimu increasingly became aware of the limitations of reducing or eliminating poverty and was acutely aware that the raw materials we sell outside continually declined in prices while machinery as a whole was rising in prices (partly due to currency depreciation in Tanzania and elsewhere after the OPEC oil prices repeated rises to quadrupling within one year, 1973-1974. Along with the devaluation of the US dollar in 1970, oil price rises put paid the policy of socialism to live on vast forex shortages; the war with Gen. Idi Amin was the coup de grace for reforms to start.

Reform in Tanzania has been so careful that the country's constitution still affirms the policy of socialism and self-reliance, despite that what it means eliminated the conditions of not having two salaries, shares in a private company, or hiring farm labour, renting a house, etc. The bottom line is not placing to the hands

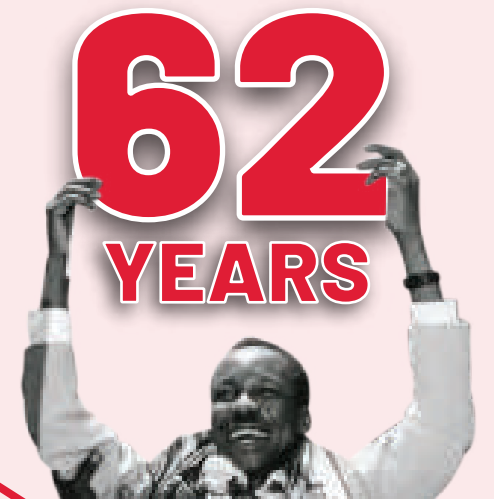
of foreign investors the prized public assets of an economic character, thus when second phase leader Ali Hassan Mwinyi (during the structural adjustment period) moved to privatize cigarette and beer companies the social protest was low as they perhaps are not seen as ethical entities. Privatising banks, especially NBC rattled the state.

It is hard to say if there is any change in the public perception of the issue since 1997 when NBC was split up and privatised. Third phase and fourth phase gestures for privatization amounted to creating 51 per cent majority shareholding based on fixed assets the investor finds there instead of liquidating them first, thus all of those experiments failed: ATCL with South African Airways, TRC with RITES Co, of India and the Net Solutions redressing of TANESCO, also a South African firm. A quasi-Chinese model is operating in the port accord or SGR, as business

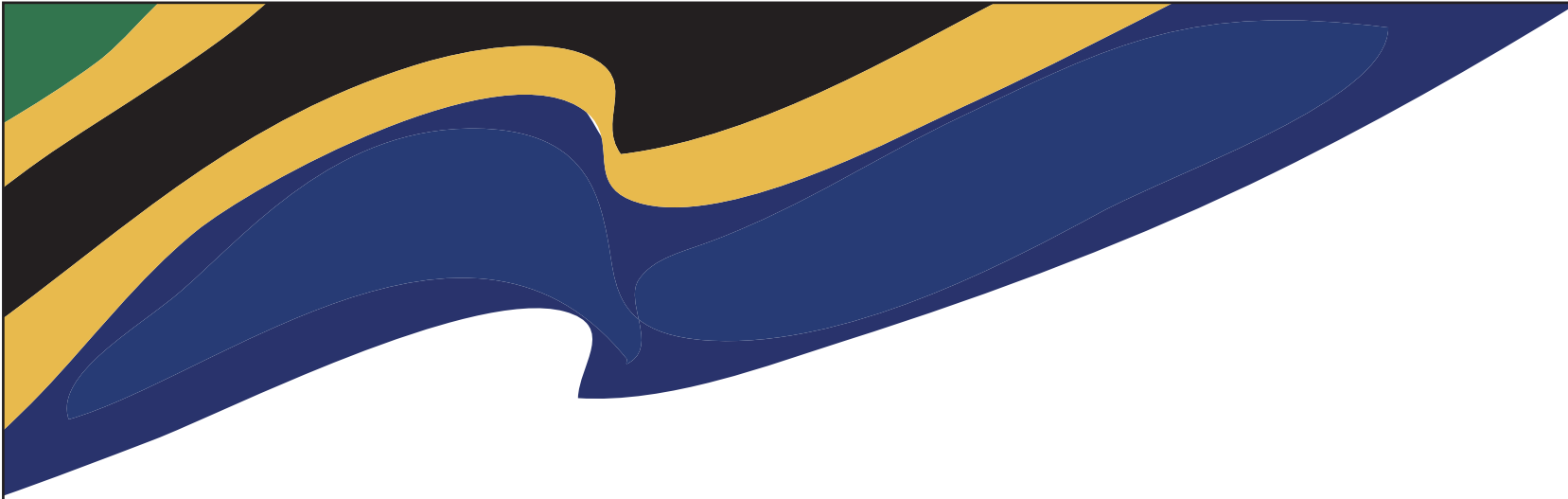


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In marking 62 years of Independence, poverty is secondary as a policy issue

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Mainland has now clocked 62 years as an independent entity, which has seen the country work on its primary social and political aspirations, and with the formidable longevity of the ruling party and harmony within it, no disruptions ever occurred. While other African countries scarcely mention their founding leaders, the dignity of the founding president Mwalimu Nyerere has been held high all the time. It is a unique achievement in what is

often seen as an island of harmony in a sea of turbulence in Africa, chiefly, it is a remarkable political feat.

Just how far can we talk in terms of aspirations is a relative issue but it is apparent all over the place that something has changed in terms of societal and government capacity, fleetingly noticed in the short lived listing as a lower middle income economy globally. Officially just above a third of the population lives in statistical poverty, so called because there are other ways of categorizing people living in this or that

situation. In scripture for instance poverty is said to arise from weak hands, from a lack of wisdom or indisposition to hard work, and often, via drunkenness.

The concept of poverty has seen its place in political language or reflexes change from one epoch or phase of government to another, from a common sense term during the first phase, the anchor of patriotism, to an auxiliary issue over the past 20 years. The intensity of poverty, an anchor of patriotism, was visible in Nyerere's remarks in introduc-

ing the first five year plan in 1964, affirming something quite surprising in relation to higher education. The government was struggling to set up the University of Dar es Salaam, and the president was asking for commitment.

He said that 'those who receive this privilege have the duty to repay the sacrifice that others have made. They are like a man who has been given all the food available in a starving village, so that he may have the strength to bring supplies from a distant village. If he takes this food and does not bring help to his brethren, he is a traitor. Similarly, the young men and women who receive education adopt attitudes of superiority and fail to serve our people, they are betraying our Union.'

At the time of the Arusha Declaration, there are two catchwords that those of the millennium generation (and even a bit earlier) are unlikely to hear about. One is bepari (from an Indian word 'bepar' which means trader, but used to mean a rich person. Another was 'kabaila,' meaning land owner, akin to the 'mailo' system in the Lake Victoria ethnic ecosystem. It was the anchor of feuds and mass killings.

Mwalimu's detesting of class or stratified society, even declaring that native African languages did not have words like social classes (for which Makerere political sociology trail blazer Ali Mazrui wrote a famous rejoinder) early in 1962 set the pace for his leadership. This ethic, of demanding that leaders live in social conditions not too dissimilar from those they lead, was the premise of political leadership up to his leaving the presidency in 1985, and indeed up to his ending his period as party chairman in 1990. Only then was the Leadership Code scrapped.

During the period where the currency declined in value and the value of education to social prosperity declined as well, the goalposts for both poverty and political ethics changed rapidly. The formal concern with being equal was converted into a problem of survival, and that is how the word 'Bongo' came up, as a place where

one has to use his or her brains to survive. With that sort of cynicism, the old political parameters collapsed, and within a decade, income structures were reset.

What came up was a mixture of reverse patriotism and clever correlations, where the issue was no longer the living conditions of public officials compared to the poor peasant but rather levelling amenities for public officials to compare with their peers from outside, and if possible, with an improvement. That is how salaries started to be set in US dollars, so that civil servants in international organisations form the premise of payments of local officials they work with. In other words, a permanent secretary ought to earn more than the local representative of the IMF or the World Bank, and indeed more than a foreign envoy, as he has a higher rank.

During the third phase government when these changes were being made, a quite substantial part of the annual budget was from foreign aid, for instance in 1998 the total budget sums stood at 1.1trn/- where 720bn/- was from internal sources. While obviously those sums are vastly different from today's numbers, the levelling up of civil servants' conditions was partially based on foreign aid earlier, but increasingly from local sources later. The society has vastly changed and little is being said about the cost in financing fleets of government vehicles, as the issue is the provision of social services, not salaries or vehicles of top officials.

While poverty is no longer the anchor of patriotism and political ethics as during the time of independence, it is a vital reference for policy justification. With far more disposable budget sums, and political shift from ruling party to the specific national leader in place, amenities for the public are now being seen as a gift from the president. It is a symptom of what is changing, that 'where there is a will there's a way,' about virtually everything that the public needs. It wasn't the case earlier and it isn't quite the case at present, illustrating vastly improved state capacity.



The Board of Directors, Management and Staffs of the Kamal Group wish to join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan and all citizens of Tanzania on commemorating the 62ND Anniversary of Tanzania's Independence.

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How Chinese-built sewage treatment plant is supplying irrigation water to drought-hit Tunisian olive farmers

TUNIS

TUNISIA has been suffering from a stifling water crisis for years n=because of low rainfall and drought. However, Moez Nabil, an olive farmer from Sousse, managed to overcome the challenge of obtaining sufficient water for his crops. The steady irrigation water supply from the Chinese-built Sousse wastewater treatment plant allowed Nabil to preserve his crop yield.

"Although water shortages result in a significant decline in crop production, the annual harvest of my olive has been basically stable in recent years," he said, expressing gratitude to the plant.

According to a report released by Tunisia's National Observatory of Agriculture, the overall water reserves of Tunisia's dams were 520.3 million cubic meters on Nov. 15, down 30.4 percent from the average of 747.6 million cubic meters on the same day over the previous three years.

Tunisia's recorded average rainfall from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15 was less than 1.5 mm, far lower than the average in this

period, the observatory reported, adding that the rainfall deficit exceeded 94 percent in most regions. Sousse, Tunisia's third-largest city located 140 kilometers south of the capital Tunis, also suffers.

"Due to the severe drought in the past two years and the water shortage in Sousse, many water reservoirs have bottomed out," said Ji Jie, the Chinese director in charge of the final stages of Sousse wastewater treatment plant project.

The project, which consists of the newly-built Hamdoun and the expanded Sousse South sewage treatment stations, was undertaken by the Chinese Sino-hydro Corporation Engineering Bureau 15 Co, Ltd. a few years ago.

The two stations, which went into operation in 2019 and 2022, respectively, not only reduce pollution, but also provide local farmers with a stable source of irrigation water.

Moez is just one of the farmers whose olive trees relied on the treated water in this plant to survive for several months during the scorching summer.

The two stations can treat 19 million cubic meters of sewage each year and provide 18 million cubic meters of irrigation water for the surrounding area, and they are "almost automated and highly efficient," said Amen Ksiaa, head of the Hamdoun sewage treatment station.

In Hamdoun station, the dark sewage flowed into several treatment pools. After deposition, filtration, adsorption, and biological treatment, the water flowing out of the last pool became clear.

"After being disinfected with ultraviolet light, the water will meet the standards for agricultural irrigation," said Ji, adding that the water meets "the urgent agricultural need" of local farmers. "In the past, a lot of local sewage was directly discharged due to limited treatment capacity, causing unpleasant odors in the air."

The sewage flowed across the river, causing serious environmental pollution," Ksiaa said. And now, the Sousse city's residential sewage and some industrial sewage will be poured into this plant for treatment, which also owns biogas cogeneration systems that can collect the biogas during sewage treatment and generate 19,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per day, which greatly reduces the energy consumption of the plant, according to Ji.

Because of the plant's successful operation and social and economic benefits, many other places in Tunisia are now contacting the Chinese constructors for cooperation in dealing with drought and making better use of water resources, he said.



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**Taking A New Look
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Tanzania has been a trailblazer in friendship with all since 1962

AS the country marks 62 years of independence there are several milestones in the conduct of foreign relations that are being celebrated even now. President Samia Suluhu Hassan became the first woman to obtain a doctorate 'honoris causa' from a leading Indian university at mid-October, while scores of international agencies both governmental and civil are holding vital meetings in Dar es Salaam over the past year. No one feels isolated in Dar es Salaam as the country skirts clear of having sworn enemies, and having sworn friends doesn't create durable enemies.

Flounder president Julius Nyerere laid the framework early in his career, as his own upbringing in Makerere and Edinburgh universities put him close to Fabian Society, a UK fraternity of socialist and democratic leanings. These joint values merged in his thinking as in other post-World War II African leaders, while those who came before them, those studying in Europe in the aftermath of WWI, absorbed an ideology of radical anticommunism. They are the elders of African nationalism, like Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda and Jomo Kenyatta, while Nyerere belonged to the later generation like Patrice Lumumba, Milton Obote or Kenneth Kaunda within the neighbourhood. Democracy and socialism legitimized leaders.

