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President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses the Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices' Forum Conference and Annual general meeting in Arusha city yesterday. Photo: State House

## Samia: Courts need to deploy best technology, digitise all data

Judges and magistrates have a role to play in ensuring peace and tranquillity reigns in the society

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday called on judicial administrators in Africa to deploy the latest technology and digitise court data for effective performance, networking, information sharing and record keeping in synchrony with the modern age.

The president issued this appeal when opened the Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices' Forum, its conference and annual general meeting taking place here.

"Modern technology also brings ordinary people closer to the judicial system, making it easier for them to access justice, make appeals and even learn about the laws and their periodic reviews right from the palms of their hands," she stated.

Modern technology in legal matters also helps to solve conflicts amicably, she af-

firmed, while Namibian Chief Justice Peter Shivute, the chairman of the Southern and Eastern African Judicial Administrators Association, pointed out that as time goes by, it is ordinary people who will be in charge of judicial dispensation, as they are increasingly empowered to that effect.

"Judges and magistrates have a role to play in ensuring peace and tranquillity reigns in the society," he said, with host Chief Justice Prof Khamis Juma asserting that all matters involving legal systems are cross-cutting.

They affect practically every person in the society, he said, affirming that it is why judges from all over the continent are gathering to discuss justice delivery and judiciary independence.

The forum discussed the role of national judiciaries in dispute resolutions under the Af-

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## UN agencies, NGOs registering successes

The project with Sahara Ventures exemplifies the use of innovative technology to address challenges

By Getrude Mbago

COLLABORATION between United Nations agencies in the country and stakeholders like Sahara Ventures and others has yielded meaningful progress in addressing sexual and reproductive health, the UN has stated.

Zlatan Milisic (pictured), UN resident coordinator made this affirmation in Dar es Salaam yesterday when visiting Sahara Ventures offices to witness progress of various innovations.

He listed successes as including empowerment of women and youth with disabilities, along with combating challenges like child marriages, teen pregnancies and violence against women and children.

He listed these issues as priorities aligned



with people' outcomes of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Tanzania, 2022-2027 "and are very much in line with this year's UN Day

theme focused on 'investing in tomorrow today, in leveraging Tanzania's young population.'

The UN-NGOs cooperation framework is a vital planning and implementation instrument for UN agencies operating in the country, as a valuable tool in supporting Tanzania's regional aspirations including the East Africa Community Vision 2050 and the Africa Agenda 2063, he explained.

Ousmane Niang, the UNICEF deputy country representative, said that the diverse exhibitions and insightful conversations the UN team held underscore the

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## Financial inclusion: NGOs seeking technology booster

We firmly believe in the symbiotic relationship between technology and society, particularly in the context of advancing financial inclusion

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

CIVIL society organisations (CSOs) have been urged to adopt new technologies in seeking to realise innovative financial solutions among their members.

Doreen Dominic, head of the public

sector at Stanbic Bank (T) Ltd, made this appeal when inaugurating the bank's civil society week, noting that the bank is committed to promoting financial inclusion for under-served portions of the public.

Financial inclusion was among issues

addressed during the event's first sessions at the Arusha International Conference Center, with this year's theme slated as "Tech and Society: Then, Now, and Beyond."

She said the theme closely underlines the bank's dedication to improving society through innovative financial solutions, where this event was organized by the Foundation for Civil Society.

It is collaborating with various NGOs, the private sector and other stakeholders, appealing to public and private agencies "to embrace the synergy of technology and society, working collaboratively

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to create a more inclusive and equitable future.”

She underscored the bank's dedication to empowering the public, driving economic growth through financial inclusion, innovation and literacy underscoring the pivotal role of technology in improving people's lives.

“We firmly believe in the symbiotic relationship between technology and society, particularly in the context of advancing financial inclusion,” she stated.

“At Stanbic Bank, we provide tailored solutions not only for established and high-powered Tanzanian businesses but also for the public sector, non-commercial entities, plus youth and women-owned SMEs, ensuring that no one is left behind,” the bank executive intoned.

Participants in panel discussions explored technology potential to intensively uplift financial inclusion, with institutions presenting insights into how digital innovations bridge

economic disparities, empowering historically underserved communities like youth and women SMEs.

The bank runs a commerce incubator unit, enabling the success of youth and women in entrepreneurship and innovation, as among the bank's strategic partnerships such as EduFinance with OpenAI (artificial intelligence platform) and USAID (the United States Agency for International Development). All this exemplifies the bank's dedication to advancing society, she stated.

She sees Stanbic Bank (T) services as “seamlessly aligned with civil society aspirations by supporting non-profit organisations, partnerships with key development actors and corporate social investment initiatives in education, health and agency footprint to enhance financial inclusion.

Stanbic Bank (T) is ranked fourth in the banking sector by assets and customer deposits, aspiring to be a leading financial institution and an enabler, catalyst for positive change and economic transformation, she added.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson pictured in the Angolan Parliament in Luanda yesterday addressing members of the Latin and South American group of the Inter Parliamentary Union. It was during the ongoing 147th meeting of the IPU. She asked them to vote for her in the IPU's upcoming (October 27) Presidential Election to be held in the Angolan capital. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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rican Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), with a focus on application of modern technologies for elevating efficiency in justice dispensation.

It features panels of judges from 16 countries meanwhile as the Southern, Eastern African Judicial Administrators Association (SEA-JAA) contemplates boosting its membership base and increasing coverage around the entire continent.

SEAJAA members include Eswatini, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Ma-

lawi and Mozambique, plus Namibia, Tanzania, Seychelles, Zambia, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe and Uganda.

Based in the Namibian capital of Windhoek, SEAJAA which was established in 2017 seeks to exchange experience and foster cooperation among members in matters of common concern.

These include promoting the rule of law, democracy and independence of judicial dispensation and administration, along with assisting in strengthening institutions tasked with judicial administration in member countries, a covering note affirms.

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significance of integrating sustainability into UN agencies' work. “It is important that we establish a robust system and provide the necessary support and incentives to create enduring change,” he said.

Showcasing innovative solutions and the dedication of the UN's innovative partners are a testament to the power of sustainable initiatives in creating lasting impact, he stated, reiterating UN commitment to supporting the government, the private

sector and various innovators seeking to address critical issues facing the society.

The resident coordinator affirmed that the UN's system focus is on ensuring that by the end of 2027, most vulnerable people will increasingly be drawn to use quality, inclusive and integrated basic education, health, nutrition, WASH and other protection services.

UN agencies are committed to supporting locally home-grown solutions, he said, affirming that

supporting youth innovation aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, as it addresses poverty, inequality and environmental sustainability.

He asserted that young innovators are often at the forefront of developing sustainable technologies and practices that can help the world build a more resilient and equitable future.

“So, today's visit spotlights our commitment to delivering results collaboratively and an opportunity

to emphasize the crucial role that investing in young innovators plays as a catalyst for development, particularly in the context of Tanzania. The project with Sahara Ventures exemplifies the use of innovative technology to address challenges,” he further noted.

The UN system in collaboration with the government is implementing the five-year sustainable development cooperation framework to achieve the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, he added.



### MULTIPLE JOB ADVERTS AT PASADA

#### ABOUT PASADA

PASADA is a faith-based organization operating under the Catholic Archdiocese of Dar Es Salaam. PASADA strives to reach the poorest of the poor living with HIV/AIDS and provide them with compassionate care, treatment, and support services. Although sponsored by the Catholic Church, the services offered by PASADA are available to all individuals without discrimination of any sort.

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (3rd-R) and Zanzibar Health Minister Nassor Ahmed Mazrui unveil plaque yesterday to launch Kivunge District Hospital in North Unguja District. Photo: Zanzibar State House

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said that the government has come up with a new system to engage the private sector in providing services in public hospitals to further strengthen access to quality healthcare.

He made the statement yesterday here during the launch of North A district hospital in Kivunge which is one of the 10 hospitals constructed with support of the funds released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help finance Tanzania's urgent balance of payment needs stemming from the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Mwinyi however said that some people are unhappy with the reforms that are effective in bolstering provision of better and faster health services to the people.

He said the government will not be ready to see health services declining due to various challenges. That's why it has welcomed the private sector in the hospital to boost provision of quality medical services and reduce disease burden.

According to Dr Mwinyi, the government has granted some private entities a role to

## Govt to work with private sector in boosting quality of healthcare

operate laboratories and other departments in various public hospitals so as to strengthen provision of timely medical check-ups to people.

“We have do this due a major challenge which has been facing many of our public hospitals of the long procedure in producing medical devices, this is a big challenge because if devices in laboratories are damaged, the government procedure wants a hospital to follow the procurement law which takes time to be completed and it hurts people, no patient can wait until the procurement process is completed,” he explained.

He wanted the private organisations which have been given the role to operate in public hospitals to fulfil their responsibilities effectively by providing timely and quality services to people including availability of medicines and medical equipment.

President Mwinyi also allayed fears among public workers saying that the new system will not affect their employment and the

government's major zeal is to transform the health sector by ensuring that the society is free from disease.

He added that the government has been improving health infrastructures such as constructing new hospital buildings in all districts of Unguja and Pemba and purchase of modern medical equipment and engaging the private sector by outsourcing some of the operations like medical lab, for increased efficiency.

Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, Minister for Health in the Isles said that the North A district has a total of 162,000 people with 15 basic health centres, 15 private hospitals and 11 private medical shops.

The new district hospital, equipped with modern equipment, has been built at a cost of 5.5bn/- where the medical tools cost 682m/-.

The hospital is run in collaboration with the private sector which are the Saifee and Lancet institutions from India and it started providing services in May, this year.





Abeida Rashid Abdallah (L), Permanent Secretary for Zanzibar's Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children ministry, has a word in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with students of the city's Jangwani Secondary School. It was at the launch of user-friendly toilet facilities for students with disabilities. The event was organised by Maisha ya Amani institute, which caters for children with disabilities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Scientists and researchers urged to invest in more innovative initiatives

By Getrude Mbagu

SCIENTISTS and researchers in the country have been urged to invest more in innovative initiatives to grab opportunities in the emerging technologies which will produce helpful solutions in the society.

Andrey Avetisyan, Russian Ambassador to Tanzania made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the opening of the two-day Robotics Forum for students of technical universities, high school and colleges in Tanzania.

He noted that a few decades ago, modern robots seemed like something out of the realm of science fiction but now they are firmly embedded in a person's life helping in production, perform surgical operations, and are used in intelligence operations.

He said scientists and researchers should utilise the emerging technologies by coming up with innovative solutions that address challenges in various fields such as agriculture, health, mining and others.

He further said that as Tanzania is interested in building satellites, having enough and competent scientists was a matter of paramount importance that's why Russia has chipped in to educate the students and various young innovators on the emerging technologies.

He further said that the forum will also dig deep on the use of robots in space research.

"This is a platform for the exchange of experience and knowledge between specialists from the Russian Federation, teachers, students and students of the United Republic of Tanzania to further

promote technology adoption to spur development," he said.

"We can promote these new technologies to help address challenges and boost development. We are coming to Tanzania not just for trade but also to promote and support various development initiatives," he said.

The ambassador said robots can be designed and used to bring efficiency in various fields including agriculture, health, hazardous environment, medical and many other areas.

Aldin Mutembei from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) said young scientists have a role to ensure that they focus their initiatives in creating robots to support development of various sectors including agriculture.

He said these technological tools, which replace human power, save time and labour, speed up the production process and increase product quality efficiency and consistency in certain settings.

"Robots in agriculture can help automate processes such as plant care, irrigation, fertiliser to speed up production processes and reduce human error rates, this is very important in this fast changing World, adopting solutions to help speed up our work is very important," he explained.

The robotics forum for students of technical universities, high school students of colleges and schools in Tanzania is today expected to take place at the Russian House in Dar es Salaam.

Anton Shkaplerov, Russian cosmonaut said participant's will benefit from lectures, seminars and master classes,

the students will be able to see the samples of educational, industrial, aerospace robots, as well as a movie "Challenge", filmed on the International Space Station, with a commentary by a Russian astronaut on the operation of the huge robotic system.

He said the three Russian universities Southwest State University, Tambov State Technical University and Belgorod State National Research University, as well as the leading Russian organisation in the field of robotics, the Central Research Institute of Robotics and Technical Cybernetics, will tell Tanzanian youth about how modern robots are created and how to study this field of knowledge in Russia.

Director of the Russian House in Dar es Salaam Alexey Bondaruk said over 600 school children and students from Tanzania have participated in the forum.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA (DAR ES SALAAM DISTRICT REGISTRY) AT DAR ES SALAAM  
MISC.CIVIL/APPL.198 OF 2023  
LONGINO LAZARO KASONTA.....PLAINTIFF/APPELLANT/APPLICANT  
VERSUS  
MOMAHED SUMAR.....DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT  
NOTICE OF DATE OF MENTION/HEARING/FIRST PTC/FINAL PTC

TAKE NOTICE that, the above mentioned case has been fixed for hearing on 27 day of October Year 2023 at 10:00 AM Before Hon. A.H. GONZI Judge

YOU ARE required to appear in this court without fail and must produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your case.

GIVEN under my HAND and the SEAL of the COURT this 23 day of October Year 2023

TO BE SERVED UPON: MOMBASA DISTRICT COURT, DAR ES SALAAM

## MNH gynaecologist issues an alert on uncontrolled use of antibiotics

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) gynaecologist has issued an alert over uncontrolled use of antibiotics linked with the increase of urinary tract infection (UTI) cases.

Dr Lilian Mnabwiru, MNH gynaecologist said yesterday when speaking at one-day seminar on a number of health issues. The training was organised by the Ministry of Health on the importance of clinical and laboratory services to enhance proper care.

According to Dr Lilian, females were the most affected group followed by children adding that unless checked the problem might escalate.

UTI is a common infection that happens

when bacteria, often from the skin or rectum, enter the urethra, and infect the urinary tract. The infections can affect several parts of the urinary tract, but the most common type is a bladder infection (cystitis).

Dr Mnabwiru said another reason as lack of awareness on how to prevent themselves against the disease including proper hygiene practices, stressing that if not treated properly, UTI can sometimes be life-threatening advising all those found with symptoms to take action of going to hospital for medical checkup.

"At this juncture, self-medication is not the right decision. We call on the community to take action by reporting to the nearest health facility when they feel any condition that is not normal," she said.

She further advised the community to avoid attending in unregistered laboratories (street laboratories) instead must attend in hospitals and always follow the experts' prescriptions for their health.

She however said that the community can prevent itself from the UTI infection by drinking plenty of water and taking preventive antibiotics.

According to her, the public must attend to health facilities for body tests and diagnosis to identify the problem before starting using drugs.

She said UTIs in older women may be associated with decreased estrogen levels during menopause, forgetfulness, memory loss or other age-related cognitive declines which lead to decline in good hygiene and health procedures.

By Guardian Reporter

## Tanzania participating in this year's Doha Expo

TANZANIA, through the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), is participating at the Expo 2023 titled 'Green Desert, Better Environment' in Doha, Qatar for purposes of providing education on environment conservation in the agricultural sector.

NEMC senior environmental officer, Milton Mponda told this paper that the council will display technologies that stresses the need to practice sustainable agriculture.

He said to successfully practise sustainable agriculture and preserve natural vegetation, farms should be prepared in a way that conserves the environment by preventing soil erosion and avoiding cutting down trees.

"Using organic fertilizers strengthen soil quality, to cope with the effects of climate change; farmers should cultivate crops such as legumes to reduce water consumption," he added, noting that harvesting and storage of rainwater for irrigation during the dry season would enhance food security.

Mponda said farmers should stop using chemicals to control destructive insects. He said there is a need to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for horticultural projects involving cultivation of vegetables, flowers and fruits to obtain a certificate of approval.

He said the certificate is important as it shows how water management

would be done through the use of irrigation technologies. He added that farmers must respect the laws and make sure they do not cultivate near water sources.

Mponda said that NEMC used the Doha Expo 2023 to provide education of people on environmental conservation during agricultural activities including horticultural farming.

The exhibition intends to raise awareness on the fact that one third of

the earth's land surface is threatened by desertification. The amount of arid land increases indeed by 12 million hectares each year, and only through systematic and coordinated actions will it be eventually possible to respond to this common challenge. The horticultural event answers the global call to gathering, based on what is proposed to be a shared and dialogical approach in facing a challenge that is actually affecting our planet and its eco-system as a whole.

### UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) EMBASSY OF SWEDEN AND EXPATRIATES DAR ES SALAAM

#### PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from UNICEF, Embassy of Sweden and Expatriates We shall sell Vehicles, Generator & Wheel loader by public auction on Saturday October 28th, 2023 commencing at 11:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street. Bidding Start at 11:00am

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
3	Toyota Land Cruiser Hard top	1HZ Diesel Engine	2016	Not paid
1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon Y61	ZD30 Diesel Engine	2014	Not paid
1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon Y61	TB48 Petrol Engine	2012	Not Paid
1	Toyota RAV4 Station Wagon	H20 Petrol Engine	2004	Paid
1	Generator 160 KVA 3 Phase	Perkins Diesel Engine Silence	2015	Paid
1	Generator 5.5 KVA	Diesel Engine Silence	-	Not Paid
3	Generator 6 KVA, 3.2KVA & 3KVA	Petrol Engine	-	Paid
1	Komatsu Wheel Loader	W100 Diesel Engine	1984	Paid

Book All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from 25th to 27th October, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

#### AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 5 working days by November 3rd 2023 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 5 working days, the Vehicle or Generator will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via CRDB and NBC Bank VISA & Master Cards will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
- Duty, ownership transfer and all taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Bidder will remove the items after all payments and duties
- All persons entering the premises must obtain a Bid Number at the entrance.

For further information, contact:  
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#### SUPPLY OF IT EQUIPMENT

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the federally owned Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports the Tanzania Government on behalf of the Germany in achieving its development-policy objectives.

The HWC (Mitigation of Human Wildlife Conflicts) programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

In the current phase of the programme (2022 - 2025), will focus on four main areas: Improving and regulating the capacity of MNRT and Wildlife division for implementing the National Human Wildlife Management Strategy, strengthen interinstitutional response to HWC, empower communities to reduce negative impact of HWC and mitigation on their livelihood and security, and enhance the capacity of education Institutions and medias to integrate content relevant to HWC into their work.

#### Requirement

GIZ Invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of PAIS Equipment as shown below:

S/N	LOT 1	QUANTITY
01	Smartphones	26
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01	GPS	20
	<b>LOT 3</b>	
01	Printer with scanner in built	5
	<b>LOT 4</b>	
01	Laptop	3
02	Desktop computer	3
03	Monitor/Screen	3

The above items constitute of **FOUR LOTS**. Bidders shall quote item with respective quantities.

Interested candidates should request for detailed tender documents from [giz-tanzania@giz.de](mailto:giz-tanzania@giz.de) no later than date **01.11.2023** and submit offers by email no later than date **08.11.2023**.

We will answer your request during office hours from 8:00 to 15:00 hours local time, Monday to Friday, except public holidays. GIZ is not obliged to follow any condition in nominating the supplier and has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This tender is intended solely for Tanzanian based companies.



## Swiss Ambassador roots for programme to align women empowerment initiatives

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Swiss Ambassador to Tanzania, Didier Chassot, has talked of the need to have a special programme to align women empowerment initiatives with international laws and regional gender protocols.

Ambassador Chassot made the suggestion yesterday during a stakeholder meeting for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) involved in democracy and human rights which was held in Arusha.

The envoy hailed Tanzania for being the best among countries in Africa implementing the Maputo Protocol including recognising the importance of gender equality.

"Tanzania is doing very well in implementing the Maputo Protocol because it has various opportunities for women, we have seen that they are doing a good job and they have been successful," he said.

Ambassador Chassot said through the protocol, women have been empowered as there are more initiatives to ensure women are given the opportunity in all the platforms.

Head of the Africa Democracy and Human Rights Centre, Hannah Foster said there is a need to enhance promotion of women empowerment initiatives as stipulated in various regional

documents.

He said the protocol mentions women rights and the violence that they get in their daily life adding that there is a need for the 45 African countries which have ratified the protocol to implement its contents.

"Women have the role to protect African values as outlined in various regional and continental documents by taking into consideration equality, peace, human rights and democracy," she said.

She said the Protocol guarantees extensive rights to women, including the right to take part in the political processes, to social and political equality with men, improved autonomy in their reproductive health decisions, and an end to harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, among others.

President of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) Nestor Kayobera said there have been worries about over implementation of human rights in relation to international law in many countries which have ratified the protocol.

"Any action that threatens the existence and wellbeing of human beings, is supposed to be condemned and removed, we need to work on ensuring that women rights are promoted to guarantee their wellbeing," he said.

## Govt fully committed to eradicating child labour in the country - minister

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE government has reiterated that it is committed to eradicate child labour in the country while promoting environmental awareness to facilitate access to decent jobs.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) made the pledge in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the launch of a project on decent jobs in the country's cotton sector.

Minister Ndalichako said that the project will be implemented for twenty four months between the Government of Tanzania, Brazil and the International Labor Organization (ILO) which will cost US\$ 558,170, aiming to promote decent jobs in the value chain of cotton production and protect children's rights.

She further said the government has put in place strategies to eradicate child labour, including supporting the establishment of the National Action Plan against Child Labour.

"There is a strategy to comply with labour standards in the value chain of the cotton crop and promote safety and health standards in the value chain," she said.

She said there is also an increase in the scope of community protection in cotton farming areas and to strengthen the production of quality cotton valuable in the world market.

She said that the project will bring benefits to the citizens and cotton farmers especially to get educated about the consequences of the violation of children's rights in employment.

She also asked the government employees to remind each other of the public service taboos as well as to build more experience in dealing with various practical challenges so that they can improve their work and serve the people properly.

Since this is a working session, I would like to use this opportunity to remind you about carrying out your duties by increasing your work effort by being self-motivated, responsible and fair so that the labor department can be well recognised by the citizens and stakeholders around us in the society she said.

ILO Director, East Africa Region, Jealous Chirove said Tanzania is facing the challenge of eradicating child labour.

*"We have launched the Cotton with Decent Work Project in Tanzania, which is a very important step in our joint efforts to eradicate child labor, especially in the cotton sector, a movement that embodies our collective commitment to uphold the principles of decent work and social justice"*



Enterprise Finance Limited director general Jacqueline Lujoo (3rd-R, in cap) pictured in Dar es Salaam on Saturday presenting sanitary equipment to Kinondoni district environment inspector Alban Mugyabuso for use in cleaning up the environment in the city's Kawe suburb. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## India's Kokilaben hospital plans to open centre in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE Mumbai Health Services Company which is owned by a Tanzanian—David Mwakapanda, in collaboration with the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital will soon launch the hospital's coordinating centre in Dar es Salaam.

The centre will enhance access to high-quality medical care for patients in Tanzania and the East African region by supporting and facilitating the experience of specialised services available in India.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es

Salaam yesterday, director of the Mumbai Health Services Company, Mwakapanda said the Minister for Health, Umyy Mwalimu is expected to grace the launch.

"The aim is to simplify procedures for patients in Tanzania, to ensure that they get the necessary guidance and support throughout their health journey," said Mwakapanda.

