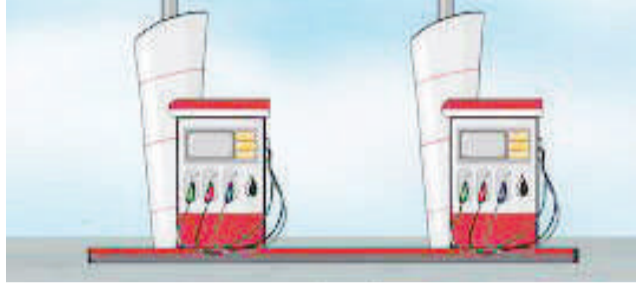




National Pg 3 TPSF gets new CEO



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National Pg 7 Women urged to register their companies



Hashimu Senziah (L), a lawyer with the Labour and Employment Division of the Legal and Human Rights Centre, briefs Constitution and Legal Affairs minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (2nd-L) in Dar es yesterday on the challenges the centre commonly faces when going about providing legal aid at workplaces. Right is LHRC executive director Dr Anna Henga. Photo: Correspondent Halfan Chusi

'Avoid vices to be trusted in leadership and get loans'

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called upon young people to refrain from actions that are not well-matched with national values for them to be trusted in leadership and at financial institutions.

Opening the Dodoma youth symposium at the Jakaya Kikwete Conference Centre, he raised concern over moral decay amongst the youth, as a considerable section of young people engage in drug abuse, acts of

robbery, drunkenness, family neglect, same sex affinities and a range of frauds.

He said integrity is the capital to trust and success, urging the participants to discuss roles and responsibilities of parents, guardians, religious and traditional leaders in children's upbringing.

He appealed to district councils to put in place strategies to empower young people economically by setting up special zones depending on the various opportunities

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'Repair, remove state vehicles by October'

By Guardian Reporter

PUBLIC institutions with cars grounded at the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) need to ensure they are repaired and removed from the agency's garage in the next three months.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued this directive yesterday when handing over 30 vehicles and tools for testing the health status and workplace safety to regional administration, the Labour department and the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OSHA).

He was furious at the behaviour of some drivers of government vehicles stealing fuel, directing supervising officers and security

agencies to monitor such behaviour and take disciplinary measures.

Responsible officers and security agencies need to ensure that they are fully monitoring and taking action on reports of some drivers engaging in fuel theft by falsifying distance information, selling fuel at filling stations or from their cars, he stated.

Such actions violate work ethics and sabotage government activities, he said, demanding that cars that have been used for a long time and become a burden to the government be sidelined.

Responsible officers should look at how to sell them to employees who need them

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US doctors to conduct free muscle, skeleton surgeries

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A Team of 60 Orthopaedic surgeons from Los-Angeles in the US state of California will on August 11, this year be jetting into Tanzania to perform free medical operations here were invited into the country by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Lazaro Nyalandu, a former cabinet minister and coordinator of the seven-day visit said yesterday that the charity medical tour is a result of the recent visit by US Vice President, Kamala Harris, five months ago. "Previously, as you recall, President Samia Suluhu Hassan also made a visit to the US where she enhanced the level of understanding between the people of the two countries," he said. The US doctors will be conducting



He said that many Arusha residents have teeth and skeletal problems owing to habitually using water containing excess fluoride

free surgical operations at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) also known here as Selian Hospital, with the doctors drawn from Operation Walk based in Los Angeles.

An online entry says it is a volunteer medical humanitarian organisation that provides the gift of mobility through life-changing joint replacement, founded by Dr Lawrence D. Dorr in 1996.

He said President Samia has directed that priority be given to people from poor families, who cannot afford specialised medical services.

Dr Goodwill Kivuyo, the general surgeon at Selian Hospital, affirmed that more than 200 patients have registered for the free surgical services, with the

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UNICEF top administrator to serve in Tanzania office

By Guardian Reporter

ELKE Wisch, a former deputy regional director for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), yesterday presented credentials to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in her new role as UNICEF country representative.

A ministerial statement said that, in receiving the representative, minister Dr Stergomena Tax reiterated the government's commitment to working closely with UNICEF in addressing children's welfare issues.

She congratulated the UNICEF envoy on her new appointment, praising UNICEF for its work in the country over the years,

underlining that resolutions of the recent Africa human capital summit point at the need to invest in children and youth to reap the demographic dividend.

As the government pursues its partnership with UNICEF to take this agenda forward, the new appointment brings in a wealth of experience and expertise to lead UNICEF's efforts in Tanzania, she stated.

With 27 years of dedicated service, Wisch has contributed to improve the lives of children and communities in diverse developmental, transitional and emergency contexts, the statement noted, listing Rwanda, Liberia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Uganda as stations in which she has served.

As deputy regional director, Wisch oversaw regional technical assistance for 21 UNICEF country programmes in the Eastern and Southern Africa region, it said, thus she is no stranger to UNICEF activities here, or its challenges.

She also led UNICEF's cooperation programme as representative in Madagascar and lately served as UNICEF representative

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Former President Jakaya Kikwete pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting a souvenir photo taken on January 13, 2009 to Mark Green, Wilson Centre Institute President and a former US Ambassador to Tanzania. Second right is Green's wife, Suzan Green. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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available at specific areas.

They also need to connect the youth with access to capital, enable them to form groups to be formally recognized by financial institutions, he said, similarly urging district authorities to create a database of young people and their range of skills, to connect them with various opportunities.

He said the government is determined to economically empower the youth so that they contribute to the country's economic growth.

"We have been taking measures to empower young people to become self-employed, participate in development activities and contribute to national income," he said.

During fiscal 2022/2023 the Youth Development Fund provided 1.88bn/- in loans to facilitate 85 youth projects in the agricultural, industrial and commercial sectors in 28 districts, he stated.

The fund enabled the provision of entrepreneurship training to youth groups as well as guidance on how to prepare business plans, he said, urging that young people actively take part in environmental conservation efforts to control the negative impacts of climate change.

Youths must grab the various opportunities in conservation activities such as the carbon trade, starting tree nurseries, beekeeping, and waste collection or using wastes to produce chicken feed, he stated.

Such symposiums need to be organized in different regions to enable young people to identify opportunities and find ways to solve the challenges they face, he said.

Deogratius Ndejemi, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state deputy minister in the President's Office, said the government is reviewing procedures for issuance of loans at the district level.

Once completed, loan applications will be made electronically, allowing individuals with good business ideas and plans to secure loans without being in a group.

Rosemary Senyamule, the regional commissioner, had earlier said that the conference was organized to take stock of the needs of a growing number of young people in the region.

"We decided to bring youths together to inform them on the various government efforts aiming at empowering them and creating an enabling environment for them to be self-employed," she said, pointing at the need for youth to identify challenges they face and their possible solutions.

At the end of the conference there would be resolutions on how to overcome the various challenges facing youth, including unemployment, she stated. Participants will provide inputs towards preparing a regional youth development strategy meant to be completed in three months, she added.

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in accordance with existing procedures instead of leaving them at the mechanics' yard.

Transport officers in government departments should prepare plans for vehicle maintenance, ensuring the quality of equipment and recording information of each vehicle, he said.

They should properly observe their work schedules to ensure that the drivers get time to rest and are fully paid their entitlements, he said.

"Let me insist that all drivers of government departments and public institutions should all the time adhere to traffic regulations and road safety demands," he stated.

Many of them forget this rule just because they are in government vehicles, he cautioned, saying driving a government car does not mean you have to break the law. One ought to be an example in observing regulations, he stressed.

He urged civil servants to ensure that people's concerns in their areas of work are resolved so that

people do not have to wait for visits of national leaders for matters that can be solved by regional or district administrators.

Each government department receiving a vehicle needs to ensure that the cars are maintained and used for the public interest, not private needs.

During this fiscal year, the government plans to add 28 vehicles, eight vehicles placed under the Labour Department and 20 for OSHA, he said.

Prof. Joyce Ndalichako, the Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability state minister in the Prime Minister's Office, said that the vehicles and tools priced at 4.3bn/- would make Labor officers do their work efficiently, thus need to supervise the proper use of the cars.

Tumaini Nyamhokya, president of the Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) recalled that during this year's May Day events, the union asked the government to look at its regional offices, the Labour Department and OSHA to equip them with essential tools to carry out their duties properly.

Niger closes airspace over 'threat of intervention' as junta defies deadline

NIAMEY

Niger closed its airspace due to the "threat of intervention" as the junta defied a deadline from the West African bloc Ecowas to reinstate democratically elected President Mohamed Bazoum or face possible military action.

Ecowas issued its ultimatum a week ago, demanding the generals relinquish power by midnight Sunday.

Bazoum was overthrown on July 26 when members of his own guard detained him at the presidency.

"Faced with the threat of intervention, which is becoming clearer through the preparation of neighbouring countries, Niger's airspace is closed from this day on Sunday... for all aircraft until further notice," the junta said in a statement released shortly before the deadline passed.

Any attempt to violate the country's airspace would meet with an "energetic and immediate response", the statement added.

Early Monday, there were no

aircraft operating in Niger's skies, according to the flight tracking website Flightradar24.

In a separate statement, the now-ruling National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland (CNSP) said there had been a "pre-deployment in preparation for intervention" made by two Central African countries, without naming them. "Any state involved will be considered co-belligerent," it warned.

Thousands of coup supporters had gathered Sunday in the capital Niamey to cheer on the CNSP.

At the 30,000-seat Seyni Kountche stadium, named after Niger's first coup d'etat leader in 1974, CNSP leaders, including General Mohamed Toumba, greeted a jubilant crowd.

The venue was draped in Russian flags and supporters carried portraits of CNSP leaders.

Ecowas military chiefs of staff agreed Friday on a plan for a possible intervention to respond to the crisis, the latest of several coups to hit Africa's Sahel region since 2020.



Dodoma-based entrepreneur Betnes Tibajuka (R, with microphone) briefs Vice President Dr Philip Mpango yesterday on the various food and other items she is exhibiting at the Agriculture ministry pavilion at the ongoing workshop for Dodoma Region youths. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Govt implements measures on production of sunflower

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is implementing various measures to boost production of sunflower in order to enable the country to produce enough edible oil.

Speaking here at the opening of the sunflower conference held at the Nanenane exhibition in Dodoma, Iramba District Commissioner Selemán Mwenda said that Dodoma, Singida and Manyara have been selected as strategic regions to increase production of the crop.

He said, "Tanzania is one of the countries that faces shortage of edible oil, the situation that has made the country import the commodity."

The DC added that the

government is currently implementing measures to curb the shortage, which among others is to boost sunflower production.

He noted that one of the government's initiatives is to ensure that farmers have access to quality sunflower seeds and other agricultural inputs, such as fertiliser and this can be made possible through subsidies.

Mwenda further said that the government has also continued to ensure that it reinforces production of the crop in the regions by providing equipment such as motorcycles for extension officers to enable them reach out to the farmers and provide them with the necessary support.

He added that the government had also continued to recruit and

increase the number of workers in the irrigation sub-sector to ensure that education and irrigation expertise were provided to farmers so that they can change from relying on rain-fed agriculture.

"At least 75 per cent of the lives of Tanzanians living in Dodoma and Singida regions depend on sunflower cultivation and these regions are drought-prone, so the government is working to ensure that education awareness and irrigation services reach them so that they can increase productivity," he said.

Mwenda further noted that despite the ongoing efforts by the government to increase sunflower production, there are a number of challenges facing farmers, including depending on rainfed

agriculture.

He said climate change has affected production of various crops, including lack of consistency in production, leading to fluctuation of sunflower and cooking oil prices.

"The rainfed farming has caused sunflower prices to be very high and sometimes very cheap; for example, in 2022 there was a shortage of rain therefore sunflower was produced at a very low rate, the price of one bag was 90,000/-, this year farmers have increased production and the price has dropped to 35,000/- per bag," he said.

The conference was attended by various stakeholders, including farmers, those on value chain addition, agricultural technologists, agricultural experts as well as producers and suppliers of fertiliser and quality seeds.

The meeting aimed at sharing experiences and educating each other, so as to increase efficiency and productivity and help the country achieve its objective of cutting importation of edible oil.



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (R) briefs Chief Secretary Dr Moses Kusiluka yesterday at the bank's pavilion at the ongoing annual Nanenane (Farmers' Day) Exhibition being held at national level in Mbeya city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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surgical camp programme set to take seven days.

The doctors will be working around the clock to ensure that all the registered patients are catered for, he said, elaborating that musculoskeletal and other bone complications are rife in the country.

Such problems often top the list of patients needing surgical care at the hospital, with surgeries like knee arthroplasty, anterior, posterior and lateral hip replacement usually being expensive to conduct, he said.

Upwards of \$30,000 (70m/-) is

demand for one such operation, he stated.

Mohammed Msangi, a resident of Arusha, suffers from bone and joint problems and aspires to the surgical treatment.

He said that many Arusha residents have teeth and skeletal problems owing to habitually using water containing excess fluoride.

Studies show that water sources in Meru, Longido and Arusha Rural districts have the highest concentration of fluoride countrywide, ranging five to 30 fluoride milligrams per litre, he added.

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in Nepal during the past four years.

Prior to joining UNICEF, she worked in various conflict resolution organisations and academic institutions in Germany and the United States, the statement affirmed.

A German national, she holds a Master of Arts in Social and Political Sciences from the University of Munich and a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in the United States.

In her remarks, the envoy said it was an honour "to have the

opportunity to serve children and families of this remarkable country," expressing the wish to help to "create sustainable solutions providing opportunities for a brighter future for every child in Tanzania."

She reaffirmed the wish to carry out UNICEF objectives for children and families in Tanzania pursued for the past 70 years, emphasizing the wish that no child or young person is left behind. Every child/young person ought to meet their full potential to contribute to the country's development, the envoy intoned.



Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) executive director Lilian Liundi (L), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening five-day training on monitoring and accountability in the provision of community services. Participants are leaders of civil society organisations from Dar es Salaam and various other parts of the country. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Tanzania and US mount campaign targeting malaria

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and the United States government have embarked on a massive campaign for insecticide treated bed nets to intensify the fight against malaria.

With funding from the US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) in partnership with the government, donor agencies, implementing partners, and other local organisations, the campaign will distribute nearly four million insecticide-treated bed nets to households in the Kagera and Tabora regions.

Launching the campaign yesterday at Mashujaa grounds in Bukoba, Kagera Region, Deputy Minister for Health, Dr Godwin Mollel said the initiative aims to provide Tanzanians with enhanced protection against malaria and contribute to reducing malaria cases and related morbidity and mortality.

"We stand united in our commitment to combat malaria as we launch this mass replacement campaign. We acknowledge the valuable support of our partners, including the US government, Global Fund, World Health Organisation (WHO), other donor agencies and implementing partners in our collective efforts to fight against malaria," said Dr Mollel.

Dr Mollel added: "By replacing out-dated nets and ensuring access to effective prevention tools, we can significantly reduce malaria transmission and protect the health of our communities."

The Deputy Minister highlighted that malaria remains a significant health challenge in the country affecting vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

He said to address the on-going malaria threat, the Tanzania and US governments have decided to enhance malaria prevention measures and ensure high-quality mosquito nets are accessible to all at-risk households.

The mass replacement campaign is a critical step towards achieving this goal, he stated.

"By ensuring that households have access to bed nets, we can significantly reduce malaria transmission and protect vulnerable populations," said the deputy minister.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Tanzania Malaria Resident Advisor, Naomi Serbantez said through the campaign, the US reaffirms its commitment to supporting Tanzania in its fight against malaria and improving the health and well-being of its citizens.

Data from the Ministry of Health indicates that the number of malaria incidences per 1000 population has declined by 64 per cent from 162 in 2015 to 58 cases in 2022.

In Zanzibar, malaria incidences per 1000 population had also decreased from 8.5 per cent in 2020 to 2.4 per cent in 2022.