While a breadth of African leaders paid lip service to democracy and socialism, or failed as the going proved too hard, Nyerere had the skills of navigating that environment without losing bearings and abandoning cardinal democratic tenets. He said in well-documented remarks in March 1995 that killing a person is the worst thing in (African) politics, as when that sin is committed, it will perpetuate itself. It shows democracy, that is, tolerance and forgiveness to be a matter of faith as well as wisdom; in so doing, Nyerere remained a shining example of leadership.

Katesh mudslide shows environment threat more complex than we thought

GOVERNMENT activity briefly moved to Katesh town in Hanang District, Manyara Region this week in the wake of heavy downpour touching off a wet soil landslide that actually becomes a mud torrent. More than 720 people are already reported to have died, and hundreds are in makeshift camps and will have to be relocated. Authorities fear that there are damp places on the slopes of Mt Hanang which can ignite disaster if more rain falls in big amounts as it was lately the case.

At the start of active environmentalism, the issue was to plant trees so that rain remains predictable, with the fear at that time confined to drought. There was also the worry about deforestation but the public authorities haven't particularly succeeded in this area, letting the two trends live together, that of cutting trees and planting them, with commercial planters being licensed to do both. Over the years, owing to global climate change particularities, environment threats have changed.

The disaster at Katesh and surrounding villages and peri-urban settlements was that heavy rain came on sparsely vegetated areas, which has to do with deforestation. The heavy rain, instead of drought, is a result of rising sea levels causing excess precipitation, making climatic expectations an interplay of drought and floods rather than normal rains, just occasional heavy rains. Our neighbours had it worse at times, as in Somalia vast areas were flooded; Kenya had 165 dead last week.

The more complex environmental hazards become the more intense the work to prevent disasters has to

In his foreign relations, Mwalimu most important early inspiration was then US President John Kennedy, after whose assassination November 22 1963 Nyerere never found another leader in the US to move along with, save briefly with Jimmy Carter in 1976-1980. The Nordic States came next into fraternity with Mwalimu as it was from these countries that there was great enthusiasm with Nyerere's socialist egalitarianism, especially his rural focus and devotion to changing the condition of women. In March 1967, six years before the gender movement was initiated in the US, Nyerere's first sentence in 'Socialism and Rural Development' was that poverty and the suppression of women were two major defects of traditional African society. In 1964 he told West Germany that 'we wish to be friendly with all and we will never allow our friends to choose our enemies for us.' It was clear.

At times the choice of friends and not so much of enemies arise from strategic imperatives, for instance recognition of the Zanzibar state after the revolution was led by eastern countries, including GDR (the German Democratic Republic), West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany) which had tied with Tanganyika right at independence, wanted the GDR link severed, and Nyerere refused, thus creating a principle in foreign policy. There was for instance Tanzania's friendship with Israel, vital at the time of the creation of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) in 1964 as it had assisted in creating the National Service Department. It was also a country that was markedly socialist but the rise of the liberation movement, opposition to the Vietnam War led to a freezing of ties with Israel. The ties were restored in a pragmatic way as the first Palestine peace accords came up.

With the release of Nelson Mandela in February 1990 the last adversity was ended.

President Samia raised the bar for environment bodies to conduct studies to find out what areas are under similar threat as in Katesh and what can be done to alleviate the situation. Social reports show that villages in many parts of the country face landslide problems as they are built on hill-sides, susceptible to overload of water on soft ground and hard rock below. Most have nowhere to move as it isn't a matter of moving to an adjacent plain but quitting altogether, so they adopt improvements with stones, removing threatening trees...

Just as President Samia was ending out a leading role at the Dubai climate change global conference, working on an African network for promoting cleaner cooking solutions, she had to rush home for a much bigger challenge.

The contrast is in a sense symptomatic of the deficit in global discussion or consensus compared to the situation on the ground, where phenomenal challenges are being thrown up each passing day. Tanzania has survived seaborne storms which never landed here but ravaged neighbouring states; even with the Hanang disaster we came off lightly.

What makes disasters nearly unmanageable in African countries is dependence on the natural environment as people live on the basis of ethnic heritage except in urban centres. Were it that all these are rented placed with modern housing, chances that preliminary precautions would be taken are higher; and insurance would be there. People would find the space to readapt, in new rented places.

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Tanzania and Bretton Woods group: From early adversity to full harmony

By Guardian Correspondent

FORMER World Bank president David Malpass who only this year left the institution for fellow US citizen Ajay Banga to take over, had a hearty talk with Finance and Planning minister Mwigulu Nchemba in his final days in office. The talk partly reflecting what is happening in Tanzania and to an extent, as a parting conversation. One thing is that this happened on April 13, which is birthday of founder president Julius Nyerere. He had vast influence on world attitudes on the IMF and the World Bank, which complement one another in development funding.

Grasping the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the other hand and the World Bank on the other has often been a problem, and this was the case right from the start. There is a story that Prof John Maynard Keynes, economic adviser to the UK government from the period of World War I and II, was asked in 1944 at the time of the setting up of the Bretton Woods institutions as to what is their difference. As if he was expecting the question, he said that 'the fund is a bank and the bank is a fund,' which points to diplomatic caveat to their names, rather, titles.

The bank is actually a fund that assists with development projects the 'bank' finds reasonable to loan against, not because the projects will yield a profit and loans will be rapid but since they will add to productivity, and finally the country will earn enough to repay that loan, along with other such credits. The 'fund' is by

contrast akin to a bank, and this is where the contention between Nyerere and the IMF became a game changer. The IMF traditionally acted as an international monetary bank, in the sense that if one goes bankrupt, the bank will assess valid credit needs and stipulate reform measures to obviate such deficiencies in future.

It is precisely this role of rectifying an economy to move it from the 'red' to the 'blue' zone when it comes to its balance of payments that Nyerere sharply put to question in 1981, at a sherry party for diplomatic corps for the New Year. Using the diplomatic caveat in the naming, he demanded that the IMF act a fund, to assist member countries when they are in need, and not to lay out policies for them. A bank can't loan to a client without being sure of likely profit and repayment, while a fund is by definition expected to use 'real need' as principal criterion for a loan.

It is this sentiment that gradually came to modify the work of the IMF in such a manner that it might not be easy to say which is which at the moment. In 2021 the IMF decided on a Covid-19 relief fund, not for balance of payments but schools and healthy centres, which is largely the work of the bank. Times had changed.

Tanzania did not win its battles with IMF and World Bank all alone but contributed significantly to changing the mission focus, even definition, of the work of Bretton Woods institu-

tions. But it must be said that this alteration of vision occurred because the old fears for which the two institutions were set up no longer existed among Western countries, that is, to take care of some of the issues leading to the two world wars. Western Europe modernised with a \$50bn loan issued by the United States as a revolving fund in 1948, which dramatically changed reality.

An online entry says that for the United States, the Marshall Plan provided markets for American goods, created reliable trading partners, supporting the development of stable democratic governments in Western Europe. Approval by the US legislature of the Marshall Plan signaled an extension of bipartisan relations forged during World War II into the postwar years. It affirmed. The focus of the Bretton Woods institutions had by the 1960s started to focus on developing countries, with a clear strategic interest that they also become democratic industrial economies.

The difference was that Western Europe and the United States have the same history which culminates in the victory of market economy and liberal democracy, values which were only thinly shared by the majority of 'developing' countries. Even this classification was a result of discrepancy of vision, as any country which aspired to industrial status more or less rapidly attained it, by opening its economy to investors in

all sectors. There was similarly a proviso of political harmony via a working democracy such that profits are reinvested for growth, not spirited outside.

Over time, the two institutions converged into the same mission, by amending te articles of association, which chroniclers say has been done three times; in 1969, to

provide for the creation and allocation of special drawing rights (SDRs), in 1978 to give effect to the partial reform of the international monetary system and in 1992, to strengthen the fund's power to impose sanctions—in particular by suspending voting rights by recalcitrant states. SDRs became an auxiliary resource allocation without having to negotiate a structural reform deal as the large group of 'poor' countries resisted such changes, and in 1981 Nyerere gave them their rallying cry.

The result is that there is now a new set up where the Bretton Woods institutions no longer have a mission to make the poor countries follow a path of open economy and democracy to take their countries to a higher level. Instead they are satisfied with day to day needs so long as something is done that meets minimal IMF criteria of solvable economy while the World Bank is so much altered in its reporting criteria such that its tenets of work are identical with government officials nearly everywhere. Issues of change are fully left to political dynamics.



The changing perception of money, lending, interest and commerce since Independence

By Guardian Correspondent

SOMETHING of a transformation has taken place in the years that the country has been independent, in ways that are often parallel with other countries and at times quite dissimilar. It was a characteristic of the Cold War period that countries, in like manner as political parties, were seen in the life and death matrix of being pro-capitalist or pro-socialist, with many leaders eliminated as they tried to take their countries towards socialism. Mwalimu Nyerere was among those who survived this witch-hunting as his position was solid, and he read 'the signs of the times' to strengthen his position, a situation that marked his leadership until 1985 and 1991.

One illustration of this paradox of reading the times for African leaders was a discussion as graduate students at the University of Dar es Salaam on the importance of the book by Dr Kwame Nkrumah, 'Neo-Colonialism: The Last Stage of Imperialism.' After one student pointed out the significance of the book, an Nkrumah critic came up and asked if the Ghanaian leader had actually 'read' the book, which appeared both cynical in what it was alleging, and sobering in what it observed. It was Nyerere who took the measures outlined in that book, but Dr Nkrumah used time to lay bare methods of imperialism, instead of combating it.

That is the easiest way to summarise the Arusha Declaration in 1967, intended to remove Tanzania from depending on the circulation of credit, from foreign countries to Tanzania so that the government can achieve its goals. Parallel to that was the circulation of private capital or money in the country which was wheeling the economy, with sisal being the leading crop and cloves in Zanzibar, testimony of which is the Bank of Tanzania logo, anchored in the glory of sisal at the time.

Mwalimu definitely read the book, and if he hadn't done that when it appeared in 1965, he definitely would have gone back to it when the Nkrumah government was toppled in a military coup in mid-1966. It was just six months after Nyerere and Nkrumah lived to the resolution of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) late 1965 to cut diplomatic relations with Britain for doing nothing about the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). After the Ghanaian leader was overthrown, the next to go would definitely be - Nyerere.

While Mwalimu was still weighing his options in the immediate aftermath of the overthrow of Dr Nkrumah, the sirens rang loud and clear on his own quarters, as his devotion to the peasants and holding a short whip on educated strata in the government not to claim excess amenities, the policy boomeranged. Mwalimu had in 1963 introduced the National Service Department, an auxiliary to the military, to recruit eager youths for training both for military service and for productive activities. That was harmless, until a decree was

given to send university students to the camps after finishing school, and reduce their salaries for 18 months after the six months military training. It was slightly modelled on the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution that ravaged China from 1966 to 1969, then quietly dropped.

University students demonstrated in academic gowns down the road to the still thinly populated shanty suburb of Manzese, which an observer, Prof. Cranford Pratt, at that time the principal of the University College, Dar es Salaam (who had earlier taught at Makerere University) saw it as a dramatic show of

elitism that was doomed from the start. Mwalimu was awakened to the failure of his calls for actual patriotic commitment to the poor peasant, when the students carried placards, in English, that 'Colonialism Was Better.' It was a ringing testimony that they didn't get it.

It is hard to say if Nyerere was ever angered in a public situation like he was angered at that moment, translating the phrase to 'Afadhali Mkoloni,' raising his voice while repeating that phrase. He sent them away, chiefly the ringleaders, they came back later but three months later Mwalimu made his decisions: money should no longer be the connection

between Tanzanians and their country, or government. The result was nationalisation of settler plantations, eradication of hired labour in agriculture, open trade in land, state ownership of wholesale trade, takeover of all commercial banks, insurance companies, credit structures and soon, cooperatives.

This ushered in the period of ideological or propaganda war with Kenya, at that time showcasing a thriving capitalist economy where the change from colonial times was 'democratisation' of land ownership, as locals could also buy and sell. Tanzania came back to this atmosphere starting the mid-1980s, less

due to the second phase presidency than the war of survival, which has now become state policy, known as self-employment, empowerment of women, entrepreneurship training, etc. Money was rehabilitated and patriotism changed meaning, totally.

There is still something somewhat socialist in how credit circulation is taken up or perceived, that it is seen as individual opportunity rather than wider economic organisation. People wish to succeed in business; they may protest high taxes but no political party has ever demanded privatization. That is not coming too soon.