He said that the Executive Director of Kokilaben Hospital, which is famous for having medical professionals, Dr Santosh Shetty, will also be present at the event along with expert doctors from the hospital who will talk about the development of the treatment

protocol.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been taking various measures to ensure Tanzania has access to the best health services, wishing for expert services that Tanzanians were pursuing abroad at a very high cost and sometimes the government incurs huge charges in foreign hospitals, now all those services will be available locally," he added.

Mwakapanda said: "We plan to come up with projects including the big cancer treatment hospital which will also be a training center for doctors and nurses who will receive medical education at the level of

the most modern technology and of the highest level."

He added that the center will also provide support and information, acting as a bridge to connect patients with the right medical services and professionals in India.

"This center will be a centre to facilitate medical training, exchange programs and exchange knowledge between Tanzanian and Indian doctors," he said.

Mwakapanda said that they believe their hospital coordination center will mark the beginning of a new chapter in facilitating health services and cooperation between Tanzania and India.



Vivo Energy Tanzania managing director Mohamed Bougriba (3rd-R) and Temeke District Education officer Abdul Buhety cut the ribbon on Saturday to hand over toilet facilities rehabilitated by his firm at Kiungani Primary School in Dar es Salaam's Kurasini suburb. Right is school's head teacher, Boni-vilia Malya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Youths volunteer to offer environmental education to residents of twenty villages

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

A total of 1,000 youths have volunteered to provide environmental education to residents in 20 villages within Korogwe and Handeni districts, Tanga Region following negative impacts of climate change.

The villages are said to experience dry seasons due to continued environmental destruction, poor agricultural methods and other human activities.

Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) executive director Prof Dos Santos Silayo made the revelation

in Arusha recently when closing the 'Sauti ya Vijana' (The Voice of Youth) project.

"We need to capacitate youth with the right skills and techniques to curb climate change to ensure the environment continues to benefit the current and future generations," said Prof Silayo, insisting on the need to use proper irrigation skills.

The 'Sauti ya Vijana' project was implemented by World Vision Tanzania (WVT) and the European Union (EU).

The project coordinator from WVT, Shukrani Dickson said it

was successfully implemented for three years from 2020 in the two districts of Tanga Region.

He said youth have so far started providing education to villagers on the need to establish their farms some 60 meters from water sources as required by the law.

"We have reached 24,000 people in the two districts, we have also supported a national tree planting campaign where 101,700 trees have been planted," said Dickson, noting that half of them are fruit trees.

Each of the households was supposed to plant five trees,

he said, adding the fruit trees are meant to improve villager's health. He said youth have also been trained on beekeeping, fish farming and modern farming to enable them to generate income.

The region's acting planning officer, Athanas Michael said the government has been impressed with decisions by WVT to train youth, thus enabling them to attain their economic goals.

Handeni District Commissioner, Saitoti Zelothe said the government will keep an eye on the youth so that they use the acquired knowledge to train other villagers. He said it is more convenient to use youth in finding solutions to the effects of climate change because they are capable of reaching many people.





Vice President Dr Philip Mpango has an audience with Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania, Fahad Rashid Al-Muraikhi, at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: VPO

# Tanzania to strengthen trade and investments with Qatar

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has said that Tanzania appreciates the cooperation with Qatar and is determined to strengthen and develop the ties for the mutual benefits of both countries.

Dr Mpango made the remarks yesterday in Dodoma when he met with Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania Fahad Rashid Al-Muraikhi.

He mentioned the areas that can increase cooperation between Tanzania and Qatar including the health sector, oil and gas research as well as businesses including products derived from oil.

He also invited investors from Qatar to come and invest in Tanzania in drugs and medical devices manufacturing as well as to cooperate in technologies to deal with climate change, including helping Tanzanians to get rid of

the use of wood and charcoal and to strengthen the use of alternative energy.

He also said that Qatar and Tanzania can cooperate on tourism as well as investment in human resources including health professionals.

Qatar ambassador Al-Muraikhi said that the two countries should increase their cooperation in order to make good use of the opportunities available in those

countries.

Ambassador Al-Muraikhi promised to work closely with the Tanzanian government to increase cooperation in commercial matters.

The two leaders also extensively discussed how businessmen and investors visits between the two countries will be able to help strengthen cooperation in various sectors including health, sports and culture.

# 'Tanzania still faces poverty challenges'

By Correspondent Zuena Shame

UNITED Nations (UN) Tanzania resident coordinator, Zlatan Milisic said yesterday that the country is not doing well towards achieving goal one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Goal one calls for an end to poverty in all its manifestations by 2030.

Addressing a press conference in Dar es Salaam on the World UN Day which is celebrated today, Milisic said a one year assessment conducted by the UN shows that despite improvement in other areas such as food, health, water and energy, Tanzania, like other developing countries, still faces poverty challenges.

The assessment was conducted after the launching of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in July, last year and ended August, this year.

It highlights Tanzania's dedication to sustainable and inclusive development, serving as a roadmap for the UN's support towards the nation's development plans in the context of the SDGs.

Milisic said that Tanzanians can still do well in SDG one and reach its target by 2030 because its economic growth has been doing well despite some global challenges such as COVID 19 as well as the Russian and Ukraine War.

"Tanzanian government has shown its commitment in other SDGs therefore can also progress well in SDG one. We have witnessed various commitments the government has been making. The UN has been supporting Tanzania in various areas including poverty alleviation for many decades and we will continue supporting the country's development and progress" said Milisic.

He said the government is doing well in reaching SDGs whereby it hosted the Head of States Human Capital conference and African Food System Forum this year.

He said during the conference, the government promised to invest more in youth by enhancing them with skills, training and economy by

establishing various initiatives such as Build Better Tomorrow (BBT).

"The government has also been committed to the availability of water, energy and investing in technology to enable youth to be innovative and use technology not only for communications purposes but also agriculture" added Milisic.

He said that in 2007 Tanzania became one of eight countries worldwide to pilot the UN Delivering as One reform which was designed to enhance the UN's efficiency, coherence, and effectiveness in its operations at the country level and that the reforms are now implemented globally in over 160 countries.

He said that this year's UN Day's theme is 'Investing in Tomorrow Today: Leveraging Tanzania's Young Population,' of which emphasizes the critical role of Tanzania's youth in shaping the nation's future, underscoring the importance of focusing on essential areas such as health, education, and social protection.

He added that the flag raising ceremony at Karimjee grounds today, serves as a symbolic reaffirmation of Tanzania's commitment to the principles of multilateralism and the core values enshrined in the UN Charter.

"Tanzania's historical commitment to the UN is also reflected in its active role in shaping the global development agenda and playing a pivotal role in crafting the SDGs," he said.

For his side, director of multilateral corporation in the ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Corporation, Ambassador Noel Kaganda said that the country has been progressing well in other SDGs but poverty has been one of the country's number one enemies since independence.

Ambassador Kaganda said that the UNSDCF is the framework which shows the government cooperation with the UN in reaching SDGs therefore when celebrating its 78 years established, the UN has conducted assessments and see how much it has been successful.

## FIRST HOUSING FINANCE (TANZANIA) LIMITED PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH SEPT 2023

	(Amounts in thousand shillings)	
	Current Quarter 30th Sept. 2023	Previous Quarter 30th Jun. 2023
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1. Cash	624	79
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	-	-
3. Investments in Government Securities	3,658,291	3,599,778
4. Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institutions	4,754,195	4,801,113
5. Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-
6. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
7. Bills Negotiated	-	-
8. Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9. Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10. Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11. Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Expected Losses)	24,063,119	22,841,491
12. Other Assets	942,817	901,952
13. Equity Investments	1,622,000	1,622,000
14. Underwriting Accounts	-	-
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	251,211	275,507
<b>16. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35,290,147</b>	<b>34,120,820</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17. Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institutions	-	-
18. Customer Deposits	1,533,034	1,247,409
19. Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20. Special Deposits	-	-
21. Payment Orders/ Transfers Payable	-	-
22. Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23. Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	555,922	571,677
24. Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
26. Unearned Income, Other Deferred Charges & Taxes	414,347	384,599
27. Other Liabilities	293,399	399,517
28. Borrowings	13,795,332	12,920,370
<b>29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>16,582,024</b>	<b>15,613,570</b>
<b>30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>18,708,123</b>	<b>18,607,251</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31. Paid up Share Capital	21,800,000	21,800,000
32. Share premium	-	-
33. Fair Value Reserve	95,831	95,831
34. Retained Earnings	(3,581,398)	(3,558,082)
35. Profit/(Loss) Account	206,918	106,045
36. Regulatory Reserve	186,773	184,457
37. Minority Interest	-	-
<b>38. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>18,708,123</b>	<b>18,607,251</b>
39. Contingent Liabilities	-	-
40. Non-Performing Loans & Advances	912,950	960,319
41. Allowance for Expected Losses	285,616	207,933
42. Other Non-Performing Assets	-	-
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i). Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets	53.01%	54.53%
(ii). Non-Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	3.75%	4.16%
(iii). Gross Loans & Advances to Total Deposits	1477.27%	1057.39%
(iv). Loans & Advances to Total Assets	68.19%	66.94%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	89.51%	86.26%
(vi). Deposits Growth	22.90%	9.96%
(vii). Assets Growth	3.43%	3.92%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT 2023

	(Amounts in thousand shillings)			
	Current Quarter 30th Sept. 2023	Comparative Quarter 30th Sept. 2022	Current Year Cumulative 30th Sept. 2023	Comparative Year Cumulative 30th Sept. 2022
1. Interest Income	1,386,583	1,021,948	3,348,350	2,381,399
2. Interest Expense	(170,266)	(334,802)	(1,027,341)	(851,399)
<b>3. Net Interest Income</b>	<b>1218,317</b>	<b>687,146</b>	<b>2,321,009</b>	<b>1,529,999</b>
4. Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment Reversal/(Losses)	(77,883)	(13,584)	(133,258)	(148,780)
<b>6. Non Interest Income</b>	<b>119,491</b>	<b>67,894</b>	<b>292,438</b>	<b>259,466</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Gains and Translation Gains/(Loss)	1,238	47	1,345	136
6.2 Fees and Commissions	79,208	59,347	244,839	188,736
6.3 Dividend Income	36,900	-	36,900	27,500
6.4 Other Operating Income	2,108	8,558	9,258	84,022
<b>7. Non Interest Expenses</b>	<b>(780,877)</b>	<b>(709,778)</b>	<b>(2,254,855)</b>	<b>(2,019,806)</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(388,665)	(362,484)	(1,189,972)	(1,021,911)
7.2 Fees and Commissions	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(392,212)	(347,294)	(1,064,883)	(987,895)
<b>8. Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>87,939</b>	<b>31,869</b>	<b>224,487</b>	<b>16,362</b>
9. Income Tax Provision	(8,386)	(8,298)	(18,019)	(12,851)
<b>10. Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax</b>	<b>80,553</b>	<b>23,571</b>	<b>206,468</b>	<b>3,511</b>
11. Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
<b>12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>80,553</b>	<b>23,571</b>	<b>206,468</b>	<b>3,511</b>
13. Number of Employees	25	23	25	23
14. Basic Earnings Per Share	0.46	0.12	0.95	0.47
15. Number of Branches	1	1	1	1
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i). Return on Average Total Assets	0.29%	0.08%	0.29%	0.08%
(ii). Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	0.54%	0.15%	0.54%	0.15%
(iii). Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	80.44%	93.97%	88.29%	92.46%
(iv). Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.71%	2.30%	2.71%	2.30%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT 2023

	(Amounts in thousand shillings)			
	Current Quarter 30th Sept. 2023	Previous Quarter 30th Jun. 2023	Current Year Cumulative 30th Sept. 2023	Comparative Year Cumulative 30th Sept. 2022
<b>A. Cash Flow from Operating Activities:</b>				
Net Income/(Loss) before tax	80,553	23,571	206,468	3,511
Adjustments for:				
- Impairment/(Reversal) of Expected Losses & Non-cash Items	67,715	(137,289)	(69,574)	24,189
- Net Change in Loans and Advances	(1,284,970)	(1,122,274)	(4,753,186)	(4,399,520)
- Gain/Loss From Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Deposits	289,625	(15,009)	621,247	263,602
- Net Change in Other Financial Instruments	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	(180,933)	29,405	(89,927)	388,004
- Net Change in Other Assets	(22,944)	(88,284)	(219,040)	(181,017)
- Tax Paid	(18,000)	(18,000)	(54,000)	(54,000)
- Others (Interest paid & Adjustments for previous items)	22,263	50,443	61,189	76,162
<b>Net Cash (Used)/ Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>(827,199)</b>	<b>(1,195,173)</b>	<b>(4,241,519)</b>	<b>(4,295,289)</b>
<b>B. Cash Flow from Investing Activities:</b>				
- Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
- Purchase of Fixed Assets	(8,076)	(803,509)	(811,585)	(82,885)
- Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
- Purchase of Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
- Investment in Other Securities	(187,602)	67,202	(64,988)	(84,482)
- Purchase of Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities</b>	<b>(827,199)</b>	<b>(806,817)</b>	<b>(868,679)</b>	<b>(84,080)</b>
<b>C. Cash Flow from Financing Activities:</b>				
- Payment of Long-Term Debt & Interest	-	-	-	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
- Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
- Allow Loan from Other Banks & FHOs	874,983	1,033,901	1,791,664	10,981,399
- Others (Repayment of Loans liabilities)	-	-	(50,443)	(17,511)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b>874,983</b>	<b>1,033,901</b>	<b>1,741,221</b>	<b>10,963,788</b>
<b>IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash equivalents	(827,199)	(806,817)	(1,808,448)	6,584,399
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the period	4,891,192	4,842,251	6,491,539	845,786
ECI on bank balances	(10,739)	(1,880)	(10,739)	(8,217)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the period</b>	<b>4,053,254</b>	<b>3,933,554</b>	<b>4,672,352</b>	<b>7,869,362</b>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH SEPT 2023

	(Amounts in thousand shillings)						
	Share Capital	Share premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others (Fair Value Reserve)	Total
<b>Current Quarter (30.09.2023)</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.07.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,463,037)	184,407	-	95,831	18,607,251
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	80,553	-	-	-	80,553
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(22,316)	22,316	-	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current quarter (30.09.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,372,484)	184,407	-	95,831	18,708,123
<b>Previous Quarter (30.06.2023)</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.04.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,440,899)	95,485	-	95,831	18,551,416
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	55,838	-	-	-	55,838
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(87,874)	87,874	-	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the quarter (30.06.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,463,037)	184,407	-	95,831	18,607,251

### MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES 2023

S/No	ITEMS	CHARGES/FEES
1	Prime Lending Rate (PLR)	16% p.a.
2	Maximum spread above PLR	4% p.a.
3	Application Fee (Non-refundable)	TZS 200,000/-
4	Processing Fee	1.5% of the loan value
5	Facility Fee	1.5% of the loan value
6	Restructuring/Rescheduling Fee	1% of the restructured/ rescheduling amount
7	Valuation Fee	Paid by the client as per the invoice
8	Legal Fee	Paid by the client to FHF account and FHF will pay law firm
9	Early Repayment	5% of the amount to be prepaid
10	Annual Review Fee	NIL
11	Cheque returned Unpaid (Outward & Inward)	TZS 50,000/-
12	Loan Statement	TZS 20,000/-

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes are explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8).

**Name and Title** : \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** : \_\_\_\_\_

Sasa M. Chonza  
(Chief Executive Officer) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ 28.10.2023

Amulike E. Kamwala  
(Chief Financial Officer) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ 28.10.2023

Internal Audit  
(Internal Audit Manager) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ 28.10.2023

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

**Name** : \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** : \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** : \_\_\_\_\_

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## 'Mineral sector contribution to the national economy is set to increase'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MINERAL sector contribution to the national economy is set to increase as the government embarks on a survey to detect its full potential by 2030, it has been revealed.

Minister for Minerals, Anthony Mavunde, said here at the weekend that only 16 per cent of the entire country's land had so far been surveyed, and that with current minerals in Tanzania, his ministry collected 678bn/- in revenues during the 2022/23 financial year.

He said this in request to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to allow the ministry to conduct a High Resolution Airborne Geographical Survey to determine the amount of minerals in the whole country.

He said, once the survey is completed, the government, miners and other stakeholders in the sector will be able to know exactly where different types of minerals are found.

"Just imagine we managed to collect that amount with only a portion of 16 per cent of the land, this means, if we intensify Geophysical Airborne Survey, we will hike our economy through the sector as well as improving the lives of miners," he said.

In her response, the head of state, agreed on the request and tasked the ministry to go ahead with the in order to precisely detect the potentiality of minerals.

According to experts, airborne geophysical surveys are performed with the aid of fixed-wing aircrafts or helicopters. These measurements can show different properties of the bedrock or soils, from ground level down to several kilometres depth, depending on the method used.

The Head of State said the survey is a milestone as it will hike revenues obtained from the mining sector, thus reducing national budget deficit, donor dependence as well as cutting down loans appetite.

"I believe after the confirmation of the minerals reserve, small scale miners are going to individually benefit as well as contributing to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)," she said.

Dr Samia was speaking in Dodoma when officiating at the handing over of 9.2bn/- machines and other equipment for drilling and exploration services to the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO), at an event that was also attended by Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Dotto Biteko, Ministers and other top government officials.

In her directives, President Samia tasked the ministry to intensify the survey to have a large number of the country's land surveyed, insisting: "If we double this percentage, we will help the country to get rid of borrowing as well as reducing the budget deficit," she said.

At the same occasion, the president warned mineral smugglers who were sneaking the precious products outside the country illegally, saying that law enforcers would not spare them.

"We have several local factories that need raw materials, therefore, instead of transporting minerals outside the country, you should refine them locally so that you export legally and receive handsome money," she added.

The President commended STAMICO for implementing her reforms agenda through various reforms that have seen the state-owned mining firm making super profit and providing dividends to the treasury, unlike three years ago when it was cash-strapped.

STAMICO Director General, Dr Venance Mwashe said that President Samia had handed over to his institution five machines and other equipment valued at 9.2bn/-.

He said that 10 other drilling and exploration equipment will be in the country before June 2014. "The equipment are part of 17.3bn/- investment set by STAMICO in this financial year," said Dr Mwashe.



CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, President of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, during her recent state visit to India earlier this month. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Environmental officers urged to speed up provision of education to citizens

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister of State in the Vice President, Union and Environment, Khamis Hamza Khamis has stressed the need for environmental officers to speed up provision of environmental conservation education of citizens as part of efforts to curb the diverse impacts of climate change.

Khamis made the remarks when addressing leaders and civil servants in Nyasa District, Ruvuma Region during his working visit to inspect implementation of the Lake Nyasa

basin land reserve project.

Khamis asked the officers to properly supervise implementation of laws including conservation of water sources and the environment. He also directed them to make sure the government's instruction to plant 1.5 million trees in each of the districts is implemented accordingly.

He commended the district authority for planting trees as well as making of modern stoves to control tree felling because of firewood and charcoal. He applauded the leaders for managing the Lake Nyasa basin

land reserve project which is coordinated by the Office of the Vice President.

"It is my belief that these projects have started to benefit the people and the government's goal to reach more people with environmental conservation education will be reached," he said.

Nyasa District Commissioner, Filberto Sanga said he recognizes the work done by the government, especially in the construction of infrastructures.

He thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for approving funds

for various projects including the environment, education, water, health, electricity, communication and tourism sectors.

Nyasa District Executive Director, Khalid Khalif said the project will reduce environmental destruction as villagers would no longer carry activities near water sources.

He mentioned some social benefits of the project as enhanced food security and income for households, reduced environmental destruction and enhanced protection of the Lake Nyasa Basin.

Khalif added that the district has planted 3,500 trees at water sources in Lundo and neighbouring villages. He said they have also renovated damaged modern stoves to ensure villagers use less charcoal.

## 600 villages set to benefit from Kenya-Tanzania power link-up project about to be completed

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A TOTAL of 600 villages in three regions are set to benefit from the 33 kilovolts rural electrification converted from the Kenya-Tanzania Power Connectivity project (KTPIC) which is about to be completed.

The \$ 258 million power project is implemented by Tanzania National Electric Power Supply Company (TANESCO) Lemguru in Arusha was funded by JICA and African Development Bank (AfDB) Tanzania side

Clive Sihwa, KTPIC joint project manager, said that in the Arusha region to journalists, officials from Japan Embassy and representative from the Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) who visited the project.

He said that it is so rare for high power projects to benefit from the high-power projects likewise for the highway roads.

He said that through 33 kilovolts, the project has established rural electrification to benefit villagers living near the project.

The project manager said that 600 villages are from the three regions namely Singida, Manyara and Namanga in Arusha Region.

"In order to benefit villagers in all areas the project moved across, we have established the rural electrification line to feed all those villages in the line project," he said.

"In this case, we have converted 33 kilovolts from the 400 kilovolts to be used by 600 villages in the project line," he added.

According to him, the project will also benefit institutions, schools and small businesses, adding that it will further stimulate economic activities in their respective areas.

Timothy Mgaya, TANESCO's manager of power generation and interconnection project said that the project is close to being completed as it has reached 99

percent.

He said the 510-kilometer power line, of which 414 kilometers are in Tanzania and 96 kilometers are in Kenya, can transmit up to 2,000 megawatts of electricity.

Mgaya said the project began to be implemented in January 2016 and will be completed in December this year.

Once it is over, it will enable Tanzania to procure electricity energy, sell or transport from one point to the other.

He said that upon completion, the project translates the idea of transmitting electric energy from the "Cape to Cairo" of African leaders.

The manager said currently, the testing and commission was taking place before other handing over procedures.

He said by connecting the country to the EAC power pool, Tanzania is also connected to the southern power pool.

Mgaya noted that in case one country purchases power from Ethiopia, the country's infrastructure will be used to transmit charged concession fees.

Apart from that, the project will improve power distribution for Kilimanjaro and Tanga Region through Njiro substation.

This can be done by converting 400 kilovolts to 220 kilovolts at Lemguru power station before being distributed to other neighbouring regions.

Tabuchi Somoyoshi, Second Secretary at the Japan Embassy in Tanzania said that Japan has been supporting the implementation of the energy sector in the country which is of great significance.

"On behalf of the Japanese Ambassador, I would like to reaffirm the Japanese government's commitment to continue collaborating with Tanzania supporting projects like that of energy," he said.



Kishiwa Anania (R), a Tanzania Revenue Authority tax administration officer, pictured in Muleba District yesterday imparting tax education to a trader in the course of the implementation of TRA's ongoing door-to-door tax education campaign in Kagera Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## District councils hail Bulyanhulu Gold Mine for empowering officials with greater skills

By Guardian Correspondent, Msalala

AUTHORITIES in Nyang'hwale and Msalala district councils have lauded the Barrick's Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Ltd and Mining Commission for empowering officials with better skills on how to execute projects that are under corporate social responsibility plan (CSR).

The two-day training held over the weekend at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited was meant to equip employees in the two councils with better understanding on the responsibilities of mining licenses holders to comply with the CSR plan of 2023. In accordance with the regulations, mineral right holders are responsible for formulating an

effective CSR.

Wrapping up the training, Nyang'hwale District Commissioner, Grace Kingalame praised the mine for organising the training that will help the experts from the two district councils to effectively implement social projects implemented with funds from Barrick's Bulyanhulu Mine.