Malaria prevalence among primary school children has also declined as per findings of the national school malaria parasitological survey, 2021. Prevalence among school children has declined by 48 per cent from 21.8 per cent in 2015 to 11.1 per cent in 2021.

"By ensuring that households have access to bed nets, we can significantly reduce malaria transmission and protect vulnerable populations"

'CCM will continue to hold Mwakangale in high esteem'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

DR Stephen Mwakajumilo, Mbeya Region's CCM chairman, has said party will continue to hold the late John Mwakangale in high esteem because he was a man with ethics, upright and overseer of development foundations.

Mwakajumilo made the remarks at the weekend after visiting the John Mwakangale Memorial Pavilion at the ongoing Nanenane Agricultural exhibition being held at the national level at John Mwakangale exhibition grounds in Mbeya and which ends today.

"When you talk about the country's prominent politicians, you cannot fail to name John Mwakangale who was CCM chairman for Mbeya Region since TANU days.

Africa freedom fighters, Nelson Mandela and Sam Nujoma had the opportunity to meet with the founding father of the nation Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

"John Mwakangale was patriotic, belied in what he stood for in regard to his region's development and that of the nation as well," he added.

Mwakajumilo added that leaders who offered themselves to serve the people have the responsibility to stand by the principles they believe in, justice and patriotism by bringing development to the people.

"History of both TANU and CCM cannot forget John Mwakangale. Personally I am proud that if I attain even a quarter of Mwakangale's leadership qualities in my work, I

will be proud to tell my people so," said Dr Mwakajumilo, and added that the Nanenane exhibition grounds at Uyole in Mbeya city was named after him

Tanzania Agricultural Support Organisation (TASO) organised the exhibition at the zonal level for the southern highlands regions and it was decided to incorporate Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Katavi, Rukwa, Songwe and Ruvuma regions.

At a meeting several names were recommended, but the then Mbeya Regional Commissioner in the 1990s picked John Mwakangale saying in the first place he was an MP for the area for a very long time and participated in numerous pro-independence struggles.

The agricultural shows were established even before the country's independence held at

both district and provincial levels.

For example, the 'Nyamwezi Agricultural Show' was held in 1949 - 1950 for the then Lake Zone and Western provinces that also involved livestock keepers.

After independence in 1961 agriculture exhibitions continued and later became to be known as SabaSaba.

On October 20 1992, the Ministry of Agriculture convened a meeting in Arusha Region and endorsed the establishment of Tanzania Agricultural Society Organisation -TASO tasked to coordinate agricultural exhibitions.

For the first time in 1993 TASO coordinated the agricultural exhibition that was held at the national level at Mbeya's Uyole grounds later renamed John Mwakangale Exhibition Grounds.

John Ulanga appointed new TPSF CEO

By Guardian Reporter

THE board of directors of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has announced the appointment of John Ulanga as the new chief executive officer. He takes over from Raphael Maganga, who has been holding the position in acting capacity.

The TPSF statement issued yesterday and availed to the media said Ulanga's appointment was with immediate effect.

Ulanga brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise. Prior to joining TPSF, he served as the regional director for East and Central Africa at TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), an organisation dedicated to supporting trade growth across East Africa.

He also held the position of vice president, external affairs and sustainability for BG Group, a prominent player in oil and gas exploration in the region.

Ulanga, holds a B. Com (Accounting) from the University of Dar es Salaam and an Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. Additionally, he holds the designation of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA - Tanzania) and is a Certified Emotional Intelligence Practitioner and a Certified Compliance Professional.


Ulanga's commitment

to various causes is evident from his roles in multiple boards. He serves as the chairman of the Board of Serengeti Breweries Limited, KCB Bank Tanzania Limited, and the University Council of the Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, Dar es Salaam. Furthermore, he is the chairman of the board of directors of Tanzania Financial Services for the Underserved Settlements (TAFSUS), an initiative focused on upgrading slums and underserved settlements in Tanzania. In addition, he holds a non-executive directorship in Mwananchi Communications Limited.

TPFS chairperson, Angelina Ngalula


said: "The board of directors extends their warmest congratulations to Ulanga on his appointment as the CEO of TPSF. We have full confidence in his leadership abilities and look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the organisation under his guidance."

"As I come on board, I look forward to utilising my expertise and experience in engaging with private sectors to further grow this institution and foster our position as an umbrella for private sectors, eager to promote private sector development and the ease of doing business in Tanzania," said Ulanga.



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REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that the Vice Chair person of the Board of Directors of the Rice Council of Tanzania (RCT) announces the passing on of Mr. Julius Magena Wambura that occurred on the 4th of August 2023. Mr. Julius Wambura was the Board Chair of RCT since its establishment June 2014 to-date.

RCT Board Members, Management and members will forever remember Julius Wambura's tireless contribution to the growth of RCT and rice subsector in Tanzania.

The burial ceremony took place on Monday, 7th August 2023 at Kondo cemetery, Ununio, Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam.



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TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION LIMITED: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below work package

Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited ("Tembo") is an operating company formed via the Framework Agreement (19 January 2021) between Kabanga Nickel Limited ("Kabanga Nickel") and the Government of Tanzania ("GoT") for development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in Ngara District, Kagera Region, Tanzania ("Kabanga Nickel Project"). Under the Framework Agreement terms, Tembo (owned 84% by Kabanga Nickel and 16% by GoT) has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of battery-grade nickel with cobalt and copper co-products.

The Kabanga Nickel Project is among the world's largest high-grade underdeveloped nickel sulphide deposits, with exploration upside on existing licenses. Once in operation, the Kabanga Nickel Project will produce battery-grade nickel, cobalt, and copper refined metals in Tanzania. The mine-to-metal operation will use Hydromet Technology that is significantly more cost efficient than smelting. The Hydromet Technology will reduce the carbon footprint, minimise environmental impact, lower capital, and production costs, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Tanzania.

Tembo invites the submission of an "Expression of Interest" ("EOI") from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for the inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the following Scope of Work:

No.	Reference no.	Scope of Work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	TEMBO-2023-07-27	(a)! Design of Modular Wastewater (Sewage) Treatment Plant (b)! Manufacture (c)! Engineering (d)! Painting & Corrosion Protection (e)! Yard Assembly & Testing (f)! Packing and Loading (g)! Delivery to site (Ngara District, Kagera Region, Tanzania) (h)! Commissioning (i)! Training of the Tembo's operators (during commissioning) (j)! Operation and Maintenance Manuals (k)! Process, Mechanical and Electrical Guarantees and Certification	(a)! Must be compliant with the Tanzanian Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan. (b)! Demonstrate experience in designing and manufacture of Modular Sewage Treatment Plants in the recent 5 years. (c)! Provide details of all contracts completed in the last 5 years including value, duration, client contact details. (d)! Provide details of current contracts in execution phase. (e)! Must have a demonstratable quality management system. (f)! Confirm key personnel and contact person with contact details. (g)! Confirm details of workshop and fabrication facilities as well as company capacity for the provision of goods and/or services. (h)! Safety record over the past 24 months.

The above Scope of Work is intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced bidders shall be invited to receive the tender documents. **For any bidder to pre-qualify in receiving the invitation to tender, they must submit an "EOI"** on the bidder's company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Comprehensive company profile,
- Company registration documents i.e., Certificate of Incorporation, Business License, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate, etc.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, and affiliated registration,
- Years of service and experience of key personnel to be assigned to Project,
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work,
- Indicate the above reference number and description of your EOI submission.

EOI's from interested companies that can provide ALL services detailed in the Scope of Work above will be considered.

Kindly send your response by email to tenders@kabanganickel.com by the close of business on **22 August 2023 at 17:00 (GMT+3)** time. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the reference number, as indicated in the above table, in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "EOI" shall be at the sole discretion of Tembo.

For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION LIMITED: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT

SUA and TPHPA conduct trials to combat invasive armyworms

By Guardian Reporter

RESEARCHERS at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) are currently conducting trials on the use of friendly insects to combat invasive armyworms on maize.

Speaking about the new development in Tanga recently, head of the research project, Prof Gratian Rwegasira from SUA said after an intensive research, laboratory trials and then screen house level, they have found that insects like trichogramma mwanzae and telenomus remus have high capacity of fighting the armyworms.

"In our research we identified the two types of insects—these are very small wasps capable of controlling invasive armyworms as they have the ability to attack the eggs of the wasps therefore preventing the armyworms to reproduce in the farms and later disappear," said Prof Rwegasira.

He said that they are currently in the third stage, which is to insert the insects cultivated in maize farms in Mvomero District, Morogoro

Region and Muheza in Tanga in order to see how they work in controlling the invasive insects. "We have placed the insects in the farms and we will wait for two weeks so see the progress, we are sure that the outcomes will be good," he added.

Prof Rwegasira said once completed, the outcomes of the research will greatly help farmers to reduce high use of pesticides in farms which are sometimes not good for people's health and the environment.

Salehe Alfan Ally, a farmer from Dumila in Mvomero District commended the experts for taking their time to help farmers in the area of fighting invasive pests.

According to him, farmers have been incurring a lot of cost to fight pests using various pesticides but if the study proves to good it will be a relief to the farmers not only in the two districts but across the country.

"Previously, we used to grow maize without spraying pesticides, these were only used on the tomato fields, but from 2017 when these invasive armyworms our life had become difficult, we suffer losses

because many of us are unable to afford to buy pesticides to spray pesticides every two weeks until harvesting time, bad enough the pesticides are not helping us," explained Salehe.

Senior agriculture officer of Mlingano ward in Muheza District, Jimmy Mhina commended the researchers for coming up with innovative projects which will greatly help farmers overcome the insects which have pushed them into losses every year.

"Many farmers fail to purchase quality seeds and fertilisers due to high costs they spend in buying pesticides, they see it better to direct their resources in fighting pests than buying modern seeds, so this research is a savior and is going to wipe tears of many farmers in the country," he said.

The destructive pests attack economically important crops such as maize, wheat, millet, sorghum, sugarcane and rice at all stages. The insects were first spotted in 2016 and up to 2019, they were reported to have invaded farms destroying crops in various regions in the country.

requirements for the height of the roofs, we shall only need a letter from the council executive director showing that the fuel station to be built will not have any effects on the environment," said Mhina.

He said the government in its support to EWURA through REA has allocated a budget for last and current financial year to loan to people who want to build fuel stations in rural areas.

In regard to electricity, Mhina said fire disasters had been increasing and called on qualified electrical technicians to make sure they go to EWURA offices for licences so that they are legally recognised in order to help the people who use unlicensed technicians to undertake wiring services in their houses.



Zambian Commerce, Trade and Industry minister Chipoka Mulenga (R) receives a gift from Tanzania Ports Authority officer Medrina Hlazo at the weekend at the 95th Trade and Agriculture exhibition in progress in Zambia. Photo: Special Correspondent

Zambia urges SADC states to continue using Dar port

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIA'S High Commissioner to Zambia, Lt Gen Mathew Mkingule, has asked the business community in Zambia and other Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries to continue using the port of Dar es Salaam due to its geographical location for easy movement of goods.

He said Tanzania is working towards improving regional trade which is key in the success of the Africa Free Continental Trade Area (AfCTA) launched recently.

Speaking at the ongoing agriculture exhibition in Zambia Lt Gen Mkingule said the Tanzania decided to participate in the exhibitions for the first time because it considers Zambia as a strategic trade partner.

The envoy said through the Tanzania Port Authority (TPA), which operates three major ports, Tanzania was facilitating easy movement of imports and exports in the region.

"Yesterday we were talking about linking Zambia to the rest of the world, and here we are to link

Zambia to Tanzania and the other parts of the world for imports and exports," he said.

TPA also has six liaison offices in six countries in the region, including Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, DRC Congo, Zimbabwe and Uganda.

Lt. Gen. Mkingule said Zambia and Tanzania share an important historical link based on political liberation, but that now the two countries must pursue their economic aspirations.

"When we talk about the AfCTA, we cannot reach there if we don't start at a regional level, it is high time that African countries should trade among themselves," he said, adding that there is already big trade between many African countries.

He said Air Tanzania which operates nine direct flights between Dar es Salaam and Lusaka and Ndola, has also recently introduced cargo flights to improve trade. The airline was exhibiting at the show.

Lt. Gen. Mkingule also urged Zambians to visit other tourist attractions in Tanzania such as Mount Kilimanjaro and its wildlife.

"We are now trying to attract medical tourism, for people to

come and visit Tanzania and get medical services," he said.

TPA director of marketing and public relations Dr. George Fasha said the authority is working on its infrastructure in order to facilitate better trade between the two countries.

He said Zambians involved in import and export trade should utilise the services of the TPA in order to avoid some challenges, including being defrauded through inflated taxes, for instance.

"We are here to bring the services as close to the people as possible, so that whenever Zambians have challenges, instead of going to Tanzania, they can visit our office here," he said.

"Zambia is our strategic partner when it comes to trade facilitation, and we are here to tell Zambians that a lot has been done in terms of infrastructure development by TPA,"

Back home we have a huge project called Dar es Salaam gateway project, which has come with a lot of improvements in terms of infrastructure," he added.

EWURA calls upon investors to build fuel stations in rural areas

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has called on all investors planning to establish fuel stations to do so in rural areas in order to avoid fire disasters from people who store fuel in plastic containers.

The call was made yesterday by EWURA Lake Zone manager, George Mhina as he addressed people who visited the Authority's pavilion at the ongoing Nanenane Agricultural exhibition held here for West Lake regions level.

He said energy availability,

especially fuel in rural areas is important and the government has plans to ease its availability by ending the practice of storing fuel in plastic containers which is hazardous.

He explained that already they have come up regulations to streamline the establishing of fuel stations in rural areas and traders should grab the opportunity because EWURA had eased the conditions compared to those for urban areas.

"In rural areas we do not building permits from local councils or NEM, we have also removed the

Tanzania Commercial Bank support in Financing Players in Agriculture Sector

The agriculture sector contributes 28.7 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 65.5 percent of the direct labor force, and 10 percent of the indirect labor force.

However, out of the 24 banks surveyed, only 13 were found to have agriculture lending products. (FSD Tanzania). Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) realized the importance of involving farmers in its products and services and hence established Agribusiness Loans to equip farmers with funds that can allow them to cater to their agribusiness activities such as working capital, capital expenditure, and post-harvest items but also as one way of support government various initiatives of promoting agriculture in the country.

TCB Agribusiness Loans target the agriculture sector in partnership with various stakeholders such as the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB), the Private Agriculture Sector Support (PASS), and the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa.

TCB offers loans to Small-Scale Farmers (SSFs), Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs), and Corporates involved in the

agriculture sector such as primary producers, aggregators, off-takers, processors, and input suppliers. Fishery, animal rearing, and forestry also beef from Agribusiness Loans.

Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB), has been forefront in supporting the agri-business sector in the country by offering loans to farmers. TCB Bank, therefore, encourages farmers to visit its branches which are accessible all over Tanzania to consume and benefit from its friendly agribusiness products.

This sentiment was expressed in Dar es Salaam by TCB Senior Manager-Agribusiness, Mr. Lucius Mteuele ahead of "Nanenane Day" which is being celebrated in the country on the 8th of August every year.

Mteuele said that since TCB bank started offering Agribusiness Loans in the country, the awareness of this product is enormous and many have benefited and are enjoying this service.

Mteuele added that there are a lot of agribusiness loan demands from SSFs and this is driven by the fact that TCB has expanded to reach farmers who were not reached by other



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financial institutions.

"The Agribusiness sector is growing fast as players get exposed to financial services convenient to them. Financial service has been a catalyst to this growth, more importantly, agribusiness is an inclusive economic growth sector compared to other sectors" said Mteuele.