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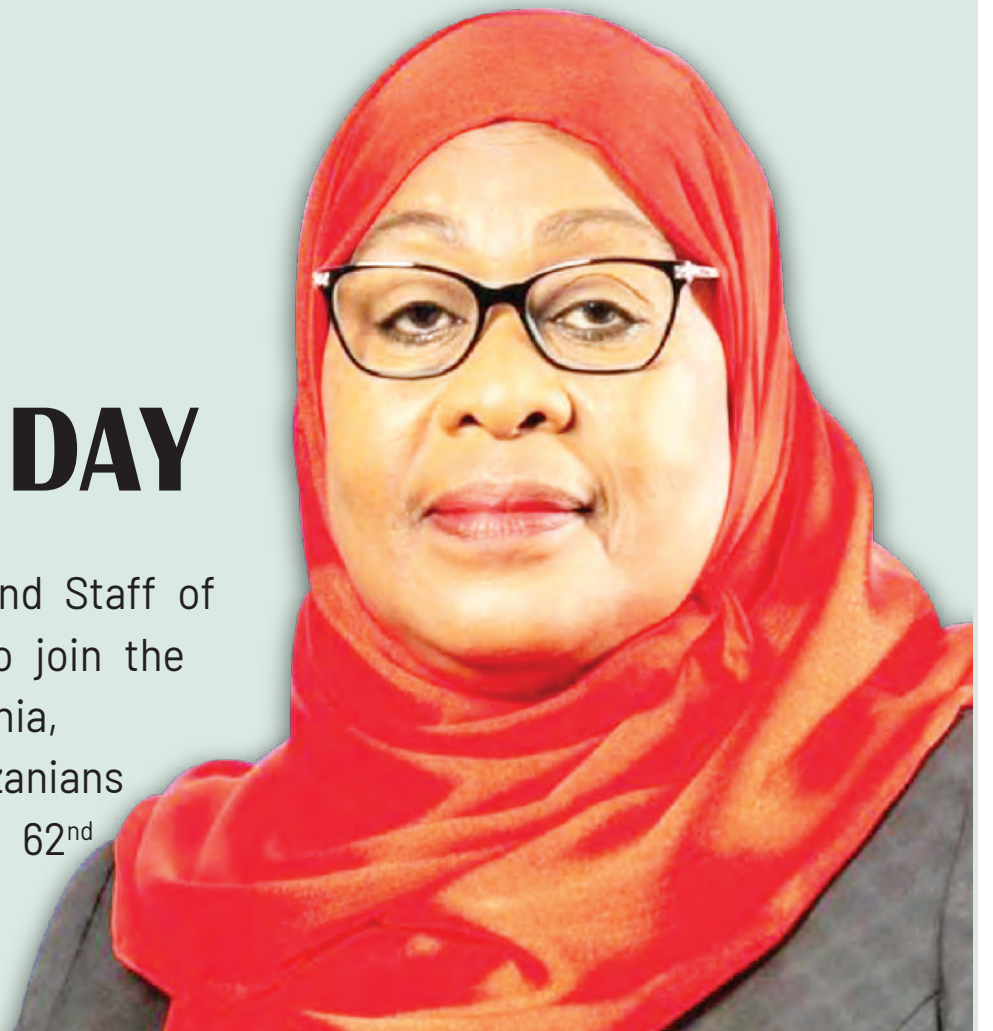
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Why climate justice and global financial reform are inseparable

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AN award-winning international development expert and a climate justice expert have called for a rethink of the global financial system that would bring reparatory justice to small, climate-vulnerable nations while offering concessionary development financing to the countries most in need of assistance.

Hannah Ryder, the Chief Executive Officer of international development consultancy Development Reimagined, and Yamide Dagnet, Director of Climate Justice at the Open Society Foundations, for a side event on the margins of the Dubai Climate Talks on December 7.

The discussion was part of Climate+, a conversation series organised by independent news organisation Devex, and presented a frank analysis of progress towards climate justice, the current state of the global financial system, and why the two issues are inseparable.

"We have been in the multilateral and climate finance space where we have been beating around the bush on a range of issues, and that has delivered the outcomes that we are talking about today. It has exacerbated inequalities even if there's good intention behind it," Ryder, a trained economist, said.

"Simple example. You are a low-income country, expecting to become a middle-income country. When you apply for World Bank financing, as soon as you get past that threshold, you suddenly have to pay more interest. You don't have any incentive to declare that you are middle-income. It is a very odd situation. You can understand why that was logical in the past, but if you are designing it for today's problems, that is a system that doesn't work."

Ryder says there are many middle-income countries with an urgent, unmet need for concessional financing.

"My country, Kenya, is just about middle-income; we have to work really hard to get USD 300 million for one project, but we need at least (USD) 4 billion a year to reach the development goals that give every citizen access to proper education and health."

Dagnet says the most vulnerable countries, those least responsible for but disproportionately impacted by climate change, have recognised that their demands for climate justice and financial reform are more impactful in unison.

"We are here at COP, and the reason why COP matters is because the multilateral forum is really where vulnerable nations have a seat at the table, and they do that by coming together. We are invested in empowering such a coalition. One of them is the V20, a group of finance ministers that started with 20 countries and is now at 68, representing 1.5 billion of the world population. They have been pushing the boundaries and moving the discussion on financing because of that empowerment."

A former climate negotiator, Dagnet, says the OSF has been supporting decision-makers from vulnerable countries to attend financing events and assisting in areas like understanding communication, capacity-building, and analysis for developing solutions.

"Eight years after the Paris Agreement, we need to objectively say: 'This is where we are, but this is not where we need to be, and this is what we need to do to get there,'" she said.

The development aid and climate justice experts say the landmark announcement of the operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund on Day One of COP28 is a long-fought victory, but agree that there is a long road ahead.

"It's an obvious win so early on in the climate talks," said Ryder. "I was one of those people who worked on that USD 100 billion commitment, which was a great win in 2009/2010, and it was an innovation, but that hasn't delivered. Since we've had that experiment, let's learn from it. What we need are financial mechanisms that are predictable and are not linked to immediate or random government decisions on issues like financial transaction taxes. That's what the work should be over the next year."

Dagnet says a lot of questions remain.

"There is going to be a lot of discussion next year to ensure sources of funding and how systematic it will be. What will be the role of insurance companies? The polluter space principle? How are we going to make sure that windfall profits by those who are responsible for where we are, like fossil fuel companies and other intensive sectors like aviation and maritime (contribute to climate change funding)? Who is to ensure it goes to where it is needed? Transparency and accountability will also matter," she said.

So far, pledges to the Loss and Damage Fund total over USD 400 million.

The United Nations estimates that USD 387 billion will be needed annually until 2030 to help developing countries adapt to climate change.

"At this point, we are in a mature enough world, and we are trying to look after our children and future. Let's take responsibility. Let's call it reparations. Let's call it loss and damage. Let's work with countries that need to build the capacity to speak to their domestic audiences on how to explain what reparations are. If we keep on beating around the bush, we're not going to make much progress," says Ryder.

For Dagnet, the goal is a financial system that acknowledges and addresses the burden placed on vulnerable countries and provides concessionary assistance to the countries that need it most.

"Call it global solidarity. Call it due reparations and debt. What matters is that we cannot hide. We need to face the fact that we need to mobilize and address historical missteps," she says.

The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, has



Activists Digo Bikas Institute at COP28 demand reparations rather than loans for loss and damage. Experts believe while the agreements on Loss and Damage Fund on the first day of the conference there is a long road ahead. Credit: COP28/Mahmoud Khaled

been on a global crusade to restructure the global financial architecture through the Bridgetown Initiative. Named after Barbados' capital, it calls for an overhaul of development finance that would address issues like inequality and help climate-vulnerable nations build resilience and respond to climate change.

Many argue that it is a reform over 80 years in the making and that it is inextricably linked to justice for the world's most vulnerable countries.

Economists like Ryder say the current system is just not designed to give the kind of scale to redistribute finance and ensure that money goes to the places where it's necessary.

"We need to think of the global financial system not as it is but also as what it could be if designed from scratch. That is the benchmark."

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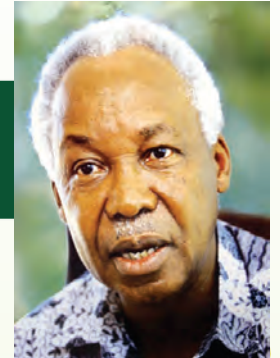
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China contributes wisdom, strength to global climate governance

By Guan Kejiang, Ren Haoyu

The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change kicked off in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

Themed "Unite. Act. Deliver," the COP28 will see the first-ever global stocktake of the Paris Agreement. All participating parties are looking forward to making progress on multiple important issues.

China has acted as an important participant, contributor and leader in global ecological progress. Its philosophy and achievements in ecological civilization construction have attracted great attention.

Participants in the COP28 told People's Daily that they expect China to continue playing a leading role and contribute its wisdom and strength together with all parties to building a fair and rational global climate governance system for win-win results.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat pointed out that the conference takes place in what is already known to be the hottest year ever recorded in human history and is a decisive moment to act on climate commitments and prevent the worst impacts of climate change.

On Dec. 1, over 130 countries signed a declaration on food, agriculture, and climate action, aiming to address global greenhouse gas emissions while safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of farmers in regions most affected by climate change.

On Dec. 2, China, the United States and the United Arab Emirates jointly hosted a summit on methane and non-carbon dioxide (CO2) greenhouse gases. China's special envoy for climate change Xie Zhenhua and U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry had discussions on the implementation of the Sunylands Statement on Enhancing Cooperation to Address the Climate Crisis, methane emissions control, international cooperation and other important issues.

Dubai is hosting COP28 in its Expo City, and there are two main sites for the events - the Blue Zone and the Green Zone. The Blue Zone is open to accredited delegates and it hosts formal and informal negotiations. The Green Zone is open to the public and offers a platform for non-accredited delegates from different groups to exhibit and exchange ideas.

China's pavilion at the COP28, located in the Blue Zone, was officially inaugurated on Nov. 30. It has attracted many visitors with a climate action animation exhibition with the theme of low-carbon development, a green energy demonstration sand table showcasing everything from green electricity to chemical production, and models of new energy vehicles. The



Chinese and foreign representatives communicate during a side event in China's pavilion at the COP28, Nov. 30. File photo

pavilion will host a series of side events and activities in nine thematic days.

Over 100 activities will be organized by Chinese government agencies, research institutions, industry associations, businesses, and non-governmental organizations, focusing on China's actions and international cooperation in addressing climate change, green and low-carbon development, coordinated pollution and carbon reduction, just transition and sustainable development, energy transition, digital development, and green finance.

China has made tremendous achievements

in ecological civilization construction, said Erik Solheim, former UN under-secretary-general and Senior Advisor to the World Resources Institute. He noted that he had visited various regions in China, where he witnessed environmental improvement, as well as the increasing sense of gain and fulfillment of the people.

Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund, said that the Fund has been collaborating with relevant departments in China for over 20 years, and witnessed China's achievements in envi-

ronmental protection, carbon emissions trading markets, and community green spaces.

The United States and China share extensive common interests in the field of climate change, Krupp pointed out, hoping countries around the world could make joint efforts to build a better future.

The Green Zone hosts over 600 events under 10 themes during the COP28. On Dec. 1, Chinese tech giant Tencent and Masdar City in the United Arab Emirates jointly launched a global low-carbon innovation alliance at a forum on ac-

celerating green and low-carbon transition. The alliance was joined by over 30 institutions and companies, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, McKinsey, and Siemens.

At the forum, Tencent unveiled an international version of its on-line platform for low-carbon technology innovation TanLIVE, which was designated as the official platform for the alliance.

Xu Hao, head of Tencent's Carbon Neutrality Lab, expressed the hope to promote deeper communication and collaboration among stakeholders in the low-carbon field, and to support Chinese low-carbon innovation enterprises in expanding overseas.

Former Vice Chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Mohan Munasinghe stated that Chinese modernization is a path for green development. As a developing country, China has made tremendous efforts in promoting ecological civilization construction and achieved remarkable accomplishments.

China has proposed to jointly build a green Belt and Road, advocating for the building of a clean and beautiful world, which showcases its significant role in global climate governance and common development.

Xie noted that as a responsible major developing country, China has always adhered to the strategic determination of climate action. China's economic and social development has embarked on a comprehensive green transformation track.

China will continue to make greater contributions to addressing the global climate crisis, achieving sustainable development, and building a clean and beautiful world through practical actions, as well as South-South and North-South cooperation.

People's Daily



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BUSINESS

Stanbic Bank lowers ESG loan screening threshold to Sh50m

NAIROBI

Stanbic Bank Kenya will from next month start screening loans of Sh50 million and above for environmental, social and government (ESG) compliance, tightening the sustainability threshold which currently starts at Sh300 million.

The bank says the lower pre-credit screening threshold will help it ensure at least 20 percent of its loan portfolio is channelled to sustainable green projects within the next three to five years.

Stanbic Bank Kenya and South Sudan CEO Joshua Oigara said in an interview with the local outlet that the increasing severity and frequency of climate change risks means lenders will have to elevate their accountability to society by not funding projects that aggravate the situation.

"Before, our screening was at Sh300 million and now we are coming down to Sh50 million and that will cover about 85 percent of our total portfolio," said Mr Oigara.