"We congratulate the government through the Ministry of Minerals for facilitating access to these regulations, and I believe that through this training, all projects will be better managed in the next year to achieve the intended goal and benefit the people," she said.

Msalala District Executive Director, Khamis Katimba applauded the mining company

for organising the training, saying: "My District Council is greatly benefiting from the investment made by the mine through various development projects that have been implemented in the council."

Katimba said it is important for CSR projects to focus on changing the people's lives in mining areas and to encourage honesty and integrity in the officials who manage the projects in order to bring productivity to people, while identifying challenges that were due to lack of regulations such as projects not being implemented on time, overlapping of views between councils and mines as well as little understanding of CSR issues.

Eng. Mackenzie Mabula, mines commission engineer said that the

new regulations will be applied to mining license holders where they are expected to greatly help experts and managers of projects that will be implemented through CSR.

Eng. Mabula urged district councils to effectively use the regulations to facilitate the planning and implementation of projects.

"I appeal to you all that these regulations are very friendly in our projects' implementation, so we must follow them as before we had only one law, which was making it difficult for them to analyze all the laws, now we should use these regulations to implement our projects," said Eng. Mabula.

Agapiti Paul, Barrick Bulyanhulu community relations manager urged the district councils to continue to cooperate with the mine management in order to successfully complete the projects on time so that the people can benefit from the investment made by the mine.





Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology's first year Civil Engineering students pose for a photo with their leaders and teachers in the city yesterday shortly before jetting off to China for two-year studies. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## DIT, Group Six international sponsor 30 students for engineering studies in China

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) in collaboration with the Group Six international has sponsored 30 students for two-year civil engineering studies in China.

The batch of the students are benefiting from a fully-funded scholarship by the Chinese government where they will pursue their studies at the Chongqing Vocational Institute of Engineering (CQVIE).

Bidding farewell to the students in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, the Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Ming Jiang said conducive investment climate and existing peace and security were the key factors attracting Foreign Domestic Investment (FDI) globally.

The envoy said similar factors have attracted Group Six International collaboration with the ministry of Education, Science and Technology to provide sponsorship to the chosen youth out of millions of peers in the continent dreaming of acquiring education in China.

Chen called on beneficiaries to properly use the opportunity, despite the possible challenges they would face including changes of environment, culture and tradition.

"You are supposed to concentrate on studies that are taking you to China. That is the only way you can acquire proper skills and knowledge that can support the country's development," he said.

She challenged students to be good country's ambassadors in order to consolidate the good and historic cooperation between Tanzania and China.

The envoy said the Chinese government will continue supporting various development endeavours including the education sector.

Apart from supporting Tanzania through the construction of the Tanzania and Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA), she said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has met twice with her Chinese counterpart Xi Jin Ping for bilateral talks aimed at strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

DIT head of communications department, Amani Kakana said this is the first time the institution dispatched students to China after DIT signed an agreement with the Chinese college allowing students to travel to the Asian country for studies.

He said articles of agreement

demand that Tanzanian civil engineers be equipped with skills and knowledge required by most Chinese construction firms.

"The contract has an article that describes the presence of jobs in the construction sector. This aims at reducing informal jobs as well as increasing the value of upcoming engineers, therefore complying with demands in the labour market," he said.

He said the students are expected to transform the sector through research and exchange programs, therefore significantly improve the country's economy through innovation and efficient implementation of projects.

Group Six International deputy director, Yi Xiabo said apart from learning the Chinese language, the students will benefit from the quality of education that will make them employable by different global construction companies.

"Some of Group Six International workers have been teaching the Chinese language to the students at its foundation stage, something that will ease communication after arriving in China," he said.

He elaborated that the company has shared with the government through the Ministry of Education,

Science and Technology the costs incurred to take the students to China covering transport fare, visa and medical examinations.

"At the Chongqing Vocational Institute of Engineering, students will learn about technological advancement used in the implementation and supervision of large projects," he said.

He said the company's ambition was to ensure Tanzania had enough and competent civil engineers with the capability of supervising large projects implemented in the country for development of Tanzania and the continent at large.

Masiko Kaziana, one of the beneficiaries commended the two countries for the opportunity, promising to study hard in order to acquire pre-requisite skills and knowledge that will be used for stimulating the country's development.

## Government urged to strengthen the social service workforce for child protection's sake

By Correspondent Mutayoba

Arbogast, Tarime

THE government has been urged to strengthen collaboration with non-governmental organisations to provide education against violence facing children and girls at family level.

Students from various schools made the call recently here during sexual violence awareness campaign organised by Child Dignity Forum (CDF) in collaboration with Tarime District Council to ensure that children get their basic rights.

Machere Chuma, a form four student at Manga secondary school hailed the government for partnering with the organisations but appealed for the collaborations to be cemented, so that the education given now is sustainable for the aim of changing society attitudes which threaten rights to girl children.

"We appreciate efforts of various stakeholders in supporting the fight against violence, the education which has been given here is very useful to us in changing mind-sets to people in our communities and families," he said.

He added that the importance of sexual violence education to reach the grassroots, will help reporting of the incidents on time as well as apprehending the culprits.

Janeth Marwa, a student from the same school appealed to parents and guardians to support girl children with important needs and good upbringing to enable them meet their dreams of being successful in life.

Anord Massawe, CDF project officer said that his organisation has decided to provide education to the community in order to help reduce acts of sexual violence and urged all child stakeholders to join hands, in fighting the abuse.

"We have to unite together for the aim of ensuring community safety, especially school children who encounter various sex abuses while on the way to and from school," Massawe said.

Mageta Sufianm from Tarime District Council urged the community to stop outdated traditions which breach human dignity such as marrying children, which denies them reaching their full potential.

Following a rise in incidents of child abuse, Tanzania is taking steps to tighten laws protecting children.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups was quoted saying the government will tighten penalties in the Child Act of 2009 to enforce legal provisions that would protect Tanzanian children from violence.

She said that a task force has been formed to work closely with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in reviewing the act for proper amendment.

A recent report by Legal and Human Rights Centre, shows child abuse is on the rise, it documented 350 cases in 2022 alone, with 81 percent being sexual abuse.

The report calls on the government to strengthen the Social welfare department by equipping it with adequate resources to facilitate the provision of quality services for children safety and welfare.



Indian's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (at podium) pictured in Dar es Salaam late last week addressing a visiting delegation of investors and traders from India's industrial sector. It was in the course of the recent business and investment networking meeting organised by the Indian High Commission in Tanzania for members of the Indian business community and discussing potential business and investment opportunities in Tanzania. Photo: Carlos Banda

By Special Correspondent, Mombasa

CUMBERSOME cross-border documentation process and gender discrimination among women have been highlighted as key issues promoting informal trade among women in East African region.

United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and African Women Agribusiness Network Afrika (Awan-Afrika) cited the two issues as a major setback in promoting cross border business among women.

Nomathemba Mhlanga, Eastern Africa sub-regional Agribusiness FAO Officer said there has been an


## East African women plead for simple documentation for cross-border trade

increase in informal trade among women in agri-business which is attributed to lack of knowledge on cargo clearing and tiresome process in various borders.

While addressing a three-day conference in Mombasa on Tackling Gender Dimensions of Trade and Strengthening the Resilience of Small and Medium Agro-Enterprises within East African Northern Corridor on Tuesday this week, Ms Mhlanga said recent report by FAO showed agri-food systems are a major employer

of women globally. "There is need to empower women and close gender gaps in agri-food systems thus enhance the wellbeing of women," she said.

During the conference, women in business called for the simplification of documentation to facilitate cross border trade and end informal business along the borders. The group said women face the brunt of violence and mistreatment at the borders forcing them to use alternative illegal means to cross borders to do business.



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## Industries database can push forward credit, supply chains

EFFORTS are being initiated by the Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO) for a database on industries in the country and the state of their operations. The data would be placed in a well-designed access mode for users of such data, especially local and foreign traders and businessmen. Database information will include the location of a particular industry, environmental aspects of operations, along with details on supply of raw materials. Other features are expected to be water, roads and communication infrastructure, alongside the right picture of human resources in an industry, etc.

Well placed TIRDO officials underlined the need for each industrial premises to have accurate information that is verified by regulatory agencies, presumably, alluding to the need for accurate information on industries and the locations that investors wish to place their funds. This allusion is in part an observation as to the source of the need for such a database, that foreign investors are lost as to what there is in the country, as data is sparse and disjointed, relating to uncoordinated surveys. The data is enough for some regulatory bodies; less so for new investors.

The sources affirmed that after the database is compiled to ensure that anyone can access the database, reports on industries and investments will be fathered from the database. The main areas being watched are Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Coast regions as they have more than 50 per cent of industrial capacity in the country, while the database will indicate optimal production capacity in the various industries and why it is not being realised. That would

assist policy makers to figure out what measures need to be taken to boost production, with reference to specific types of goods, while learning on the workforce level; gender structure.

While having a database is always helpful for decision making at the level of private sector planning and public agencies, whether regulatory or other, for instance in accuracy of academic research or political representation, it may have its other side. If the database is collected to enable seizing up of drawbacks to investors and how to clear them, it will be a great idea, but if it is meant to be used for regulatory purposes where the government imposes operational conditions on the private sector, it can impede industrial take up. It can be 'industrial espionage.'

That doesn't mean there is no need for a database on how regulatory aspects on industries are observed. Far from it, as the issue is who raises the demand, that if it is workers on the spot they have avenues and options. Regulators are less flexible as they are less keen on the survival margins of industrial operators, are likely to be more concerned with workers' welfare and government revenues to the public and to other regulators.

One particular area being sought after in the database is how far an industry has shown that it qualifies to be in the country. It is an aspect rapidly tempered by an observation that those operating below par could be assigned credit channels to help them boost their operations. There is an additional note that anyone wishing to start a factory or such industry will have to seek registration in the database system so that the industry's data becomes available to the public and to other regulators.

## Relaxed atmosphere in key port investment a bonus for harmony

KEY opinion makers have voiced satisfaction with the newly signed port concession agreement between the government and the Dubai based DP World, a ports investment and operational firm. For the first time the public reaction on the agreement was short of its being divided down the middle for biases, for and against the deal in relation to wider political or social loyalties. It was an altogether different atmosphere that will reduce the tensions otherwise stocked by the dispute.

Experts in communication will differ as to what indeed changed from the first draft agreement to the three agreements signed at the weekend, if it was altered content or communication on the issue was improved somewhat.

There are elements of both, as in preliminary negotiations the stronger party may seek onerous protective clauses, and when this is seen to be burdensome, shifts gear to minimally facilitating a workable agreement, optimal as to the local prerogatives on the newly contracted operational firm. So the picture is that investment interests were ceded somewhat for greater transparency, visible limits on contractual engagement, profit sharing mechanism or more accurately the distribution of gross revenues, etc.

Experts were at pains to point out that without a port investment deal, the strategic market of the Democratic Republic of Congo, whose market size and economic potential makes it the largest economy in the sub-region in the not so far future, to rival ports in Angola or Congo Brazzaville. This would hurt not just the port but its

attendant complementary railway infrastructure, the standard gauge railway, which can only be optimally used with assured priority of Dar port for nearby landlocked countries. With the proverbial stroke of a pen, all this is now largely guaranteed.

While some opinion makers were still keen on following up to see how much of popular opinion demands had indeed been taken up, the wider impression was that the key issues raised in popular discussion had indeed been taken into consideration. There is likely to be a continuing dispute as to what was actually being demanded by the public as a whole and what areas of emphasis came up from special groups. There is also the issue of how far they are likely to persist in their demands, which is unavoidable, so long as the sentiment of the vast majority is at peace with the protocols thus signed.

It will be a major input to harmony, and a reminder to naysayers on the ability of those in office to listen and to guide, that this ability remains in place even in the thick of challenges. The DP World pact was ruefully antithetic to plenty of what the country has always stood for, and many wished that it is brushed aside and the ports remain safe in local hands without concessions.

It was to forget that the ports need to do business, and that the anchor of port business isn't what is needed in the city of Dar es Salaam and even less so, by inland regions. Sealing the pact is an assurance to neighbouring countries that the country is willing and ready to do business, is mindful of competition, and will safeguard investor interests.

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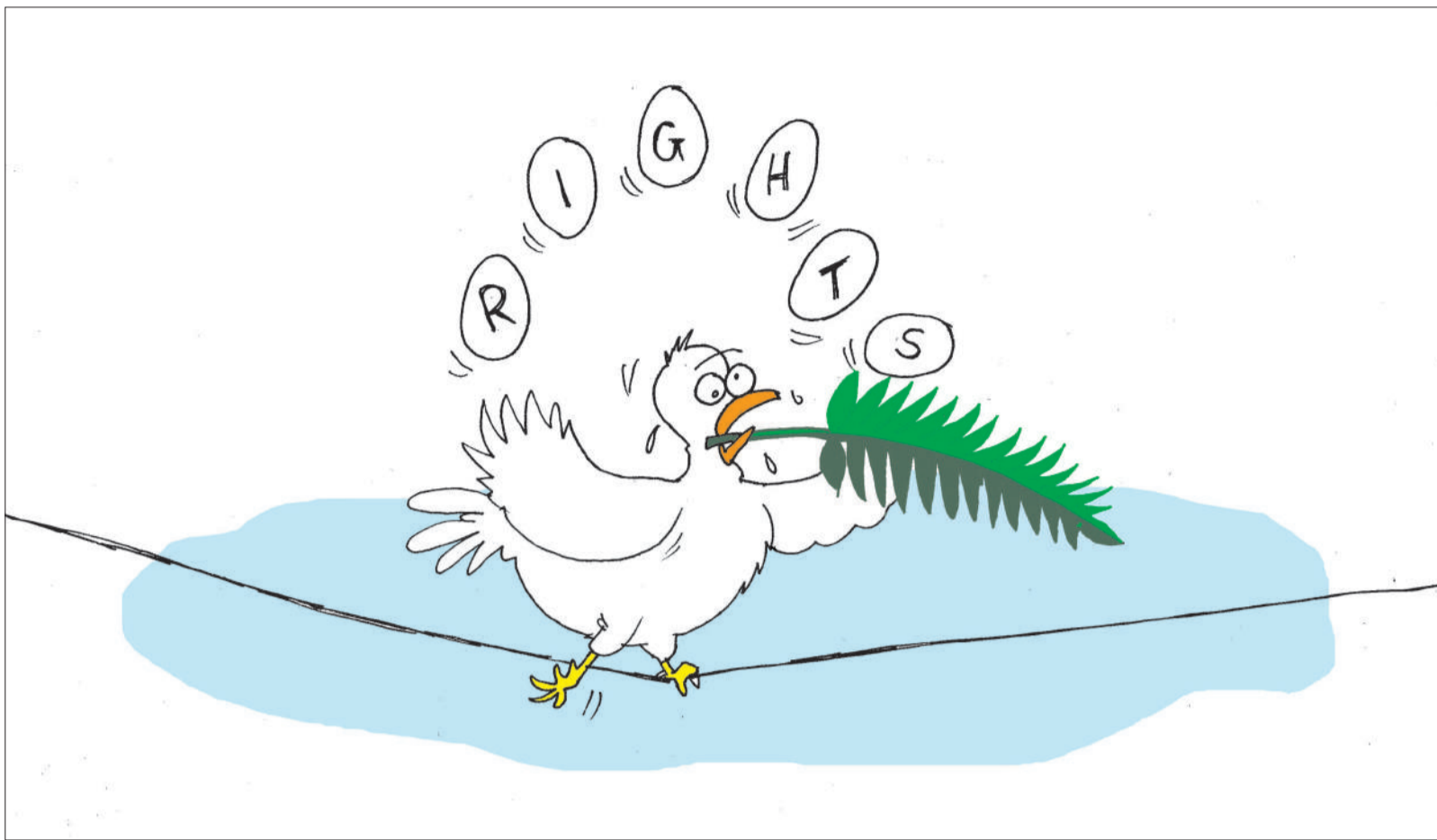
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## How about declaring drug abuse a truly national state of disaster?

By Lovemore Chikova

THAT drug and substance abuse affects development in an emerging economy like Zimbabwe that is on an unprecedented path to success is not an understatement.

As the problem grows in Zimbabwe, many are now realising how communities are watching helpless as young people and in some instances the elderly indulge in the illicit drugs that come in various types, some home-made, while others are smuggled from across borders.

A major problem now in Zimbabwe, if not addressed drug and substance abuse can lead to catastrophic results on the country's development agenda.

President Mnangagwa's government is fully aware of such consequences, hence the President has set up the National Committee on Drugs and Substance Abuse chaired by Defence Minister Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri.

There is also the Inter-Ministerial Taskforce on Drug and Substance Abuse for which experienced health expert Dr Agnes Mahomva will be appointed the national coordinator.

The National Committee on Drugs and Substance Abuse is made up of various stakeholders, including Government, the police, the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority.

Last week, Cabinet received and approved a report by the Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Drug and Substance Abuse that Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri presented.

The national committee has frequently met in light of the observed increases in drug and substance abuse cases.

The pillars of this national committee chaired by Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri include supply reduction, demand reduction, harm reduction, treatment and rehabilitation, psycho-social support and community re-integration, and the media and information pillars.

After establishing these steps towards eradicating the drugs scourge, the next step should be the declaration of the problem as a national state of disaster.

This is because drugs have

affected the whole nation, with the potential to reverse the developmental gains being scored by the Second Republic.

Declaring the drugs problems a national state of disaster will trigger emergency powers which enable the Government to triple efforts to mitigate this disaster.

This will give the Government additional powers to respond to the crisis, with fewer bureaucratic delays and less oversight.

There is indeed a huge link between development and drugs, and the link is not helpful at all.

Drugs have a huge potential to derail development in many ways.

Apart from disrupting the flow of developmental programmes, drugs are a security threat to the nation and this could explain why President Mnangagwa had to appoint the Minister of Defence to chair the national committee on drugs and substance abuse.

It is clear from the recent experiences in Zimbabwe that youths are the most affected by drugs, although many other elderly are now taking them too.

Yet, youths should be the major drivers and beneficiaries of development as their full participation is vital. Drugs do not discriminate on the basis of one's gender, education, or any other qualification. People from various walks of life are taking drugs.

The drugs problem has ceased to be just an individual matter, but a cause of concern for the whole country.

This is because the impact of drugs is easily felt on health, development security and peace.

Many of the youths who are into drugs are compromising their health, in the end overwhelming the health delivery system as they seek treatment and rehabilitation.

There were reports recently that the majority of those in rehabilitation centres in Zimbabwe were mainly youths suffering from the effects of drugs. These young people, who are the most affected, have their future soiled as they may be unable to realise their potential to contribute or benefit from development.

In fact, it is now known that drugs can overwhelm various systems of governance as resources are diverted to deal with their effect on individuals. The more people indulge in drugs

means more funds have to be directed towards law enforcement as crime is set to increase because of the reckless behaviour that is associated with getting high.

Just this week, Police Commissioner-General Godwin Matanga revealed that criminal cases dealt with by the police rose 12 percent during the first eight months of this year compared to the same period last year, with most of the extra caseload being linked to drug abuse.

The justice delivery system, mainly the courts, are in turn inundated with cases emanating from crimes committed under the influence of drugs.

As pointed above, the healthcare system has to fork out more resources, both financial and human, to attend to those whose health is negatively affected by the drugs.

No person can give their all to an assignment when they are high on drugs, and this means affecting productivity in industries and on farms, with devastating consequences on the nation's economic progress.

Communities become no longer safe as cases of violence, murder and robbery increase because of those in the habit of taking drugs.

This calls for a systematic fight against drug and substance abuse and the national committee and the inter-ministerial taskforce on drug and substance abuse have been established for just that purpose.

In the matrix of fighting drugs abuse should be the media, which has the potential to either bring relevant messages that turn people against the drugs or inflame the situation.

It is time the media in Zimbabwe, both print and broadcast, re-examine their programming and content to ensure anything that appears to incite people to take drugs is eliminated from reaching their audiences. But it is unfortunate that some, especially radio stations, have been found wanting on this front and need to have a re-look at how they conduct their business.

Some radio presenters have been bringing guests in studio whom listeners can adjudge to be high on drugs, while the presenters themselves worsen the situation by appearing to acclaim them.

It is now common to hear a radio presenter saying to a guest on air: "Aaaah mudhara makatobatwa ka imi" (elder you are high on drugs).

In the end, the conclusion coming out of such a discussion appears to condone the taking of drugs, as it ceases to be a campaign against the vice.

Apart from the media, law enforcement agents should up their fight against drugs, ensuring that all the so-called "drug bases" are destroyed.

Drugs do not start with those who take them, as there are a lot more people involved.

There are the drug lords themselves and their runners who bring the illicit product to the consumers. These should be identified and dealt with without fear or favour.

In short, the battle against drugs has to be multi-pronged including arresting and prosecuting dealers, producers, smugglers and suppliers; cleaning up the mess that the drug trade leaves in its wake and trying to persuade as many people as possible to stop experimenting with drugs.

There are physical signs which experts note can indicate someone is taking drugs.

Anyone has the potential to take drugs despite their status in society. This gives everyone a duty to watch over potential indicators that some may have started taking drugs.

Physical signs to watch for include mood swings, irritability, unjustified anger, delusions or hallucinations, inability to focus or make decisions, paranoia, depression, anxiety and violent tendencies.

Individuals who take drugs can suffer from loss of appetite, disrupted sleep patterns, increased risk of heart attack or stroke and lung or heart disease. Health experts also note that drugs can cause a diminished immune system function and infection, gastrointestinal issues, respiratory problems, liver damage, kidney damage and neurological issues.

Imagine all these health problems or even some of them, affecting one person. The result is in most cases death. This calls for a holistic approach to the drug and substance abuse, lest the problem continues to affect the country and in the process hindering development.



# Communities and conservationist bring endangered gorillas back from the brink

By Onke Ngcuka

CROSS River gorillas – once believed to be extinct – are experiencing something of a population revival in the southwest of Nigeria thanks to joint conservation efforts by the nine communities surrounding the Mbe Mountains where the gorillas are prevalent.

Leading the efforts is Jonathan Eban, the Wildlife Conservation Society's project manager at the Mbe Mountains – along the borders of Cameroon and Nigeria – who has been working as an eco-guard for the past 12 years. During this time, his team has monitored the gorillas and conducted patrols to ensure none were killed by poachers.

"We have been doing this for the past 12 years. We discovered that the number of gorillas was actually increasing. Though we haven't conducted a census yet, we have camera footage in Mbe Mountain that shows babies and infant gorillas. That is a clear indicator that the gorilla populations are increasing," Eban said.

"[In] 2012, there was a census projected by the IUCN [International Union for Conservation of Nature] gorilla action plan, that put the population between 25 and 30. Since then, we haven't conducted a formal census to really know the number at present. However, we capture a lot of footage on camera traps, and the estimate is at 35 or 40," Eban said in a call from his base in the Mbe Mountains.

According to the IUCN Red List, the Cross River gorilla has been considered critically endangered since 2016 because of its declining population. The gorilla's dwindling numbers are closely linked to poaching, while habitat loss from agriculture, logging and road construction, alongside snares targeting other species, has also been a contributing factor. It's estimated that there are about 100 to 250 mature Cross River gorillas.