Mteuele added that agricultural financial services are accessible in TCB branches across Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar and it

takes shorter time to enable farmers to meet farming activities timely hence they should take advantage of the ongoing Nanenane exhibition and visit the TCB pavilion to get services.

"TCB's future plan is to continue expanding its inclusive financial service outreach to farmers and other players in the value chain, opening opportunities to youth and women to exploit opportunities available in the agricultural sector" said Mteuele.

Mteuele said that TCB's Agribusiness Loans are different from other financial institutions because TCB offers inclusive financial services to all players ranging from farming, off-taking, value addition, input suppliers, and other players in the agri-value chain.

"Our agri-loans are offered at cheap and affordable prices at shorter turnaround time to match the agribusiness calendar and meet customer expectations," said Mteuele.



Onesmo Olungurumwa, national coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition national coordinator, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday leading discussions at a seminar for human rights advocates providing legal aid in Dar es Salaam, Coastal and Tanga regions. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

Jussa faults Z'bar use of protocol

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ACT-Wazalendo party says it is bad use of protocol for officials of Orkun, the building contractor from Turkey to be provided with security services details and driving in vehicles with sirens blaring in various areas of Zanzibar.

This has been claimed by the party's Member of its Central Committee, Ismail Jussa at a political rally held in Bumbwini Makoba, North Unguja Region.

He said since their arrival in Zanzibar officials of the Turkish investor have been provided security and vehicles sounding sirens in streets of Zanzibar while other investors have not been accorded with such dispensation.

"Today we reached a place to show whether these things have any benefits for the people, where did you see a road

building contractor being welcomed by security officials from the State House and being driven in the streets in vehicles with sirens?" queried Jussa.

In regard to bad financial expenditure he gave an example of the revamping of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport at 57bn/- and Malindi Port which has seen the installation of equipment costing 16bn/-, apart from USD 6 million used for its ICT services.

Jussa said it was not appropriate for the handling services at Terminal III of the Amani Abeid Karume International Airport to be given to Dnata, a Dubai firm after operations by firms of indigenous investors, including ZATI owned by Mohammed Raza were revoked.

However, he said a loan from IMF and Covid-19 funds totaling 400bn/- was not used properly and added that the Phase

VIII Zanzibar Government has failed to implement its promise given in 2020 during the election campaign that what comes will be beneficial to the Zanzibaris, but nothing came of it.

For his part, Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud said the Zanzibar government has no courage to drill for oil and gas before this was removed from the list of Union issues.

He said the issue of drilling for oil and gas emerged for a long time since the presidency of Dr Salmin Amour when he refused a Canadian firm to research thereon without the involvement of Zanzibar.

ACT-Wazalendo's Secretary General, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui called on party members to mobilise themselves in making sure the party wins the 2025 elections.

TEMESA, TRA sign joint agreement for maintenance of vehicles and equipment

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) and Tanzania Revenue authority (TRA) signed Service Level Agreement at the weekend that will involve the maintenance of vehicles, plant electronic generators and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment.

The signing event was held in Morogoro and witnessed by TEMESA director of maintenance and technical services, Eng Hassan Karonda and TRA's director of human resources and administration, Moshi Kabengwe.

TEMESA and TRA regional managers countrywide signed the service level agreements and pledged to oversee them aimed to boost service provisions for both sides.

Speaking at the event Eng Hassan Karonda said TEMESA has signed the agreement with TRA with the aim to offer better services at the appropriate times by boosting income collection benefits for services rendered

and payment of debts by tenderers who distribute spare parts for vehicles and plant's maintenance services.

Eng Karonda also called on TEMESA managers to make sure they abide by the agreement.

For his part, Moshi Kabengwe said the aim for signing the agreement is to boost maintenance services for TRA vehicles, to ensure such services are provided in time to enable the authority implement its activities effectively.

For his part, speaking after signing the agreement, TRA Manager for Kilimanjaro Region, James Jilala Kasamalo said the agreement will help them in following up various TRA activities including revenue collection.

Simiyu Region TEMESA manager, Moses Humbe said he believes when it comes to the implementation issue, the agreement will be of benefit for both sides from now on TRA activities will not be delayed as TEMESA will be ready to make sure all spare parts for maintenance of their vehicles will be available to enable TRA's smooth operations.

UDSM establishes new soil technology for urban farming

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

THE University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) through its School of Science and Agriculture has established a new technology that uses fertilised soil that has the ability to help people in urban areas who lack land areas for farming activities.

Speaking here at the ongoing Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition for farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen at John Mwakangale Fair Grounds in Mbeya, UDSM head of communications and marketing Dr Doto Kuhenga said this type of farming has begun in Dar es Salaam and has been of great benefit.

"We have very modern soils made of adequate fertility and can be used for the cultivation of various crops including vegetables and fruits in urban areas just like for farmers in rural areas," said Dr Kuhenga.

He explained that it is common to see people going out of towns and cities to work in their farms "but there are other people

who have no farms outside urban areas but would like to engage themselves in farming activities, hence UDSM has seen it fit to come up with the appropriate technology."

"We want people to come here to our pavilion to learn about urban farming as such farming has great benefits including supplementing one's income earning," he added.

He explained that in addition to this technology, UDSM has a school on fishing technology, marine sciences located in Zanzibar and that their experts have brought them here in order to educate members of the public.

For his part, UDSM agricultural laboratory technologist, Expelius Kalishavu said such type of farming uses small containers filled with the soil that can be planted with various crops.

He named the crops as including pepper, spinach fruit that ripe in short time and others.

'PSSSF investments increased value of agricultural products'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Director General of the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), Hosea Kashimba, has said that investments from the Fund in had increased value of agricultural products complementing the government's efforts to lure youth participation in the agriculture sector.

The Fund investments compliments efforts to the President Samia Suluhu Hassan's commitment to support the youth through various initiatives including the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT).

Kashimba made the remarks at the PSSSF pavilion in the ongoing annual agriculture exhibitions at the John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya city where the Fund is serving members and retirees as well as educating them on various opportunities including

investments.

According to him, the Fund had invested in various factories including the ginger processing factory in Mamba Miamba in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region, tea factory in Mponde, Lushoto District in Tanga Region as well as modern abattoirs in Nguru, Mvomero District in Morogoro and leather products factory in Kilimanjaro.

He noted that the country's major agribusiness initiative-Building Better Tomorrow- Youth Initiative For Agribusiness (BBT-YIA) project to support Tanzanian youth to engage in farming to improve their economic status. It was launched in August 2022 where about 800 youth had been enrolled for training.

The 2022-2030 initiative designed by the Ministry of Agriculture in partnership with key institutions, focuses to enhance the engagement of youth in the agricultural sector

for sustainable and improved livelihoods, where in its further strategic objectives, the move focuses to inspire youth through diverse training, mentoring and coaching.

"Once these young people commence their production in farms and factories, they will be sure of the market to send their produce, our factories also will be there to receive various crops including ginger, improved livestock and other products," he explained.

The Fund's DG further said that apart from serving members and retirees at the pavilion, he has also conducted a special campaign of visiting various booths along with staff to listen and solve various challenges as well as educate them on various services including using PSSS Kiganjani, digital package where members can access various services wherever they are through their mobile phones.



Public Service Social Security Fund director general Hosea Kashimba (2nd-R) pictured presents a booklet on the fund's activities to Bank of Tanzania's Director of Administration and Human Resources Management, Kennedy Nyoni, yesterday. The former was on a visit to the bank's pavilion at the annual Nanenane (Farmers' Day) Exhibition in progress at national level in Mbeya city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





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North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following:

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TGNP brings together over 90 CSO members

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Gender Network Programme (TGNP) has brought together over 90 representatives from various civil society organisations and members of Knowledge Centres (KCs) from across the country to educate them on budget processes monitoring and analysis.

The group which stayed in the training for two days in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, were capacitated with skills to ensure that they effectively engage and make follow-ups to ensure that budgets in local governments have a gender perspective and take into account the needs of all groups in society.

Speaking during the opening of the training, TGNP executive director, Lilian Liundi said that the training meant to capacitate civil society organisations' leaders and representatives from various KCs with various concepts of gender equality and budgets.

"Our aim is to establish a collective understanding on the concepts and importance of gender responsible budget and to recognise the different approaches of how to analyse the gender responsible budget to promote inclusive development within societies," she said.

The event also aimed to share experience from each other on the challenges of how to prepare a gender responsible budget as well as consolidate the skills of CSOs to persuade on the policies, plans and gender sensitive budgets.

She said after the training, participants will be able to empower the community with the same skills which at the end will ensure they have a gender responsible budget.

The training further empowered the CSOs with the skills of persuasion and advocacy and hence be able to encourage the increased number of participation of women in leadership and in decision making positions.

Liundi encouraged the participants to productively utilise the training opportunity and at the end come up with positive results for the benefits of the entire community and nation as a whole.

The session also spoke on the effects of violence and charged participants to alleviate the challenges by educating the society and supporting victims to get justice.

Anna Sangai, senior programme officer, training and capacity building said budget processes need to engage both men and women and should also cover challenges and needs of all groups in the society.

"Many budgets have been passing without considering the needs of different groups including women and elders, this is why we are making efforts to capacitate key groups in the society with understanding on gender perspective in budget processes," she said.

She noted: "Women have been working hard to contribute to family incomes but at the end of the day husbands or men benefit highly from the produce or being the ones who decides when and where the incomes should be utilised or directed. This situation affects women's progress at family and society level despite spending much time engaging in production activities."

Farida Seif, KC chair at Bunju B Street in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam said men and women can cooperate in conducting various duties at family and society level which include farming, cooking, washing clothes and other income generating activities so as to bring development.

She also said child and women protection against violence acts needs coordinated efforts from various players.

Children both school and home faces huge challenges of being raped and defiled, this is a serious challenge which needs commitment from stakeholders.



Deogratius Ndejemi (L), Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), pictured yesterday getting a feel of the benefits clean and cheap energy can induce in cooking. He was on a tour of the Tanzania Traditional Energy Development and Environmental Organisation's pavilion at the ongoing Nanenane (Farmers' Day) Exhibition in Dodoma city. The technology, which uses electricity and gas, is the agency's brainchild and is largely meant to protect the environment. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TRA announces tax exemption on farm machinery, equipment

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) has announced relief of the farming sector by imposing tax exemption on tractors imports.

This was disclosed here at the weekend at the ongoing Nanenane agricultural exhibition involving farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen at the John Mwakangale exhibition grounds.

Addressing reporters TRA official

from Mbeya Region, Nicodemus Massawe said already importers have started benefitting by the exemption and called on farmers to grab the opportunity.

He said that the opportunity applies to tractors, fertiliser and farm inputs whenever imported to the country.

"As for now small, middle and big farmers should approach our offices or here at the exhibition grounds to know which items have

been exempted from tax including the costs," he said.

He added that in regard to the income tax laws there are two categories of farmers - those engaged in cash crops who are required to pay income tax.

The law recognized this farmer by looking into the value of his harvests and if they start at 4m/- he is supposed to pay the tax, less than that, he is regarded as an ordinary subsistence farmer.

In regard to cooperative societies, he said they are also required to pay tax according to their annual incomes.

"Our tax laws say any cooperative union whose net income does not exceed 100m/-, it is exempted from paying tax," he said.

Mbeya regional TRA manager, Musibu Shaban said they attended the Nanenane exhibition to provide education to the people regarding the Authority.



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF WATER TANGA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION AUTHORITY



Nane Nane Exhibition, UWAMAKIZI Week help farmers to get education on how to boost their products.

NANE NANE Agricultural Shows have proven to be the most important event through which farmers can display their products every year, learn on modern farming and many more on agricultural related matters.

But all in all water is a critical input for agricultural activities and it plays an important role in food security.

Agriculture can stand as a means of conserving water sources if well practiced through establishments of various strategies.

Such strategies includes polices and best practices that sustainably manage water resources to meet human needs for ecosystem services while ensuring adequate supplies for future generations.

By practicing water conservation, we can reduce our reliance on ground and surface water sources, minimize wastewater discharge, and protect freshwater ecosystems.

Water conservation not only helps to ensure an adequate supply of fresh water for current generations but also helps to protect future generations.

By seeing the importance of sustainable agricultural practices and water conservation, the two practices run into sidelines, Tanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (TANGA UWASA) has put emphasis



Environmental stakeholders pay visit to one of the tree seedling nurseries at Amani ready to be distributed to UWAMAKIZI small scale farmers

on environmental and water resources conservation with the aim of ensuring adequate supply of water to customers is reliable during weather seasons.

TANGA UWASA has established the strategy of funding groups of small scale farmers known as Umoja wa Wakulima Wahifadhi

Mazingira Kihuhi Zigi (UWAMAKIZI) which practices friendly agricultural activities while conserving environment.

This partnership between UWAMAKIZI and TANGA UWASA with local communities living near water sources of rivers along East Usambara Mountain aims to ensure that the

communities are being benefited economically through their environmental conservation activities and their efforts of making a significant contribution towards improving the quality lives of those communities.

By making sure these efforts are successful, each year the Authority is disbursing about 90ml/- to fund UWAMAKIZI to practice spices agricultural production and until so far the water utility disbursed about 600ml/- .

They growing cinnamon, cloves, cocoa, black pepper, cardamom.

And so far about 1800 - 2000 small scale farmers have been registered into UWAMAKIZI from 21 villages around slopes of Usambara Mountain at Bombani, Potwe and Amani wards in Muheza district.

Ramadhani Nyambuka who is Zone manager for TANGA UWASA Muheza zone office who is also a coordinator for UWAMAKIZI states that Nane Nane Exhibition is going sidelines with UWAMAKIZI Week whereby farmers are getting education on how to boost their products.

He explained that the exhibition plays as a platform where by UWAMAKIZI farmers meet with various stakeholders, getting trained and then transfers the education to their fellow farmers.

SUWASA gets set to address water loss

By Guardian Reporter, Singida

THE Singida Water and Sanitation Authority (SUWASA) is set to address water loss up to 31-per cent by rehabilitating infrastructure including water meters which are below standards.

Speaking to journalists in the region, SUWASA managing director, Sebastian Warioba, said the loss is contributed by poor use of water infrastructure including substandard meters.

"We are currently in the process to change meters which are substandard, earlier this year, the authority had changed more 20,000 meters," he said.

He said the water utility was expecting to acquire pipes worth 1bn/- to connect to customers to address water woes.

He explained that by strengthening water availability, Singida municipality was implementing a water project in 28 towns around the municipality which will cost 45bn/- and is expected to be completed next year.

He said upon completion, the project will increase water availability to 90-per cent in Singida municipality.

He said other projects will be implemented through funding from the central government to reach out to people who have no access to water.

"As a municipality, we have

reached out to 16 wards out of the 18 which are in the municipality and we have requested funds from the ministry for implementation," he said.

He said the municipality has 18,000 customers and has reached out to 78 percent of them in areas of Buguno, Njia panda, Ikungi, Sepuka, Irisia, Puma and Makiungu.

On the sewage water, he said the municipality had no sewage water systems, saying from this year they have officially started the process following the construction of dams at Manga area.

"Upon completion of the projects in 2024, we expect that residential areas will be safe from running sewage water because they will be treated and then reused," he said.

He called upon people in the areas to report any sabotage or vandalism on water resources and infrastructure.



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WMA urges farmers to use certified weighing scales when selling crops

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

DEPUTY Industry and Trade Minister, Exaud Kigahe has urged Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) to continue mobilising farmers to form groups or join Agricultural and Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) which will be easy for the government to empower them to have the right weighing scales that have been certified by WMA.

The Deputy minister by doing so farmers will be able to sell their produce in the correct weight needed, that is not more than 100kg and stop using overweight bags popularly known as "lumbesa."

Kigahe made the remarks at the weekend during his visit at the WMA pavilion at the ongoing Nananane Agricultural exhibition at John Mwakangale exhibition grounds here.