He added: "It is not just about climate but also about how our clients do their businesses. So we will be looking at aspects such as human rights, child labour and their compliance with other laws and regulations."

Stanbic's tightening of pre-lending checks comes on the back of signing on to the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Friendly ventures

Other lenders such as Standard Chartered Bank Kenya, Absa Bank Kenya, KCB, Co-operative Bank of

Kenya and Equity also have different thresholds for screening loans to block financing to clients not undertaking environment-friendly ventures.

The Central Bank of Kenya in 2021 gave banks up to June last year to include climate risk management in their business models, noting that climate-related risks are increasingly becoming a source of financial risks.

The ESG focus is expected to attract international investor funds and raise lending opportunities in the banking industry through activities aligned with net zero.

In October Kenya jumped two places in the annual Absa Financial Markets Index, helped by the enhancement of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) reporting in the financial sector.

Absa said in the index report released Thursday that improving market transparency, tax, and regulatory environments in capital markets boosted Kenya's ranking to eighth out of 26 African markets this year compared to 10th last year from a list of 23 countries.

The country returned a score of 61 out of 100, up from 55 last year, tied with Uganda (up from 60 points to 66) for the second highest points jump this year, and only behind Namibia's seven-point jump to 65.

The pan-African lender said Uganda ranked highest in East Africa at fourth place, up from sixth place last year, helped by efforts by the country's monetary regulator to stabilise foreign exchange rates and introduction of long-term plans to transform the capital markets and economy by adopting international standards.



Graduates of the software development course

Learners from five African nations equipped with digital-driven skills

By Frank Monyo

Over 5,000 students have graduated from a 16 weeks comprehensive programme designed to equip them with market-ready digital skills.

According to a statement circulated to the press, the programme dubbed: 'The Software Development Course' by Power Learn Project (PLP) witnessed students from Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zambia graduating with deserved digital skills.

In his speech delivered at the graduation ceremony held in Nairobi earlier this week, Sasaki Kenji San the Chairperson PLP Governing Council and CEO next Chymia Consulting said, the presence and support from partners underscores the importance of partnerships in driving the tech development agenda across Africa.

The graduation ceremony served as a platform for students to share their experience and skills by showcasing innovative solutions to address pressing challenges in Africa, notably in climate change, health, and food security.

According to him, the significance of the graduation extends beyond individual achievements. More than 5,000 learners have been equipped with digital skills and empowered through education.

"The graduates are poised to become invaluable assets in the workforce of their respective countries. The students are better positioned to use their technical skills to solve common problems in their particular communities," said San.

He asserted that the achievement follows the recent launch of the Impact report by the organization, emphasizing its commitment to shaping a digitally skilled and

empowered Africa through tech education.

During the unveiling of the Impact Report, the Power Learn Project highlighted the significant milestones and positive changes made in the lives of learners. The graduation ceremony celebrated accomplishments and the transformative journeys undertaken by the graduates.

Chief of Growth & Operations at PLP Mumbi Ndung'u said, "The PLP graduation serves as a testament to the profound impact of learning, where the transformative ripples extend far beyond individual accomplishments;

In less than two years, we have cultivated a dynamic community of graduates poised to become future leaders, change-makers, and advocates for a better world."

He emphasised that this achievement is not just a milestone but a resounding echo of their collective

dedication and the unparalleled efforts to shape education for a brighter future.

Michael Msita, a graduate from Tanzania said, "Graduating today is a testament to the incredible journey we've undertaken with PLP. As a student from Tanzania, PLP has connected me with a global community of like-minded individuals. I'm confident this is the beginning of my journey. Today, we celebrate not just individual success but the success of a collective effort."

The event featured Catherine Muraga MD for Microsoft ADC, Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga Director General of the ICT Commission of Tanzania, Patricia Ithau Group CEO of WPP Scangroup PLC, Victor Agolla, Chief Officer at Innovation and Digital Economy Nairobi County Government and Immaculate Kassait, MBS, Data Commissioner, Office of the Data Commissioner.



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Dangote refinery secures first one million barrels of crude shipment

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Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals plant has purchased one million barrels of Agbami Crude grade from Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited, STASCO.

This is targeted at increasing Nigeria's domestic refining capacity and attaining energy security (self-sufficiency).

In a statement obtained by Vanguard, Dangote Refinery stated: "The STASCO cargo contained one million barrels from Agbami and sailed to Dangote Refinery's Single Point Mooring (SPM) where it was discharged into the refinery's crude oil tanks.

"The maiden one million barrels, which represent the first phase of the 6 million barrels of crude oil to be supplied to Dangote Petroleum Refinery by a range of suppliers, should sustain the initial 350,000 barrels per day to be processed by the facility.

"The next four cargoes will be supplied by the NNPC in two to three weeks and the final of the six cargoes will be supplied by ExxonMobil.

"This supply will facilitate the initial run of the refinery as well as kick-start the production of diesel, aviation fuel, and LPG before subsequently progressing to the production of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS).

"This latest development will play a pivotal role in alleviating the fuel supply challenges faced by Nigeria as well as the West African countries."

The Refinery also stated: "Designed for 100% Nigerian crude with the flexibility to process other crudes, the 650,000 barrels per day Dangote Petroleum Refinery can process most African crude grades as well as Middle Eastern Arab Light



and even US Light tight oil as well as crude from other countries.

"Dangote Petroleum Refinery can meet 100% of the Nigeria's requirement of all refined products, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and aviation jet, and also have surplus of each of these products for export.

"The refinery was built to take crude through its two SPMs located 25 kilometres from the shore and to discharge petroleum products through three separate SPMs.

"In addition, the refinery has the capacity to load 2,900 trucks a day at its truck loading gantries.

"Dangote Refinery has a self-sufficient marine facility with the ability to handle the largest vessel globally available. In addition, all products from the refinery will conform to Euro V specifications.

"The refinery is designed to comply with US EPA, European emission norms, and Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) emission/efflu-

ent norms as well as African Refiners and Distribution Association (ARDA) standards."

President of Dangote Group, Mr. Aliko Dangote stated: "We are delighted to have reached this significant milestone.

"This is an important achievement for our country as it demonstrates our ability to develop and deliver large capital projects. Our focus over the coming months is to ramp up the refinery to its full capacity.

"I look forward to the next significant milestone when we deliver the first batch of products to the Nigerian market."

Similarly, the Country Chairman of Shell Companies in Nigeria, Mr. Osagie Okunbor, stated: "We welcome the startup of a refinery that is designed to produce gasoline, diesel, and low-sulphur fuels for Nigeria and across West Africa and are happy to be enabling it."

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDIA MONITORING & REPORTING SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA - REFERENCE NO. 00000438

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of Media Monitoring & Reporting Services to the EACOP project in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

EACOP LTD invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing the following Media Monitoring & Reporting Services in Tanzania.

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of media coverage across various platforms, including print, online, broadcast, and social media.
- Monitor and analyze the media activities of the industry to identify market trends.
- Implement systems for early detection of potential crises or reputational risks and provide timely alerts to clients.
- Generate tailored and insightful reports.
- Track and analyze brand mentions, sentiment, and engagement on Traditional media platforms.
- Offer insights into media trends and industry developments.
- Provide real-time monitoring capabilities to offer immediate awareness of media coverage.
- Leverage advanced technologies and innovative tools to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of media monitoring processes.
- Extend monitoring services to cover global media outlets.
- Provide in-depth reports on how media coverage influences public perception.
- Conduct audience analysis to identify key demographics and tailor monitoring strategies to reach specific target audiences effectively.
- Develop predictive analysis capabilities to anticipate potential media trends and emerging issues.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies and/or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Organization profile detailing services provided, proof of performance, with reference letters from three previous clients.
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and recent BRELA search report (attach copy)
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, experience, and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance, and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@EACOP.com, (max. email size 20Mb) on or **before 17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT) on or before **23rd December 2023**. Email object shall be: **00000438_Provision of Media Monitoring & Reporting Services**. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO DOCUMENTATION SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA - REFERENCE NO. 00000437

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of Photography & Video documentation services to the EACOP project in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing the following Photography & Video documentation Services in Tanzania.

- Provide professional photography services tailored to the company's needs.
- Deliver cinematic videography services, including filming and editing.
- Incorporate the company's messaging and branding into video content.
- Collaborate on concept development and creative ideas aligned with the company's brand.
- Arrange necessary permits and permissions for on-location shoots.
- Offer coverage for company events, conferences, and workshops.
- Capture key moments and deliver a mix of candid and posed shots, upon request.
- Provide professional corporate headshots and team photos.
- Perform thorough post-production work, including color correction and editing.
- Organize and securely store digital files for easy access by the company.
- Provide access to an online platform for viewing and downloading files.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies and/or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Organization profile detailing services provided, proof of performance, with reference letters from three previous clients.
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and BRELA search (attach copy)
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, experience, and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance, and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@EACOP.com, (max. email size 20Mb) on or **before 17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT) on or before **23rd December 2023**. Email object shall be: **00000437_Provision of Photography & Video documentation Services**. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF EVENTS MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA - REFERENCE NO. 00000436

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of Events Management Services to the EACOP project in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing the following Events Management Services in Tanzania.

- Events Concept Development, Coordination and Management
- Provision of Events Logistics
- Events Hospitality Management
- Interior and Exterior Events Décor and Branding Management
- Experiential Marketing

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies and/or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Organization profile detailing services provided, proof of performance, with reference letters from three previous clients.
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and BRELA search (attach copy)
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, experience, and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance, and Human Rights policies.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, DIGITAL, AND MEDIA MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO. 00000435

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in provision of Public Relations, Digital and Media Management Services to the EACOP project in Tanzania.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing the following Public Relations, Digital and Media Management Services in Tanzania.

- Public relations and media management services
- Digital design services, including the development of digital creative assets, infographics, motion graphics, and illustrations for digital media.
- Media planning and buying services.
- Media production services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies and/or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Organization profile detailing services provided, proof of performance, with reference letters from three previous clients.
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and BRELA search (attach copy)
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, experience, and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
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WORLD

Gaza: UN decries Israeli attack on school, safe zones

GAZA/GENEVA

THE United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on Thursday accused the Israeli army of directly targeting a UN school-converted shelter in the Gaza Strip.

In a press statement to Xinhua, the UN agency said that its school in the town of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza was directly targeted by the Israeli army.

Three other schools serving as shelters in Gaza City and central Gaza were indirectly impacted by Israeli attacks on nearby areas, it noted.

The UNRWA also said its two employees were killed by the Israeli army in Gaza, bringing to 132 the total death toll of its employees killed since the start of the conflict in early October.

It said that it had completely evacuated displaced persons from five of its schools in towns in eastern Khan Younis Governorate after Israeli forces issued evacuation orders.

On Wednesday, the Israeli army ordered a 1-square-km area in the city of Khan Younis for immediate evacuation, along with other active orders in various parts of the city.

So far about 25 percent of the city's area, with about 178,000 residents and an estimated 170,000 displaced people, has received evacuation orders, according to the UNRWA.

"More than 1.9 million people, approximately 85 percent of the population, have been displaced throughout the Gaza Strip, including about 1.2 mil-

lion displaced people residing in 155 UNRWA facilities in all five governorates of the Strip, including the north and Gaza City," the UNRWA said.

The UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said in a press statement that a large hospital in southern Gaza, which houses more than 1,000 hospitalized patients and 17,000 displaced people, was at risk of being shut down due to a lack of supplies and insufficient workers.

He stressed that "there is no safe place in Gaza, whether in Rafah or anywhere in what is unilaterally called the safe zone," reiterating the call for a humanitarian ceasefire.

Worsening crisis

Meanwhile, the head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the current humanitarian program in Gaza "is no longer functioning well".

At a press conference on Thursday, Martin Griffiths expressed his grave concerns, saying the relentless military assault has obliterated the once-established safe zones, rendering the existing humanitarian plan ineffective.

He said that the initial design, aimed at protecting civilians and facilitating aid delivery, has crumbled, consequently, what remains is a disjointed, opportunistic response lacking reliability and sustainability.

Griffiths, who also serves as a UN undersecretary-general, underscored the difficulties in planning and executing humanitarian deliveries at present. He



United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths speaks during a press conference on the situation in Gaza, at UN Building in Geneva, on Nov 15, 2023. AFP

said the absence of safety guarantees could expose convoys to the risk of interruptions, attacks and diversions.

The pressure on the two million people of Gaza intensifies as they are forcibly pushed further south, with no safe zones in sight and an uncertain future, he said.

Griffiths underlined that on Dec 6, in an unprecedented move, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres invoked Article 99 of the UN Charter, emphasizing the imminent threat to international peace and security posed by what's going on in Gaza.

However, the senior UN official mentioned the opening of the Kerem Shalom crossing as a promising sign. Discussions have been underway within a committee known as the COGAT (Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories), involving representation from Israel, the United States, Egyptians and the United Nations.