Eban said that in the 1980s, Cross River gorillas were thought to be extinct – until a hunter from a community near the Mbe Mountains captured a baby Cross River gorilla. International conservation bodies learnt of this, which sparked the Wildlife Conservation Society's Mbe Mountains project.

"There haven't been gorilla killings since the inception of this project, but people still hunt to sustain their



In 2020, Wildlife Conservation Society's remote camera traps captured the first images of Cross River gorillas with a number of infants, in the Mbe Mountains. (Photo: WCS)

livelihood. Hunting and the expansion of agricultural land are a threat. But it can be fixed if handled properly with long-term conservation in mind," Eban said.

The Wildlife Conservation Society also works with local communities to explore livelihoods such as beekeeping, snail farming and supplying improved cocoa varieties.

Eban said the project needed more funding to support alternative livelihoods, ensure sustainable development and develop the necessary infrastructure through strategic part-

nerships. This would take pressure off the forest as a source of livelihood and enhance the conservation of the forest.

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# Zanzibar seaweed farmer dreams big as her products head to 6th CIE

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A visit to Bweleo, a stone's throw away from the Indian Ocean coastline in Zanzibar, finds soft-spoken Saphia Hashim Makame busy selling her seaweed products in her tiny shop.

Saphia, 58, a mother of six children, has been a seaweed farmer since 1998. She was happy to learn that seaweed products will for the first time be exhibited at the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE), to be held in Shanghai, China, from Nov. 5-10. "I am overjoyed over this good news.

The expo will definitely open doors for seaweed products to the huge Chinese market," she told a team of Xinhua journalists as she arranged her seaweed products in her shop. The products she makes from seaweed include soap, spices, skin jelly, hair oil, lip balm, shampoo, shower jelly, body lotion, cakes, juices, and buns.

"With the exhibition of seaweed products at the expo, my journey to finding global markets has just be-

gun," said Saphia, wearing a broad smile, adding that she currently sells her products to some institutions in Tanzania's port city of Dar es Salaam, in addition to individual customers.

Saphia, who owns three hectares of seaweed, said she started farming the crop in 1998 and in 2006 she started making various products from seaweed after she was trained by experts from the Philippines and Indonesia in collaboration with Zanzibar's Institute of Marine Science of the University of Dar es Salaam.

She said seaweed farming has benefitted her a lot. "I get between 1,500,000 Tanzanian shillings (about 600 U.S. dollars) and 2,000,000 Tanzanian shillings a month.

I have built my own decent house. I pay for my children's medical bills and I have also paid fees for my children to university level without borrowing a single cent from anybody," said Saphia. With the anticipated Chinese market for seaweed products, she was looking forward to creating a huge production structure because "seaweed is like gold and diamonds."

"The 6th CIIE is an entry point to Tanzania's Zanzi-

bar seaweed products," said About Suleiman Jumbe, principal secretary in Zanzibar's Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries. "When we look at the Shanghai expo, we look at it with extremely high expectations," Jumbe said, noting that he hoped the Shanghai expo would propel Zanzibar's strategic seaweed market, especially in the area of the blue economy.

He told Xinhua that by the end of 2022, Zanzibar had already been producing about 12,594 tonnes of seaweed annually, with exports of close to 14,000 tonnes of seaweed per year, adding that once Zanzibar secured the Chinese market the production of seaweed would double.

Currently we have 23,000 seaweed farmers in Zanzibar and 90 percent of them are women," said Jumbe, noting that the farmers are cultivating mainly two types of seaweed – *eucheuma cottonii* and *eucheuma spinosum*."

Zanzibar has been involved in growing the crop at a commercial level, specifically focusing on these two varieties," he said.

The Chinese government and the Chinese private

sector have shown interest in coming to Zanzibar and developing new varieties of seaweeds that are used for various economic, medicinal, and biotech purposes in China and other parts of the world, he said.

Zanzibar's seaweed farming began to gain pace in the late 1980s when new varieties of commercial seaweed crops were imported from the Philippines and other areas from the Far East.

Jumbe said, adding that seaweed has been a historic crop for many centuries for many people and it has been used in various ways in terms of food and pharmaceuticals.

Since then, he said, Zanzibar has been transformed from an archipelago where seaweed used to grow in the wild into a modern-day commercial and production hub of seaweed crops in the western Indian Ocean region.

He said that since 2020, the Zanzibar government has been transforming the seaweed industry through various programs, including supplying new fiberglass boats to seaweed farmers.

Xinhua





# China sees fruitful outcomes in international space cooperation

By Liu Yao

THROUGH in-depth space cooperation, China and many countries in the world have jointly built a broad and magnificent "space silk road," contributing to the development and utilization of space resources and the progress of human civilization.

The constellation of the Beidou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) is working around the clock in the space. Since the system's commissioning more than three years ago, the application models of the BDS has been enriched, with its fields of application getting wider and wider.

According to statistics, the BDS-3 has provided accelerated positioning and high-precision service to more than 1.5 billion users in more than 230 countries and regions, winning more and more recognition from the international community.

In Xai-Xai, Gaza Province of Mozambique, there is a 20,000-hectare rice farm, the largest rice planting cooperation project in Africa. To plough the fields, and plant, manage and harvest crops on such a huge farmland was once a big challenge for local rice growers.

It was the innovation in agricultural technologies utilizing the BDS that benefited local rice growers. They can now control sprayer drones via mobile applications, thanks to the geographical positioning enabled by the Chinese positioning system.

Obtaining real-time geographical information through the BDS, sprayer drones are able to apply pesticides according to preset flight paths. Compared with traditional spraying methods, which rely on manual effort and can only cover a couple mu (667 square meters) each hour, BDS-enabled sprayer drones can treat over 100 mu of land every hour. Moreover, the drones can operate at night, dramatically improving efficiency.

The Sarez Lake in eastern Tajikistan is the world's highest quake lake. It houses the highest and biggest natural dam in the world. Monitoring the deformation of the dam situated in a seismically active zone and thus protecting the safety of local residents remains an important issue.

A Chinese research team developed a deformation monitoring service platform for the dam based on the BDS, with a millimeter-level precision. With this platform, researchers can remotely monitor the deformation of the dam and send science-based warnings. The system has also been employed to monitor express-



A delivery ceremony of China-funded prototype satellites is held at the satellite assembly, integration and test center of Egypt, June 25, 2023. (Photo from China Academy of Space Technology)

way side slopes in Kyrgyzstan and snow slides in Tajikistan.

According to Chen Gucang, deputy director of the China Satellite Navigation Office, the BDS is applied in a wide range of fields, and has played a significant role in the construction of the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan highway as well as the operation of China-Kazakhstan crude oil pipeline and the China-Europe freight trains.

Two China-funded prototype satellites of the MisrSat

II satellite project were delivered to the Egyptian side in June this year, making Egypt the first African country with the capacity to assemble, integrate and test satellites.

In December 2014, China and Egypt signed an agreement to carry out cooperation on the development of remote-sensing satellites. According to the agreement, China would build Egypt's first satellite assembly, integration and test center.

The two countries signed

an agreement for the MisrSat II satellite project in January 2019, based on which China would provide the Egyptian side with a small remote-sensing satellite, a ground measurement and control station and a ground application system. Besides, China would also train Egyptian aerospace experts.

Prior to that, Egypt did not have its own satellite assembly, integration and test center, nor satellite development capabilities. It could only im-

port complete foreign satellites. The completion of the China-funded center has provided Egypt with world-leading aerospace infrastructure.

Egyptian Minister of International Cooperation Rania Al-Mashat noted that these advanced technologies and equipment are important to not only Egypt, but also entire Africa.

China has established cooperation with many countries and regions in jointly developing and launching communi-

cation or remote-sensing satellites, as well as constructing satellite ground receiving stations and other space infrastructure. These efforts have played a positive role in the development of local sectors such as communication, agriculture, culture, environmental protection, and meteorology.

The China National Space Administration said that China is committed to promoting global technological progress and the sharing of innovative achievements, with an aim to enhance the capabilities of people around the world to explore and utilize space.

China always follows the principles of "peaceful use, equality, mutual benefit and common development." It is committed to transforming the Chinese space station into an open platform for international scientific and technological cooperation and exchanges.

Lin Xiqiang, a spokesperson and deputy director of the China Manned Space Agency, stated that the first batch of China's international cooperation projects in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs will soon conduct experiments on the space station. Additionally, the implementation of 10 space application projects in collaboration with the European Space Agency is also progressing in an orderly manner.

China's lunar exploration program has opened up opportunities for international cooperation on Chang'e-8 to the international society.

It welcomes countries and international organizations to join and carry out multilevel collaboration together to achieve more major original scientific discoveries.

People's Daily

# Ghana floods: 'My entire farm is under the water and so is my house'

By Thomas Naadi

AWUSIFE Kagbitor paces anxiously on a dry patch of land overlooking her collapsed and completely submerged three-bedroom home in Mepe in Ghana's Volta Region.

She says she saw water gushing into her house from a nearby stream, and within 10 minutes the water level had reached her neck. On hearing that his mother's home was flooding, her son Kenneth rushed to the scene and swam his way through the rising waters to save his mother and young siblings.

The 56-year-old farmer is one of thousands of victims of the floods in south-east Ghana. It is a disaster she is struggling to come to terms with. They were taken unawares and could not salvage anything, she tells me as beads of tears roll down her face.

"My entire farm is under the water and so is my house. I was only able to take my clothes. It took me about 14 years to build this house - there is nowhere to go, there is no other land to build on," Ms Kagbitor said.

Her fate is shared by nearly 26,000 others, displaced by floods caused by the controlled spillage of excess water from the Akosombo and Kpong hydro-electric dams near the south-



Awusife Kagbitor says her house is under water

ern tip of Lake Volta.

### What caused the floods?

Ghana has been experiencing unpredictable rainfall patterns for months now, which many scientists say is the result of climate change.

Heavy rains have significantly increased the volume of water in the two dams, and officials of the Volta River Authority, the electricity company that

manages the dams, started the "controlled spillage" of the facilities a month ago.

They say that the maximum safe operational level of the Akosombo dam is 277.5 ft (84.6m). If the water behind the dam reaches any higher, it could burst.

The water level recently peaked just below this - around 277.26 ft, compelling them to "spill" excess water to prevent a catastrophe which could have dire consequences.

The Akosombo and Kpong Dams generate about a third of Ghana's energy mix. The authorities say they will reduce the rate of spillage of the dams while monitoring the volume of water upstream.

The Akosombo dam was built in the 1960s, a project championed by Ghana's first President Kwame Nkrumah to provide much-needed energy to industrialise the country. Its construction flooded parts of the Volta River Basin in the eastern region of southern Ghana and around 80,000 people had to be relocated.

It also led to the creation of the Volta Lake, the largest man-made lake in the world by surface area.

The dam has subsequently been spilled when needed, with limited impact on communities. However, this year's flooding is one of the worst to hit the more than 100 communities living downstream since the dam's creation.

### How serious are the floods?

The National Disaster Management Organisation estimates that eight districts have been affected since the flooding started on Wednesday 11 October.

Many homes have been completely submerged and authorities are only beginning to assess the impact of the floods. About a quarter of the Mepe community in an area we visited has been seriously impacted by the water.

Toilet facilities, cemeteries and refuse dumps have all

been flooded, raising serious concerns about the outbreak of disease. Essential services like water and electricity are no longer reaching the affected areas.

Local official Ahorsu Amos Borlor said that residents ignored his repeated warnings to take precautionary measures when the spillage started.

"There are about 15 communities in the lower Volta basin. Eight of them have been greatly affected, farmlands have been washed away, so economic activities have been greatly affected. We are feeling bad, our livelihood has been taken away, this is not how we live," said Mr Borlor.

Local resident Brian Foekpa is still reeling from the disaster. He says the flooding happened so quickly he could not take any of his belongings and could only save his family. "The bike I use for my okada [motorcycle taxi] business is in the room that collapsed, so it has affected me. No food to eat. My farm has been washed away by the floods. As I'm talking to you, these clothes I have on me now are the only ones I have."

The Volta River Authority says it warned residents in the area ahead of the spillage. The power company also carried out simulation exercises with some communities about how to deal with a potential disaster, but that does not seem to have lessened the impact of the floods.

Ghana's navy has been assisting with rescue efforts. It says it has rescued more than 8,000 people so far.

The Deputy Director General of the National Disaster Management Organisation (Nadmo), Seji Saji, attributes the floods to heavy rains brought about by climate change.

"The heavy inflows from upstream of the Volta dams can only be explained by the volume of water that we are receiving from Burkina Faso to the northern region because those form the catchment areas of the Volta dams," he said.

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## ICT experts push for 5G adoption in Africa to drive economic growth

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INFORMATION and communications technology (ICT) experts attending the Mobile World Congress 2023 (MWC2023) in the Rwandan capital of Kigali have said African countries need to strengthen and speed up efforts in the deployment of 5G networks across the continent to revolutionize industries, enhance connectivity, and drive economic growth.

The meeting, held on October 17-19, brought together more than 2,500 delegates, including political leaders, government officials, experts, representatives from the United Nations and the African Union, as well as dozens of technology companies and start-ups, among others, from across Africa and the world.

"The rollout and deployment of 5G is expected to contribute

to the growth of Africa by creating jobs and improving incomes. The ecosystem surrounding the 5G economy is much more powerful than any other technology that preceded it in the realm of digital communications," Amir Abdelazim, a partner expert with Detcon Consulting, said in an interview.

He added that African countries should put in significant efforts to ensure the rapid deployment of 5G networks, unlocking unprecedented opportunities for innovation and economic development on the continent.

"It is remarkable to see how startups in Africa are working to find innovative solutions that can catalyse the rollout of 5G."

Elizabeth Migwalla, vice president of international government affairs for Qualcomm said that the 5G standard is designed to enable new services and use cases across



Staff members register information for visitors at an information and communications technology job fair in Kampala, Uganda.

all sectors of the economy.

"It is the capabilities of 5G that make this transformation possible. When properly deployed and used, every sector of the economy can benefit from 5G, spanning from education and health to governance and transportation in Africa," she added.

While addressing the 5G session on the sidelines of the MWC2023, Li Tao, president of Huawei Southern Africa Wireless Business, emphasized that 5G technology has substantial potential to drive economic growth in Africa.

He noted that Huawei plays a crucial role in delivering 5G technology to the African continent. "5G can stimulate and promote the 5G industry further by enhancing various aspects, such as devices, ecosystem, and network."

The momentum for 5G is growing in Africa. However, the initial focus for 5G deployment is on urban areas and industrial locations, where there is a greater need for the technology, according to Mobile Economy Sub-Saharan Africa's latest report by Global System for Mobile Communications, a global organization that unifies the mobile ecosystem.

## Community radio: Young South Africans helping to shape news

By Sisanda Nkoala, Johannesburg

THE number of South African internet users has nearly doubled in the past decade. One 2023 study of 45 developed countries suggests that South Africans even lead the world when it comes to the amount of time spent in front of screens, at 58.2 per cent of the day.

This digital transformation has significant implications for the country's media. Particularly for newsrooms that want to engage online audiences in a time when news production has evolved towards greater participation of citizens and civil society. More and more, listeners are contributing to media processes.

During protests, for example, news outlets often invite people at the scene to use WhatsApp groups to share firsthand observations, images or videos. These are verified and incorporated into news coverage. (Indeed, WhatsApp emerged as South Africa's most popular social media platform in 2022.)

This shift is at the heart of our recent broadcast and community media study. We examined two community radio stations - Zibonele FM and Bush Radio - in South Africa's Western Cape province. We wanted to know how social media platforms like Facebook and X are shaping the

way that young people interact with the stations, and how radio is adapting to meet them online.

In the study it was found that the stations have embraced social media apps and are actively using them to shape content. Young people are increasingly participating in citizen journalism to influence this content.

This could keep community radio relevant - and that matters.

South Africa is home to over 290 community radio stations, far outnumbering the 41 commercial and public service stations. Community radio emerged with democracy in South Africa in the 1990s, providing a platform for alternative voices and grassroots organisations. It's able to address issues often overlooked by mainstream media.

Zibonele FM and Bush Radio stood out for us. This is because of their youth-focused content, multilingual broadcasts, diverse audience segments and robust use of digital technologies in news production and programming.

Zibonele FM is based in Khayelitsha, a vast township (black residential area) on the outskirts of Cape Town. The station broadcasts mainly in the local Xhosa language.

Bush Radio is one of the country's oldest and most influential community stations. Founded in 1992, it has



played a role in shaping post-apartheid life in Cape Town. Apartheid was a system of white minority rule that suppressed black voices. Bush Radio provided a platform for voices and perspectives that were often marginalised in mainstream media.

June 2023 data puts listenership figures of Zibonele FM at 182 000 a day. Bush Radio attracts 49 000 listeners. The average daily listenership of community stations in the Western Cape is 29 000.

### The study

We conducted in-depth interviews with station managers, producers and journalists at these two stations. Alongside this we studied social media posts from the stations' X and Facebook accounts and we

analysed their on-air content.

We wanted to see if social media shaped youth-oriented programming at Zibonele FM and Bush Radio.

While the study's scope remains small, it provides valuable insights into the digital transformation of news production in South African community radio.

Young Zibonele FM and Bush Radio listeners, we found, were actively participating in the news processes at the radio stations. Especially when the stations tailored their news to draw in these communities.

A station manager explained: "We've gained a lot of followers, showing that people are drawn to the station's young presenters on social media. Many engage with our

live videos and interactive content, validating their active involvement in shaping news production and content direction. This reinforces our roles as central community hubs."

Our data analysis revealed that young audiences on X and Facebook used these platforms to hold journalists accountable, forcing them to re-evaluate their reporting.

One producer said: "Any mistake leads to immediate corrections. This caution improves our content quality and accuracy, benefiting from feedback from our social media followers."

The participants in our study stressed the importance of WhatsApp voice notes as a feature of social media that enabled greater engagement from youth audiences. Young listeners are actively shaping the content production process by sending questions as voice notes. This shift diminishes the power traditionally held by presenters and producers.

One producer elaborated: "When we interview guests, we inform our audiences that we have a question, and they actively engage with it. During interviews, we encourage young people to post voice notes, which the interviewees respond to. This practice enables us to incorporate

diverse voices on air, as people often prefer sending voice notes, sometimes in the form of questions."

Our research underscores how Zibonele FM and Bush Radio have empowered young listeners to engage with journalists actively. This allows them to question and challenge news content.

Station managers reported increased engagement on social media, reinforcing the effectiveness of these strategies in expanding reach and enhancing audience participation. Young audiences, for their part, also used social media to hold journalists accountable, fostering a culture of transparency and trust.

The challenges faced by South African community radio, such as limited reach and resources, are well documented.

For a long time academics have observed that journalism is undergoing changes because of social media.

Social media, as seen in our study, can have a significant impact on the future of radio programming and news. It could lead to a dynamic shift towards more interactive and community-driven programming. This would sustain community radio and enhance its role as a vital source of alternative voices, diverse perspectives and local engagement.

## Empowering women smallholder farmers in Africa with climate-resilient and nutritious maize varieties

By Kudzanai Chimhanda

IN the vast landscapes of sub-Saharan Africa, where agriculture is the backbone of many communities, the quest for improved maize varieties is a vital step for ensuring food security in the face of climate change.

Women, who represent approximately half the clients of maize breeding programs, have been essential in the realm of agricultural research. While significant gender-based differences in trait preferences exist in many African-staple crops, these appear less drastic in maize.

However, there are gendered differences in management practices and productivity in maize-based systems.

Recognising the need to bridge this gap, the National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems (CIMMYT-NARES) regional maize breeding networks in eastern and southern Africa have embarked on a transformative journey to empower farmers, especially women, through their innovative approach to maize breeding.

The breeding networks are focused on ensuring smallholder farmers have access to a steady stream of climate-resilient and nutritionally enriched maize varieties that thrive in today's stress-prone environments.

To ensure these new maize varieties meet the needs of diverse users, including women, the breeding networks continue to adapt approaches to increase gender-responsiveness.

Testing the performance of potential new maize hybrids coming from the breeding pipelines within farmers' realities is critical to the ultimate success of these new varieties.

In collaboration with over 400 farmers in southern Africa, the CIMMYT-NARES maize breeding network conducts extensive

on-farm trials to evaluate the performance of these new maize varieties. A similar approach is adopted in eastern Africa.

What sets these trials apart is the fact that over 40% of these trials are led by female plot managers. Farmers evaluate these varieties within the context of their own realities, including their own management practices, and provide valuable feedback to the breeding teams on the potential of new varieties.

By involving women in decision-making processes, CIMMYT-NARES networks ensure that their preferences and needs are considered when selecting the most promising hybrids for product advancement, announcement to partners, varietal releases and ultimately commercialization.

This inclusive approach not only empowers women but also harnesses the collective knowledge and experience of the farming community.

CIMMYT's research recently showed that there is a relatively high degree of joint management within maize plots, and since 2022, the on-farm trials included a target of approximately 30 per cent jointly managed plots.

Gender is only one axis of social difference that impacts agricultural production, variety selection, and end uses. Social differences including marital status, age, education level, ethnicity, wealth, access to capital, market access and livelihood orientation do play a role in the adoption of new varieties and farm productivity.

By embracing the diversity within farming communities, CIMMYT-NARES networks are actively working towards understanding different farm types, while ensuring that the improved maize varieties are tailored to meet the diverse demands of the regions.

As the CIMMYT-NARES maize breeding



networks continue to make innovative strides in breeding climate-resilient and nutritionally enriched maize varieties, they are not only transforming agricul-

ture but also empowering individuals and communities.

Through collaborative efforts, with the woman farmer at the heart of the

approach, they are paving the way for a future where farming communities can thrive and contribute to food and nutritional security.



# Seniors thriving through plastic waste in Zimbabwe

By Jeffrey Moyo

THEY do not have a pension nor financial support from families or relatives, but they have themselves. Now they have become collectors of plastic waste, which they turn into products as they battle for survival - earning money from the growing plastic pollution in Zimbabwe.

Such are the lives of the country's senior citizens, like 76-year-old Tabeth Gowere and 81-year-old Elizabeth Makufa, both hailing from Harare's Glenora high-density suburb, where they become famous as plastic waste collectors.

Gowere and Makufa, thanks to plastic waste, now care for themselves financially despite their old age, so they said.

"At first, we saw plastic waste just being flown around by the wind, and we started to pick these, cleaning the environment, burning it, but later realized we could make something out of these plastics and earn money. So, using plastic waste, we started weaving different things, including mats to decorate sofas. Many people were impressed by our work, and they started placing orders for the plastic products we were making," Gowere told IPS.

Makufa, like Gowere, has also seen gold in the dumped plastic waste.

"We say this is waste, but from it, we find something that is helping us to sustain us in life. I make 30 US dollars daily at times from selling the products I make from plastic waste, which means at least I get something to survive," Makufa told IPS.

The young are learning from the lessons from the senior plastic waste entrepreneurs - like 40-year-old Michelle Gowere.

"Weaving things using plastics is a skill I learned from my mother-in-law, Mrs Gowere. We spend time together daily, and because of this, I ended up learning the skill from her; this is helping me to, at least, help my children with food to carry in their lunch boxes when they go to school," Michelle told IPS.

To Michelle's mother-in-law and many others, the environment has been the secondary beneficiary of the geriatrics' initiative collecting plastic waste.