He said WMA should continue supervising farmers to make sure they do not use illegal measures including pails, tins when selling their crops to avoid con men.

For his part, WMA director of trade, Deogratias Maneno told the Deputy Minister that the Agency is an important stakeholder at the

exhibition as it involved the entire value chain from the time a farmer starts crop's production until actual production.

According to him, WMA continues to monitor the "lumbesa" weight measures for crops and various inspections are made to fight the practice.

He also called on farmers to abide by the laws and procedures to enable them sell their crops using certified weighing scales in bags not exceeding 100k.

Maneno told the Deputy Minister that WMA continues to mobilise local councils to establish special selling centres for the crops.

He said that the centres will help farmers to send their farm crops to buyers and that they will have WMA certified weighing scales to ensure farmers are not being cheated.

Lupakisyo Mahenge, one among visitors at the WMA pavilion, a resident of Mafinga said he had learnt a lot of things including on the correct way to label packed products.

He said he now knows to identify scales that have been certified by WMA from the information on the weighing scales.

Minister calls on women engineers to register their companies for gain

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

LELA Muhammed Mussa, Zanzibar's minister for Education and Vocational training has called upon women engineers to grab opportunities in government offered projects to register their companies and offer construction and consulting services for national development.

Speaking when she opened the first symposium of women engineers in the Isles, the minister called upon the association to reach out to more women in schools and universities to increase the number of women engineers in the country.

She said Zanzibar has officially opened a branch of the prestigious India Institute of Technology (IIT) which will be the first branch in Africa.

She said the decision to make the symposium take place in the Isles has allowed more women to develop interest in science so that the number of women scientists increased.

"The government intends to

empower women and girls who are studying at various levels to take science subjects because the global needs currently are settling on technology," she said.

Speaking during the event, Eng. Salha Muhammed Kassim who is the director of the Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA) said the symposium was held in Zanzibar as a symbol of cherishing engineers from Zanzibar by identifying opportunities available.

During the symposium, which involved more than 1000 engineers including contractors presented issues of women empowerment to promote their interests and identify their role in the profession.

The symposium also went together with issuance of awards to university and secondary school students who had done extraordinary in science and technology subjects in which Kisutu secondary school emerged the winner as well as Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) which scooped the award in higher learning category.



Fadhila Said (L), Tigo's Mbeya regional sales manager, briefs Ludewa district commissioner Victoria Mwanziva in Mbeya yesterday on internet and other services available at the firm's pavilion at the Nananane (Farmers' Day) Exhibition being held at national level in the southern highlands city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Plastic bottles for recycling opening up future for youths

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda,

Mwanza

TANZANIAN youths have been challenged to utilise the opportunity of collecting plastic bottles for recycling so as to produce other products and increase their income as well as conserve the environment.

Ayoub Lusiji, one the senior traders in plastic bottles at Kisesa centre in Magu District, Mwanza

Region, threw a challenge yesterday here during an interview with this paper.

He said that materials that are taken as wastes can offer employment opportunities to people if well collected and recycled to make other products.

He pointed out that bottles are crushed into small particles and later be exported as raw materials for manufacturing of different items.

He said that had been doing such

business for over 10 years now and had improved his living as well as taking care of family and parents to a reasonable standard.

"When I started to collect the bottles in collaboration with my fellows, some people thought that I was wasting time but they came to realise that was a good job after they saw his life improving," he said.

Lusiji added: "After accumulating a certain amount of money, my counterparts and I formed a centre and established a factory to crush

bottles into small particles before we sell them in Dar es Salaam."

He said that now a number of people go to the centre to look for temporary jobs to separate bottles in accordance with their colours before they are crushed into particles, and now they earn money.

Currently, the centre employs up to 40 people per day depending on the amount of cargo, the labourers have been working to put the bottles in good order by separating them by their colour", he said.

Lusiji wanted young people to not take the easy job but rather wake up and take up the opportunity to collect waste bottles and sell them or recycle to earn income.



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Dr Stergomena Tax (R) receives credentials from UNICEF Resident Representative to Tanzania Elke Wisch in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo courtesy of Foreign Affairs ministry

SAGCOT, RC's office offer training to farmers at Morogoro NaneNane

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

LOCAL stakeholders in agriculture value chains have continued to receive capacity building training through partnership between Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania's (SAGCOT) Kilombero cluster under the supervision of Morogoro Regional Commissioner's Office.

The training aimed to ensure that farmers receive adequate training on matters related to soil health testing and environmental conservation in a bid to strengthen food security and increase productivity.

Speaking here separately to various farmers and visitors at the SAGCOT pavilion, SAGCOT Manager of Kilombero cluster, John Banga called on farmers to

make a full use of the exceptional opportunity of clove farming deemed both economic benefitting and environmental conservation.

"We continue to provide education in Morogoro Region on the importance of embarking into environmental friendly agriculture that takes care of the environment by collecting toxic agricultural waste in the cage to avoid environmental pollution parallel with the production of quality vegetable seedlings through drip irrigation and thus increase the farmer's income," said Banga.

He added, SAGCOT will collaborate closely with Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Ministry of Agriculture to ensure that farmers become knowledgeable enough on soil health testing to help them select fertilizers wisely and increase productivity.

"I call upon citizens to visit these exhibitions in bigger numbers in a bid to get a chance of witnessing and learning better ways of testing soil health as well as getting to see new technologies and quality fertilizers which when thoroughly used will increase productivity in their farms," Banga said.

He added that the sixth phase government under the leadership of President, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan has come out clear with its intention of ensuring that youths are becoming a pillar in economic growth through agricultural production.

"The government's exertion is vivid through the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) initiative to both agricultural productivity and livestock keeping, this initiative will stimulate and evoke creativity among youths to participate in agriculture and increase

productivity as well as economic empowerment," he said.

Banga noted further that the 'NaneNane' exhibition reflects hopes, development and collaboration among stakeholders in the value chain of the agriculture sector as well as paving way for various stakeholders including farmers, processors, suppliers and manufacturers of farm inputs, researchers and policy makers to meet together and share experiences.

This year's NaneNane fair have the slogan; 'Women and Youth are the Strong Foundation of Sustainable Food Systems.'

The fair in Morogoro Region was officially opened by the former Prime Minister, Mizengo Peter Pinda. The official climax of the festival is held at national level in Mbeya's John Mwakangale fair grounds today.

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NaneNane fair: Agricultural mission to Southern Tanzania can be a blessing

THE first week of August is all about agriculture in Tanzania. From August 1st onwards, agricultural fairs are organised all over the country, culminating in the national holiday NaneNane on August 8th is also known as Farmers' Day.

It's a time when the contribution of farmers and all involved in agriculture of all kinds throughout Tanzania are appreciated.

A team from the Netherlands Embassy flew to the southern town of Mbeya to explore opportunities for agriculture in the region and to solidify the progress of the potato centre.

Each year on NaneNane (meaning eight eight day), the important contribution of farmers to the Tanzanian economy is celebrated. In eight cities, including Mbeya, agricultural fairs are organised. Hereto, companies, farmers, regional and local officials are drawn to see the latest developments and opportunities in the world of agriculture.

This year, a team from the Embassy led by the Deputy Head of Mission Lianne Houben, the new Agricultural Counselor Ingrid Korving and Agricultural Officer Theresia Mcha travelled to Mbeya from August 5 till 8. They were accompanied by two consultants, Frank Wijnands and Sicko de Vries from Wageningen University and Research, who are involved in the establishment and management of the Centre for development of the potato industry in Tanzania.

Mbeya is a town in the Southern Highlands, which is part of the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) region, an area the size of Italy. SAGCOT is a multi-stakeholder public-private partnership (PPP), initiated by the government of Tanzania to accomplish rapid and sustainable growth in the Southern

Highlands' agricultural sector. The goal is to set up inclusive agribusinesses that will benefit small-scale farmers, improve food security, reduce rural poverty and ensure environmental sustainability.

It is in Mbeya that the Centre for Development of the potato industry in Tanzania will be established. This is a centre of expertise set up by nine Dutch companies and the Ministry of Finance and Planning, which will help develop the potato sector in the SAGCOT region.

The trade mission was conducted with several goals in mind. Most importantly, it was explored whether the event was suitable for the Netherlands to be a participant in the fair next year. The event is a viable opportunity for Holland Branding and for Dutch companies to showcase their technologies and products.

Moreover, the mission was a good introduction for Ingrid Korving to the embassy's key partners in the region, as well as an opportunity for the embassy to increase the visibility of the available expertise.

The team spend the four days of the mission productively. They extensively visited the Nane Nane fair, frequenting the SAGCOT pavilion, a possible place for a stand next year. The representation of both the public and private sector in this pavilion could be a great platform for the embassy.

The Potato Centre was also addressed: the already accomplished progress and next steps were discussed with the secretariat of SAGCOT, in order to institutionalise it as swiftly as possible.

In addition, achieving visibility was accomplished. Lianne Houben had a meeting with the Minister of State at the President's Office, George Simbachawene and with Njombe's Regional Commissioner Antony Mtaka, in which she explained the embassy's strategy 'from aid to trade'.

More forex earnings vital to stem destabilising fuel crisis

FUEL relative shortages and scarcity of the US dollar are combining to bring the government to stand 'between a rock and a hard place' as its options are somewhat unclear. This was partially evident in a consultative meeting between the Energy ministry and fuel traders over recent sharply felt shortages of fuel in various spots across the country. Fuel importers admit they are placing lower import orders than they would otherwise do for fear of failing to pay upfront.

There was a brief moment in the past few weeks where some administrators thought fuel importers and wholesalers were hiding significant quantities of the commodity to stall for higher prices. This view seems to have faded from view, as noticeably no one was being quizzed for anything similar to deliberately causing shortages. It appeared that the matter was more complicated, and it now surfaces that despite impressions that plenty of fuel is being imported, the market needs more fuel than it is getting, and importers point at dollar scarcity.

This leads to questions of economic strategy that are less prevalent now in comparison with around four decades ago, and solved bit by bit over two decades. From 1981 at the time of the structural adjustment programme to 1996 when the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) was formed, it was a time of doubt and formation of new institutions. The foreign exchange parameter of economic need as a whole was gradually scaled down first by gold mining, rising tourism and later, natural gas exploitation, but this seems insufficient.

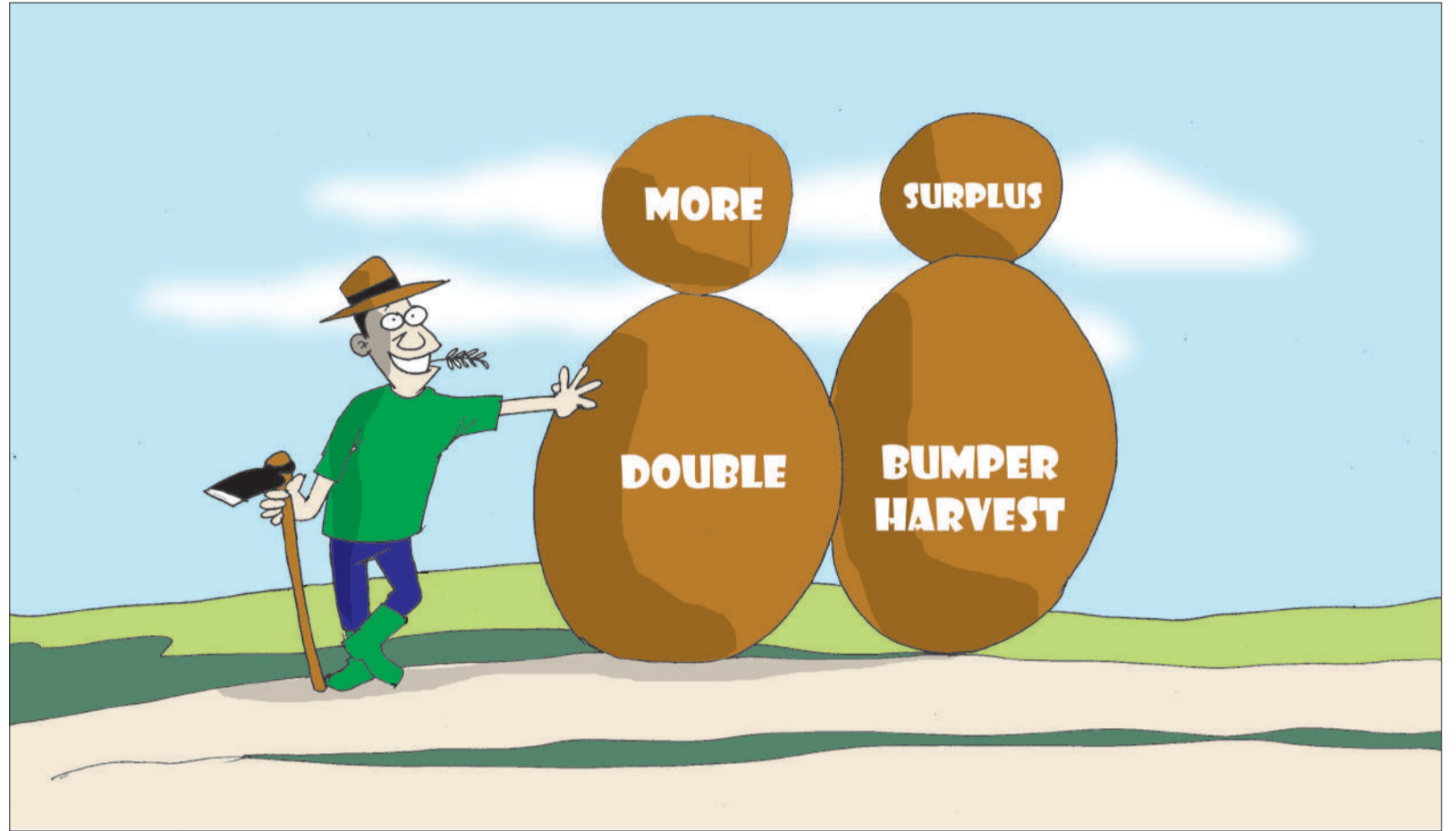
Analysts at the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) will have to make up their

minds whether the current dollar shortage is a passing wind or a systematic issue. Fuel marketing companies provided a portion of the answer, affirming that the fuel supply situation stands to worsen if challenges in accessing to hard currency are not quickly resolved. What this means in large measure is that the government ought to apply a stitch at the moment, ostensibly to save nine if it fails to act.

Admittedly, the country close to a foreign exchange supply crisis via fuel needs, tied to inputs and outputs at public sector sphere, of their excessive forex needs. Numerous public organisations routinely seek vast amounts in foreign currency in external procurement, instead of such investments being conducted by large private firms, local or foreign, as they have own sources for hard currency. The government can't just enhance dollar availability by higher BoT dollar sales without risking import cover sustainability, a key monetary policy issue.

For the government to avoid the current fuel supply crisis from worsening, it will have to scale down plenty of entitlements in the public sector to sharply diminish its own demand for fuel. It isn't an easy option as it was in the first and fifth phases, to be sure. That means it must earn more forex to keep privileges intact, by offloading shares of vast forex users to reverse the tide.

An oil marketing companies' executive said at the ministerial consultation that fuel traders were making an effort to import sufficient supplies even at a greater cost, to avoid serious shortages. He was convinced that the price will be higher, pointing at the need for education on the issue. Fact is, solutions are better.



Actions saying more than words: Illustrations of EU-AU partnership

By Joy Wonder Wilson

EVERY day we are working to make the EU-AU partnership stronger and closer to the people of Africa and Europe. Our day-to-day engagement testifies that the relationship between Europe and Africa is made of unparalleled human, cultural, geographical and economic links, not incantations, promises and affirmations.

At the 6th European Union (EU) - African Union (AU) Summit in February 2022, over 80 leaders from Africa and Europe met in Brussels to adopt an ambitious agenda and to sustain a partnership of peace, security, solidarity and prosperity based on equality, respect and mutual understanding.