According to him, an OCHA representative is currently in Jordan actively coordinating potential aid deliveries through the Allenby Bridge, a crossing point between Jordan and the West Bank. Such deliveries can significantly enhance the logistical process and base for humanitarian operations.

The OCHA chief underlined that humanitarian agencies remain unwavering in their commitment to assisting the people of Gaza. He called the international community to

"not lose faith in the possibilities of humanity."

A recent phone-based survey by the UN World Food Program showed that between 83 and 97 percent of families have no adequate food, and in some areas as many as 90 percent of households report spending a full day and night without any food, some even having no food for as many as 10 days in the last month. Dozens of Palestinians arrested

The Israeli army arrested on Thursday dozens of Palestinians during its incursion into the town of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, said Palestinian sources.

Palestinian security sources told Xinhua that Israeli troops made the arrests during their storming of residential neighborhoods in Beit Lahia.

Local eyewitnesses said that the Israeli soldiers deliberately stripped the detainees of their clothes during interrogations.

The Israeli army also confirmed that its troops arrested dozens of Palestinian activists during their incursion into the Gaza Strip.

In another development, the Israeli army announced that a few days ago an Israeli combat aircraft killed Abdel Aziz Al-Rantisi, the head of Hamas' military intelligence responsible for all reconnaissance operations in the Gaza Strip.

So far, Hamas has not commented on the Israeli claim.

Agencies

Putin, Raisi discuss Israeli-Palestinian conflict, bilateral partnership – Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and his Iranian counterpart, Ebrahim Raisi, held very intensive talks yesterday in Moscow, covering a range of issues, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and multifaceted aspects of bilateral Iranian-Russian cooperation, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Extremely intensive talks took place," the Kremlin official said, commenting on the outcome. "The main issues were outlined in the presidential statements that the presidents made at the beginning of their meeting with a limited number of participants.

This certainly included the exchange of opinions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and on bilateral relations. Above all, the bilateral ties of the extremely multifaceted partnership [between Moscow and Tehran]. This also included comparing notes on other international issues," he explained.

Peskov noted that the presidents "had a very detailed conversation for over two hours" during their meeting with an expanded circle of participants. "The ministers delivered reports on their respective briefs in great detail. They spoke about what the problems are and where, and the means for resolving them, and what needs to be done in order to accelerate further development," he added.

The last time Putin and Raisi met was in September 2022 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit. There, the leaders held bilateral negotiations during which, in particular, it was noted that the positions of Moscow and Tehran on many international issues are close or coincide, and cooperation between the two countries continues to develop across all areas of mutual interest.



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi

Netanyahu, his accomplices must be punished for genocide in Gaza – Erdogan

ISTANBUL

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his administration should be prosecuted for genocide in Gaza, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has told reporters upon his return from Greece, where he was on an official visit on Thursday.

"As I said before, Netanyahu is the murderer and butcher of Gaza," the Anadolu news agency quotes Erdogan as saying. "He should be tried at the International Criminal Court. Israeli and non-Israeli politicians who act with him should also be tried."

"We are pressing for this with the help of some 3,000 lawyers," Erdogan continued. "Lawyers and prosecutors from many countries outside Turkey keep following this case. We will continue to keep an eye on it. Our task is to put an end to this genocide as soon as possible and to punish the perpetrators."

"Netanyahu and his accomplices must be punished. This will set an example for all perpetrators of genocide," he emphasized. "The verdict is very important to ensure that no one else should ever think of killing civilians, bombing hospitals and shelling street markets."



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

At UN, India calls out state complicity in 'suppressing activities of transnational criminal groups'

NEW YORK

INDIA has emphasised the need to address growing state complicity in suppressing the activities of transnational criminal groups, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ruchira Kamboj said on Thursday (local time).

Speaking at a United Nations Security Council debate on "Threats to International Peace and Security: Transnational Organized Crime, Growing Challenges and New Threats", Kamboj called for action against some states that continue to provide safe havens to offenders of crime syndicates.

Kamboj (pictured) said, "We need to address growing political or state complicity in suppressing the activities of transnational criminal groups."

"Some states continue to provide support, and safe havens to offenders of crime syndicates who have not only committed serious crimes but also continue to harm the economies of their adversary-states, through means such as counterfeiting and the dissemination of the currency of the adversary-State, supply of arms, drugs and other means to support terror activities across

the border. Actions of such states should be held accountable," she added.

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks at the 90th INTERPOL General Assembly in New Delhi last year, she noted that he underscored the urgent need for collective action from the international community to counter transnational organised crime and terrorism.

Further, in her remarks, Kamboj said many nations give economic citizenship to criminal and economic offenders. She stressed that such states should fulfil their obligations under the concerned resolutions of the UNSC.

She stated that India remains committed to strengthening the international community's endeavours to curb the escalating threats of organised crime and terrorism, ensuring that the collective response is effective and sufficient.

Speaking about the nations providing economic citizenship to criminals and economic offenders, Kamboj said, "Many states award economic citizenship to criminal and economic offenders providing sanctuaries in order to evade their arrest and extradition to other countries, in return for



such criminals bringing foreign currency deposits to the State-acciplice. This should stop."

"Such states should fulfil their obligations under the concerned resolutions of the Security Council, which affirms this as a primary responsibility of Member States in the endeavour to prevent, and counter terrorist acts," she added.

Kamboj noted that member states that suffer due to poor governance and inadequate oversight of financial institutions are more vulnerable to exploitation by terrorist entities and organized criminals.

She called for the implementation of recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force

in strengthening the governance structures of financial and economic assets to counter the menace.

Kamboj said, "if the trillion-dollar question is to ensure peace, do we have a peace infrastructure representative of the current times and contemporary realities? Or, is 2023 the new 1945? Will 1945's security plumbing work today? Clearly, the UNSC of yesterday is always late today!"

She called for a need to work towards enhancing cooperation among law enforcement and governments around the world in intelligence gathering and sharing and deterrent measures. She stated that cooperation in the legal

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CHINESE President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to the 2023 Imperial Springs International Forum on Dec. 4.

Participants in the event believe that Xi's letter profoundly expounded on the essence of multilateralism, charted the course for safeguarding and practicing true multilateralism, and injected positive energy into promoting the development of the global governance system in a more fair and reasonable direction.

Xi noted in the letter that since its establishment, the Imperial Springs International Forum has brought together people of insight from all over the world to discuss in depth many issues affecting world peace and stability, sustainable economic development, cultural exchanges and mutual learning, playing a positive role in

To jointly build a better world

promoting international cooperation and enhancing closer people-to-people ties.

Former Slovenian President Danilo Turk said that the purpose of the Imperial Springs International Forum is to build a platform for communication and dialogues, to address common challenges through cooperation, and to contribute to global development and security.

The world is currently facing multiple crises that test the resilience of international cooperation, said Turk, who's also the president of the World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid, adding that the forum this year was dedicated to promoting dialogues

and exchanges, advancing multilateralism, and injecting more momentum into world peace and development.

Former Bolivian President Jorge Quiroga said that Xi's congratulatory letter is inspiring at the current time when global free trade and multilateralism have suffered setbacks.

He hailed the participants in the 2023 Imperial Springs International Forum who engaged in in-depth exchanges, shared their insights, and contributed their wisdom to promoting world peace and development, saying such efforts were very constructive.

Noting the crucial importance

of international cooperation for promoting the development of all countries, Quiroga pointed out that the trade between Latin American countries and China has been constantly expanded over recent years.

China has been rapidly developing in areas such as new energy vehicles and electronics manufacturing, creating numerous cooperation opportunities for collaboration between Latin American countries and China in the high-tech manufacturing sector.

Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the Forum of China and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. China has been actively promot-

ing high-level opening up and negotiating free trade agreements with Latin American countries, which will open up more space for cooperation between the two sides.

The 2023 Imperial Springs International Forum was themed "Multilateralism: More Exchanges, Greater Inclusiveness and Cooperation." Former Prime Minister of Belgium Yves Leterme said that the Imperial Springs International Forum has always upheld the spirit of sincerity, openness, and mutual respect, and the discussions on topics such as economic globalization, modernization, and multilateralism have been inspiring.

In the face of global challenges, all parties should be more determined to pursue the path of multilateralism, and improve global governance through communication and cooperation, Leterme added. Facing unprecedented changes in the world, the times, and history, the human society must unite, uphold mutual learning, openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, advocate common values of humanity, and jointly build a better world, Xi stressed in the letter.

Peter Loewen, director of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto, stated that addressing current global and regional challenges requires multilateral cooperation.

He said Xi's congratulatory letter sent a positive signal to the

world. China's commitment to true multilateralism plays a crucial role in global affairs, and it can be said that any multilateral cooperation cannot be separated from China's participation and contribution, Loewen added.

Wim Peeters, Consul General of Belgium in Guangzhou, said that all countries, regardless of their size, need to exchange and learn from each other; be open and inclusive, and pursue win-win cooperation.

Peeters said that China has played an unparalleled role in promoting global solidarity and cooperation. For instance, China has put forward a series of significant initiatives to encourage countries to coordinate actions in addressing global challenges, and to make the world more open and inclusive. **People's Daily**

Denmark passes law to ban Koran burnings

COPENHAGEN

DENMARK'S parliament on Thursday passed a law making it illegal to burn the Koran in public places, seeking to deescalate tensions with Muslim countries after a spate of Danish protests during which Islam's holy book was burned, causing outrage.

Denmark and Sweden experienced a series of public protests this year where anti-Islam activists burned or otherwise damaged copies of the Koran, triggering demands that the Nordic governments ban the practice.

According to Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard, more than 500 demonstrations that included burnings of the Koran or flags were registered since July.

"Such demonstrations can hurt Denmark's relations to other nations, our interests and ultimately

our safety," Hummelgaard said.

Denmark has sought to strike a balance between constitutionally protected freedom of speech, including the right to criticize religion, and national security amid fears that Koran burnings would trigger attacks by Islamists.

Domestic critics in Sweden and Denmark have argued that any limitations on criticizing religion, including by burning Korans, undermine liberal freedoms in the region.

"History will judge us harshly for this, and with good reason," said Inger Stojberg, leader of the anti-immigration Denmark Democrats party. "What it all comes down to is whether a restriction on freedom of speech is determined by us, or whether it is dictated from the outside."

Denmark's centrist coalition government has argued that the new rules will have only a marginal im-



A demonstrator holds a copy of the Koran, Islam's holy book, during a rally after the weekly Friday prayers denouncing the burning of the Koran in Sweden in Iraq's central shrine city of Kufa east of nearby Najaf on July 21, 2023. (PHOTO / AFP)

pact on free speech and that criticizing religion in other ways remains legal.

The vote followed a five hour debate in parliament and 94

members voted in favor, 77 against. Breaking the new law will be punishable by fines or up to two years in prison, the government has said.

Sweden is also considering how to prevent burning of the Koran but is looking at whether police should factor in national security when deciding on protest applications rather than a ban.

India's diverse heritage and rich culture attract entire world: PM Modi

NEW DELHI

HAILING the diversity of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that the rich culture and the diverse heritage of the country attract the entire world.

Speaking after the inauguration of India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale 2023 at Red Fort in the national capital, the country has the most diverse nation in the world, but that diversity also binds its people together.

"Even today, India's culture and ancient heritage attract tourists from all over the world. Today, work with a sentiment of self-respect is being done in every area of art and architecture. We are the most diverse nation in the world, but that diversity also binds us together," the PM said.

He further said that art and architecture are the key in linking a country

with its heritage.

"We have seen the International Museum Expo in Delhi, The Festival of Libraries was held in August. Through these programmes, it is our attempt to institutionalise the global cultural initiative," he added. The PM also said that the cultural spaces to be built in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi will enrich these cities culturally.

"...No matter what form art is in, it is always born close to nature...Art is by nature pro-nature, pro-environment and pro-climate..." PM Modi said.

PM Modi also inaugurated the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD) at Red Fort.

"...For the achievement of our target, the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' Center for Design was inaugurated. This center will give the stage to the unique and rare crafts in the country..." the PM added.

At the event, PM Modi also released

commemorative postage stamps at the first Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale (IAADB), 2023, being held at Red Fort.

According to the press release by the PMO, it was the Prime Minister's vision to develop and institutionalise a flagship Global Cultural Initiative in the country like the International Biennales at Venice, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Sydney and Sharjah, among others.

In line with this vision, a nationwide campaign to reinvent, rebrand, renovate and re-house museums was launched.

Further, the development of cultural spaces in five cities of India namely Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi was also announced. Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale (IAADB) will serve as an introduction to the Cultural Space in Delhi.

The IAADB is being organised from

December 9 to December 15 at Red Fort in New Delhi.

It also follows key initiatives like the International Museum Expo (May 2023) and Festival of Libraries (August 2023) that were organised recently. IAADB is designed to initiate a holistic conversation between artists, architects, designers, photographers, collectors, art professionals and the public to strengthen the cultural dialogue.