"You would see that in our area, waste collectors from the council rarely come to empty the refuse bins. So, as we use plastic waste to make our products, we are making our environment clean," Michelle told IPS.

Zimbabwe Environmental Management Agency (EMA) about 1.65 million tonnes of waste are produced annually in Zimbabwe, with plastic making up 18 percent of that.

However, Makufa says it was not the love of money that swayed them into getting into plastic waste but improving the environment.

"It was not because we lacked money that we turned to collecting plastic waste, but we copied some people who were doing it, and we started doing the same. We thought of removing plastic waste from our environment, and we told ourselves if we could take those plastics and weave them together, we could have impressive products that we could sell and earn some money," Makufa told IPS.

As the group of elderly people are making a difference in collectively fighting plastic waste, the local authorities welcome their contribution but add that it is everybody's responsibility to care for the environment.

"The job of caring for the environment is not a responsibility of the council alone. In fact, it is the duty of everyone to make sure where they live there is cleanliness. As a council, we thank people who are beginning to realize that there is money in plastic waste. It's not every waste that should be dumped; there is what we call recycling, and some people make money from it, but the duty to take care of our surroundings is not a prerogative of the council, but ordinary people as well," Innocent Ruwende, Harare City Council spokesperson, told IPS.



Tabeth Gowere (76) makes extra cash from weaving plastic waste. A group of seniors started weaving plastic out of a need to improve the environment and make some extra cash. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS

Priscilla Gavi, director of Help Age Zimbabwe, a non-governmental organization mandated to take care of the elderly's needs, says the elderly, too, are critical in the fight against plastic waste.

"Old age does not make someone incapable of supporting their families and taking care of themselves. It doesn't stop the aged from working for their country. In fact, old age gives people opportunities to use skills gained during their prime ages, and they, for instance, make use of plastics, producing different things for sale from plastic waste as they also rid the environment of the plastic waste," Gavi told IPS.

Yet for many like Makufa, collecting plastic waste has

also turned out to be therapeutic in addition to being an economic venture.

"These things that we make with our own hands using plastic waste help us to rest from mental stress owing to problems we have these days that strain us psychologically. So, this helps us to be always occupied and refrain from overthinking about things we don't have control over," said Makufa.

According to the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), an estimated 1.65 million tonnes of waste are produced annually in Zimbabwe, with plastic making

up to 18 percent of that.

Gowere and Makufa and other elderly recyclers and plastic entrepreneurs have drawn the admiration of organizations like EMA.

"This is a commendable initiative that is promoting upcycling of waste and upscaling recycling as a business. This reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and the environment. Plastic waste takes hundreds of years to decompose, and it releases harmful toxins into the environment when burned," Amkela Sidange, spokesperson for EMA, told IPS.

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## Global billionaire taxing could yield \$250bn - study

PARIS

GOVERNMENTS should open a new front in the international clampdown on tax evasion with a global minimum tax on billionaires, which could raise \$250 billion annually, the EU Tax Observatory said on Monday.

If levied, the sum would be equivalent to only 2 percent of the nearly \$13 trillion in wealth owned by the 2,700 billionaires globally, the research group hosted at the Paris School of Economics said.

Currently billionaires' effective personal tax is often far less than what other taxpayers of more modest means pay because they can park wealth in shell companies sheltering them from income tax, the group said in its 2024 Global Tax Evasion Report.

"In our view, this is difficult to justify because it risks to undermine the sustainability of tax systems and the social acceptability of taxation," the observatory's director Gabriel Zuc-

man told journalists.

Billionaires' personal tax in the United States is estimated to be close to 0.5 percent and as low as zero in otherwise high-tax France, the Observatory estimated.

Growing wealth inequality in some countries is fuelling calls for the richest citizens to bear more of the tax burden as public finances struggle to cope with aging populations, huge financing needs for climate transition and legacy COVID debt.

US President Joe Biden's 2024 budget included plans for a 25 percent minimum tax on the wealthiest 0.01 percent, but that proposal has since fallen by the wayside with lawmakers in Washington preoccupied with government shutdown threats and looming funding deadlines.

Though a coordinated international push to tax billionaires could take years, the Observatory pointed to the example of governments' success in all but ending bank secrecy and reducing opportunities for multinationals to



shift profits to low-tax countries.

The 2018 launch of automatic sharing of account information has reduced the amount of wealth held in offshore tax havens by a factor of three, the observatory estimated.

A 2021 agreement between 140 countries will limit multinationals' scope to reduce tax by booking profits in low-tax countries by setting a global 15 percent floor on corporate taxation from next year.

"Something that many people thought would be impossible, now we know can actually be done," Zucman said. "The logical next step is to apply that logic to billionaires, and not only to multinational companies."

In the absence of a broad international push for a minimum tax on billionaires, Zucman said a "coalition of willing countries" could unilaterally lead the way.

Although the end of banking secrecy and the corporate minimum tax have put an end to decades-long competition between countries on tax rates, numerous opportunities remain to reduce tax bills, the report said.

For example the rich increasingly park wealth in real estate instead of offshore accounts while companies can exploit loopholes in the 15 percent corporate tax minimum.

Meanwhile, governments are increasingly competing for investment through subsidies even though that is less harmful to their tax bases than competing only on low tax rates, the Observatory said.

## Tanzania beats Kenya as best investor destination

NAIROBI

TANZANIA has beaten Kenya on the best investment destinations for investors eyeing the region in the next two years.

Fourteen percent of the respondents in a survey conducted by advisory firm KPMG on 150 C-suite level and senior executives in the region said they would consider investing in Kenya, tying the country with Ghana in fourth spot of preferred destinations of capital, behind South Africa (50 percent), Nigeria (30 percent) and Tanzania (15 percent).

Deal makers expect to ramp up investments into sub-Saharan Africa in the next two years, with economies such as South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya that serve as regional investment hubs expected to benefit the most from this positive trend.

The survey findings show they expect the oil and gas, consumer goods, mining, fintech and industrial sectors to attract the bulk of inward investment.

The respondent group was divided equally between domestic investors (based in SSA) and international investors, comprising a 70 percent to 30 percent mix of strategic and financial investors respectively.

Analysis by KPMG shows that the SSA region reported mergers and acquisitions worth \$19.2 billion (Sh2.87 trillion) last year, from a reported 297 deals.

"Just under three-quarters of respondents (74 percent) say they are considering an acquisition or investment in SSA in the next two years, including 71 percent of in-

Sector	Projects	Jobs	Value in USD (M)
Agriculture	3	451	5.27
Commercial Building	1	200	120
Energy	1	10	7.83
Human Resource	1	15	0.53
Manufacturing	10	2,115	116.49
Transportation	9	1,767	123.91
TOTAL	25	4,558	374.03

ternational buyers who report this. Additionally, 77 percent of all respondents are considering injecting more capital into existing acquisitions, indicating a commitment to expanding their presence in this part of the world," said KPMG in the survey.

The executives were surveyed based on their experience in deal making in SSA over the last four years.

The findings have come against the background of capital flight from the region due to high returns on offer in developed markets.

Weakening currencies, including, have also made investors wary of committing capital in the region, due to exchange losses when repatriating dividends.

Shortages of hard currency have also made it

more difficult to move returns out of the continent.

The solution, according to KPMG, is for investors to adopt a longer investment horizon when committing to regional acquisitions, with a willingness to reinvest dividends and profits when the cyclical forex shortages strike.



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## Ghanaian beverage firm eyes Tanzania market

By Guardian Reporter

KASAPREKO, a beverage firm based in Accra, Ghana, has talked of plans to open a branch in Tanzania in an effort to expand its business market in the East Africa region.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the East Africa International Trade Exhibition, Food and Kitchen Africa, Kasapreko, International Business Development Executive, Jeffrey Arthur said that they have already entered Kenya and the business is promising.

"This company is located in Accra, Ghana. We are looking forward to entering into the East Africa Market as we speak. Just last month we opened a branch in Kenya," he said.

He said: "Canary International general trading in Kenya is our main agent for importation and distribution of all our products in East Africa including Tanzania and we are looking forward to seeing all wholesalers and retailers in Tanzania to buy our products through Canary."

He said that the company is distributing his products to 15 different countries in Africa and in Europe such as Switzerland and the United States of America (USA).

"Our products are in Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Togo just to mention a few but we will continue to expand business and penetrate to the East African market," he added.

Arthur pointed out that the Tanzania beverages drinks market statistics

showed that this nation has a good number of drinkers who preferred to drink organic original manufacturing drinks such as spirits and wines.

He noted that the company has also built a manufacturing plant in Nigeria as a way to reduce the cost of production while making the drinks more affordable to middle income people in East, west and Africa at large.

Arthur added that their products originate from organic beverages manufacturing from cassava and other related African prices and it has no hangover at all.

"These drinks target middle- and low-income people because the price is affordable but with high quality and is there to save the majority of social economic class including Tanzanians," he elaborated.

He noted that the company current capacity of manufacturing is 600,000 bottles per hour and this is due to boasting a state-of-the-art production facility and higher trained experts with vast experience in the industry of beverages.

Kasapreko stands as a beacon of quality, innovation, and heritage of the global export reach, and an iconic flagship product, Alomo Bitters.

The visionary Dr Kwabena Adjei started this journey from the garage as he saw a vision that now stands as the only Ghanaian owned in Ghana that produces herbal based alcoholic and non-alcoholic products.

Moved by the increasing demand of quality alcoholic products, Kasapreko Company Ltd was founded in 1989 with the niche in producing herbal based alcoholic products sourced locally.

## Vulnerable children equipped with business, ICT skills

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

ILULA Child and Youth Development Center, under the Evangelistic Assemblies of God Tanzania (EAGT) in collaboration with Compassion International Tanzania have introduced a new programme aimed at training vulnerable children to be economically independent and thrive in an increasingly digitized world.

Bujo Paight, EAGT- Ilula Child and Youth Development Center, coordinator said yesterday that under the programme, the vulnerable children are trained on computer applications, tailoring, welding and weaving as part of life skills courses.

"Under the programme, we also provided them with mentorship and coaching on various aspects relating to the business they want to set up, which help them to introduce new products and right now they are looking for customers to purchase what they have in their localities," he said.

"As EAGT- Ilula center, we're very happy for what has been achieved because we have managed to support youth and children living in extreme poverty in terms of education to transform their dream into practice and start new businesses," he said.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from Ilula cen-



Vulnerable children participate in making various handmade goods

tre and compassion have been able to come up with new innovative solutions to solve community challenges and make quality admired handcraft products that can be sold within the country and overseas and assist them to earn cash," he said.

Also have been able to develop message App for communication and stitch clothes for them and sell it.

"Right now are looking for customers to purchase their handcraft to enable them earn cash to improve their livelihood," he said.

Currently Evangelistic Assemblies of God Tanzania (EAGT)- Ilula center has 400 vulnerable children.

"To start with, 43 vulnerable children have been trained on computer applications, tailoring, welding and weaving and have been able to transform their vision into practice," he said.

Paight said, Compassion International Tanzania (CIT) is part of Compassion International, Inc.-the worldwide Christian nongovernmental organization dedicated to child development and advocacy.

CIT began its operation in 1999. Twenty (20) years after the start, CIT have grown into one of the largest Christ-centered, church-based, and child-focused advocacy and development organizations in Tanzania.

They are a child-advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty to release the children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty.

In Tanzania Compassion operates in more than 80 districts of 21 regions through working with church partners.

They currently partner with more than 500 churches across the country directly sponsoring more than 104,000 children and youth from poor families.

Compassion is committed to ensuring access to education to vulnerable children and youth. "Through our child sponsorship program, we offer children in poverty opportunity to go to school, we give them the chance to change the facts about education and change their future. They receive textbooks, uniforms and fees," he said.

They may also receive tutoring with their homework and spiritual and emotional support when things get tough.

Apart from that, vulnerable children are supported in terms of health insurance, supported to access basic needs and enrolled into schools, colleges and university level.



## DIGITAL MARKETING

## The second coming – Meta's ray bans

By Alley Mtatya

EARLY last year, I wrote a piece on Meta's Quest glasses that were launched in 2021 that were equipped with advanced technology and meant to keep users grounded but engaged in an advanced world. Of which unfortunately that investment did not pay off as expected.

On the 28th of September 2023, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg launched the new Ray-Ban smart glasses at the Meta Connect 2023 event, making it the second coming after the 2021 launch. Will this second attempt pay off for Meta. But what has improved? The cameras, microphones and speakers have all been upgraded and improved this time, to mention a few. They're light weight compared to the bulky ones released in 2021. Their a fashion statement with class and technology combined. They come equipped with a brand-new Qualcomm chip inside, which makes it reign-in as one of the most advanced smart glasses in the market.

Few functions include - taking calls, listening to music, snapping photos and shooting videos, stream your own podcast, live streaming to Facebook or Instagram and responding to "Hey Meta" with built in Meta AI and Chatbot to answer your most curious questions. While you're live-streaming on the Meta platform of your choice, a button to activate the camera appears so that you can switch from your phone's camera to your smart glasses. This new capability is more geared towards influencers and content creators. The Ray Bans can sync with your Facebook, Instagram and other platforms on your mobile phone as you operate such features like posting pics or videos or streaming straight to your account.

This is a great platform for content creators and social media influencers as they can stream their client's promotional campaigns and adverts live and with an



original twist as viewers watch. As long as their phone is connected to the Ray Bans. Content creators can give us the best of both worlds, from the audience's side giving that needed reaction and from the creators view almost like a live news anchor.

Meta's Ray-Ban sunglasses have influencer written all over them. In this fast-paced digital marketing landscape, unlocking the potential of podcast or influencer collaborations via these Meta Ray-Bans is a game-changer for brands seeking to elevate their presence and connect with a wider audience. This is truly where authenticity meets innovation, and where the impact of influential advertising can transcend boundaries.

This collaboration will allow influencers to create personalized social media posts/streams that seamlessly integrate the client's product or service into their daily lives in a personalized way. These posts will resonate with their followers as well as showcase an offering that will be an authentic part of their lifestyle. Building

authentic relationships with brand ambassadors is the key focus of the smart glasses. These influencers whom consistently represent your brand by aligning with the organizations values and becoming the recognizable face of the company to their dedicated followers.

Podcasts have been a growing activity over the years. Big brands in the beverage industry are investing on this style of advertising as they know that all eyes are on heated topic discussions. Specially if it involves the current state of the culture. Just recently I read about two popular podcasts in the US that received multi-million dollar endorsement deals. These podcasts have a huge influence on the culture. Most of the interviews or discussions that took place on these podcasts have trended across the world. The nature of podcasts is to work with who or what is hot in the current state of the culture. Furthermore, the interviews are provocative, nostalgic, cause a stir and become the talk on all social media platforms. I recall watching and following up on one popular podcast earlier this year, during its peak trend. It had 3 million views in the first 12 hours of the show and went up to 11 million views a week later.

This brings me back to my earlier statement, "Meta's Ray-Bans, is a game changer for content creators". Content creators are now a one-man business, without having to use bulky phones, video recorders or cameras.

Influencers go above and beyond to find lucrative opportunities by advertising a client's brand authentically. Harnessing the power of such social media technologies to influence or seek to spark change and raise awareness. In mirroring this forward-thinking mindset, creators must harness these latest technologies to help promote their client's brand. In doing so, they operate more efficiently while also developing quality content that is authentic and trustworthy.

Meta will also market these smart glasses to the general public for daily use. Moreover, they will mostly be directed or targeted at content creators for a more professional use. The sale of the devices will leverage or increase the use of their social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp) there by generating more revenue for Meta in the long run. More of such devices are already or will be coming into the market from the likes of Google, Apple, Xiaomi, Snapchat and so forth.

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## Climate-aware investing is crucial to financial security

By Tom Jeffery, Katie Roberts &amp; Glenn Anderson

THE emissions covered by decarbonisation pledges rose by 70 percent of global emissions between 2017 and 2022, according to data from the International Energy Agency.

Now investors must play their part, not only by reducing their own portfolio carbon footprints but also by holding governments, issuers and asset managers accountable to those pledges.

Each investor's journey will be different, with some at more advanced stages than others. Many are constrained by regulations, while others may choose to prioritise alternative corporate objectives. Fiduciary duties may also influence the speed at which asset owners decarbonise their investment portfolios, along with the level of beneficiary and client scrutiny, the organisational asset-liability profile and available resources to implement changes, which will ultimately meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Decarbonisation techniques

There are two main avenues towards net zero for investors - decarbonising the aggregate investment portfolio and investing in climate solutions. In the first instance, a modular approach to decarbonise portfolios offers investors four levers to influence climate outcomes (Figure 1). These tools can be applied on their own but are generally used together to optimise results.

Investing in climate solutions includes products and services for ensuring a smoother energy transition. Issuers in this category focus on two goals - wider adoption of existing ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and innovations required to meet net zero targets. These strategies generally focus on five broad industry groups: transportation, power, industry, buildings and consumer.

How investors choose to gauge their climate-aware investing strategy depends on their initial baselines and portfolio ambitions.

Unsurprisingly, a proliferation of portfolio emissions regulations, policies, guidelines and other tools have emerged globally over the past decade to help strengthen the reliability, transparency and accountability of key performance indicators. However, they can be difficult to decipher.

Greening portfolios

Data and framework availability, regulatory support and organisational constraints dictate that investors often do not have the resources to implement a decarbonisation strategy for the aggregate portfolio all at once. Therefore, they need to prioritise investment mandates deemed to be the most achievable to decarbonise.

Of all asset classes, listed equities - particularly in developed economies - are perhaps the starting point to decarbonise for most organisations due to the relative availability, comparability and reliability of data, more established investment best practices and regulatory and corporate support frameworks.

However, listed equities account for less than a quarter of total emissions, according to estimates by the Climate Accountability Institute. The global fixed income market also offers investors attractive decarbonisation opportunities. It is larger in terms of total outstanding debt in 2021 at \$123.5tn compared to the global equity market capitalisation of \$105.8tn with annual issuance that also dwarfs that of equities.

Furthermore, managing a climate-aware portfolio cannot be limited to public markets. Standards must be just as rigorous when investing in private markets. Otherwise, issuers and asset owners can sidestep public scrutiny by shifting into the private sphere, undermining long-term sustainability goals along the way.

Comparing passive, systematic and active fundamental strategies

Choosing the right implementation approach to advance climate ambitions is the next key component of the decarbonisation pathway. Every decision is an active one, whether investors use indexing, systematic (rules-based) or active fundamental strategies.

Even when tracking an index, investors must decide whether to use a Paris-aligned benchmark, a climate transition benchmark or a bespoke benchmark. These decisions involve trade-offs between non-financial goals, such as the pace of portfolio decarbonisation, and financial goals, including risk appetite, tracking error

and volatility limits.

How investors transition their climate-aware investing portfolio depends on the nature of the decarbonisation pathway, along with other factors such as the organisational governance structure, implementation budgets and investment horizon. Figure 2 compares three common implementation strategies against specific outcomes.

One of the difficulties when indexing, for example, is how to divest an issuer if engagement fails within a certain time period. In general, neither the asset manager nor the asset owner has direct control over the construction of most indices. One solution is to underweight, and some asset managers are exploring ways to use shorting to influence corporate behaviours.

On the other hand, active fundamental strategies require closer monitoring of asset managers to ensure alignment to investors' climate goals, relative to indexing and systematic approaches. However, regulatory changes combined with technological advances potentially are making that task easier and more granular.

Generational investing

Undoubtedly this is one of the most difficult tasks facing investors, though it is also one of the most crucial to leave beneficiaries, clients, employees and future generations with financial security that is grounded in a sustainable economy. Traditionally, sustainability has been viewed as separate from an organisation's financial security, with many investors reluctant to introduce and implement portfolio decarbonisation targets because of concerns that they may negatively affect returns. We disagree.

We believe financial security relies on the wellbeing of the ecosystem. Therefore, tackling climate change should not be considered an 'add-on' but a necessary component of financial security.

And just like the net zero transition itself, the longer the wait the higher the cost and the more volatility to be expected.

As well as being the right thing to do for the planet, climate-aware investing is a critical alignment of long-term fiduciary interests.

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## US dollar increases on high-bond yields

SINGAPORE

JAPAN'S yen weakened briefly on Monday to the 150-per-dollar level, as elevated US Treasury yields kept the dollar supported across the board but without pushing it too much higher.

Investors are waiting for several events this week, including the European Central Bank meeting, and the release of US GDP data and the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge.

Besides that, the risk of Israel's war on the Islamist group Hamas becoming a wider regional conflict is keeping markets on edge, as Israeli air strikes battered Gaza early on Monday, and the United States dispatched more military assets to the region.

US Treasuries are also at the forefront of investors' minds, with 10-year yields around 4.982 percent, having briefly popped above 5 percent last week after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said

the US economy's strength and hot labour markets might warrant tighter financial conditions.

The dollar index firmed a fraction to 106.23, with the euro down 0.1 percent at \$1.0586, and sterling flat at \$1.21620.

Even though it hasn't risen lockstep with yields, the dollar has been underpinned by the steady rise in yields at the long end of the US Treasuries curve, driven by widening term premiums on expectations of stronger growth and fiscal slippage.

Since mid-July, the trade-weighted dollar index is up 6.7 percent but has been nearly steady this month.

"On paper, it should be a good week for the dollar. US GDP should come in at over 4 percent and the Fed's preferred measure of inflation should still be running hot," said Chris Turner, ING's global head of markets.

"In Europe, PMIs and the ECB bank lending survey should show an economy mired in stagnation, if not recession."





# Financial management skills transforming youths, women

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

TRAINING on financial management has brought in positive results to Youth and Women Emancipation (YAWE)'s members.

Vicent Laurent, YAWE's executive director said this last week at the just-ended Data Driven Advocacy (DDA) learning event that took place in Dar es Salaam that the training focused on how to write the best project proposal and human resource management has.

The training was offered free of charge by Freedom House Inc-Tanzania and Pact Tanzania through Data Driven Advocacy project for two years with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Through the knowledge and skills gained from Pact Tanzania and Freedom House, participants are now knowledgeable on planning, controlling, organizing and directing an organisation's financial activities something that was not the case in the past.

Also they have been able to obtain new seven years project dubbed: 'React-in Project', to be implemented in Meatu and Maswa District, Simiyu Region.

During the implementation of 'React-in Project', they will address nutrition and reproductive health issues to children under 5 years of age, adolescents, pregnant women and breastfeeding women in both district.

Apart from that, YAWE's staff also trained on monitoring and evaluation, adaptive management and organizational communication strategy.

Through the knowledge they have been able to improve their human resource policy, procurement and financial policy, child safeguarding policy, develop a five-years Organisation's Strategic Plan and develop new monitoring and evaluation framework.

Also YAWE's youth have been able to participate to prepare National Coordination Framework for Youth Development Initiative.

"Before Pact Tanzania and freedom house intervention, issues relating to financial management were the main challenge, people are in darkness, it wasn't easy to secure big projects, lack of enough finance to support our project and we have poor financial management system," he said.

He expressed thanks to USAID, Pact Tanzania and Freedom house to introduce capacity development training that in turn has helped them to secure a seven-year project, improve its financial management system and its organizational governance and performance.

YAWE is the youth-led agency established on the ground of understanding the central role of youth and women in society espe-

cially on bringing stability, process and long-term development of nations.