Europe and Africa need each other to build a solid and lasting response to global and common challenges, from climate change to peace and security or economic development that affect us all. The partnership between the European Union and the African Union, rooted in dialogue and multilateralism, is solution-oriented and forward-looking.

Europe and Africa are joint stakeholders in a multilateral, rules-based international system. The EU and its member states were among the first to express full support for the integration of the AU within the G20; the EU supports Africa in its ambitions to become a key global player. Together, the AU and the EU can be pillars in the defense of a rules-based world, where sovereignty, territorial integrity and the right to self-determination are safeguarded.

The European Union is deeply committed to the safety and prosperity of its neighbours, as it is also a condition for our own security and prosperity and we strive to be a reliable and predictable partner. In times of rising global food insecurity, the EU stands by its commitment to facilitate the export of grain and other agricultural products from Ukraine. We would like to repeat that from day one, the EU has exempted food and agricultural inputs (including fertilizers) from its sanctions imposed on the Russian Federation.

Complementary to the Black Sea Grain Initiative, the EU has set up the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes through which almost 61 million tons of cereals leave Ukraine by land. While it is often quoted that only a minor percentage of agricultural products exported from Ukraine has reached African consumers directly, the combined



economic effects of the Black Sea Grain Initiative and the Solidarity Lanes have resulted in a 23 per cent decrease in the price index for grain on the global market.

Looking beyond the immediate need to mitigate price volatility for foodstuffs on the global market, the European Union will have mobilised by 2024 almost 7 billion Euro to improve food security in Africa; more than 3 billion Euro has already been disbursed. This includes the EU's contributions to the IMF's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust.

Other initiatives, such as the Alliance on Sustainable Cocoa (EU, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana) are enhancing the resilience of food systems and the sustainability of Agric-value chains.

As agreed at the 6th EU-AU Summit, to strengthen quality infrastructure, nearly 150 billion Euro of investments will be mobilized by 2027 in Africa as part of the "Global Gateway Investment" strategy. These investments are already taking place today and the European Union is translating commitments made at the Summit into reality. In Kenya, support is provided for the installation of fibre optics and the development of a rapid bus system in Nairobi.

In Burkina Faso, the EU is the main partner for rural and renewable electrification projects, in particular the Yellen project, which benefits 110,000 households. Investments in health (the Global Gateway flagship initiative MAV+ on manufacturing and access to vaccines with over 1 billion Euro of investment in Rwanda, South-Africa, Senegal, Ghana) and digital (investment of up to 820 million Euro in Nigeria's digital transformation) are just two other examples.

The concrete and tangible results are here. They confirm the European Union as Africa's prime partner at all levels, on trade, investments and development. Europe has been and will remain a long-standing partner of Africa - the recent renewal of the agreement with African, Caribbean, and Pacific

countries, in existence since 1975, is just one more demonstration of our commitment.

On peace and security, notwithstanding multiple crises across the globe, the EU has sustained its support to AU and African-led peace support operations. Again, this translates commitments made at the 6th EU-AU Summit into action. For the period 2022-24, 600 million Euro is being allocated to these missions via the European Peace Facility (EPF), complementing support under other development instruments. An example is EU support to the African transition mission in Somalia (AMISOM/ATMIS) amounting to 2.7 billion Euro since 2007.

The eleven training and assistance missions on the continent are another testimony of EU's support to African partners' peace and security objectives. Africa has and will continue to remain a key area of operations with EPF support. The total Team Europe's commitment for Conflict Prevention, Mediation, Peace and Security initiatives at national and regional level is expected to amount to 1.5 billion Euro from 2021 until 2027.

While others seek to divide, the EU in its partnership with Africa seeks to deliver and foster cooperation. The commitments made by some countries do not stand up to the test of time. Conversely, the EU and its Member states have consistently invested in Africa and facilitated the duty free access of African exports in the EU.

As a tangible sign of our willingness to engage in a partnership that concretely benefits Africa, 33 of the least developed African countries have benefitted from the most favorable customs regime, removing tariffs and quotas for all imports of goods - except arms and ammunition.

As of today, the EU is by far the main trade partner of the African continent, with a total volume of 268 billion Euro in 2021 and 90% of African exports entering the European Union duty free.

The EU is encouraged by the

potential of the AfCFTA and has been supporting it since the beginning, contributing, under a Team Europe approach, with expertise, institutional capacity and exchanges on lessons learned.

The EU has its share of responsibility in global warming and is investing heavily to curb emissions in Europe. It also stands by the side of the countries that are victims of or are suffering from the consequences of global warming and need support in their climate transition.

We are supporting the AU's Great Green Wall initiative for climate adaptation with 700 million Euro and are driving forces behind the decision to allocate 100 billion USD in special drawing rights (or equivalent contributions) to the most vulnerable countries, particularly in Africa.

The Summit for a new global financial pact held in Paris at the end of June, to which 25 African heads of states participated along with both AU and EU leadership, effectively contributed to reach that target and has paved the way to the next Africa Climate Summit to be held in Kenya in September. Thanks to the Common Framework of the G20 and the Paris Club, an agreement has been reached on the treatment of Zambia's debt, a historic step for this country and the Zambian people.

In all these developments, Europe is delivering. The overall funding for development cooperation by Team Europe went up by almost 30 per cent in 2022 worldwide, with EU assistance to Africa increasing by 11% for the period 2021-2027, when compared to 2014-2020.

While we are working on the organization of the next Ministerial meeting between the African Union and the European Union, where we will take stock of our joint achievements to date, we wish to reaffirm our continued determination and commitment to strengthen our partnership in solidarity with Africa, with a view to contributing together to global peace, security and prosperity.



Happy Farmers Day, Happy Nane nane

Every year, Alliance One Tobacco company Limited invites hundreds of our contracted farmers to the Morogoro based tobacco processing factory for

study tours. They come from all tobacco growing zones.

These educative farmers' visits are greatly useful in assisting

them to grow a better crop, which is then sold to the company, hence enabling us to gain an edge above the rest in the sub-sector. The company also closely works

with farmers to ensure their tobacco is compliant and is grown sustainably by investing in them tangibly via environmental conservation and afforestation.



Alliance One Managing Director Ephraim Mapoore shares a point with the tobacco farmers from Tabora and Kigoma during their visit at the Morogoro based factory



Visiting farmers in a guided tour at the sorting section



Visiting farmers in a guided tour at the grading section



Visiting farmers in a guided tour at the receiving section



Visiting farmers in a guided tour at the receiving section



Tabora Regional Commissioner, Dr Batilda Buriani (5L) congratulates Alliance One team led by the company's Agronomy Director David Mayunga for a job well done in afforestation project in Kasulu district in Kigoma region, when she toured the project which is to be replicated in Tabora.

HAPPY FARMERS' DAY! HAPPY NANE NANE!

To our 12,000 contracted farmers and their families!

National Farmers Day (NANE NANE) is a day to celebrate the farmers including tobacco farmers who massively contribute to the nation's foreign earnings. It's also a time to recognize the importance of agriculture in our society, and the contributions of farmers throughout history. This year, let us remember all the farmers who are working hard to keep Tanzania economy rolling and give them special thanks for their dedication and hard work.

Happy Farmers' Day! Once again, we celebrate all farmers for their hard work and contribution to the economy. National Farmers Day is just a small way for our company and the nation to show our gratitude to farmers and the agriculture industry at large.

We take pride in our growers for their commitment to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and their commitment to grow tobacco sustainably in tandem with offering food security!

Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania, wishes you all a wonderful Nane Nane day. May this special day serve as recognition to all farmers (OUR KEY PARTNERS IN BUSINESS) as the source of all our successes. May our partnership remain strong, and live on today, tomorrow, and in the future.



Imran Khan: Is his political future over now he is in jail?

By Edgardo Ayala

IMRAN Khan has been arrested for the second time in a matter of months, but this time the reaction looks very different. What could happen next?

There could not have been a starker contrast between 9 May and 5 August this year.

While Imran Khan's first arrest led to protests in the streets from Peshawar to Karachi, with buildings burning and the army on the streets, Saturday night was no different from any other normal night in Pakistan.

Khan (pictured) is currently in prison, sentenced to three years for not declaring money gained by selling state gifts.

The sentence will lead to his disqualification before the upcoming elections.

His call for peaceful protests, urging people not to sit quietly in their homes, has - for now - not worked. Why?

Ask government ministers and they will say that it is because people do not want to follow Imran Khan or his party, the PTI - unwilling to be associated with a group responsible for previous violence. That is not the message from Mr Khan's supporters.

Imran Khan's relationship with the establishment - shorthand in Pakistan for the politically-powerful military and intelligence agencies - soured more than a year ago.

Mr Khan was widely seen by analysts as having come to power with the help of the establishment and to have subsequently lost it when that relationship deteriorated.

Emasculated movement?

Since then, instead of waiting quietly until the next election, he has continued to criticise the army's leadership. When army buildings were attacked following Mr Khan's arrest in May, the military let it be



known that they had a zero-tolerance approach to those they saw as responsible.

The subsequent crackdown has left Imran Khan's party decimated.

His supporters were arrested in their thousands, and some will be tried in military courts, despite the outcry from human rights groups that the system should not be used for civilians.

Some in Pakistan's media have told us that from late May - after TV station owners met the military - journalists were no longer allowed to say Mr Khan's name, show his picture or even write his name on the tickertape. Anecdotal, many previously vocal supporters told us that they had stopped

posting about the PTI or its leader on social media, deleting their posts and no longer watching his public broadcasts, afraid of who might be watching them watching him.

The government has told the BBC that it does not arrest peaceful protesters. However, BBC Urdu journalists saw PTI supporters gathering outside Mr Khan's house in Lahore on Saturday afternoon taken away by police. It is not clear if they were formally arrested.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a contact in the police told the BBC that they had arrested about 100 PTI supporters. He said that the force had been told to

stay vigilant and ensure no Imran Khan supporters began gathering.

"I think the response from the draconian crackdown has scared Khan supporters into submission," says Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Center think tank in Washington.

"I really think that the support base was unwilling to put itself at risk in the way we saw on 9 May.

"From one sense, the military has played this just right. They used these brutal tactics that really pre-empted a larger and more robust reaction from Khan's support base."

Imran Khan's legal team have made it clear that they intend to appeal against the decision to jail him.

Test of the street and vote

In the course of the last few months, his lawyers have been able to repeatedly gain some temporary relief from different courts - delaying rather than stopping some of the more serious court cases.

It's unclear if this will continue. Mr Khan saw his arrest dramatically overturned back in May, but in a very different political environment.

Imran Khan is one of several former Pakistani leaders who have ended up in the courts - Nawaz Sharif, Benazir Bhutto

and the military dictator Pervez Musharraf, to name just a few in recent decades.

Mr Khan imprisoned several of his own political rivals while serving as prime minister.

Pakistan's politicians will often say that the justice system is politically motivated against them, while justified against their opposition.

If Imran Khan remains disqualified from holding public office, there are big questions about what will happen to his party.

Mr Khan has told us previously that the PTI will live on and thrive, whether he is able to be elected or not. That is far from a certainty.

"The next big question, given the election, is how will the remaining leadership of the PTI try to mobilise?" says Mr Kugelman.

"Will they try to get their supporters out on the streets, will that be successful? It will be a good test." The PTI is a party created by and centred on Mr Khan. Even its logo printed on voting forms is the symbol of a cricket bat, a nod to Mr Khan's previous career as an international cricketer.

Many of the senior political figures that surrounded Mr Khan earlier this year have since left his party. Others involved in his party are in hiding, evading arrest.

None of these suggests it would be easy for the party to run an effective political campaign.

China National Archives of Publications and Culture tells stories of civilisation exchanges

By Liu Chengyong

IN the long course of human history, many civilizations emerged. Some faded away with the passage of time, and some endured despite twists and turns.

Chinese civilization has remained uninterrupted for thousands of years, only growing more vibrant as time passes. This would not have been possible without the collection, preservation and passing down of classics and publications.

Oracle bones, pottery symbols, bronze inscriptions, stone carvings, seals, bamboo and wooden slips, woodblock printing, rubbings, ancient books, chorography, maps - these artifacts record the marks of Chinese civilization, character symbols, and cultural context. They are the creators of the Chinese civilization and witnesses to the Chinese history.

Today, these cultural treasures of the Chinese nation are preserved and presented at the China National Archives of Publications and Culture, which comprises headquarters in Beijing and branches in Xi'an, Hangzhou and Guangzhou. They strengthen the bridge of mutual learning between China and civilizations worldwide.

Boasting a rich and valuable collection, the China National Archives of Publications and Culture is dubbed as a cultural gene bank of the Chinese nation. It collects nearly 24 million precious copies and editions of various publications and gathers almost

500 million data entries, with 24 million open to the public. Like a time tunnel, the editions and copies archived tell the stories of exchanges and mutual learning among human civilizations, such as the journey of Zhang Qian, a royal envoy in China's Han Dynasty (202BC-220AD), to the Western regions via Central Asia, which eventually led to the opening of the ancient Silk Road, the "Journey to the West" by Tang Dynasty Buddhist monk Xuanzang (618-907), the story of Tang Dynasty monk Jianzhen who brought Buddhism to Japan, and the legendary voyage to Southeast Asia, South Asia, West Asia, and East Africa by Chinese navigator Zheng He of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

They record the extraordinary journeys of different civilizations, from their initial encounters to the exchanges and mutual learning that developed between them across various historical stages.

During the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279), China was a leading country in terms of navigation technologies. A green-glazed bowl with Chinese character Ji exhibited at the headquarters of the China National Archives of Publications and Culture was salvaged from the Shipwreck Huaguangjiao No.1 of the Southern Song Dynasty.

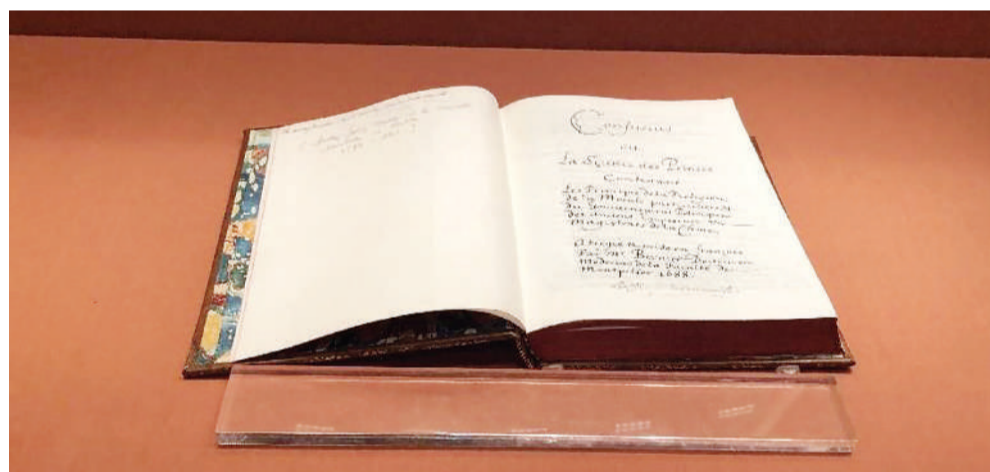
In Chinese, Ji symbolizes the Chinese people's longing for an auspicious and peaceful life. This relic mirrors the demeanor of ancient Chinese sailing afar and pioneering outward on the Maritime Silk Road hundreds of years ago.

The archives gathers a wealth of other valuable items that witness the history of cultural exchanges. These include a Song Dynasty (960-1279) edition of the Great Tang Records on the Western Regions, which chronicles Xuanzang's journey along the ancient Silk Road. Also featured is a copy of the original 1688 French publication of "An Introduction to The Analects of Confucius." This work marked the first communication of Confucian thought in French, and was a national gift to Chinese President Xi Jinping from his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron in 2019.