It will also provide avenues and opportunities to expand and collaborate with the creators of art, architecture and design as part of the evolving economy. IAADB will showcase different theme-based exhibitions on each day of the week, Pravesh- Rite of Passage: Doors of India on the first day, Bagh e bahar: Gardens as Universe: Gardens of India on the second day, Sampravah: Confluence of Communities: Baolis of India on third day and Sthapatya: Anti

fragile algorithm: Temples of India on the fourth day.

Day 5 will showcase 'Vismaya: Creative Crossover: Architectural Wonders of Independent India', day 6-'Deshaj Bharat Design: Indigenous Designs' and day 7 will showcase 'Samatva: Shaping the Built: Celebrating Women in Architecture'.

IAADB will include pavilions based on the above themes, panel discussions, art workshops, art bazaar, heritage walks and a parallel student biennale. The student biennale (Samunnati) at Lalit Kala Akademi will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their work, interact with peers and professionals, and gain valuable exposure within the architecture community through design competitions, display of heritage, installation designs, workshops etc.

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Putin confirms running for 2024 presidential polls

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin yesterday confirmed that he will be running for a fifth term in office in the 2024 presidential elections, state news agency TASS reported.

Putin's current presidential term expires on May 7 of next year. Russia's next presidential election is slated for March 17, 2024.

Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Parliament Speaker Artyom Zhoga addressed Putin on the matter following a ceremony dedicated to Heroes of the Fatherland Day and the incumbent Russian president confirmed his intent to run, TASS reported.

Putin served as the Russian President from 2000 to 2008 and has been holding the post since 2012 in two successive terms. He also served as the Russian Prime Minister from 2008 to 2012.

A constitutional amendment in 2021 allows Putin to run for two more six-year terms and possibly stay in power till 2036, which will make him the longest-serving Russian leader surpassing Joseph Stalin. Putin recently concluded his visits to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia.

"The two sides stressed their keenness to continue working to enhance mutual & joint investments in the two countries," the Russia-Saudi joint statement read. During the talks, Putin and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman al Saud commended the success of the 8th session of the Saudi-Russian Joint Committee, held in October 2023 in Moscow, to enhance the close cooperation between the two countries.

During his visit to the UAE, Russian President Putin thanked his UAE counterpart Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his country's efforts in the environmental sphere, according to TASS.

"You are holding this event just as we expected - at the highest level. Undoubtedly, many people around the world, who are far removed from the environmental movement, are grateful for your efforts here," Putin added. ANI

Expanding convergence of interests, building community of shared future

THE 2023 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou) was held in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province from Dec. 1 to 3.

The conference, themed "China's New Endeavors amid Unprecedented Global Changes - Expanding the Convergence of Interests and Building A Community of Shared Future," was joined by over 600 participants from over 30 countries and regions, who had discussions on how to resolve common problems and improve the well-being of humanity.

Today, confronted with a weak global recovery and escalating geopolitical conflicts, humanity has once again come to a crossroads in history. "What kind of world we need and how to build such a world" has become a vital question with the future of humanity at stake.

At the 2023 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou), China's new endeavors amid unprecedented global changes received huge attention, and the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind has gathered a broad consensus.

Former Ethiopian President Mulatu Teshome said that countries are interdependent in the world today, and mankind is a community with a shared future. China has taken the building of a community with a shared future for mankind as its responsibility, constantly providing the world with new opportunities through its own new development.

From deepening economic and trade cooperation and sharing development



Photovoltaic parts are assembled in a workshop of a solar energy enterprise in Hai'an, east China's Jiangsu province. (People's Daily Online/Zhai Huiyong)

opportunities, to promoting green development and addressing climate change, Africa-China cooperation mirrors the goal of building a high-level Africa-China community with a shared future, he said.

Former Chancellor of Austria Wolfgang Schussel said that solving global issues such as climate change and regional conflicts needs common efforts from the international community. China is the second-largest economy in the world and has made indispensable contributions to world peace, stability, development and prosperity.

Building a community with a shared future for mankind requires countries to support economic globalization and free trade, safeguard multilateralism, keep open cooperation and promote equality and justice, he added.

As an important practice in building a community with a shared future for mankind, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was a focus of discussion at the conference.

Mushahid Hussain Syed, head of Pakistan's Friends of Silk Road Club and chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute, noted that the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind represents a new worldview, which explains that mankind is a community with a shared future and countries must respect with each other and reinforce cooperation.

During the past decade since the BRI was proposed, the initiative has brought new development opportunities to Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and other regions, and built new platforms for strengthening global economic cooperation.

Following the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, we'll build a world that's more open, inclusive and interconnected, he added.

At the conference, participants had in-depth discussions on higher-level opening up and economic globalization, artificial intelligence and the future of humanity, the development of the digital economy and cybersecurity governance.

It was widely recognized that China's commitment to promoting high-quality development with high-level opening up and the steady progress of Chinese modernization have injected positive energy into achieving common development through open cooperation.

The world is facing numerous challenges, and deepening cooperation between Europe and Asia is more important than ever before, said Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Hungary Barnabas Virag.

Virag remarked that China possesses many key technologies for sustainable development, such as clean energy, new energy vehicles, and biotechnology. Strengthening

cooperation between European countries and China in areas including trade, climate change response, and sustainable development will benefit both sides, and will also help steer the international order towards a more just and reasonable direction.

Former Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf said that China's adherence to innovative development, which resulted in the rapid growth of information technology, big data, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, aerospace technologies and more, sets an example for other developing countries.

The China-proposed BRI promotes connectivity and trade development, creates opportunities for international cooperation, and assists developing countries to achieve modernization, Sharaf added.

Zafar Uddin Mahmood, president of the Understanding China Forum, a Pakistan-based think tank, said that China has made tremendous progress in economic and social development under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

Adhering to a people-centered development philosophy, China aims to ensure that the gains of development can better improve people's livelihood, which makes Chinese modernization an important example for other developing countries, Mahmood noted. As China shares its development dividends with the world, Chinese modernization will also benefit the people of other countries, he added.

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Inclusion of African Union in G20 under India's Presidency showcased bloc's will to act, says Nirmala Sitharaman

NEW DELHI

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 under India's Presidency showcased the forum's will to act.

Addressing the Global Economic Policy Forum 2023, Sitharaman said, "The inclusion of Global South, meaning the voice of the Global South was heard prior to the G20 Presidency by the honourable Prime Minister of India, and post that, making sure that the agenda that India Presidency puts forward in the G20 would reflect the concerns of the Global South have all shown that if there is will and if there is concerted action, if there is consensus, an intent getting converted to action, then it is possible."

"The entry of the African Union into the G20 during the India Presidency showcases that the G20's will to act was there, it translated into action, and therefore, you saw the entry of the African Union into the G20. I am indeed grateful to the entire G20 membership for having enabled that," she added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his opening remarks at the 18th G20 Leaders' Summit, invited the African Union, represented by Chairperson Azali Assoumani, to take a seat at the table of G20 leaders as a permanent member.

Stressing that thought engines cannot remain in one corner of the world where the Global South cannot reach, Sitharaman said, "So, with this kind of a background, if thought, engines will have to exist something global growth engines can be in emerging market economies, but thought engines will also have to contribute to it."

And if thought engines have to contribute, they can't be some way exclusive in one corner of the world, where the South doesn't reach."

Sitharaman said the G20 must keep working to put forward the concerns of the Global South, adding, "And therefore, this attempt of the CII, particularly immediately after the G20 India Presidency, and particularly after the African Union's entry into the G20 is just the right thing to do, and I'm indeed grateful, therefore, for all of you who have come over here to participate in this. It is going to be absolutely necessary."

"To keep this momentum up, not just just one year. For the next few years, we have to persist on this job of putting forward the concerns of the Global South. In both the development and development-related actions, and also in those actions which are going to be global but which will have a bearing on all of us top of the agenda being climate action," she added.

Also alluding to the role of women for their contribution to the economy and society, she said the Centre was supplying drones and related technology to women in rural areas for sustainable agricultural practices.

"We need more women in policy-making, businesses, board rooms, shop floors, etc. Today, India is supplying drones & related technology to women in rural hinterland for sustainable agricultural practices. These 'Drone Didis' are going to take care of Mother Earth, help produce more crops & master the technology of maintaining as well as operating the drones for agricultural purposes," a post on X by Sitharaman's Office quoted her as saying at the event.

Sitharaman stressed events like these should be held annually as it would provide a platform for greater discussion by thought leaders on setting the agenda on where the world would move in the next 25 years and in which issues related to the Global South would find resonance.

She made these remarks during the inaugural session of the Global Economic Policy Forum 2023, organised by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

She said while there is no doubt that each country will have an agenda that is specific to its needs, it was necessary for all voices to be heard and issues for greater inclusion of the Global South should gain traction for them to emerge as the next growth engines after the Covid-19 pandemic and amid the ongoing military conflicts.

Noting that base energy cannot be fully replaced with renewable energy, she called transitional energy a big challenge.

She stated that India is rapidly moving in the renewable energy space, particularly solar energy, through conducive policies and called the International Solar Alliance a big initiative on grid connectivity. ANI



American tennis legend, Patrick McEnroe, prepares to serve when he took on his brother, John, in a special match, dubbed McEnroe Serengeti Cup, which was held at the Serengeti National Park located in Mara and Arusha recently. KCB Bank sponsored the showdown. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tanzania rolls out special chess games for children with autism

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

Children with autism in Tanzania can now get fully involved in brainy sporting activities such as Chess.

Iyanna Foundation is launching special Chess programs for slow learning youngsters starting from Arusha and later to extend elsewhere in the country.

Prisca Ephata Lema, Iyanna Foundation's Director, points out that there are so far over 15 countries worldwide that are conducting special Chess Games for people with autism. In Arusha more than ten schools have joined the initiative.

"In Tanzania, we are working in conjunction with the Norway Chess Federation to roll out the program," she said, adding that children with autism have been proved to be capable of handling chess puzzles and moves.

"Children with autism however require more time to be trained and that their classes must have fewer pupils, not exceeding four in a room," explained Lema, adding that such youth are usually geniuses in disguise only needing special and close attention.

Iyanna Foundation recently orga-

nized the Inter-School Chess Competition in Arusha which involved 98 participants from a total of ten schools in the city, the event pitted public, private and international schools.

On the other hand, the organization is boasting to have reached out to 250 children, in more than eight public schools impacting them with chess gaming skills, within the 16 days of the campaign against gender and children based violence.

Prisca said chess is usually regarded as a game for the affluent but her organization was out to dispel the misconception though introducing it to all members of the public.

The Arusha City Director Juma Hamsini who graced the occasion said his office will set aside a special budget to support Chess activities in the urban precinct as the game has proved to be a perfect sporting activity which also boosts intelligence among children.

"Chess can be played on physical boards, on desktop and laptop computers as well as on digital tablets and smartphones, which means wherever one happens to be, the game can always be played even virtually," the City Director stated.

Coastal Union tactician Ouma counsels Kenyan football clubs

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

COASTAL Union tactician David Ouma has challenged Kenya football administrators to borrow a leaf from their Tanzanian counterparts' book.

The former Harambee Starlets and Sofapaka FC tactician joined the NBC Premier League side on November 2, replacing Fikirini Elias who was relieved of his duties due to a string of poor results.

Ouma had to exit from his role as the Sporting Director at Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League club Sofapaka FC, where he had also served as the head coach during the 2022/23 season.

The coach disclosed he has seen a lot of Tanzanian football and its management and is of the view that soccer administrators in Kenya need to borrow some clues.

Ouma noted: "In Kenya we have a long way to go to match our friends here in Tanzania, as far as football management is concerned."

"Our brothers here value this sport and they invest heavily in it, something which I would love to see being replicated back home in Kenya," he said.

The gaffer revealed: "I love the fact

that players' welfare here is being taken seriously and the other structures in leadership are also in order."

"Fans will automatically come to the ground to support their respective teams if proper structures are in place and that's why I'm enjoying life here in Coastal Union due to professional governance of the game," he stressed.

Ouma, who guided Harambee Starlets to qualify for the 2016 Women's African Cup of Nations finals in Yaoundé, Cameroon however revealed his secret of joining the Tanga-based side despite receiving many offers from other clubs.

The gaffer noted: "I had offers from great clubs in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and South Africa but I decided to join Coast Union due to the good programs and projects they have at the club."

"I find Tanzania league to be very competitive and fans always motivate the players to work extra hard by flocking to the stadiums," Ouma stressed.

Coastal Union is sitting 11th in the league log after posting 13 points, as is the case with Kagera Sugar whom they face this weekend.

How Yanga prepared against Al Ahly on a devastating nervous tipping point

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CITY giant Young Africans SC has succeeded in postponing a date with agony, in obtaining a one-all draw against Cairo and continental giants Al Ahly, with whom the former's archrivals, Simba SC, managed to draw twice in a prestigious knockout tourney, African Football League (AFL), several weeks earlier.