YAWE members decide to form this organization so as to promote community's development for current and future generation.

For his part, Daniel Lema, Freedom House Inc-Tanzania, chief of Party added that DDA project was established in 2017 to improve and sustain Tanzanian Civil Society's ability to advocate for and influence policy on key national human rights issues using higher-quality data and information to drive results.

The activity provides mentorship and technical assistance to rights-focused civil society organizations in data collection, evidence-based advocacy and digital and physical protection.

According to him, DDA helps CSOs build or strengthen platforms for coordination with stakeholders and strengthen institutional capacity. It also provides CSOs with resources and mentorship to engage the government and encourage a more inclusive, data-driven, human rights focused policy making process.

He expressed thanks to CSOs and groups of people who have participated to implement DDA project including USAID office specifically Bret Saalwaechter, director of democracy, rights and good governance USAID/Tanzania and Adam

"It is from their commitment and tireless work they are able to stand here today to celebrate results, outcomes and impacts they have achieved through DDA activities implementation," he said.

# Traders urged to use Chinese technology to establish industries

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN business persons who travel and import various products from China have been advised to import Chinese technology to establish industries in the country instead of relying solely on importing finished goods.

The call was made by the Consulate General of Tanzania in Guangzhou, China Khatib Makenga, while speaking to Tanzanian delegation participated the Canton Trade Fair, showcasing China's imports and exports.

The trip was organized by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) through its Business Club known as NBC B-Club.

NBC Bank's Product and Service Manager, Jonathan Bitababaje, who led the delegation, said that during their discussions with the Counsel, it was emphasized the need for Tanzanians to establishing industries in Tanzania instead of relying solely on importing products from China.

"According to the Consulate General, China has different sizes of technology, so Tanzanians have the opportunity to look at the technology they can afford, including simple technology that will enable them to produce some small products here in the country," quoted Bitababaje, noting that the bank is ready to facilitate financing.

"I urge businesses to continue taking advantage of these trips that come through the coordination of NBC B-Club, as we expect to have other similar trips to China in April and October next year. Unlike China, we will also have trips to Europe, Asia, and some African countries," he added.

Apart from attending the recently concluded Canton Trade Fair in Guangzhou, China, the businesspersons had the privilege of engaging with authentic manufacturers, to acquire fresh insights into advanced technologies and explore new avenues of business collaboration and market expansion with their Chinese counterparts.

Notably, the delegates had the chance to explore Egypt's tourist attractions and historic sites while en route to and from China

"Furthermore, during our stay in China, we had the privilege of engaging with prominent figures in the business community, including owners of both large and small factories. Our delegates benefitted from exposure to advanced technologies, establishing valuable connections with their Chinese counterparts," he said.

According to him, some participants procured much-needed machinery and tools, while others forged new alliances in the business realm.

"We ardently anticipate witnessing the fruits of their endeavors through new investments and the establishment of factories," he remarked.

According to Bitababaje they had the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Ambassador of Tanzania in China, who, urged traders to establish industries in Tanzania instead of relying importing goods from China.

Speaking on behalf of the other businesses, Engineer Renatusi Porini and Sarah Munuo, expressed their personal gains from the trip.

"The way we returned today is not the same as when we embarked on this journey! During our time in both China and Egypt, we explored a variety of areas, including factories. Importantly, I, as an engineer, have acquired novel materials and construction technologies that hold immense significance for my business," Engineer Porini expressed his gratitude.

The bank's enriching expedition to China has undoubtedly provided the delegates with transformative opportunities, paving the way for remarkable progress in their respective businesses.

According to Sarah Munuo, the indomitable spirit of collaboration and the pursuit of innovative solutions will undoubtedly propel them towards remarkable success on their entrepreneurial journey.

# Sahara Energy Geneva adopting beehives to promote sustainability

GENEVA

IN line with Sahara Group's commitment to protecting the environment, Sahara Energy International, Geneva is working with APIDAE on bee conservation to support efforts geared towards promoting biodiversity and sustainability across the globe.

Sahara Energy Geneva is a subsidiary of leading energy conglomerate Sahara Group and APIDAE, a non-profit organization sets up beehives on behalf of companies across Switzerland to raise awareness about the decline in biodiversity.

According to National Geographic, 80 percent of winged invertebrates have disappeared in Western Europe over the last 30 years. 45 percent of bees are on the brink of extinction in Switzerland. Experts say this dismal trend in loss of biodiversity is inimical to the future of humanity given the critical role bees play in human existence.

Kola Motajo, Director, Sahara Group, said the fact that bees are responsible for pollinating more than 70 percent of the world's crops, makes them essential for food production and biodiversity. "For us at Sahara, supporting bee conservation ultimately helps to address hunger and food security, which is one of the sustainable development goals. We believe that this collaboration with APIDAE not only aligns with our sustainability efforts, but also help in creating a more sustainable future as we aim make a difference on the environment," he said.

Motajo said Sahara Energy Geneva adopted two beehives and hoped that its partnership with APIDAE would inspire other companies and individuals to join the movement towards sustainable practices that would help

safeguard the environment for future generations.

"The Sahara team courageously visited the hives to raise awareness on how bees contribute to complex, interconnected ecosystems that allow many different species to co-exist. The exercise provided a platform to celebrate our diversity, making our people more connected to our vision of bringing energy to life responsibly. We also had the opportunity to harvest honey; this was a befitting and sweet end to what was a life-changing activity for us," he added.

Speaking on the collaboration with Sahara Energy Geneva, Tanguy Coustaline, Director, APIDAE, said the organization had in addition to its ecological commitment, launched a program of inclusion through beekeeping, which consists of training migrants or people in precarious situations to become beekeepers, while at the same time compensating them.

"It was this dual ecological and social commitment that convinced Sahara Group to support APIDAE by adopting two beehives in the Geneva countryside," he added.



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# Entrepreneurs to get guarantees of digital financing

By Henry Mwangonde

LOCAL microfinance company-Victoria Finance and the Private Agricultural Sector Support - PASS Trust have partnered to offer digital loans to agricultural entrepreneurs through the PASS Digital Credit Guarantee.

Speaking at the signing ceremony yesterday, Victoria Finance Managing Director Julius Mcharo said the company came up with the digital lending product to serve the financial needs of smallholder farmers and SMEs operating within the agricultural value chain.

"Our mission is to provide entrepreneurs with the working capital they need to thrive in the agricultural sector, these loans are specifically designed to support harvest costs, processing expenses, and warehousing costs to enable entrepreneurs to achieve greater success in their ventures," he said.

He said in recognizing the unique challenges faced by these entrepreneurs, the institution has developed a range of short-term loan products to bolster their businesses much faster, efficiently and sustainably.

Through the initiative, Entrepreneurs can access loans ranging from Tanzania Shillings 100,000/- to 1mn/- tailored to meet their unique financial requirements.

Also, the loan amount can be swiftly disbursed directly to the recipient's

mobile number, ensuring accessibility and ease of use for the customers but also facilitate easy repayment.

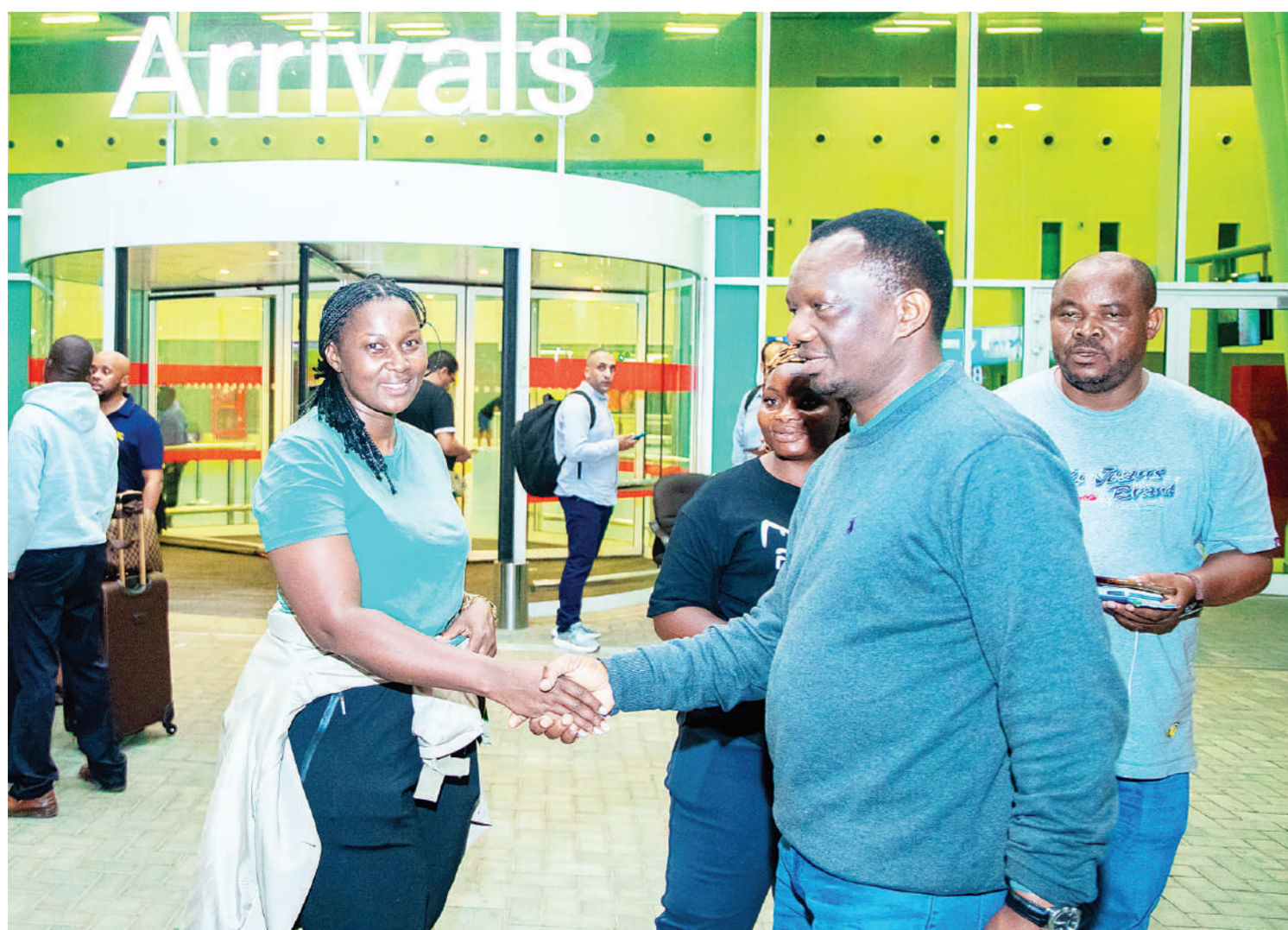
The Managing Director of PASS Trust, Yohane Kaduma, said partnership between PASS and Victoria Finance exemplifies the microfinance's commitment to empowering agricultural entrepreneurs, fostering growth in the agriculture value chain, and contributing to the economic development of Tanzania.

"We firmly believe that the agricultural sector is the backbone of Tanzania economy, and our partnership with Victoria Finance is the testament to support agricultural entrepreneurs," he said.

He said at the company offers digital credit guarantees through mobile phone, enabling farmers to access crucial financial support from financial institutions.



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NBC Bank's Product and Service Manager, Jonathan Bitababaje (R) welcomes back one of the businesspersons returning from Canton Trade Fair in China at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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## WORLD

# Israeli forces mass near Gaza as Netanyahu warns Hezbollah

JERUSALEM / CAIRO

ISRAEL was stepping up its attacks on the Gaza Strip ahead of an anticipated ground invasion of the Palestinian enclave, said the Israeli military on Sunday, amid escalating tensions also on the country's northern front and in the occupied West Bank.

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Spokesman Daniel Hagari said the military was "intensifying air strikes on the Gaza Strip," adding that "dozens" of Hamas militants were killed overnight, including Muhammad Qatmash, who was identified as the deputy head of Hamas' artillery array in Gaza.

Hagari also updated the number of known hostages being held in the Gaza Strip to 212. In addition, the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, as it entered the 16th day, has led to more than 6,000 deaths on both sides.

The death toll of Palestinians from Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip has risen to 4,651, the Hamas-run Health Ministry said on Sunday. It added that 14,245 Palestinians were wounded in the coastal enclave.

More Israeli soldiers were kitted out in full combat gear along the security fence with Gaza in preparation for a possible ground offensive against the Palestinian enclave.

Meanwhile, the Gaza-ruling Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) continued its strikes on Israeli forces despite the odds of a broader war seeming perilously high.

In a press statement, Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, said its fighters carried out "a tight ambush" against Israeli troops "east of Khan Yunis," a southern Gazan city, on Sunday, killing at least one Israeli soldier.

The Israeli army confirmed that one of

its soldiers was killed and three others injured by an anti-tank missile launched from Gaza. The missile targeted a tank and an engineering vehicle near Kibbutz Kissufim, an Israeli community in the vicinity of the Palestinian enclave.

It noted that the troops were ambushed while carrying out an operation as "part of the effort to dismantle terrorist infrastructure, clear the area, and locate missing persons and bodies."

Also on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while visiting troops near the border with Lebanon, warned Hezbollah, an Iran-backed Lebanese armed group and political party, against opening a second war front with Israel.

"If Hezbollah decides to enter the war, it will be making the mistake of its life. We will strike it with a force that it cannot even imagine, that will be destructive for the Lebanese state," he cautioned.

In an interview with the local MTV channel on Sunday, Lebanese Foreign Minister Abdallah Bou Habib reaffirmed that Hezbollah will not intervene in the Israel-Hamas conflict unless Israel launches a large-scale invasion of Gaza or a heavy attack on Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military said in a statement that it carried out four rounds of attacks, including two drone attacks, targeting Hezbollah posts after anti-tank missiles were fired from Lebanon toward Israel.

According to Israel's state-owned Kan TV news, at least 11 Hezbollah militants were killed by Israeli fire since Saturday night.

## 'Powder keg'

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Sunday warned that the region had turned into a "pow-



Israeli soldiers make preparations in front of Merkava tanks as they man a position at an undisclosed location on the border with Lebanon on Sunday. AFP

der keg" and any miscalculation by Israel and its supporters could lead to "heavy and bitter" consequences for them.

He made the remarks at a joint press conference with visiting South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor following their meeting in the Iranian capital Tehran earlier in the day, during which they discussed bilateral ties and regional issues, according to the Iranian Students' News Agency.

Amir-Abdollahian criticized US President Joe Biden's recent visit to Israel and his announcement to supply a large number of weapons to Israel.

As cross-border fighting between Israel and militants in southern Lebanon intensified, Israel on Sunday announced plans to evacuate 14 more communities near the northern border.

## Evacuations

The communities are primarily consisting of cooperative farms and kibbutzim (villages), the Israeli Defense Ministry said in a statement, adding that regional municipalities have been informed and instructed to prepare for the evacuation.

On Friday, the Defense Ministry told residents of Kiryat Shmona, a northern Israeli city with a population of about 22,000 people close to the Lebanese border, to evacuate.

In the occupied West Bank, Israel carried out earlier in the day a rare air strike on Al-Ansar mosque, which the IDF claimed to be a hideout of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) members.

The strike killed two militants and raised the death toll of Palestinians killed by Israeli

forces in the West Bank to 93 since Oct 7, according to the Ramallah-based Palestinian Health Ministry.

The airstrike targeted "an underground compound" in the mosque, located in Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank, according to a joint statement released by Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency and army. They claimed that Hamas and PIJ operatives were "organizing an imminent terror attack" there.

In addition, at nightfall, two Palestinians, including a teenager, were killed during clashes with Israeli forces in the town of Zawiata, west of the West Bank city of Nablus.

## Egyptian soldiers injured

Meanwhile, a number of Egyptian soldiers were slightly injured on Sunday by fragments of an Israeli tank shell that accidentally hit an Egyptian army watchtower along the border, according to a statement from the Egyptian army.

The statement added that the incident took place amid heavy fighting between Israel and Hamas, a Palestinian Islamist group, in Gaza.

It noted that the Israeli side expressed its regret over the unintentional incident immediately after it occurred, and an investigation is underway into the incident.

Earlier, Israel Defense Forces confirmed in a statement that an Israeli tank "accidentally" fired and hit an Egyptian military post on Sunday, which is located near the Israel-Egypt border and southern Gaza Strip.

In the statement, the Israeli military also expressed "sorrow regarding the incident," adding that "the incident is being investigated and the details are under review." **Agencies**

## India, Germany have wonderful cooperation, great future awaits two countries -Ambassador Ackermann

NEW DELHI

GERMAN Ambassador to India Philipp Ackermann has said India, Germany have had wonderful cooperation so far and a great future awaits the two countries.

"I see a great future. We have a wonderful cooperation so far. I see great room for intensified cooperation when it comes to business and more investments...I see more activities in the field of green

and sustainable development, we have a partnership together...I see a great chance in migration...We have concluded a migration mobility partnership with the Indian government," the German Ambassador said while speaking on India-Germany ties.

Ackermann (pictured) was in Delhi's Nehru Park for the G20 tree plantation ceremony.

He said: "It is a highly symbolic event. The G20 this year was a

green G20 to a certain extent and it has to become greener. The Delhi Declaration reflects the 'Greenness' of the G20..."

He further said that the current geopolitical circumstances

are very difficult. "Under these circumstances, the Indian presidency did a miracle in coming up with this declaration, covering all important aspects in a very satisfactory way...I have to congratulate the Indian presidency for this declaration which is a meaningful declaration that sets the tone for the future G20 presidencies."

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar at the tree plantation ceremony said

the G20 bridged strong positions, deep divides and turned out to be far better than most people expected.

"About 3 weeks ago, I was in New York for the United Nations General Assembly. I must share with you that the G20 was very much the subject of conversation. A lot of people were still a little surprised that the G20 could bridge what were strong positions and deep divides," the EAM said. **ANI**



TOKYO

THE Japanese government will retain its course toward resolving the territorial issue and concluding a peace treaty with Russia despite current difficulties in Japanese-Russian relations, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in his keynote address at a plenary session of the parliament's lower chamber.

"Japanese-Russian ties are in grave condition, however, we will continue the policy course directed at resolving

## Japan to remain on track to conclude peace treaty with Russia – PM

the territorial issue and signing a peace treaty," he noted. The Japanese prime minister has also criticized Russia's actions in Ukraine.

For decades, Moscow and Tokyo have been holding consultations in order to clinch a peace treaty as a follow-up to World War II.

The southern Kuril Islands issue remains the key sticking point. In 1945, the



whole archipelago was handed over to the Soviet Union. Tokyo laid claims to Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan and a group of uninhabited islands.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has repeatedly stated that Moscow's sovereignty over the islands is enshrined in international law and cannot be called into question.

In March 2022, the Russian Foreign

Ministry announced that Moscow was terminating peace treaty talks with Tokyo due to the unilateral restrictions that Japan had imposed on Russia over the situation in Ukraine.

Additionally, Russia withdrew from dialogue with Japan on joint economic activities on the southern Kuril Islands and blocked the extension of Japan's status as a sectoral dialogue partner of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

**Agencies**

THE 2023 World Conference on VR (virtual reality) Industry opened in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi province on Oct. 19.

Since its first edition in 2018, the VR industry conference has been held annually in Nanchang. During the past five editions of the conference, 562 projects were signed with a total amount of 336.6 billion yuan (\$46.05 billion). A national vocational education virtual simulation demonstration training base and the National Virtual Reality Innovation Center have been set up in Jiangxi.

In recent years, with the continuous convergence of quality resources such as VR projects, technologies, talents, and funds, Jiangxi province has been emerging as a prominent hub for the VR industry.

## Jiangxi province drives innovation, development in VR Industry

Now, the province is home to more than 400 VR enterprises, and the revenue of VR and relevant industries surged from 4.2 billion yuan in 2018 to 81.2 billion last year.

Jiangxi-based automobile manufacturer Jiangling Motors Corporation Limited, or JMC, has an intelligent 5G factory that produces special purpose vehicles.

"Through innovative applications such as VR inspections, we have achieved automatic equipment failure warnings and reduced inspection time by approximately 30 percent," said Yan Zongming, general manager of the company that retrofitted the factory.

According to Yan, China Unicom, one of the largest telecommunications operators in China, landed a VR/AR (augmented reality) base in Jiangxi province in 2020, which attracted over 10 relevant companies to settle in. These enterprises are engaged in various fields including software and hardware development, big data analysis and digital twin.

Thanks to this strong ecosystem, the revenue of Yan's company jumped from around a million yuan when it just started to 21.54 million yuan in 2022.

Jiangxi takes VR as a key industry. It not only promotes integrated development of the industry's capital chain, inno-

vation chain, and industrial chain, but also strives to promote complementary development between the VR industry and other advantageous sectors, such as electronic information, the Internet of Things (IoT), and big data.

In a workshop of Pimax Nanchang, mainly engaged in the production and manufacture of VR headsets, three production lines were seen working simultaneously.

Li Jie, vice president of the company, said that optical modules needed by the company are supplied by the Nanchang production base of Ofilm Group, and the company's VR contents come from

Nanchang-based Tellhow Creative Technology Group.

According to him, Pimax Nanchang is thriving thanks to the local VR industry cluster and the sound collaboration among relevant enterprises.

The revenue of the company stood at 11.31 million yuan in 2022 and is expected to reach 20 million this year.

In Jiangxi province, VR and relevant technologies are now applied in a number of scenarios, boosting the development of various industries. For instance, students can "repair" a vehicle with VR controllers, and with VR equipment, R&D personnel can significantly improve their work perfor-

mance and efficiency.

"Learning a skill well requires a lot of practice, and simulation training helps us make up for the lack of hands-on experience," said Zhou Tao, a student majoring in urban rail transit operation and management at Jiangxi Modern Polytechnic College, who joined a half-month training at the national vocational education virtual simulation demonstration training base in Nanchang.

"Through VR technology, we can familiarize ourselves with the structures of vehicle equipment components in the classroom," he added.

At present, the base provides

training for 26 vocational education courses in nine major categories including equipment manufacturing, transportation, and healthcare.

Upon full operation, the base will be able to train 100,000 people each year and bring an enormous market of at least 200 million yuan.

A demonstration agriculture base in Jiangxi province has developed a metaverse online shop that allows customers to "pick" fruits and vegetables on their mobile phones.

After customers enter a virtual version of the farm on a mobile application and select the fruits and vegetables they want, robots would pick, pack and then mail them to customers.

**People's Daily**

## Indonesia presidential aspirant Prabowo picks Jokowi's son as VP

JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S defense minister and presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto on Sunday announced incumbent leader Joko Widodo's eldest son as his running mate for next year's election.

The choice of Gibran Rakabuming Raka, 36 (pictured), could be a boost for Prabowo's campaign due to Jokowi's huge popularity, even amid outrage this week over a court decision to change an eligibility requirement that would have prevented Gibran from running.

Speaking after a meeting of his party and its coalition partners, Prabowo told a press conference there had been an agreement to nominate him as presidential candidate and Gibran Rakabuming Raka as vice-presidential candidate.

The world's third-largest democracy will hold simultaneous presidential and legislative elections on Feb 14, with nearly 205 million of Indonesia's more than 270 million population eligible to vote.