Two "cultural exchange day" events were recently held at the China National Archives of Publications and Culture, which were joined by 88 sinologists from some 60 countries as well as over 30 foreign experts of culture, museum studies and publishing.

They were amazed by the infrastructure construction, high-quality exhibitions and displays, and the tremendous cultural treasures of the China National Archives of Publications and Culture. They also expressed their hope to strengthen communication with the archives and jointly promote the inheritance and preservation of Chinese classics and materials overseas.

With a focus on its core mission of collection, the China National Archives of Publications and Culture reaches out to the grassroots, general public, and overseas to comprehensively advance surveys, investigations, and acquisitions.



The original French publication of "An Introduction to The Analects of Confucius."

Adhering to the principles of collecting everything that should be collected, and preserving everything that should be preserved, it brings together Chinese classics and materials scattered across the country, circulating among the people, and lost overseas. It strives to include editions embodying the outstanding cultural achievements of human civilization, gathering strength for advancing human development and progress.

Different nations and civilizations are rich in diversity and have their own distinct features. No one is superior or inferior to others. Based on its diverse collection, the China National Archives of Publications and Culture strengthens mutual learning among civilizations, builds communication mechanisms and dialogue

platforms for cultural exchanges, carries out international cultural exchange and people-to-people communication activities, and gathers domestic and foreign experts to launch theoretical and practical studies of bibliography.

At the same time, assisted by technology, industry and art, the archives actively innovates communication and promotion approaches, explores to establish multidimensional cultural communication paths, and works to realize the expression of bibliography in diverse forms. It excavates and presents the Chinese culture, vividly tells the historical and cultural stories behind Chinese classics and materials, and displays and disseminates the beauty of civilization and the splendor of culture.

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SAT wins praise for uniting Mvomero farmers, herders

By Getrude Mbago

FARMERS and pastoralists at Mingo village in Lubungo ward of Mvomero District in Morogoro Region have commended the Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) for implementing initiatives that have united the two communities while also improving peace and income.

The groups said that through the implementation of various projects, specifically the "Farmers and Pastoralists Collaboration (FPC), had greatly helped to install organic farming knowledge and skills as well as smart livestock keeping within the communities.

In separate interviews with this paper recently, the farmers and pastoralists expressed their gratitude to SAT for implementing the project which has brought peace and unity among the Maasai pastoralists and farmers.

"The project has helped us to improve cooperation with farmers, we have learned how to value others and their properties, it has totally changed our mindset and we are now engaging in smart livestock keeping which of late pays us a lot compared of the old way of keeping animals," said Kimorwai Sekemi, a pastoralist at Mingo village in Lubungo ward, Mvomero District.

Supported by Biovision and Liechtensteiner Development Service (LED), the project which commenced in 2017 and ended in December 2022, its major goal was to enhance sustainable livelihoods of farmers and pastoralists through agroecological practices creating a solution where both parties can create local circular economies, every-one benefits, and conflicts are drasti-

cally reduced.

According to Sekemi, they were previously facing land conflicts due to livestock feeding crops in the field, but after the intervention of SAT, these communities now live as blood relatives and in mutual dependence and support.

"Climate change impacts were pushing some of us (pastoralists) to send animals in farms due to shortage of pastures, but after SAT experts came to educate us on peaceful living through cooperation, we started to change our mindsets and this is where the journey of cooperation between farmers and herders began, this was in 2017," he said.

He said sending animals in farms was one of the big challenges and raised big conflicts between the two communities, something which was leading to loss of priorities, income and sometimes life.

He however said that when the experts educated and encouraged them to adopt smart livestock keeping, many people in the Maasai community didn't respond quickly but few who decided not to take the education and apply the skills, are now enjoying the fruits of smart livestock keeping.

He hailed the SAT's team for also training the pastoralists on how to cultivate and store pastures for future use.

"With that education, farmers have now adopted new ways to increase availability of animal pastures by embarking on cultivation of drought resistant grasses," he said.

He added: "This has greatly helped and continues to alleviate the shortage of pastures as well as conflicts between land users at the village and many other neighboring wards by increasing access to quality



Kimorwai Sekemi, a pastoralist at Mingo village in Lubungo ward, Mvomero District, happy with one of his healthy cattle.

animal feed."

Sekemi and his wife now own over 400 improved goats and 100 cows which are all healthy after applying the education received from SAT.

He acknowledged that climate change impacts have hit them greatly but they are thriving due to new lifestyles they have adopted.

Omary Beku, also a pastoralist and farmer at Mingo village said pastoralist groups have always been migratory searching for better pastures and water but due to the constant training that the pastoralists in Lubungo have been receiving from SAT and other supporting organizations, many of the livestock keepers are now staying and contributing to economic development in the ward.

He said adopting smart livestock keeping practices as advised by experts including pasture farming, has helped lessen conflicts between pastoralists and other land users, which have resulted in a variety of losses, including livestock and human deaths, as a result of nomadic pastoralism.

He advised his fellow pastoralists to establish their own pasture since it is critical for them to be able to feed their cattle during the dry season.

Irene Anatory, FPC project facilitator at SAT said the project has been implemented for six years for 2017 and has greatly produced positive outcomes.

"We happy because the project has positively affected the communities, this is a bridging year after completing the implementation, we are now following to see if the beneficiaries are seriously applying what they were taught, the response is good," she said.

She said: "During all these years of the project, we have timely been educating pastoralists on the importance of reducing the number of livestock and keeping few to get more income but also avoid shifting from one place to another to search for pasture, they have learnt to respect each other and it is now hard to see a pastoralists sending ani-

mals in farms."

She added that before this project came, the pastoralists had no time to grow animal feed or they had less fodder to feed their cattle and these sometimes led to pastoralists grazing their animals on crop farms during the dry season, when natural grasses are unable to endure drought, this was resulting in major tension between them and other land users.

But this project has changed the situation, it has made the communities change their lifestyles to tackle challenges including dry climate," Irene explained.

The livestock and agriculture sectors play an important role in building a strong national economy by increasing household food security, income, animal draught power, manure, foreign currency and employment opportunities while nurturing the livestock and farming resources. This in turn contributes to increased economic growth and government revenue.

Nanenane exhibition has attracted participants from African various countries

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango last week inaugurated the Nanenane international agricultural exhibition where it was announced that from next year the fair will involve farmers and livestock keepers from all African countries.

The exhibition which is on-going at John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya Region is an opportunity for farmers and livestock keepers to learn and share experience with fellows from other regions.

Making the announcement, Agriculture minister, Hussein Bashe said the government has allocated a budget for revamping of infrastructure at the exhibition grounds to accommodate more participants from African nations.

Bashe said they have already discussed with Ambassadors from various countries and have jointly agreed that beginning 2024, all African farmers and livestock keepers and buyers of crops should have pavilions to display their technologies.

Following the move, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) commended the government's step for adding value to the exhibition.

TARI Director General, Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said through its institutes across the country, they will use the golden opportunity to provide education on modern seed technologies that can withstand plant diseases to farmers from African countries.

He added that TARI has come with all technologies on quality seeds production for various crops that were invented by its researchers in its various centres countrywide.

"We do not live solely through researching, but we also make sure the technologies we invent reach farmers. Our other task includes making sure these technologies reach farmers in collaboration with district authorities, extension officers and media," he said, adding TARI has established special centres to train farmers on modern technologies instead of waiting for annual agriculture exhibitions.

Dr Mkamilo said establishment of the hubs is meant to bring services closer to farmers and make sure they learn how to utilise technologies in farming activities.

He said that TARI is determined to enable farmers to abandon traditional farming methods thus investing efforts in modern farming technologies which are invented by competent researchers.

Dr Mkamilo said TARI has a total of 17 research hubs of various crops which are also displayed at its pavilion at the agricultural exhibitions. He said efforts are also directed to encourage youth and women to massively take part in the lucrative sector.

"Investors interested to invest in cashews, palms, sunflowers, maize, millet, rice, peanuts, wheat, legumes and other crops are provided with an expert to assist them accordingly," he added.

Director of TARI-Mlingano in Tanga Region Dr Catherine Senkoro said during the exhibitions farmers have learnt how to choose the best soil for crops as well as getting an opportunity for soil testing.



"We are training farmers on the importance of soil health to help and advise them on the types of soil that are suitable for certain crops before they embark on cultivation. This helps them to increase productivity," Dr Senkoro explained.

She said farmers who visit the special hubs at the exhibition will learn how to use pulses crops that can be mixed with other crops to add compost to the soil as well as control worms and weed diseases.

Ismail Ngolinda, TARI Selian Center's senior wheat researcher, said that farmers are given production methods for the crop due to the government's strategy to increase wheat production thus reducing imports.

He said that currently the demand for wheat stands

at one million tonnes every year while its production is 100,000 tonnes per year and the government is forced to use foreign currency to import an average of 900,000 tonnes from abroad for local consumption.

He said that through the strategy, TARI will increase production of wheat seeds by establishing new fields in different regions.

Ngolinda said they have set strategies to ensure that by 2030 Tanzania no longer imports the crop as well as meeting domestic wheat seeds demand.

He mentioned the strategies as production of modern technology that are resistant to drought and diseases. He said TARI plans to start producing more than one million tonnes of wheat seeds annually, of which, some will be

exported.

The researcher said that production of the seeds has already started at its farms at Silian - Arusha, Uyole - Mbeya and Kifili Stations in Iringa Region where last year 50 tonnes were produced and this year 250 tonnes have already been produced.

He said in implementing the government's instructions, they intend to increase the production areas by establishing new farms in Tanga, Kigoma, Ruvuma, Geita and Morogoro regions.

Ngolinda, who is the national coordinator for wheat production, said they are conducting research to identify other areas where the crop can be cultivated such as Dodoma, Singida and Tabora.

The African enterprise aims at creating the world's first network state

By Steven Boykey Sidley

IT'S easy to be an Afro-pessimist. The cumulative performance of African countries since they shook off the shackles of colonialism has been tragic. Even listing the failures is a tiresome exercise – kleptocratic governments, dysfunctional or non-existent citizen services, crumbling infrastructure, electoral theft, corruption, incompetence. It's a dispiriting drumbeat, with only rare exceptions.

And yet.

A few recent technologies have found Africa ahead of the curve. The first sprang from the irony of having little or no legacy of landline telephones. Communications first arrived with mobile; there was little to replace, no entrenched legacies to battle. This caused a tsunami of service innovation, often faster than anywhere else.

The mobile became far more than a communication device – it became a money remitter, an invoice generator, a price-discovery vehicle, a market, a bank. Well before smartphones arrived. These services were unavailable to most of the continent's citizens before the mobile, now they are available to most. Africa's poverty became its mother of necessity.

Chika Uwazie and Eche Emole are Nigerian by birth, founders of a movement called Afropolitan, which began in 2016.

It started as a service for the 150 million-strong African diaspora, for whom they organised parties and delivered news and held events, including a massively successful 2019 Year of Return event in Ghana, which invited African expats to visit the country to celebrate the resilience of their continental cohort.

And then the pandemic hit and forced a pivot. This time in the direction of online audio communities via the newly released Clubhouse audio app from Twitter. There they quickly amassed more than 50,000 listeners and participants.

That could have been the end of it – merely a successful digital outreach to the diaspora. But in April 2021, a blog was published by US tech entrepreneur Balaji Srinivasan called *The Network State* (later published in 2022 as a book). In terms of aspiration, it is breathtakingly ambitious.

Here is the high concept – use digital and blockchain



Chika Uwazie (Second left) and Eche Emole (Second right) are the co-founders of Afropolitan. (Photo: Afropolitan / Adedayo 'Dayo' Kosoko)

technology to attract a bunch of people with "common values and purpose" into a global community that is big enough and powerful enough and rich enough to declare itself a country.

In Srinivasan's calculus, the heft of a massive common-purpose, common-value community representing wealth and bargaining power would ensure recognition. Lest this strike you as a bit fanciful, consider that Facebook reaches three billion people.

There are, notoriously, no common values or purpose among its users but, if there were, they would wield just the sort of "network state" power that Srinivasan imagines.

So, in 2021, in mid-lockdown, Uwazie reads this article and the next morning

(after a sleepless night, in his telling) announces that Afropolitan is going to pivot again. It is going to build a network state populated by like-minded Africans whose citizens would be drawn from 1.5 billion continental inhabitants and another 150 million expats.

It is going to build a country.

Why? you may ask. Because, as he sees it, Africans are better than their rulers, and Africans should declare their independence from them – by setting up a network state to compete with the long list of failed African nation-states and their irreparable institutions of dreadful governance.

Iwazi and Emole and the rest of the Afropolitan team are painfully aware of

the failings of their continent, and they are aggressively optimistic about the cure.

Their diagnosis of the problem carefully steers clear of countries, parties, political systems and even colonial histories. They believe the root cause of Africa's malaise is centralisation.

Centralisation of power structures is so strong and so hermetically sealed off from accountability that there is little chance of change.

Their website does not mince words: "Scarcity. Weakness. Poverty. Wherever we look and wherever we are, Africans worldwide are subjects, not citizens. Access to opportunity is scarce. Security is not guaranteed. For the most part, life is just about surviving, not thriving."

And the antidote, decentralisation, is the DNA of the entire crypto-enterprise. It seemed as though Srinivasan's network state with its blockchain governance and cryptocurrency and unhackable identities was a perfect fit for Afropolitan's vision of a better Africa.

Once the Afropolitan team had absorbed the network state concept, they devised a four-point plan to get from here to there.

First, building an online network and issuing NFT "passports"; next, developing an app to enable interaction, entertainment and trade for "citizens"; then providing quasi-governmental services and economic structures; and finally buying land and negotiating sovereign recognition as a country.

There may be a bit of eye-rolling here, but Afropolitan has already managed to raise initial venture capital funding of more than \$2-million from more than 25 companies and individuals, all of whom believe that Africa is the next big thing and that Afropolitan may have found the key to unlock its potential.

I am not convinced that the entire concept of a network state is practical. Afropolitan is one of several attempts to create this new form of political governance and one can imagine any number of insurmountable problems along the way – armies, policing, healthcare, infrastructure, international treaties and so on.

But I suppose it is easy to naysay.

Maybe a dollop of Afro-optimism should be supported and celebrated. **DM**

Porton Down: Can this laboratory help stop the next pandemic?

By James Gallagher

ONE of the UK's most secretive centres of scientific research - Porton Down - is aiming to stop the next pandemic "in its tracks".

I have passed through the incredibly tight security at this remote facility to get rare access to its scientists.

They are based in the shiny new Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre.

Their work builds on the response to Covid, and aims to save lives and minimise the need for lockdowns when a new disease next emerges.

"Covid, of course, is not a one-off," says Prof Dame Jenny Harries, chief executive of the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), which runs these laboratories.

"We say it [Covid] was the biggest public health incident for a century, but I don't think any of us think it'll be a century before the next," she adds.

The combination of climate change, urbanisation and people living closer to animals - the source

of many new diseases which transfer to people - means we're facing a "rising tide of risk", she says.

Porton Down - located in the tranquil Wiltshire countryside, near Salisbury - is one of the few places in the world equipped to research some of the nastiest viruses and bacteria you could imagine. The freezers here contain the likes of Ebola.

Neighbouring buildings include the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (part of the Ministry of Defence), where it was confirmed the nerve agent Novichok has been used in the Salisbury poisonings.

The vaccine laboratories - housed in dark green buildings - were hastily constructed as part of the emergency response to Covid.

But, as the intense demands of the pandemic have waned, the focus has shifted.

The new vaccine research centre is concentrating on three types of threat:

known infections that are getting harder to deal with, such as antibiotic-resistant superbugs



potential threats that might cause a problem, including bird flu and new Covid variants

and "Disease X" - something unforeseen, like Covid, which takes the world by complete surprise

The aim is to work with the pharmaceuti-

cal industry, scientists and doctors to support all stages of vaccine development.