With a painful 2-0 loss to CR Belouizdad earlier in an away match, being the equivalent of its archrival with an undented international encounters record, and protecting its image after the Algiers upset, it needed results.

The matter was so profound in its level of anxiety and expression that it was just explosive.

There was a sharp contrast in the way the ceremony was organized, with the previous city rivals' respective feasts, for the Msimbazi Street side on the Friday before the derby on Sunday, where there was a discernible air of overconfidence.

That was just after it had equaled the Egyptian side on two occasions, a test that so far their rivals have at least matched on the home match, and sternly await the return match away from home. And it appears Al Ahly has some energy in stock.

The reason is that the game was approaching the end when Percy Tau scored in the 87th minute, with Pacome obtaining an all-important equalizer in one minute of injury time.

Pundits were yet to explain the 'datamatics' of that situation if Al Ahly were putting their legs and sought to tie up the match in the final minutes with three points, and conversely, how the equalizer can be explained.

Was it that Yanga had some energy remaining and rallied all



Yanga's midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki (3rd L), negotiates his way past Egypt's Al Ahly players, Aliou Dieng (down), Ali Maâloul (2nd R), and Yasser Ibrahim when the clubs met in a 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group D match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam last Saturday. The tie ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

of it during the final minutes, or did the Egyptian side suddenly relax thinking that the match was nicely sewn up already?

Mentally it is this kind of impression that comes upfront, in the sense that there was a professional streak in Yanga that saved the day, as it was easy to slide into a premature melancholy when a side as good as Al Ahly scores on 87 minutes of the game.

It was this streak that saved the day as the club base was in a sense unable to absorb a defeat and remain the same without being dispirited as it now appears.

That was the reason for organizing not a festival or social encounter but a prayer day with all the paraphernalia of an important ritual.

What is the usual interaction between the professional side of the club and its traditional outlook, it was this element that organized that event.

There was a specific mode of clothing, and indeed even how it was worn, which means that any error in that regard would impact ritual effectiveness. To enlist vital match aid.

How far that sort of aid will be practicable in Cairo is another matter, but definitely, it was not of much help in Algiers, nor ear-

lier when the side played a top Sudanese side before the war upstaged Premier League logistics, losing players and coaches.

In a different context, it appeared to work at the derby outing, as the Jangwani Street side used shortcuts or deviations to enter the pitch, for reasons best known to the club elders, or auxiliary technical issues committee.

Given the litany of gray zone off-pitch shenanigans, they are being carried out not so openly, some talk-shop audiences entertained spraying air to tire players during the interval. Stuffy stuff.

Whatever the case the continental derbies are showing again that the Jangwani Street side's visible domination of the local premier league is still way below being transferred to the continental stage.

While their rivals next street are yet to score big anywhere in the current CAF Champions League outings, there is a more comfortable or confident aura on their part.

As has been the case for several years, the Msimbazi Street side fails to impress in the local league but rises to the occasion in continental competition more convincingly than their next-

door rivals.

The contrary is the ambitious and well-backed Azam FC which at times hands defeats to either of the city archrivals, but has not yet collected the mettle or the will to do battle on the continental stage with conviction or capacity.

It is a different matter why this is the case, but it appears it also occurs somewhere, for instance, USM Alger won the CAF Confederation Cup over the Jangwani Street side and proceeded to defeat Al Ahly for a unified CAF title (what is called CAF Super Cup).

Yet, in the Algerian Premier League, USM Alger was last year ranked at no.7.

These ambivalent mental and technical abilities of Premier League sides, here and elsewhere, are part of what one has to live within soccer.

But for immediate purposes, it would appear that the club leadership at Jangwani Street-based club, as well as the sponsors, need to look up and figure out if they can find someone else to put in money, despite that some sponsors turn up sporadically, to uplift the team a bit higher.

This is already the upmost agenda with their rivals next street, but owing to the CAF Confederation Cup achievement last year, the fan base convinced itself that their side achieved more than their rivals.

Now there is no jumping out to the softer tournament, and the harsh realities of the CAF Champions League are pushing the fan base to a nervous breakdown, enveloped in frightful prayers and ritual attire.

It is to thrust into the coastal cultural past, its modernity undercurrent.

Government vouching for support for tennis

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DEPUTY Prime Minister Dotto Biteko has joined tennis enthusiasts in vouching for support for the sport in Tanzania, describing the game as the potential for job creation.

The Deputy Prime Minister expressed his unwavering support to the sport's development in Serengeti National Park, Mara on Tuesday where American tennis legend, John McEnroe, faced his brother, Patrick, in a clash nicknamed 'Epic Tanzania finals'.

John, the former world tennis champion, beat his brother Patrick 6-4 in the clash.

Biteko, the guest of honour in the showdown, said the government is committed to the development of sports in the country, adding he is delighted that the

sport is used to promote tourism as evidenced by the eight-day McEnroe brothers' tour.

The McEnroe brothers were accompanied by 160 tourists from the United States of America (USA).

"I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in the coming of John McEnroe and company to Tanzania," the Deputy Prime Minister revealed.

"This is an incredible and remarkable achievement to sports and tourism in the country and I'm calling on all sports stakeholders in the country to support tennis as it has the potential to create many job opportunities for our youths," he said.

Speaking during the occasion, Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources, Angela Kairuki, and Deputy Minister for

Culture, Arts and Sports Hamisi Mwinjuma said they are delighted by the visit of the tennis legend.

Mwinjuma revealed: "We are happy with this remarkable and historical visit by John McEnroe and company, this tour will go a long way in promoting sports and tourism in the country."

"We will make sure that we are supporting tennis and other sporting activities as they have a high potential of creating job opportunities for our youths," Mwinjuma stated.

Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Francis Thomas said the visit by John McEnroe will inspire his association to work hard to improve the sport in the country.

He said the arrival of John McEnroe and his brother was a great opportunity to promote and growth of the game

in the country.

The TTA leader thanked Inside Expeditions, a company behind the tennis legend and his compatriots' arrival, and Tanzania's government, saying the tour is part of the royal tour.

"We discussed with John McEnroe and company, there are many issues we discussed but, in summary, they encouraged us to work hard for the development of the sport in the country and he said he will do what he can to develop the sport in the country," Thomas disclosed.

John arrived in the country last week. His tour has been organized by TTA, the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, and Gosheni Africa Safaris.

The tennis legend has won, among other top honours, 155 Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) trophies.

He has also won seven grand slam singles titles, including three at Wimbledon where he is now commenting.

The tennis legend is reported to have said his project in Tanzania will bring the sport to disadvantaged youths in Africa and hopes new players will be made by watching a game in the bush.

"A patch of Tanzania's famous vast plains, where wildebeest and zebra migrate in their millions, has been carved into a tennis court for one of the sport's biggest beasts, (this) will be followed by lessons in a Masai village," John noted.

"Increasing interest in tennis in Africa has long been a goal. To me, it's always been a worldwide game. The win for me would be to make the game more accessible and affordable," he stated.



Vipaji Group's artists entertain attendees of the exhibition for promising scientists, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Unbeaten Bayern flying under the radar ahead of visit to Frankfurt

BERLIN

REIGNING champions Bayern Munich have been overshadowed by Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen this season, but their hopes of a 12th-straight title remain well alive as they prepare for today's trip to Eintracht Frankfurt.

Unbeaten Bayern sit three points behind Leverkusen with a game in hand, after last week's home match against Union Berlin was postponed due to heavy snowfall.

With Leverkusen, who are also unbeaten, travelling to third-placed Stuttgart on Sunday, Bayern will go top for a night, at least, if they win at struggling Frankfurt.

Bayern's early exit from the German Cup and some lacklustre performances in the Champions League have belied their excellent league record, with ten wins and two draws in 12 matches.

Normally mid-week regulars, Bayern come into the match after a 10-day break -- although manager Thomas Tuchel was careful not to let his troops cool down too much amid ongoing snowstorms in Munich.

Bayern's squad were put through extended sessions in the cold ahead of the trip to Frankfurt, with cameras showing Tuchel brandishing a colourful tactics board to get his message across amidst the Bavarian snow.

The visitors face a Frankfurt side who have gone off the boil in recent weeks, suffering four straight losses.

Frankfurt coach Dino Toppmöller admitted these struggles on Wednesday, saying his side were "on (their) last legs".

Frankfurt exited the German Cup at the hands of third-tier Saarbrücken on Wednesday, the side which also eliminated 20-time winners Bayern.

"There's a lack of freshness, perhaps also mentally. We have to shake ourselves quickly and try and flick the switch."

Europa League title winners in 2021-22, Frankfurt's Conference League exertions have dented the club's promising start under Toppmöller, who joined in the summer.

Frankfurt had won six and drawn one in a seven-game run in October and November, only dropping points in a pulsating 3-3 draw with Dortmund.

Toppmöller, who spent 2021 to 2023 as an assistant coach at Bayern, said his side needed to "show a clear reaction" and not "play the victim" when the German champions visit.

Starting every league match this season, RB Leipzig's French centre-back Mohamed Simakan has become a mainstay of the Saxons' defence, after two inconsistent seasons in Germany.

Leipzig have conceded 13 goals in 13 games this season, third only to leaders Leverkusen and champions Bayern, who have played one game fewer.

The 23-year-old told the Bundesliga website on Thursday, Leipzig "can achieve something big" in Saturday's trip to off-form Borussia Dortmund.

AFP

Everton stun Newcastle to move out of Premier League relegation zone

LONDON

EVERTON struck three times in the final 11 minutes to climb out of the Premier League relegation zone despite a 10-point deduction as Newcastle were stunned 3-0 at Goodison Park on Thursday.

Dwight McNeil, Abdoulaye Doucoure and Beto scored the goals as the Toffees' fine form continued despite the blow of being hit by the toughest sporting sanction dished out in Premier League history for breaches of financial rules.

Newcastle were made to pay for two uncharacteristic errors by England international Kieran Trippier as fatigue hit the injury ravaged Magpies in the closing stages.

McNeil pounced to smash into the top corner 11 minutes from time before Doucoure secured a fifth win in seven games for Everton.

Substitute Beto rounded off victory with his first Premier League goal in stoppage time.

Victory lifts Everton one point clear of the bottom three and they would be in the top half but for the points penalty.

"This season, apart from the obvious with the 10 points, we've been in terrific form," said Everton boss Sean Dyche.

The Everton support have been galvanised by the perceived injustice of the severity of the points deduction and for once a raucous atmosphere was met with some reward at Goodison.

Everton's only two home Premier League wins since March had both come against Bournemouth.

"We've got some talent but you've got to give everything and there is that connection with the fans because they are seeing a group of people giving everything."

Newcastle have swept aside Paris Saint-Germain, Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United at home this season.

But Eddie Howe's men have won just once away from home all season in the Premier League. Newcastle remain seventh, four points off the top four.

AFP

Arsenal primed for Emery reunion as Manchester City fight to end slump

LONDON

ARSENAL'S grip on the Premier League's top spot will be under threat from their old boss Unai Emery when the leaders travel to surging Aston Villa today.

If the Gunners slip up, Liverpool will seize pole position with a win against Crystal Palace, while reeling Manchester City aim to get back on track at Luton.

AFP Sport looks at three talking points ahead of this weekend's action:

*Emery has a point to prove When Unai Emery arrived at Aston Villa in October 2022, his new team were languishing just three points above the relegation zone.

Now, they sit third in the table ahead of a seismic showdown against leaders Arsenal that would have seemed impossible during the dark days before Emery's transformative appointment.

Villa's 1-0 win against Manchester City on Wednesday was the club's most significant result for years, showcasing the impressive work done by Emery to revive a moribund club and infusing his players with belief they can do something special this season.

It is fitting that the latest test of Emery's revolution comes against Arsenal, who sacked him in 2019 midway through a second troubled season in north London.



Mikel Arteta

Unai Emery

City manager Pep Guardiola labelled Villa as title contenders on Wednesday after Emery's 50th match in charge served to underline his remarkable impact.

"I can come back in my mind and think how we were when we started this process," Emery said. "We lost against Leicester and Arsenal at home. We couldn't concede eight goals in two matches like we did."

"It was a key moment when we reacted in a meeting with the players, focusing more our idea and our style, building and being very demanding in it. The players, they reacted very well."

*No panic for slumping City John Stones has urged Manchester City to keep their composure amid a worrying

slump that threatens to derail their bid for a fourth successive title.

City's winless run extended to four league games on Wednesday as Aston Villa's 1-0 victory increased the sense of concern surrounding Pep Guardiola's side.

The treble winners were comprehensively outplayed, leaving Guardiola to admit he needed to "help" his "struggling" team.

Trailing Arsenal by six points, Stones believes City can use the pain of their stumble to stop the rot in a tricky assignment at Luton on Sunday.

The Hatters have already drawn with Liverpool at home and came within seconds of a point against Arsenal, before losing 4-3 on Tuesday.

"We have to use the hurt and the pain that is within us as motivation and fuel to put things right. I think everyone has that desire," Stones said.