Prabowo, 72, has led most opinion polls this year, including two this week, albeit by a narrow margin over the ruling party's Ganjar Pranowo, a former Central Java governor, with ex-Jakarta governor Anies Baswedan a distant third.

Ganjar and Anies, both 54, had signed up for the race on Thursday, the opening day of registration for presidential candidates.

Jokowi said this week he had no involvement in presidential candidates, but political insiders have said the outgoing leader is seeking to retain influence and has been covertly marshalling support for former rival Prabowo, having earlier appeared to have backed Ganjar as the candidate of his PDI-P party.

## Support base

Asked about the possibility of his son's nomination earlier on Sunday, President Jokowi said he will be "leaving it to the political parties' coalition," adding that a parents' job is to pray for their children and give their blessings.

The alliance with Gibran could transfer some of Jokowi's support base to Prabowo and in turn boost the outgoing leader's chances of determining his own legacy by ensuring completion of key economic programs he initiated, some analysts say.

Gibran, the 36-year-old mayor of Surakarta city, stoked controversy following a ruling from a top court that changed the eligibility rules which paved the way for him to stand as a vice presidential candidate.

Political insiders say Gibran's nomination is a way for Jokowi, as the outgoing president is commonly known, to retain influence and say he has been covertly marshalling support for Prabowo, whom he beat twice to win the presidency in 2014 and 2019.

There was no immediate comment from the ruling Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), of which the president and Gibran are listed as members.

Prabowo said he plans to register his candidacy to the election commission on Wednesday Oct 25, which is the last day for registration.

## '20 bridged strong positions, deep divides'

NEW DELHI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar has said the G20 bridged strong positions, deep divides and turned out to be far better than most people expected.

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"Many other countries also took particular satisfaction at the permanent membership of the African Union at the G20. But overall there was a sense in global diplomacy that this G20 actually delivered very substantively on what were the most pressing issues of the day. It turned out far better than most people expected," he added.

India took over the G20 presidency on December 1 last year at the summit in Bali and will continue to hold the mantle till the end of November.

India's theme for the G20 Presidency is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which translates to 'One Earth One Family One Future'.

The EAM said there are two reasons to be satisfied with India's G20 presidency. The first is that "in the totality of global diplomacy at a very difficult time in international politics, G20 was a big plus on the positive side of the global ledger." **ANI**



# China's green BRI illuminates a greener future for world

BEIJING

IN Uzbekistan, a nation blessed with more than 300 sun-drenched days each year, photovoltaic (PV) panels from China are transforming the abundant sunshine into a valuable resource.

"Uzbekistan boasts more than 8 million households with the potential to install rooftop solar power systems, and many government buildings have embraced PV panels," said Durbek Otajonov, a local staff member of LONGi Green Energy Technology Co Ltd, China's solar technology giant.

As Otajonov sees it, a green transition is unfolding in his homeland, facilitated by China's technological advantages and greater connectivity brought by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

In August, a train loaded with PV modules left Xi'an, northwestern province of Shaanxi, for Uzbekistan's Tashkent. These modules will serve a 1-gigawatt PV project in the central Asian country, which will produce 2.4 billion kWh of clean energy annually, helping cut

carbon emissions by up to 2.4 million tonnes.

It was the first special train for exporting PV modules of the Chang'an China-Europe freight train service launched in 2013 when China first proposed the BRI.

For Otajonov and billions of people in BRI partner countries, a greener future is awaiting.

Endeavoring to build a green Silk Road and make green a defining feature for BRI cooperation, China is committed to promoting global green development, in alignment with its domestic efforts of prioritizing sustainable and high-quality development that protects the eco-environment.

China, with a vision of building a community with a shared future for humanity, has been vigorously promoting BRI cooperation in green infrastructure, green energy, and green transportation.

As the BRI cooperation enters into a new stage following a decade of development, China further made "promoting green development" one of the eight major steps to support high-quality BRI



A floral arrangement for the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is seen near Beijing's National Convention Center on Oct 14, 2023. XINHUA

cooperation.

During the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) concluded last week, China has pledged efforts including stepping up support for the BRI International Green Development Coalition, continuing to hold the BRI Green Innovation Conference, and establishing dialogue and exchange mechanisms for the solar industry and a network of experts on green and low-carbon development.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres commented that investments flowing from the Green Silk Road are an important opportunity to fast-track sus-

tainable and climate-resilient development to protect lives and livelihoods.

"The Green Silk Road is an important tool that can help us all pull us out of the dead ends of the past, and set us on a new pathway that benefits people and the planet alike," the UN chief said.

In Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a UAE-China cooperative solar power plant project is expected

to help Abu Dhabi slash its annual carbon dioxide emissions by 2.4 million tonnes.

In Kenya, the China-financed Garissa Solar power plant, the largest solar plant in East Africa, puts the country on the path to achieving green energy sufficiency.

"Renewables are expected to make up half of all power generation by 2050 with China leading the way," reads an article published on the website of the Brookings Institution. It goes on to say that China's clean energy investments through BRI look poised to utterly transform the global clean energy industry.

In September, Chinese new energy vehicle (NEV) manufacturers and suppliers made a strong presence at the bustling showrooms of this year's International Motor Show in Munich, Germany, washing the world with a new wave of technological innovations in green transportation.

Green products, such as NEVs, have gradually replaced traditional cargos of machinery as the main exports carried by the Chang'an China-Europe freight train service, said Yuan Xiaojun from Xi'an Free Trade Port Construction and Operation Co Ltd. Official data showed that, in 2022, China's NEV exports increased 12 times year on year to 679,000 units. In the first eight months of this year, the country exported 727,000 NEVs, an increase of 110 percent from a year ago.

As noted by Zhu Yaming, a consultant with Ernst & Young China, the evolving trend in China's NEV export model is shifting away from exporting complete vehicles and components. It now encompasses the entire industry chain, including research and development, production, supply, and sales.

Xinhua

# EU's sanctions urge continues but experience shows restrictions fail to work – diplomat

MOSCOW

THE European Union's sanctions urge against Russia continues, though the previous experience shows that restrictions do not work, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko said.

"The European Union is constantly searching for new sanctions against Russia. The sanctions urge continues. However, the whole previous experience of sanctions imposed, and I should note that there have already been 11 packages, shows definitely that, first, those sanctions fail to work, second, they cause harm to the European Union itself," he told reporters when commenting on the EU's intention to start consultations on the 12th package of anti-Russia sanctions.

"If any additional restrictive measures are assumed Russia is ready for them and in turn, it will weigh moves for neutralizing those sanctions and imposing response measures if necessary," Grushko added.

The EUObserver portal said on Friday, October 20, that behind-closed-doors talks on a new package of EU anti-Russia sanctions could start shortly. Russian diamonds will be included in the 12th package of EU sanctions against Moscow, according to the portal.



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# Biden, Israeli PM Netanyahu agree to continue flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden held a telephonic conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, with both leaders affirming the need to ensure the continued flow of humanitarian aid and relief materials into Gaza.

The White House shared a statement saying that President Biden called up Netanyahu to discuss developments in Gaza and in the surrounding region.

"The leaders affirmed that there will now be a continued flow of this critical assistance into Gaza," the White House statement said.

Meanwhile, President Biden welcomed the first two convoys of humanitarian assistance since Hamas's October 7 terrorist attack.

According to the statement, the aid has crossed the border into Gaza and



Joe Biden



Benjamin Netanyahu

is being distributed to Palestinians in need.

Moreover, Biden expressed appreciation for Israel's support in helping to accommodate the release of two American hostages.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed on Saturday the release of two US citizens, who were being held hostage by Hamas.

The two Americans released were identified as Judith Tai Raanan and

her 17-year-old daughter, Natali Raanan, both from Chicago, according to CNN.

Their family members said they had been visiting relatives in Nahal Oz, a farming community in southern Israel, and were released on "humanitarian grounds" due to the mother's poor health.

Moreover, the two leaders discussed ongoing efforts to further secure the release of all the remaining hostages, including US citizens, taken by Hamas.

They also discussed the way to provide safe passage for US citizens and other civilians in Gaza who wish to depart, according to the statement.

"The President and the Prime Minister agreed to stay in close touch," the White House statement added.

As Israel continued to pound Hamas in Gaza, at least 14 trucks laden

with items for humanitarian relief entered the Strip through the Rafah crossing on Monday, CNN reported.

These aid trucks were sponsored by the Egyptian Red Crescent and the United Nations.

An official with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Gaza confirmed to CNN that these trucks have been admitted and are currently being off-loaded to proceed to the Gaza storage facilities of UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees.

Earlier on Saturday, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken emphasised on Friday that facilitating the movement of aid into Gaza was among his top priorities over the past week. He noted that they worked diligently with the governments of Israel and Egypt.

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THE sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE) is scheduled to be held at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai) from Nov. 5 to 10.

As the world's first import-themed national-level expo, the CIIE has become a showcase of China's new development paradigm, a platform for high-standard opening-up, and a public good for the whole world.

The first CIIE was held in Shanghai in November 2018. Since then, the CIIE has been held annually in November, becoming an important platform for promoting exchanges and cooperation among enterprises and various parties.

In the previous five editions, 131 countries and international organizations participated in country exhibitions, with nearly 2,000 new products, technologies, and services making their debuts and a total intended turnover reaching nearly \$350 billion.

The sixth CIIE will resume offline country exhibition and invite guest countries of honor. So far, over 60 countries have officially announced their participation in this year's country exhibition. Notably, prominent international organizations, including the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the International Trade Center, have also confirmed their attendance. Approximately 3,000 enterprises will attend the sixth CIIE, too, with total exhibition areas surpassing 360,000 square meters.

According to preliminary statistics, at least dozens of executives from Fortune Global 500 and industry-leading companies will attend the exhibition. Over 330 guests from some 30

# CIIE a public good for whole world



The first "Jinbo" China-Europe freight train carrying exhibits of the sixth China International Import Expo arrives in Shanghai, Oct. 11, 2023. Photo: Shen Chunchen/People's Daily Online

countries and regions are expected to join the Hongqiao International Economic Forum.

This year's CIIE will welcome both new friends that are about to make their debut at the event and old friends that have joined the exhibition before. Among the 3,000 global companies participating this year, approximately 200 companies have been signing up for six consecutive years, and around 400 companies are returning to the expo after a gap of more than two years.

"GE HealthCare is one of the earliest multinational corporations to participate in the CIIE. We've joined every year since the first edition," said Zhong Luyin, chief communications officer of GE HealthCare China.

She noted that the CIIE is a place where cutting edge technologies are showcased, and has become a platform for many healthcare enterprises to debut their new products, frontier technologies and services.

"This year we will launch 10 products and services, in hope to strengthen communication with our partners through this platform," Zhong added.

Many exhibitors have already booked exhibition booths for the 7th CIIE. At a signing ceremony for exhibitors of the 7th CIIE held on Sept. 15, 25 enterprises including GE HealthCare and Panasonic signed con-

tracts or MoUs concerning the exhibition at the 7th CIIE. So far, contracted exhibition area for the CIIE next year has exceeded 40,000 square meters.

As a member of the delegation of centrally-administered state-owned enterprises to the CIIE, China Construction Second Engineering Bureau Co., Ltd. will attend the CIIE for a fifth time this year.

"The CIIE provides us with a platform to purchase global products without leaving the country. The elevators, electrical equipment and other imported products we procured at the CIIE were intelligent and environmentally friendly, providing strong support for our efforts in promoting green and smart construction," said Zhao Guozheng, deputy general manager of East China Branch of China Construction Second Engineering Bureau Co., Ltd. A range of significant opening-up measures have been introduced for the CIIE, which showcases China's confidence and determination in opening up.

According to Sun Chenghai, deputy director of the CIIE Bureau, these measures announced during the expo to facilitate the entry of exhibitors and buyers, to provide tax incentives for retained exhibitors, and to strengthen intellectual property right protection, have optimized the domestic business environment.

This July, the General Administration of

Customs issued 17 measures to facilitate the 6th CIIE. These measures cover the entire process from exhibitor admission to customs clearance and post-exhibition disposal of exhibits.

The 6th CIIE will also expand its scope of exhibition, allowing animal and plant products and food that have not completed inspection and quarantine procedures from countries or regions that are free from animal and plant epidemics to join the exhibition after obtaining special approvals.

Sheng Qiuping, China's vice minister of commerce, said that in the future, China will work to rationally reduce the negative list of foreign investment in pilot free trade zones, and at the same time, promote the introduction of a negative list for cross-border trade in services, and lead the country to continue to expand opening up.

People's Daily

# Operation Ajay: Sixth flight with 143 passengers, including two Nepalese citizens, arrives in New Delhi

NEW DELHI

AS Israel's retaliatory strikes on Hamas in Gaza, following the terror attacks of October 7, entered its 15th day, a sixth flight carrying 143 Indian citizens arrived in New Delhi under 'Operation Ajay' on Sunday night.

The evacuees, who returned by the Indian aircraft, included two Nepalese citizens. Sharing an update from his official handle on X, the spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Arindam Bagchi, posted, "6th #OperationAjay flight lands in New Delhi. 143 passengers, including 2 Nepalese citizens arrived onboard the flight. Welcomed by MoS @SteelMinIndia & @MoRD\_Gol @fskulaste at the airport."

The passengers were received by the Ministry of Steel, the Ministry of Rural Development, and Faggan Singh Kulaste at the New Delhi airport.

The sixth flight carrying Indian nationals departed from Tel Aviv for Delhi on Sunday evening.

'Operation Ajay' is an ongoing Indian operation to evacuate citizens caught up in Israel amid the raging conflict with the terrorist organisation Hamas.

Earlier, the fifth flight carrying 286 Indian nationals, including 18 Nepalese citizens, arrived in New Delhi on Tuesday late night.

So far, about 1,200 passengers, including 18 Nepalese citizens, have been flown back

safely from Israel under 'Operation Ajay' and more flights could be sent as per the requirements, the Ministry of External Affairs informed earlier.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the central government was assessing the situation in Israel amid the ongoing war with Hamas.

He refuted any reports of Indian casualties in Gaza, adding, however, that one Indian national was injured in the attacks.

"I thankfully have not received any reports of any casualty...one Indian national had been injured and is receiving medical care, and I understand her condition is now stable," he said.

The MEA spokesperson stated further that around four Indian nationals are in Gaza while another 12-13 are in West Bank.

"There are around four Indian nationals in Gaza...we don't have exact numbers and are coordinating. There are 12-13 Indian nationals in the West Bank...It's a little tough to get out from Gaza. There are some reports that some have already got out of there, but we will wait for confirmation," he said.

The Indian nationals applauded the ongoing operation to repatriate citizens caught up in the conflict, saying there was support from the Indian embassy and the evacuation process was "nice and quick".

Following the Hamas attacks on Israel, the Indian embassy issued an advisory requesting citizens to be cautious and register their names with the consulate. ANI



The sixth flight under Operation Ajay departs from Tel Aviv amid the Israel-Hamas war, on Sunday. ANI



# SPORT



Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) football outfit's player, Haji Omari (L), tussles for the ball with Mitumba outfit's Hamis Mohamed in a friendly tie that was held at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's venue in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Top East African artists wow revelers in Serengeti Lite Oktobafest

By Guardian Correspondent

FOR the first time in Tanzania, the music festival, known as 'Serengeti Lite Oktobafest', brought together East Africa's finest musical talents and creative minds on the shores of Dar es Salaam.

The participating artists offered an unforgettable fusion of entertainment and cultural experiences.

The extraordinary event, held at Coco Beach on Saturday, involved a star-studded lineup including Nyanshiki (Kenya), Joseph Mayanja 'Jose Chameleon' from Uganda, Tanzania's Ali Kiba, Bill Nas, Michael Mtambo 'Chino', and George Mdemu 'G Nako'.

Designers such as Tanzania's Makeke International shared the stage with the musicians to captivate the hearts of thousands of East Africans.

Esther Raphael, Brand Manager for Serengeti Lite and Serengeti Premium Lager, shared her thoughts on the groundbreaking festival.

"Serengeti Lite Oktobafest is not just a celebration of music and culture, it's a platform that empowers East African youth with business opportunities," she said.

She revealed: "Furthermore, this festival exemplifies how beer can serve as a bridge, uniting the diverse cultures and peoples of East

Africa through the universal language of music."

One of the festival's most remarkable aspects was its commitment to environmental sustainability.

Rispa Hatibu, Communications, and Sustainability Manager at Serengeti Breweries Limited, expressed her pride in the festival's eco-conscious initiatives.

"Serengeti Lite Oktobafest was a zero-waste festival where the environment was continuously cared for," she explained.

Rispa said: "Our dedicated teams worked tirelessly to ensure a clean and green environment throughout the festival, underscoring our commitment to responsible stewardship."

Safety was moreover a top priority, as the festival's organizers, in collaboration with Uber, offered festival-goers a 40% discount on rides to and from Coco Beach.

This initiative aimed to prevent the risks associated with drunk driving, ensuring that all attendees had a safe and reliable means of transportation.

The impact made by the talented artists who graced the festival stage was nothing short of spectacular.

Their performances resonated with the hearts of the audience and magnified the rich cultural diversity of East Africa.

## Mazembe, Esperance coaches' reactions after first AFL leg tie

DAR ES SALAAM

TP Mazembe leads a delicately balanced duel 1-0 against Esperance, as the two sides travel to North Africa for the return tie of the African Football League (AFL) quarterfinal duel.

Cheick Fofana's early first-half goal gave the Ravens a slight edge over Taraji and they will need to avoid defeat away from home to book a historic place in the last four.

Head coach Lamine N'Diaye believes they have a good chance to see off the tie away from home, and wants his team to approach the game like they are still on level terms.

"It will be difficult definitely but we will forget this score and start afresh. We will only be focused on getting a good score from that game and doing our best to qualify for the semi-final. We have shown our capabilities and I believe we can do better," the tactician said.

For Esperance's Tarek Thabet, playing at home will give them an extra advantage, and he says they will analyze the first leg match and try to work on the insufficient areas.

"Playing at home gives us a slight advantage, but it will not be easy. We need to improve in our scoring because that is the only way we will progress. The tactician rued the missed chances

his side had in the first leg in Dar es Salaam, noting that it was his biggest point of concern.

"We dominated the first half very well and were unlucky to concede. But we had three or four situations which we should have scored. We lost the game but we have a second chance and I hope we can make our opportunities count," the coach added.

Mazembe's N'Diaye has also admitted they didn't start the match well, but he points this out as one of the things his side needs to do better heading to Tunisia.

"We didn't start the game very well and in the beginning, it was a bit difficult. But we managed to settle down and the goal we scored helped us a lot."

"We pushed hard and maybe in one or two instances we should have scored more but we have everything to work for heading away from home," noted the Senegalese coach.

He has also paid glowing tribute to Tanzanian fans for showing up in massive numbers to give them support, stating that they didn't feel away from Lubumbashi with the noise and the push brought off by the 12th man at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

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## SPORTS

# Fabrice Ngoma and utility player needs at Simba SC

By Correspondent John Kimbute

IN the wake of an exquisite performance at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, nicknamed 'Estadio Lupaso', where the African Football League (AFL) opener saw city giants Simba SC put up equal play with legendary continental champions, Al Ahly of Cairo, an extensive revisiting of the match has been taking place in city airwaves.

One feature emerging was the key role of ace midfielder Fabrice Ngoma, who starred in the proverbial defensive midfield role, where pundits generally agreed it either makes or unmakes match results.

The trouble is that it is hard to remember who guessed he could do that.

There was, for instance, a contest of playing lists at one or two talk shows the day before the match as to who would make the local side lineup, and to the extent that memory helps, the key midfield role was being given to Mzamiru Yassin, rather than the Congolese all-rounder.

Yet he not only held the position of defensive midfielder but was frequently visible as an overlapping fullback, diminishing chances of a rally from deep midfield to exploit backline openings.

It was also a failure of analysis in the sense that hardly anyone could second-guess the coach.

At the same time, it was an illustration of the difference between the local city giants, where the Jangwani Street-based Yanga has a remarkably narrow choice of key players, despite that the scoring can be done from any forward line position.

There was a time that a limited rotation gesture was conducted and Yanga lost to their low-lying nemesis, Ihefu SC of Mbeya, and the Jangwani Street club's fans were furious at the rotation as explaining the three points surrender.

Msimbazi Street-based club's technical bench officials have a lot more to choose from, for instance, between Sadio Kanoute and Louis Miquissone.

That sort of squad depth is helpful for the coach, as even then many were uncomfortable with the lack of fielding Moses Phiri, often sealing encounters.



Simba SC midfielder Fabrice Ngoma.

The game reinforced the confidence that the fan base has in head coach Roberto Oliveira, alias Robertinho, although some critics claimed that their views had been vindicated by the fact that at a late stage, the coach put Shomari Kapombe for Israel Mwenda.

As the coach doesn't have to explain why a player is benched, diversity of sentiments or hasty conclusions is unavoidable, as a player can be brought in for particular skills at a certain position.

It is this aspect that an avid pundit would say ought to have been expected, though it is in rare cases as recently with veteran captain, John Bocco, that there was a tactical substitution and it appeared to have paid dividends.

For the most part, substitutions are made to inject vigour into the play as no player fails to lose some of the touch or deftness after 70 minutes, the usual ideal time to make changes.

It similarly appears that each encounter has its rules, which arise from the psychological interplay of the two teams, defensive and offensive skills, or player morale, and how that fits into a particular situation.

In that case at a recent league encounter it came out that Bocco was the answer, while this time around, with Al Ahly, it was undeniably Kanoute who made a noticeable difference.

In another context, there is a way lessons repeat themselves when scarcely anyone is paying attention or waiting for such a turn of events.

While for a spate of two or three months of the season, the scoring hopes were being laid upon Jean Baleke, Moses Phiri, and more recently Clatous Chama, when it came to big-time soccer it was last season's club top goal scorer Saidi Ntibazonkiza who rose to notoriety, in the company of Sadio Kanoute.

It is also a matter of tactical flexibility, of the extent to

which a player can adapt to different competition or perhaps ball control skills, etc.

There is still a test in Cairo within hours from the last whistle of the fanfare-laden opener, as only two days of rest were available and travel on the third day, or a day of rest and travel the following day for light exercise and match the following day.

Even then, coach Robertinho has demonstrated the tactical ability to handle high-level pressure, reinforcing an impression that has often radiated from the performance of his side in the past few years.

It plays in line with the challenge it faces, such that one does not have the same Simba SC side in the local league and international encounters, an issue noticeable even at professional premier league sides abroad.

The performance by the local AFL participants left their next street rivals largely speechless as it wasn't possible to show the sort of faults they could, in turn, have corrected, had they been in the game.

This profound respect for the game put up by the archivals mirrored their disquiet in the prelude to the game, where their more adoring or stubborn fans were inaudible, silenced, or something.

Pundits took little time to find out why, as the Jangwani Street outfit had landed Al Ahly in their Group Stage setting for the CAF Champions League.