Porton Down scientists are working on the first vaccine against Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, which is spread by ticks and kills about a third of those infected.

The disease is found in Africa, the Balkans,

the Middle East and in Asia - and could spread further with climate change.

At the other end of the process, vaccine effectiveness is evaluated. It was scientists here who spotted that the Omicron variant could bypass some of the protection afforded by Covid vaccines.

And they are still monitoring new Covid variants by growing them in the laboratory, exposing them to antibodies taken from blood samples and seeing if new variants are still able to infect.

Meanwhile machines - unofficially named Qui-Gon, Obi-Wan, BB8 and Palpatine - are part of the front line monitoring the threat posed by the world's largest flu outbreak in birds.

The H5N1 avian flu virus has devastated bird populations, and routine testing of farmworkers has found the first, symptomless, cases in people in the UK.

The difference is, before the pandemic the teams here were able to test just 100 samples a week - now it is more than 3,000.

Faster vaccines

The work here feeds into the "100 Days Mission" - a hugely ambitious vision to develop a vaccine against a new threat in 100 days.

Historically, it has taken a decade to design and test new vaccines. The unique circumstances of the pandemic meant the first Covid vaccines were produced within a year, with the vaccine rollout starting in December 2020. Estimates suggest Covid vaccines saved more than 14 million lives in just the first 12 months they were used.

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Bank registers commendable profit before tax

BY SMART MONEY REPORTER

MWANGA Hakika Bank Limited has registered a profit before tax valued at 4.06bn/- for the year ended December, 2022, compared to 871.78m/- registered in the corresponding period of 2021.

The bank's Head of Finance and Administration Department Hussein Chomete, said at the weekend during the third annual general meeting of banks shareholders, which was held in Mwangi district, Kilimanjaro region.

"The increment in profit is equivalent to 365 percent, whereby this growth was attributed to the growth in the business banking which led to the growth of customer deposits", he said.

Chomete said that the bank's deposits increased by 52 percent from 52.72bn/- in 2021 and topped 86.06bn/- last December.

"The bank's capital also increased from 16.03bn/- in 2021 to 17.11bn/- in 2022 following the decision by shareholders to increase the value of their shares", he said.

He asserted that the value of loans disbursed by the bank increased from 48.55bn/- in 2021 to 80.69bn/- in 2022.

Chomete affirmed that the bank's leadership continued with plans that

will ensure that shareholders get profits and dividends.

For his part, the bank's managing director Jagjit Singh, said the bank continued with its 2021-2025 strategic plan prepared by the institution by placing emphasis on improving customer services and expanding the scope of business.

"In the new strategy, the bank continues to focus on strengthening various technological and digital systems in order to be able to reach more customers and provide competition in the local and future international markets", he said.

Singh continued to say that the bank's profit is expected to increase to 9bn/- in the year 2023 and that the direction is good due to the fact that until June 30, this year, the profit before tax had already reached 4.24bn/-.

The bank's deposits are expected to be increased to 132bn/- compared to deposits valued at 80bn/- of the year 2022.

The bank's chairman Eng. Ridhuan Mringo, said the bank's future plans are to ensure that it becomes one of the five most profitable banks in the country in the coming ten years.

"In order to ensure that we achieve that goal, the board and the management of the bank have continued to improve various services," he said.



Mwanga Hakika Bank board chairman, Ridhuan Mringo (C) addresses the bank's shareholders at the annual general meeting held at Mwangi at the weekend. Right is the bank's secretary, Nancy Kissanga. Photo: Banker Correspondent

He mentioned the services as those of improving the technological department so that customers can use mobile phones, to make different transactions including government payments, buying electricity and acquire loans through digital services.

Company calls upon greater solar energy use for sustainable future

By Smart Money Reporter

TANZANIANS have been advised to harness the power of solar energy for their homes, offices, and industries for a sustainable power supply.

The appeal was made by Compact Energies' Managing Director Ephraim Kimati after emerging the second winner of the Solar Company of the Year Award, recognition of their exceptional contributions to the solar energy sector in Tanzania.

The accolade was presented during the Africa Company of the Year Awards (ACOYA) ceremony held last Friday in Dar es Salaam.

He emphasized the company's unwavering commitment to revolutionizing the energy landscape across diverse sectors, including rural areas.

Addressing the common concern about the perceived high upfront costs associated with solar energy adoption, Kimati elucidated the manifold benefits, chief among them being uninterrupted power supply without the burden of monthly expenses.

"While the initial investment in solar energy may seem substantial, the long-term gains extend over 20 to 30 years with negligible additional costs," Kimati affirmed.

In a passionate plea to his fellow Tanzanians, Kimati urged them to overcome their apprehensions and explore solar energy solutions, underscoring that the true value lies in savings rather than expenditure.

He underscored the global trajectory towards renewable energy sources, including solar and gas, with a multitude of countries in Europe and Africa, including G7 members, championing their use to expedite progress, especially in rural regions.

"The world is unequivocally shifting towards alternative energy sources, which is why numerous



Multichoice Tanzania Head of human resource Tike Mwakitwange presents Compact Energies managing director Ephraim Kimati a trophy after the firm emerged the second winner of the Africa Company of the Year Awards. Photo: Banker Correspondent

contemporary innovations are harnessed from renewable energy," Kimati stated.

Furthermore, Kimati encouraged Tanzanians to patronize local companies to bolster the domestic market, contribute to national development, and amplify Africa's economic prowess, enabling it to compete effectively in the global marketplace.

With Compact Energies being a homegrown enterprise, he highlighted the company's track record of efficiently executing diverse projects, including their pivotal role in implementing comprehensive solar energy systems for households compensated as part of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) initiative.

"We have been immensely gratified by the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the individuals we have served. Even at the moment of handing over solar systems, recipients have expressed exuberance," Kimati shared.

Emphasizing their dedication to delivering high-quality, cost-effective, and reliable services, he added, "We boast state-of-the-art equipment and a team of skilled and dedicated professionals, all in service of providing Tanzanians with top-notch, affordable, and dependable energy solutions."

In closing, Kimati reiterated their profound

impact on Tanzanian society, serving those previously devoid of access to electricity as well as those who transitioned to solar energy to mitigate power interruptions.

The Director of the Africa Company of the Year Awards, Deogratius John, representing Eastern Star Consulting Group, elucidated the awards' overarching goal - recognizing Africa's commercial vigor and catapulting local enterprises onto the global stage.

He expressed unshakable confidence in the capabilities of Tanzanian and African businesses to rival foreign counterparts, despite the current imbalance in intra-African trade compared to economic giants such as the United States and China.

The awards ceremony, held at the esteemed Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam, celebrated distinguished companies and organizations across more than 80 categories, with ASA Micro-finance shining as the standout recipients.

Compact Energies' achievements and Ephraim's compelling message underscore the transformative potential of renewable energy in Tanzania, demonstrating the critical role that sustainable practices play in advancing the nation's socio-economic landscape and global competitiveness.

WFP equips smallholder farmers through youth-led agriculture project in Dodoma

By Francis Kajubi

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has reached 60,000 smallholder farmers through its Youth Agribusiness project well known in Kiswahili as 'Vijana Kilimo Biashara' implemented in the period between 2022 and 2027.

The programme's phase one implementation is ongoing in Dodoma and Singida regions and will expand to Tabora, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Arusha and Manyara - and will work to commercialize agriculture value chains especially Sorghum, sunflower and horticulture to create employment opportunities for young men and women.

Speaking over the phone yesterday, William Laswai, WFP Monitoring Officer in Dodoma liaison office said yesterday at John Mwakangale grounds at the on-going farmers' exhibition that the time has come that the programme capitalizes on existing initiatives on productivity, market linkages and post-harvest loss reduction to attract more investments especially from the private sector so that youth see value in investing in agriculture.

Other investment areas the programme is looking at are seed systems, access to finance, processing and support to micro, small and medium enter-

prises. Damalisi Machite, a resident of Kongwa district in Dodoma region is involved in seed multiplication as a business, an initiative she took as an expansion beyond her regular crop production through WFP support.

According to her, she applied the skills gained through training by WFP and Farm Africa, including the use of improved seeds to realize an increase in production compared to three years back.

"We used to live in grass roofed houses and now have built new decent residential units. Most of us who benefited with the programme are keeping livestock," she said.

Speaking of the Climate Smart Agriculture programme (CSAP) he said at a tune of \$570,000 per year, the four-year programme has so far benefited 33,226 farmers from all districts in Dodoma region.

He said the programme will reach more than 40,000 smallholder farmers with climate smart technologies which will allow generation of income from crop sales. Sorghum will be the main crop due to its ability to withstand drought and will be complemented by other income generation activities including production of off-season vegetables by women.



WFP project beneficiaries Shile Mayeka (left) and Damalisi Machite (2nd-L) from Kongwa District in Dodoma Region captured yesterday as they interacted with former prime minister Mizengo Pinda as he visited the UN agency's pavilion on the on-going farmers' exhibition in Mbeya city. Photo: Banker Correspondent.

Premier directs TADB to open more branches in southern highlands zone

By Smart Money Reporter

THE Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, has directed Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB), to open more branches in the Southern Highlands zone to enable more farmers access the bank's financial services.

The directive was issued by the Premier shortly after paying an official visit to TADB's pavilion at the ongoing Nane Nane exhibitions taking place in Mbeya.

Majaliwa (pictured) commended TADB for



the good work that it is doing in providing farmers with low interest loans and urged the state-owned bank to open more branches in Iringa, Ruvuma and Rukwa regions

as the zone hosts a great deal of farmers.

In his visit to TADB's pavilion, Majaliwa was received by TADB staff, led by its Acting Director of Planning, Policy and Research, Mkani Waziri, who briefed him about the bank's progress including lending updates.

Waziri told the Prime Minister that, since the bank started its operations in 2015 to date, it has disbursed agricultural loans worth Tsh 608.5 billion which has benefited 1,657,544 farmers.

Waziri said TADB has reached multiple farmers including small-scale, medium and large farmers. Further, he added that the bank is working in collaboration with partner banks through its Small-holder Farmers Credit Guarantee Scheme (SCGS) to make sure that farmers have access low interest loans across the country.

The Premier also directed TADB to come up with strategies that will influence commercial banks in the country lower interest rates on agricultural loans.

When at TADB's pavilion, Majaliwa managed to interact with the bank's beneficiaries including TANICA café, from Kagera, and JND Polybags Company, from Iringa, a cereal packaging manufacturer supporting 'post-harvest management'.

How Tanzanians, Malawians will benefit from Songwe river basin

By Smart Money Reporter

THE Songwe river basin is located between Tanzania and Malawi. The basin has been used by residents of both countries for their human needs on a daily basis.

The two countries have joined forces to push for the development of the basin to benefit the people and boost economic activities in both countries.

The development of the basin will involve integrated sectors, to ensure value for money for investments conducted by two countries.

The two countries cooperation started since 1979 has led to the establishment of the joint commission (SONGWECOM) led by ministers responsible for water from both countries

The second international meeting on Songwe river basin was held in Dar es Salaam recently, whereby the Minister for Water in Tanzania Jumaa Awesso, graced the event, stressed for more efforts to be directed in improving the lives of people in both countries. Awesso is also the co-chair of the commission while the Malawian minister for water, environmental cleanliness Abida Sidik Mia is the co-chairperson of the commission.

"The governments of Tanzania and Malawi must put more joint efforts to develop the basin in order to support the previous efforts that have led to where we are today," he told leaders and stakeholders from Tanzania and Malawi who attended the meeting.

He emphasized on the joint plan between the government of Tanzania and the government of Malawi by saying that the collaboration on Songwe river basin is now renewed as it started way back in 1976.

The co-chairperson of the commission, who is the Malawian minister for water and environmental

cleanliness Abida Sidik Mia said during the meeting that Songwe river basin will be developed to improve the lives of people and his government will ensure that all projects formed by experts from both countries are implemented in accordance to create impacts to the lives of people.

"One of the efforts we are working on is the construction of a hydroelectric power dam and water dam, which will benefit residents of both countries," she said.

The minister said there are issues that are given priorities for social development in both sides of the valley including mitigating the effects of climate change, floods and droughts, the change of the river flow direction, the importance of energy and clean water supply for citizens of two countries.

Reports show that Songwe basin has been facing repeated floods, affecting 15,000 acres of crops and 52,000 people living across the basin.

Floods along Songwe basin have led to loss of properties, residents, crops and lives of people residing along the valley.

Because of these

effects, the governments of Tanzania and Malawi have been carrying out discussions to find the long lasting solutions for these challenges by using local experts, which have been fruitful to people in both countries.

Geographically, Songwe basin is part of Lake Nyasa valley on the Tanzanian side. Songwe River starts from hills located in Mbozi districts, which flow their waters to Lake Nyasa.

Songwe river forms part of the border between Tanzania and Malawi and has a length of 200 kilometres, so the water in this river is international water, which benefits residents of more than one country.

Songwe river basin is located on the south west of Tanzania and north of Malawi and has an area of 4,243 square kilometres.

Apart from the construction of Hydro Electric Power dam, the detailed design and investment preparation, there are 26 projects valued at \$829 million which are implemented through Songwe River Basin Development Programme targeting different sectors including water, energy, irrigation, land,

agriculture, climate, environment, local government, investments and industries.

The development of Songwe river basin, and other things, will help to reduce the effects of floods to 52,000 people, increase access to rural electrification to 60 percent in both countries, increase irrigation which will benefit 5,500 households, and increase access to water to 460,000 people by 2025.

Other benefits include creating 5,244 permanent employment in agriculture; creating 5,560 employment during the construction of the dam and 3,000 jobs annually due to water use for the 50 years lifetime of the dam through agriculture activities and good neighbourhoods.

In Tanzania, water resources are divided into nine basins of River Pangani, Wami-Ruvu, Rufiji, Ruvuma and south Coast, as well as Victoria, Tanganyika, Nyasa and Rukwa.

All basins are supervised by water boards under the ministry of water. Seven out of nine basins are inclusive waters, meaning their sources of water are crossing the border from more than one country.

They include Pangani, Ruvuma, Nyasa, Rukwa, Tanganyika, Victoria and central basins.

Tanzania has 14 water sources linked to the basins in lake Victoria, Tanganyika, Nyasa, Natron, Chala and Jipe lakes as well as Kagera, Mara, Malagarasi, Momba, Mwiruzi, Umba, Ruvuma and Songwe rivers.

These sources make Tanzania as the only country in Africa with the basins.

The Songwe basin and its development plan are among the priorities of leaders of Tanzania and Malawi, their peoples and are waiting to create major impacts to changing the lives of people.



Water minister Jumaa Aweso.

Solar power comes to rescue amid extreme heat in Europe

BRUSSELS/LONDON

A major increase in solar power generation in southern Europe played a leading role in averting energy shortages during the heatwaves of recent weeks when temperatures broke records and drove unprecedented demand for air conditioning.

Solar power is particularly suited to coping with summer heat as the sun's radiation is strongest around the hottest part of the day, when electricity demand for cooling is also at its highest.

"The very significant growth in solar basically compensates for the peaks that are caused by air conditioning," Kristian Ruby, secretary general of electricity industry group Eurelectric, said of the situation in Spain.

Spain and Greece are among the countries that have installed many more solar panels in the face of record high energy prices last year and the quest for increased energy security linked to the Ukraine crisis.

Spain added a record 4.5 gigawatts of solar photovoltaic capacity last year, resulting in solar energy output in July - typically one of the sunniest months - that was higher than any month to date, Spanish electricity grid operator Red Electrica said.

Data from Ember showed solar provided almost 24 percent of Spain's electricity in July this year, up from 16 percent in July 2022.