"We've been in these positions in previous seasons. I don't think we or everyone should be hyping about what is going to happen. We have to stay calm as a team."

*Liverpool ready for fixture demands

As Liverpool head into a crucial period for their title ambitions, Jurgen Klopp's irritation at a joke about his team's quick turnaround to play Crystal Palace on Saturday laid bare the German's desire to keep pace with leaders Arsenal.

The Reds boss branded a television presenter "ignorant" following his side's 2-0

win at Sheffield United on Wednesday when he mentioned second-placed Liverpool travel to Palace at Klopp's "favourite kick-off time".

That was an ill-fated reference to Klopp complaining on previous occasions when Liverpool have been forced to play at 1230 GMT on a Saturday after a Wednesday evening match.

"That's really brave to make a joke about that," Klopp grumbled, but he will be reassured to hear Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk's willingness to take on the challenge of coping with the gruelling schedule.

"Listen, we are in December and there are so many games to come. For us now, it's a good start to December and we have plenty of big games to come. We should all look forward to it," he said.

Fixtures Today (1500 GMT unless stated)

Aston Villa v Arsenal (1730), Brighton v Burnley, Crystal Palace v Liverpool (1230), Manchester United v Bournemouth, Sheffield United v Brentford, Wolves v Nottingham Forest

Tomorrow (1400 GMT unless stated)

Everton v Chelsea, Fulham v West Ham, Luton v Manchester City, Tottenham v Newcastle (1630)

AFP

Not missing Harry Kane? Just look at Spurs' goal tally

By Matt Law

NOT for the first time this season, Ange Postecoglou fielded a question that gently tried to suggest his Tottenham Hotspur team might be better off without Harry Kane ahead of the London derby against West Ham United.

Sensibly and quite rightly, Postecoglou was not having a bit of it, pointing out that his team were doing just fine with the club's record goalscorer in it during pre-season.

The fact many people predicted Tottenham to fall apart without Kane caused an overreaction in the opposite direction following their encouraging start to the season under Postecoglou.

But that is not to say Spurs are not missing Kane because they quite obviously are. Aston Villa would surely have been dispatched during a dominant first-half had Kane still been around and it is hard not to think the England captain would have got in the scoresheet against West Ham.

David Moyes' side were there for the taking but Tottenham are not clinical without Kane and it is something Postecoglou and his team need to quickly address.

Nobody loves a London derby more than Kane, who will return to England with Bayern Munich next Tuesday night for a Champions League game against Manchester United.

Tottenham have adapted well to his departure, but anybody who thinks it might have somehow 'freed' Postecoglou's team is



Kane and Son enjoyed one of the most profitable goal-scoring partnerships in Premier League history - Reuter

kidding themselves and the Australian himself admitted that his Spurs team should be scoring more goals.

Within minutes of entering the game as a substitute, Richarlison nodded a difficult headed chance just wide of the post. The Brazilian did his best, but Kane would have scored.

It was not long afterwards that West Ham took the lead and Brennan Johnson then sliced a good chance wide of Lukasz Fabianski's post.

In each of the past four seasons, Tottenham's shot conversion rate was in the top three of the League with Kane in the team. Without him, they currently sit seventh.

Postecoglou himself has clearly given thought to just how potent his team might have been

great if we kept him, but I kind of knew from day one that he wasn't going to be here.

"So then we started building other things into it, but I think the way we play requires footballers who have a willingness to buy into the team ethos and the way we play our football. And I think Harry has that."

Heung-Min Son enjoyed an almost telepathic relationship with Kane, who profited from his assists and returned the favours in almost equal measure.

Son and Kane were one of the hottest tickets in town, but the 31-year-old, now wearing the captain's armband, is having to adapt to life without his partner.

He has done so admirably, scoring nine goals, but it was interesting that Postecoglou did not rule out the possibility of signing a new striker at some point and moving the South Korean back out to the left, where he finished the West Ham game after the introduction of Richarlison.

Postecoglou and Spurs and prioritising a new

centre-back in the January transfer window, but could they look at Brentford's Ivan Toney if an attractive bid arrives from Saudi Arabia for Richarlison? They should because, for all Johnson's promise, Kane has not been replaced.

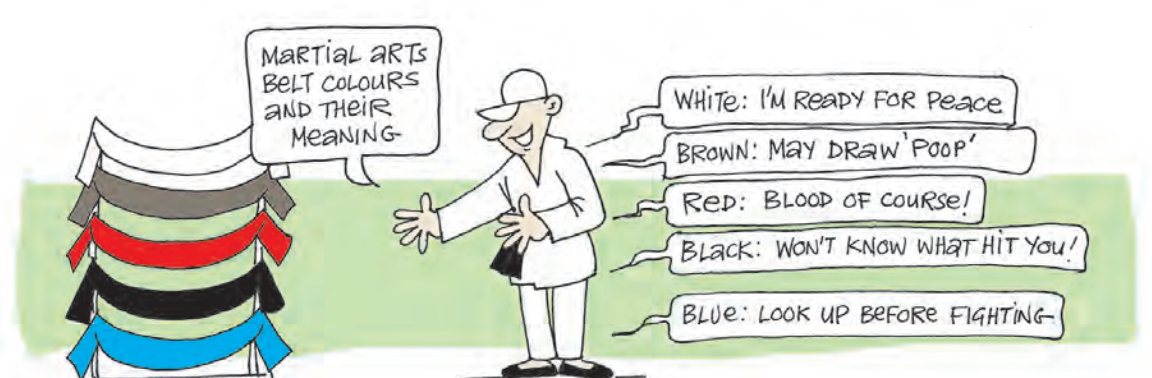
Speaking about Son's impact under him, Postecoglou said: "Yeah, he will be a very important part of what we're building. But that doesn't mean we wouldn't sign another striker because I think even Sonny would demand that of me."

"If you're going to build a team that's going to win things, I've always found your best players want more good players in the building. They're not comfortable, they don't want to be comfortable. They don't want to just be sitting there saying, 'Well, I'm the man.'"

Kane was very much the man for over a decade at Tottenham. They will never find another like him and try telling Postecoglou that he is not missed.

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Dodoma to host TOC AGM today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Olympic Committee (TOC) is today holding its Annual General Meeting, with top on the agenda being the adoption of the amended constitution.

Once the amendments are implemented, the constitution will ensure the committee has an employed secretary-general and treasurer-general.

Gulam Rashid, TOC president, said yesterday that if the amended constitution is approved by members and affiliates of the committee, it will be effective starting next year.

He said the International Olympic Committee (IOC) allowed TOC to have an employed secretary-general and treasurer-general and the international body will be responsible for remitting the monthly payments for the two.

Gulam said having an employed secretary-general and treasurer-general will improve the effectiveness of TOC, given the two will working full time, unlike now when the officials only receive allowances.

The TOC president pointed out: "Tomorrow (today) TOC will have its Annual General Meeting at Dodoma Hotel, this is one of the important gatherings as, among others, the committee's members and affiliates will adopt the amended constitution which will now see secretary-general and treasurer-general of the committee operate on full-time employment."

"Having them will bring effectiveness to the operations of the committee, the two will also be answerable to all success and shortfalls of TOC," he said.

Gulam further said the Annual General Meeting will also amend the Athletes Commission constitution to allow all athletes who competed in national, Africa, World Championships, and Commonwealth Games to join the committee.

Under the current constitution, members of the committee are athletes who only competed in the Olympic Games.

The constitutional changes will also see TOC have four female executive members, two from Zanzibar and two from the Mainland.

Also starting next year, TOC will have two meetings a year, one for secretaries-general of National Sports Associations (NSA) and the other for NSA presidents and chairpersons.

Simba SC ready for CAF Champions League clash against Wydad AC



Simba SC players are pictured taking part in training in Marrakesh recently in preparation for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League tie against Morocco's Wydad AC slated for today. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA SC faces an uphill task of making certain of its progression to the last eight stage of this season's CAF Champions League, with the club slated to play against Morocco's Wydad AC at Stade de Marrakech in Marrakesh at night.

The Msimbazi Street-based outfit landed safely in Marrakesh on Wednesday afternoon ready to face Wydad AC in the Group B clash which has kick-off slated for 10 pm EAT.

The two giants will meet in a tense Total Energies CAF Champions League tie at Stade de Marrakech which is crucial to the teams' chances to make it to the last eight stage.

Mainland Tanzania's NBC

Premier League giant, Simba SC, will be locking horns with Wydad AC which is yet to secure victory after playing two matches.

So far, Simba SC is positioned third in Group B standing with two points, Botswana's Janweng Galaxy is sitting second with four points, as is the case with the group leader, Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas.

The pre-group favourite, Wydad AC, is unexpectedly positioned at the bottom of the group with no point after conceding a loss in the club's two fixtures.

In the Moroccan club's opening fixture, it succumbed to a 1-0 loss to Jwaneng Galaxy at the Stade de Marrakech on November 25.

Wydad AC endured its second successive loss in the following clash, losing to ASEC Mimosas by a similar margin in Abidjan on December 2.

Simba SC boasts a rich history in the CAF Champions League, and the squad's fans are hoping for a deep run in this year's competi-

tion.

The squad's campaign in this season's premier continental showpiece has, though, not been smooth, having notched two points in its first two outings.

The side managed to notch a 1-1 draw with ASEC Mimosas in the first fixture which took place in Dar es Salaam and, the former, then, settled for a 0-0 draw with Jwaneng Galaxy in Francistown.

Speaking to The Guardian mid this week, the Msimbazi Street club's Media and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said the team has trained to ensure it wins its next away match.

"We started special training to face Wydad AC away, we know it will not be an easy game considering our opponents have no point, so we are preparing to go and do well," Ally noted.

He said that after resting for several days, the squad returned with high morale, with each player working hard to show how he could be trusted by the new head coach, Algerian Abdelhak Benchikha.

Ally said that his outfit's group has not yet projected a clear direction as to which team will qualify for the quarterfinal stage.

The official, in this case, maintained that is why his club is continuing to fight to collect maximum points to stay in a good position to advance to the knockout stage.

After the fixture, Simba SC will face another challenge in a 2023/24 Mainland Premier League clash against Kagera Sugar, slated to take place on December 15, before

The Msimbazi Street squad will, later, entertain Wydad Casablanca in the CAF Champions League clash in Dar es Salaam on December 19.

Azam FC thrashes KMC FC to top 2023/24 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

Azam FC stormed to the top of the 2023/24 NBC Premier League when the squad hammered Kinondoni Municipal Council FC 5-0 at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Thursday.

The win has taken the Chamazi-based side to 25 points from 11 matches, one point above defending champion Yanga, which has notched 24 points after nine encounters.

It was an important game for the hosts who faced a side that has been remarkable so far in the league, having been occupying the fifth spot with 19 points.

Azam FC is lately enjoying good form, having garnered four consecutive wins in the NBC Premier League.

The club's coach, Youssouph Dabo, revealed: "It is not easy to win back-to-back games but I told my players they have the potential to score a lot of goals."

"Indeed, we don't win each game 5-0 but they have to use every chance they get and continue with this mindset of winning games," the tactician noted.

Dabo added that his team, particularly defense, played well since players making the unit had concentrated on the game and ensured the side hardly conceded a goal.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC head coach, Abdihamid Moalin, said: "We were playing against a very strong team, that's why we conceded five goals but we need to go to the training grounds and see what we can do about that, we made mistakes and got punished and that's football."

He added: "Kinondoni Municipal Council FC is a very young team and it

is okay to make mistakes but you have to learn from those mistakes. What I learned is when you play with a big team like Azam FC you have to be very alert and the biggest disappointment is that I even told my boys that we need to be brave against the big teams and believe in ourselves but, all in all, we have to improve."

Striker Prince Dube opened the account for Azam FC in the 22nd minute after receiving a pass from winger Kipre Junior in a penalty box and curled it to the far post-leaving Kinondoni Municipal Council FC goalkeeper Wilbol Maseke sprawling.

In the 43rd minute, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC defender Ismail Gambo netted an own goal after Azam FC winger, Junior, tried to execute a pass to a teammate in the box, marking the end of the first half which has Azam FC boasting the 2-0 lead.

Dube scored the third goal for his side in the 50th minute, netting the ball just at the edge of the penalty box.

Winger Gibril Sillah scored his third goal of the season and the fourth goal of the match in the 55th minute after making a solo run from the middle of the pitch and beating the opponent's goalie.

Midfielder Feisal Salum scored the fifth for the hosts in the 60th minute after scoring his seventh goal of the season.

The ice cream makers have now played 11 games and managed to seal 25 points, topping the NBC Premier League table.

This is the second time this season for Azam FC to win 5-0, having garnered a similar outcome in a tie against Mtibwa Sugar.



Azam FC's midfielder, Yahya Zayd (L), negotiates his way past Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's Ibrahim Mao when the two outfits locked horns in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League clash played in Dar es Salaam on Thursday and ended in 5-0 victory for Azam FC. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

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