## NCBA Bank's Golf Series: Fostering connections, shaping futures



One of the 2023 NCBA Golf Series' winners, Seif Mcharo (C), in a group picture with (L-R) Gift Shoko Group's Business Director, NCBA Tanzania Managing Director Clover Serumaga, Mwananchi Communications Ltd Managing Director Bakari Machumu, and NCBA Uganda Managing Director following culmination of the series that took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club on September 30. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

IN a world where banking transcends traditional norms, NCBA Bank emerges as a trailblazer, not just in financial services, but in the realm of customer experience.

The recent golf series event hosted by NCBA Bank served as a testament to the institution's commitment to innovation, community engagement, and the embodiment of the campaign motto, termed 'Maisha ni Hesabu' (Numbers matter).

This event was not only about the sport but also about forging connections, fostering relationships, and setting a new standard for the future of banking.

The golf series event, a convergence of sport and corporate clientele, was an unparalleled initiative that underscored NCBA Bank's unique approach to customer engagement.

By bringing together corporate customers on the green, NCBA facilitated an environment where connections were forged over a shared passion for golf.

Beyond the competitive spirit, the event served as a platform for networking, idea exchange, and mutual growth.

A standout feature of this event was the selection process for Tanzania's representatives in the forthcoming Cross-Country Playoffs in Kenya.

This move showcases NCBA's forward-thinking approach, not only in banking but also in nurturing talent and promoting local excellence.

By providing a platform for emerging golf talents to shine, NCBA Bank is not only investing in the sport's future but also the broader development of sportsmanship in Tanzania.

In an era where digitalization is revolutionizing every industry, NCBA is setting a new standard for customer service.

By leveraging cutting-edge technology, the bank is creating seamless, intuitive, and accessible banking experiences.

The NCBA is at the forefront of the banking revolution, where convenience, security, and personalized service converge.

NCBA Bank's recent golf series event stands as a testament to its commitment to innovation, community engagement, and the future of banking.

By combining the thrill of sport with corporate

collaboration, NCBA has set a new benchmark for customer engagement.

Through initiatives like these, NCBA is not only redefining banking but also pioneering a future where the customer truly comes first.

As the chosen representatives of Tanzania head to the Cross-Country Playoffs in Kenya, they carry not only the hopes of a nation but also the ethos of 'Maisha ni Hesabu' - a belief that life, like banking, is about making the right calculations for a prosperous future.

NCBA Bank is not just a financial institution - it is a partner in every customer's journey towards success.



## Teen Guiu 'won't sleep' after snatching Barca win over Athletic

BARCELONA

TEENAGE debutant Marc Guiu said he will not be able to sleep after snatching champions Barcelona a 1-0 win over Athletic Bilbao just seconds after coming on from the bench on Sunday in La Liga, taking the Catalans up to third.

Xavi Hernandez's Barca will face leaders Real Madrid next Saturday in the Clasico just one point behind their bitter rivals, and second-placed Girona, who beat Almeria 5-2 earlier on.

For a long time it seemed like Barcelona would not find the breakthrough against their Basque visitors but striker Guiu, 17, netted under a minute after being thrown on by Xavi.

The forward was slipped in by the silky Joao Felix and slotted past Unai Simon, who got a hand to his shot but could not keep it out.

"Tonight I won't sleep," Guiu told DAZN. "I can't believe it, I can barely breathe, I'm enjoying the moment."

Guiu became the latest on a conveyor belt of youths to make their debuts for Barca as their La Masia academy continues to produce gems.

"It surprises me that they aren't scared, I see them with a spark, they look at me with a face saying 'Put me on, you'll see that it will go well,'" said Xavi. "I saw that with Gavi, Balde, Lamine, Fermin, and with Marc, he doesn't look afraid."

Xavi started Inigo Martinez at the back against his former club and 20-year-old Fermin Lopez on the left of the attack, another academy product, with Barcelona down to the bare bones.

Several regular starters, including key striker Robert Lewandowski, are out injured.

Felix clipped the top of the crossbar but the hosts were negated in the first half by former Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde's Athletic, who took the sting out of the game and occasionally sprang forward with both Williams brothers threatening from the flanks.

Marc-Andre ter Stegen tipped over an Inaki Williams effort and then parried a strike from the Ghana international, with Martinez producing a sublime block to deny his sibling Nico from the rebound.

Approaching the hour mark Barcelona carved out their best

chance, when Simon brilliantly denied Lopez from close range, after initially saving from Felix's low strike.

Another followed when Felix fed substitute Lamine Yamal in the area but the 16-year-old starlet dragged his shot wide of the near post.

The teenager's arrival helped Barcelona gain the upper hand and Joao Cancelo was the next to draw a save from the watchful Simon.

### - Instant impact -

Xavi brought on Guiu in the 79th minute and with his very first touch he broke into the area and then with another confidently fired past Simon.

"It's the best day of his life, surely," added Xavi.

Full of energy, the striker was soon booked for an attempted slide tackle which caught the goalkeeper as he tried to stop him clearing his lines, as he was roared on by the jubilant home fans.

"Today we scratched back two points on Madrid and it's vital to win this Clasico because we're playing at home," added Xavi.

Barcelona's victory takes them above Atletico Madrid, fourth, while Valverde's Athletic are sixth.

"I'm annoyed because it went just past me and maybe I could have done a bit more," Simon told DAZN. "We really wanted to get three points to make a big gap above seventh place."

Earlier Girona thumped bottom-of-the-table Almeria after coming back from two goals down.

The Catalan side continued their superb season, levelling leaders Real Madrid on 25 points after 10 games after Los Blancos drew 1-1 at Sevilla on Saturday.

Almeria, still chasing their first win of the season, moved ahead when Leo Baptista netted after two minutes and then struck again mid-way through the first half to delight coach Gaizka Garitano in his first game.

However Michel's Girona responded in a remarkable six-minute salvo before the break, started by Ivan Martin in the 37th minute after he had an earlier strike ruled offside.

Artem Dovbyk bagged a brace of his own with two neat finishes in the 39th and 43rd minute to send the hosts ahead.

## Brazilian winger Savinho and substitute Cristhian Stuani rounded off the rout

JOHANNESBURG

MAMELODI Sundowns head coach Rulani Mokwena has warned his players that their African Football League (AFL) quarter final tie against Angola's Petro de Luanda is not over, despite leading 2-0 from the first leg played away from home on Saturday.

Masandawana only need to avoid defeat at home in Pretoria next week, or in the worst, a 1-0 defeat to make it into the last four.

But even with what looks like a comfortable lead, Mokwena is still wary of the fact the score-line can change in a flip.

"My message to the players is to remind them of a Cup game we played in South Africa last week. At halftime, we were down 2-0 but we came back in the second half and made it 2-2. We needed 45 minutes to score two. This (Petro game) is at halftime, and they have 90 minutes in Pretoria," the coach said after the game in Luanda.

He added: "It is important for us to stay humble and focused. We have seen many things happening in football and teams coming back from even greater score-lines. We will approach the game as 0-0 and a different ballgame all together."

The tactician has also heaped praise on his players for their response especially in the second half, and says they did very well to sustain the pressure from the hosts, who were pushed on by a good home ground advantage.

"We beat a very good side with very good organization. It was difficult to deal with the overloads they created and I give compliments to our players for the excellent shift they put in," the coach said.

He also pointed out; "In the second half we had to make some changes after we struggled a bit in the first half and we adapted to the game. We switched from a tactical perspective and I have to take responsibility because I got some few things wrong. Lots of credit to the players for their performance in the second half."

Sundowns, winners of the CAF Champions League in 2016, are looking to battle for their second Continental trophy, and the AFL will be a massive target for coach Rulani and his charges.

## Champions League resumes Tuesday at Manchester United in mourning for soccer great Bobby Charlton

LONDON

THE Champions League resumes today at Manchester United where one of the competition's most storied clubs is mourning its all-time great Bobby Charlton.

Charlton, who died Saturday aged 86, survived the fatal air crash at Munich in February 1958 that devastated the then-champion of England on its journey home from a European Cup game.

He lifted the trophy 10 years later as captain of a team rebuilt by manager Matt Busby who had been seriously injured at Munich, where eight players died.

Charlton was a beloved director on the Man United board when it was European champion again in 1999 and 2008 under another Scottish manager, Alex Ferguson, who he had helped bring to the club.

The main stand is named for Charlton at Old Trafford where Man United will host Copenhagen on Tuesday and pay tribute to a man who helped define its illustrious history.

Charlton "was a hero to millions," the club said in a statement. "Not just in Manchester, or the United Kingdom, but wherever football is played around the world."

Manchester United was the first English team to play in the European Cup, and Charlton first played in the competition in that 1956-57 season. He scored against Real Madrid though a 2-2 draw in the semifinals, second leg in Manchester meant the defending champions advanced.

The "Busby Babes" had just qualified for another semifinal the next season, eliminating Red Star Belgrade, when the team airplane stopped at Munich to refuel. The plane overshot the runway and caught fire on its third attempt to take off in heavy snow.

Charlton was thrown clear of the



Bobby Charlton

wreckage and suffered only minor injuries in an accident that eventually took the lives of 23 of the 44 people on board.

Restoring Manchester United to greatness was a quest for Busby and Charlton, who scored twice in the 4-1 extra-time win over Benfica in the 1968 European Cup final at Wembley Stadium. England's national stadium in London stages the next Champions League final on June 1.

### EARLY EXIT?

Manchester United started this Champions League campaign in Munich and it has not been a happy return after playing last season in the second-tier Europa League.

Back-to-back defeats - 4-3 at Bayern Munich and twice wasting leads in a 3-2 loss at home to Galatasaray - have left United last in Group A and added pressure on manager Erik ten Hag.

Home and away games against Copenhagen in a 16-day spell ahead of the next break for national-team games are likely to be key to

United's chances of advancing.

One bright spot for Ten Hag is three goals in the group by 20-year-old forward Rasmus Hojlund, who Copenhagen sold 21 months ago for a little over \$2 million to Sturm Graz. His value had increased 40-fold when Manchester United agreed an \$80 million transfer fee with Atalanta in August.

Arsenal also lost three weeks ago, 2-1 at Lens and now has back-to-back games against Sevilla, starting Tuesday in Spain. The Europa League title holder fired its coach José Luis Mendilibar after a slow start to the season including draws in its first two Group B games.

### NEWCASTLE SOARS

Newcastle also had a slow start to the season but has surged to an eight-game unbeaten run - including a 4-1 beating of Paris Saint-Germain - ahead of hosting Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday.

In its first Champions League campaign for 20 years, Newcastle is top of the blockbuster group that

also includes seven-time champion AC Milan, which plays at PSG on Wednesday.

Defending champion Manchester City is cruising to the knockout rounds with two wins before going to Swiss champion Young Boys on Wednesday.

### BAYERN ROLLS ON

If the Champions League group phase often seems predictable, Bayern Munich is one reason.

The German champion hasn't lost a group game since 2017 and hasn't dropped a point since 2020, though needed an 83rd-minute winning goal at Copenhagen three weeks ago. Next up Tuesday in Istanbul is Galatasaray.

In Germany this week, Leipzig hosts Red Star Belgrade on Wednesday after losing 3-1 to Man City.

Union Berlin's debut Champions League campaign has been a story of heartbreak, losing to both Real Madrid and Braga on goals scored deep into added time. Union next hosts Napoli on Tuesday, when Madrid is at Braga.

### POINTLESS SO FAR

Benfica is along with Manchester United perhaps the biggest surprise among teams with no points after two games.

A quarterfinalist last season, and top-seeded in the group-stage draw, Benfica lost at home to Salzburg before a 1-0 defeat at Inter Milan. The Portuguese champion now hosts Real Sociedad.

Celtic aims to get off the mark at home to Group E leader Atletico Madrid. Royal Antwerp hosts Porto at its 100-year-old Bosuul Stadium where a two-goal lead was given up in a 3-2 loss to Shakhtar Donetsk.

Barcelona hosts Shakhtar on Wednesday seeking a third straight win.

## Sir Bobby Charlton: England's greatest ever player and the artist of 1966

By Richard Jolly

TWO elderly men were suited. In one case, he was much smarter than normal, dressed up for the occasion. He was the taller, more angular, with the more pronounced Northumbrian accent, but the resemblance was nonetheless apparent. He was the older, too, and had long referred to a knight of the realm as "Our Kid". He adopted a slightly more formal approach, while seemingly choking up. "Bobby Charlton is the greatest player I've ever seen," he said. "He's me brother."

It was 15 years ago, when Jack Charlton presented his younger brother with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award. The clip has an added poignancy after Bobby's death at 86; three years ago, a couple of months after his 85th birthday, Jack had died.

The brothers were different players and very different characters - the wisecracking, outspoken Jack was more of a man of the people, but Bobby's quiet dignity gave him a statesmanlike air.

They were not always close but their achievements will live on. There have been 22 men's football World Cups and only two sets of brothers have won the most prestigious of prizes: Fritz and Ottmar Walter for West Germany in 1954, Bobby and Jack Charlton at West Germany's expense in 1966.

It remains the most famous year in English football history; perhaps it always will. At the heart of it was Bobby Charlton: the 1966 FWA Footballer of the Year and Ballon d'Or winner, named by France Football - in the days before Fifa had an official award - as the best player at the World Cup. Gary Lineker, who was a goal away from equaling Charlton's long-standing national record of 49 for his country, called him England's greatest ever player, Gary Neville, one of his successors as Manchester United captain, deemed him the greatest ever English player.

They are not necessarily the same: but in Charlton's case, he could be both. Perhaps only the

other immortal Bobby - Moore, the 1966 captain - can challenge him for the title of the finest in an England shirt.

Charlton was the second English footballer, and just the third man, to reach 100 caps. His 106th and last, in the 1970 quarter-final against West Germany, set a world record that Moore - and then many others - subsequently passed. He straddled eras - his first cap came alongside Tom Finney, who debuted in England's first match after the Second World War, and one of the last alongside Emyln Hughes, who represented his country in the 1980s - but defined one, a time of glory. Thirty years before Frank Skinner and David Baddiel sang about football coming home, Charlton brought it back. Their lyric - "Bobby belting the ball" - conjured images, some in colour, some in black and white, of a figure with a comb-over hairstyle and the cannonball shot striking the ball with beautiful ferocity, often rising throughout its way into the net.

Decades before the invention of expected goals, Charlton was scoring unexpected ones. Consider his opener against Mexico, England's first of the 1966 World Cup, from such a distance that the chance of it going in was statistically low, except for one factor: that Charlton, with such power on either foot, was hitting it. He was the master of the long-range hit: if most of Lineker's 48 goals were predatory finishes, many of Charlton's 49 were spectacular.

Such a clean striker of a ball was not a striker at all: largely a left winger in his younger days, later the attacking-midfield fulcrum of Sir Alf Ramsey's 'Wingless Wonders'. He began in the old W-M formation, ended up as, in effect, the tip of a midfield diamond. It was a tactical shift, a belated move into modernity that Ramsey brought.

If there was a pragmatism to England's World Cup win, Charlton was the artist. With his brace against Portugal in the 1966 semi-final - like another double against Portuguese opposition, Benfica, in the 1968 European Cup final - he illustrated his talent could shine on the biggest of occasions.

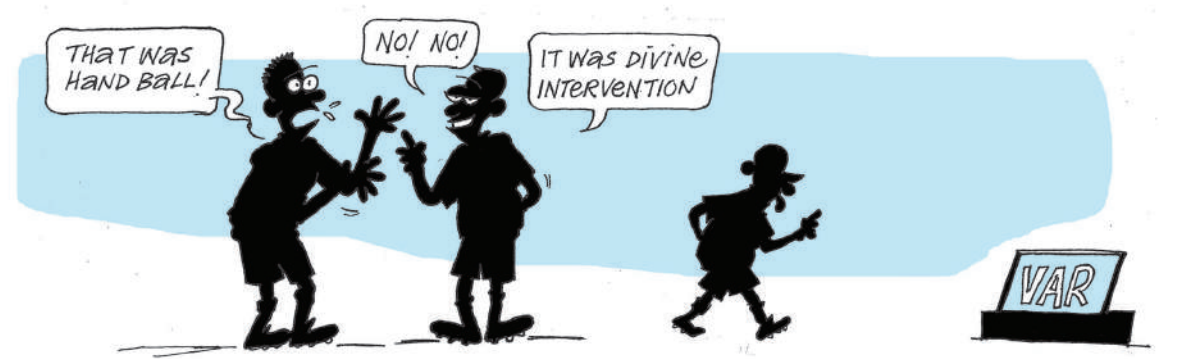
The 1966 semi-final was not seen by his father, Robert, a coal miner working a shift underground in his home town of Ashington; "his duty", Bobby subsequently, and remarkably, reflected.

On the grandest stage of all, the 1966 final, he was sacrificed, Charlton and Franz Beckenbauer deputised to man-mark each other.

They received the same assignment in the 1970 quarter-final; England's era of ascendancy ended when Ramsey removed Charlton with 20 minutes remaining to save him for the semi-final, the 32-year-old distracted by the prospect of his withdrawal as Beckenbauer ran forward to reduce England's lead to 2-1; without him, they lost 3-2.

Ramsey thanked him for his service on the plane back from Mexico: Bobby knew his England career, like Jack's, was over.

## Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Champions League resumes Tuesday at Manchester United in mourning for soccer great Bobby Charlton

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Burundian coach Cedric Kaze. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAMUNGO FC

## Another NBC Premier League coach bites the dust

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

JUST six games into the 2023/24 NBC Premier League season, a third head coach has parted ways with his club.

The latest coaching casualty is erstwhile Namungo FC head coach Cedric Kaze who officially threw the towel on Sunday after a largely disappointing start to the season.

Kaze had been in charge of the Ruangwa-based side since July. The Burundian coach joined Namungo FC after a two-year successful spell as Young Africans SC assistant coach.

He stepped down from his role at the Jangwani Street squad following the exit of head coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

He took over the Namungo FC job from Dennis Kitambi but has endured a poor start to the 2023/24 season.

Another uninspiring display in Saturday's 3-1 home defeat against Singida Fountain Gate FC was the last straw for the former Young Africans coach as Namungo FC slipped into the relegation zone.

The 'Southern Killers' have only three points from six games this season, just one point above bottom-placed Mtibwa Sugar.

They remain one of the three sides that are yet to taste victory this season.

Namungo FC spent on a couple of new signings in the last transfer window as Kaze's wishes for reinforcements were axed to.

However, the Burundian coach was unable to transform his side's fortunes and his three-month tenure is now over.

"I have decided as of today to resign as Namungo FC head coach. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management, my colleagues of the technical staff, and the players for their support, and commitment," Kaze wrote a brief statement on his official Instagram account.

"I would finish by thanking the fans who have always been supportive. I wish the team the best of luck in the future," the gaffer noted.

Kaze follows Zubeir Katwila, who parted ways with Ifhefu SC despite a decent start, and Habib Kondo who was sacked by Mtibwa Sugar as coach to have been axed this campaign.

Katwila has since moved to re-join Mtibwa Sugar, a squad he left in 2020 to cross over to Ifhefu SC.

Ifhefu SC has since replaced Katwila with the appointment of Ugandan coach Moses Basena who has previously had a spell with Simba SC.

Namungo FC hierarchy is already in the market for a new coach the officials hope will change their outfit's poor fortunes.

Congolese Mwinyi Zahera's job as Coastal Union head coach is under increasing pressure and he could soon join the list of casualties.

The Coastal Union's hierarchy is concerned about the squad being dragged into a relegation battle having failed to win any of six opening games so far.

## Can Petro overturn Sundowns' deficit in AFL last-eight rematch in Pretoria?

PRETORIA

PETRO de Luanda faces a massive task when they travel away to Pretoria to take on Mamelodi Sundowns in the return fixture of the African Football League (AFL) quarterfinal today.

Petro has a 2-0 deficit from the first leg played in Luanda and has to win the game by a margin of more than three goals to make it to the semi-finals.

A 2-0 win will push the game to penalties, but the biggest strategy for the Angolan champions will be finding a way not to concede.

Head coach Alexander Santos will have his work cut out in Pretoria and knows it will not be an easy challenge.

"We need to be sharper in front of goal, and make use of our chances. It is never easy playing away from home but we are confident we can get the job done," said the tactician, after his side's defeat at home.

Petro had a myriad of chances to score against Sundowns at home, including a penalty, but the brilliance of keeper Ronwen Williams kept them out for most of the game.

Heading into the return tie, the tactician might make some changes in his forward line, and an expected one is to see club captain Tiago Azulao starting.

The Brazilian came off the bench in the first leg, and with goals surely needed in Pretoria, Santos will call on his most experienced forward.

Meanwhile, the Sundowns approach the match with less pressure. Any draw or loss of less than three goals will be enough for them to make the semi-finals.

However, coach Rulani Mokwena says the tie is far from over, and pointed out they will approach the return leg with a 0-0 mentality.

The tactician gave an example of his side's defeat against TS Galaxy in the Carling Black Label Cup in South Africa, where they came from 2-0 down to tie the game 2-2 but lost on penalties.

He has challenged his players to ensure their concentration levels are high throughout the match.

The last visit by Petro to Sundowns was in April 2022, with the game ending 1-1. AGENCIES

## Simba SC faces date with destiny in Cairo



Simba SC players celebrate their second goal during their African Football League (AFL) last eight's first-leg match against Egypt's Al Ahly at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Friday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

WITH the tie delicately poised after a 2-2 draw in the first leg, Simba SC and Al Ahly reconvene for the second leg of their African Football League (AFL) quarterfinal tie in Cairo in the afternoon.

The game will kick off at Cairo International Stadium at 5 pm, with the aggregate winners to face Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa or Angola outfit Petro Luanda in the last four.

Ahly will have a slight advantage after scoring two away goals and will need either a win or a draw of less than two goals to advance to the semi-finals.

Reda Slim had given the Egyptian giants the upper hand in the tie seconds before the halftime break, and while Simba SC only took seven minutes to rectify their mistakes to go 2-1 up in the second half, Al

Ahly salvaged a draw through Mahmoud 'Kahraba' Abdel-Moneim.

The Tanzanian representatives are now facing a do-or-die mission as they need a win or a high-scoring draw to progress to the semis.

Indeed, the 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi' are left with no choice but to grab a win or score at least two goals without losing, as even a one-all draw will see Al Ahly through to the next round on away goals.

While such a result - which extended Simba SC's unbeaten run to ten matches in all tournaments - can be viewed positively given how they started, ending their three home games winning streak against Al Ahly was an unwelcome statistic for the Tanzanian giants, who have not made it past Al Ahly in three previous attempts.

Simba SC's head coach Roberto 'Robertinho' Oliveira has acknowledged that they face a massive task against the African football giants but remains optimistic and confident they can get the desired results.

The Brazilian gaffer noted: "It's an im-

portant match for us. We must be well prepared for it and showcase our abilities and potential. We will allow all players to participate."

"We have a lot of respect for Al Ahly and we are sure Al Ahly will reciprocate the same respect, especially since we displayed an excellent performance in the first match on our home ground," he said.

The same sentiments are shared by attacking midfielder Willy Onana, who said they cannot be scared of the expected huge turnout.

The Cameroonian winger has called on his teammates to bring their A game on against Al Ahly, and he reckons they can get a good result playing away from home.

"The presence of the crowd tomorrow is something we are accustomed to, it is not new to us. We have come here fully aware that there will be significant fan presence and, as the coach mentioned, we will give our best and strive to return with a victory," Onana told the Cairo press ahead of the game.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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