When soaring temperatures and demand for cooling led to a peak in Sicilian power demand on July 24, nearly half of the excess demand - which totalled 1.3 GW - was covered by solar, Refinitiv data show. Sicily's solar production last month was more than double that of July 2022.

"Without the additional solar, the system stability impact would have turned out much worse," Refinitiv power analyst Nathalie Gerl said.

Solar alone cannot hold up grids under severe strain. Catania, below Mount Etna in eastern Sicily, has faced power and water supply cuts that local officials blamed in part on the heat. In Athens, power grid operator IPTO said wildfires had damaged sections of the electricity grid.

But higher solar output helped to satisfy demand in both countries. During Greece's peak power demand this year, also on July 24, solar photovoltaics covered 3.5GW of the total 10.35GW demand, grid operator IPTO said.

Even in cooler and less sunny

western countries such as Belgium, solar energy has covered more than 100 percent of the extra energy needed during midday spikes in power demand.

Demand destruction

Despite its fast growth, solar is still a relatively small share of the power mix in most countries, where sources including wind, gas, coal and nuclear power typically cover the bulk of demand over the year.

Analysts say a second factor has helped to keep Europe's energy systems running this summer: overall, power demand has been relatively low.

That has been the case since Europe's energy crisis last year, when Russia cut gas deliveries to Europe. Energy prices in Europe are still high compared with historic levels - and consumers and industries have responded by using less power.

Extreme heat this summer has broken through this trend at times. But overall, demand has been below normal - Italy's average hourly power use in July was 4.4 percent lower than in July 2022, while Spain's was down by 3.6 percent, Refinitiv data show.

"The only reason why this has been bearable is the low power demand environment that we're currently in," Refinitiv's Gerl said.

Worst is yet to come

Scientists expect climate change will make heatwaves of the kind southern Europe has suffered this summer more frequent and even more severe in the coming years - adding to the burden on Europe's energy infrastructure.

"Our energy systems are indeed not designed to cope with such situations," said Simone Tagliapietra, senior fellow at think tank Bruegel.

Even before this year's wildfires and record temperatures, heat and drought last year reduced hydropower generation, hampered fuel transport by river, and forced some nuclear power plants to curtail their output when cooling of the plants was limited by high river temperatures.

In a letter to the European Commission last week, industry groups including SolarPower Europe urged policymakers to speed up investments in energy grids and promote projects that couple solar with energy storage, to ensure solar power expands quickly enough to meet climate change goals.

T-bill rates invert as bidders go short term

NAIROBI

THE yield on the 91-day Treasury Bill has raced ahead of the 182-day T-bill on account of high demand for the shorter duration from investors in recent auctions.

The rare inversion on the shortest end of the government's yield curve leaves the Treasury facing elevated finance costs in the short term, given that the performance levels of the 91-day have outstripped the six-month and one-year papers.

The rate on the 91-day T-bill has jumped to its highest level since November 2015, while those on the 182 and 364-day papers are at levels last seen in February 2016.

In last week's auction, the interest rate on the 91-day T-bill rose by 33 basis points to 12.68 percent, while the rate on the 182-day rose by 16 basis points to 12.55 percent. On the one-year paper, the rate rose by 38 basis points to 13.1 percent.

"Despite low demand for the one-year paper the rates have been rising due to investors looking for a premium to protect their real rate of return following increased concerns on the government's debt distress position," said Solomon Kariuki, an analyst at AIB AXYS Africa.

"We expect investors to continue being aggressive across all issuances at least until the government handles the 2024 Eurobond maturity. Investor aggressive bidding is also driven by the tough prevailing macro factors which have the government desperate for debt and investors taking advantage by asking for the premium."

According to analysts, the return on government paper will continue to rise from a combination of factors, including inflation and increased domestic financing requirements for the government.

The hike of the base rate to 10.5 percent from 9.5 percent in a surprise June Monetary policy committee meeting also signalled higher rates to the market.

Investors in Treasury bills and bonds will no longer be able to make manual bids and payments for the securities at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) once the modernised Central Securities Depository (CSD) goes live from Monday.

The new CSD is an electronic over-the-counter trading platform that is meant to ease trading in the securities, improving liquidity and opening a more convenient avenue for Kenyans abroad to buy government debt.

The platform, known as CBK DhowCSD, is expected to tap more than Sh406 billion (\$2.86 billion) from Kenyans abroad, who last year remitted a total of \$4 billion (Sh569 billion) to the country.

CIC unit trust scheme sheds Sh4.2 billion in rare outflow

NAIROBI

CIC Unit Trust Scheme posted a rare Sh4.2 billion drop in assets under management (AUM) in the quarter ended March, new data from the Capital Markets Authority shows.

The collective investment scheme's assets fell by seven percent in the period to Sh56.9 billion from Sh61.2 billion previously.

The scheme, nevertheless, remains the leading money market fund with an asset base equivalent to 34.7 percent of the Sh164.2 billion market.

Cytonn Unit Trust Fund registered the biggest AUM drop in percentage terms at 9.4 percent to Sh701.4 million from Sh774.5 million.

Other schemes to post an AUM drop in the period were ICEA Unit Trust Scheme, British American Unit Trust Scheme, Apollo Unit Trust Scheme and Amana Unit Trust Funds.

All other 19 collective investment schemes registered growth in AUM as assets in the schemes combined to grow by two percent from Sh161 billion at the end of last year.

Gen Africa Unit Trust Scheme registered the largest jump in assets at more than five-fold to reach an AUM of Sh19 billion from Sh2.9 billion previously.

Other CISs with notable growth in assets were recorded by Absa Unit Trust Scheme at 22.5 percent, Madison Asset Unit Trust Funds (21.9 percent), Nabo Capital (19.8 percent), Dry Associates Unit Trust (15.8 percent) and Coop Unit Trust Scheme at 12.4 percent.

Additionally, new entrants in the CIS market led in the accumulation of assets under management with Mali Market Fund for instance registering Sh877.4 million in assets after its registration.

Other entrants to mark the growth in assets were Kuza Asset Managers (Sh72 million), KCB Asset Managers (Sh56.3 million) and Etica Capital Limited (Sh5.3 mil-



CIC Group chief executive officer Patrick Nyaga (right) with chief financial officer Philip Kimani during the release of the insurer's 2022 financial results hel March this year.

lion).

In March CIC Insurance Group has resumed dividend payout for the first time in four years as the net profit for the financial year ended December 2022 grew by 63 percent to Sh1.09 billion.

The growth in net earnings from Sh668.4 million in the previous financial year has returned CIC to the Sh1 billion and above net profit club for the first time in seven years.

CIC had in 2015 returned a net profit of Sh1.14 billion from Sh1.08 billion it had posted in 2014, a performance that was attributed to business realignment in general business, group life business and investment portfolio.

"The strong performance was driven by continued execution of our transformational initiatives focusing on customer experience, performance management, operational efficiency, digital transformation, research and innovation, cost competitiveness and debt management, among others," said Patrick Nyaga, CEO at CIC Group.

The improved performance has seen the CIC board propose a payment of Sh0.13 per share dividend to shareholders, in a payout that will amount to Sh340 million.

The dividend will be paid on or about May 26, 2023 to the shareholders on the register at the close of business on May 8.

Top shareholder, Co-operative Insurance Society Limited, will receive Sh252.6 million as dividends for its 74.3 percent stake, while Co-operative Bank of Kenya chief executive Gideon Muriuki will get Sh18 million for his 5.3 percent stake. CIC's pre-tax profit had more than doubled

from Sh959.7 million to Sh2.03 billion, but the income tax expense tripled from Sh291 million to Sh936 million.

The latest tax expense is an equivalent of 46 percent of the gross earnings, a jump from 30.3 percent in 2021.

Pre-tax profit for the general insurance business rose by 35 percent to Sh872 million, with CIC attributing this to business growth, prudent underwriting and enhanced process efficiency.

The life assurance unit rebounded from a pre-tax loss of Sh79 million to Sh631 million profit, while the asset management posted a 23 percent rise in profit before tax to Sh644 million.

CIC Asset Management was managing Sh127 billion by the end of December compared with Sh94.5 billion in the previous year, giving it a market share of 40 percent.

CIC Group's net earned premiums grew from Sh14.7 billion to Sh17.4 billion on the back of increased gross premiums.

Regional subsidiaries in Uganda, South Sudan and Malawi increased their contribution to the group gross written premium to 11 percent while their contribution to pre-tax profit was 10 percent.

The growth in premiums, added by increased interest revenue, fees and commission income, took total income to Sh22.51 billion, translating to a 17 percent growth from Sh19.2 billion.

"To maintain the growth trajectory CIC will continue investing in technology to strengthen performance and achieve customer retention in the long term," said Mr Nyaga.

Nigeria issues cyber alert following Sudan attacks

LAGOS

NIGERIA upped its cyber security alert level last week following attacks by a Sudanese hacker group, according to the country's national IT agency.

The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) issued a warning to the country, stating that a hacker group targeting critical digital infrastructure had been discovered by its computer emergency readiness and response team.

According to NITDA, Anonymous Sudan, a hacker group renowned for conducting politically and religiously driven cyber-attacks, has set its eyes on Nigeria's critical digital infrastructure, raising serious worries.

"Their primary strategy entails targeting government digital services, with a focus on distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. Their track record includes successful attacks in a number of nations, establishing their standing as a credible threat," according to NITDA.

It added: "NITDA hereby alerts the general public to be wary of the occurrence of these attacks, which underscores the undeniable and concerning fact that cyber-attacks are not a distant threat but rather a looming danger that resides much closer than we have previously acknowledged."

As a result, NITDA said, this realisation compels Nigeria to recognise the urgency of reinforcing its cyber security and fortify digital defenses.

This warning was followed by an allegation that MTN Nigeria, the country's largest telecom firm, had been the target of a cyberattack.

MTN had neither acknowledged nor disputed the occurrence, although the company's network remained operational.



The group's allegation that it targeted MTN is similar to the technique it used in Kenya, where it attacked Safaricom, Kenya's largest telco, recently.

Anonymous Sudan targeted Kenyan digital services. The gang claimed responsibility for a series of DDoS attacks against Kenyan media, hospitals, universities, and companies.

Motive for the attack

Anonymous Sudan warned Africa's largest economy last week on its Telegram channel that planned attacks were prompted by Nigeria's potential military intervention in Niger.

"We claim full responsibility for this attack because of Nigeria's government actions against Niger," it stated in a post on its Telegram channel.

"They are attempting to cut power and are willing to participate in the French colonialist planned invasion of Niger." In support of this, Nigeria stopped Niger's electricity supply on Wednesday, the first of several sanctions imposed on the country.

The sanctions are in retaliation to the army's ouster of Niger's President Mohamed Bazoum.

ECOWAS, backed by Nigerian President Bola Tinubu, has requested the coup plotters to reinstall Ba-

zoum within a week—a deadline that expired on Sunday. ECOWAS has stated that military action to restore constitutional order is being considered.

The attacks on Kenya and Nigeria follow several warnings from experts that African countries are rapidly becoming focal locations for cyber threats.

According to the most recent Kaspersky Security Network data, the continent is represented significantly in the worldwide top 100 for online dangers, with Kenya placed 35th, Nigeria 50th, and South Africa 82nd.

Backdoor and spyware attacks were the most common threat kinds in South Africa in the first quarter of 2023, according to Kaspersky, with 106,000 attack attempts.

Similar attack attempts totaled 46,000 in Nigeria, while the same attacks peaked at 143,000 in Kenya.

According to Liquid C2's latest cyber security research, 'The Evolving Cyber Security Landscape in Africa 2022,' cyber-attacks on firms in Kenya, South Africa, and Zambia surged last year.

According to the survey, such attacks increased by 82% in Kenyan firms, 62% in South African enterprises, and 62% in Zambian businesses.

Rwanda, Madagascar sign private sector agreement to boost economic cooperation

KIGALI

RWANDA and Madagascar on August 7 signed an agreement forging private sector cooperation between both countries as crucial contributors to economic development.

The agreement was signed between Jeanne-Françoise Mubiligi, the acting Chairperson of the Private Sector Federation (PSF), and Guy Foka, the President of the International Commission of Groupement des Entreprises de Madagascar (GEM).

The development is part of the Rwanda-Madagascar Business Forum that attracted about 30 delegates of business players representing 20 companies from Madagascar to meet and exchange with their counterparts in Rwanda.

The delegation is led by President Andry Rajoelina of Madagascar who is on a three-day state visit, since on August 6, at the invitation of his Rwandan counterpart, President Paul Kagame.

The leaders were scheduled to, among others, discuss issues of mutual interest, cooperation, and ways to further enhance economic ties between the two nations.

The private sector will capitalize on opportunities in market expansion, strategic partnerships, and business development, noted Mubiligi.

"To realize our mutual objectives, we will work together to identify priority sectors of investment, for our small and medium enterprises to have a solid foundation to expand their activities in our countries and regions," she said.

The recent economic crises, she noted, revealed the critical role of the private sector in the development of economic strategies and innovative solutions, hence the need to take on the challenge of promoting digital solutions that revolutionize economies and increase financial inclusion.

Lantsoa Rakotomalala, Chairperson of the Board of Directors at the Economic Development Board of Madagascar (EDBM), said that the signing of the agreement marks yet another step in collaboration not only between Madagascar and Rwanda but other African countries at large.

"Over the course of our discussions, we are going to focus on investment attraction between our countries, enforcing our trade ties which should be increased, and assisting business-to-business exchanges from both sides."

Tahina Ramaromandray, the Administrative Director at Groupe Filatex, an energy-producing company in Madagascar, looks forward to knowledge exchange with business people in the energy sector as well as learning the best practice when it comes to special economic zones.

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) also signed an implementation plan of an MoU signed in February 2019 which primarily aimed to boost the flow of investments between Rwanda and Madagascar by facilitating the development of exchanges between the two organizations, promoting capacity building and enhancing professional skills.

Clare Akamanzi, the CEO of RDB, said that the forum provides an opportunity to identify synergies and explore opportunities in various priority sectors for both economies such as ICT, mining, tourism, infrastructure, and manufacturing, among others.

"Our shared vision of a prosperous future is founded on the spirit of entrepreneurship, the exchange of knowledge and skills, as well as expertise. This forum provides a platform for meaningful dialogues, networking, and forging lasting partnerships," she said.

Akamanzi showcased different frameworks and eased regulations put in place to facilitate investment flows - including no restriction on repatriation of capital in Rwanda, ease of registering a business, and the scale of economic growth over the past years.



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Jeanne-Françoise Mubiligi, the acting Chairperson of PSF and Guy Foka, the President of the International Commission of Groupement des Entreprises de Madagascar at the signing event yesterday.

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Much expected from upcoming BRICS summit

NAIROBI

AS leaders of five emerging economies prepare to convene for the 15th BRICS summit on Aug 22 to 24 in South Africa, there are high expectations among observers about the outcomes of the meeting.

It will be the first physical meeting of member countries, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa since the COVID-19 pandemic, and many other countries are looking at BRICS as an engine to boost their own economic recovery.

With the group's expansion expected to be announced during the summit, there is considerable interest in the criteria being used to choose new members and which countries would qualify.

Philani Mthembu, executive director of the Institute for Global Dialogue, which is associated with University of South Africa, said the fact that the summit is going to be the group's first physical meeting since the pandemic pointed to the recovery momentum of the member countries despite the impact of the Ukraine crisis.

"It's a summit that is likely to attract global attention. I expect to see a consolidation of cooperation mechanisms and

also the charting of a vision for the next cycle of BRICS summits," he said.

The theme of this year's summit is BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism.

Mthembu commended the theme, noting that multilateral institutions such as the World Trade Organization or the United Nations have been under a lot of pressure in the last few years.

"There is an acknowledgment that multilateralism has been in crisis in the last few years. It has not achieved the things it set out to do," he said. "One of the key focus areas in the theme is strengthening inclusive multilateralism. It is important that South Africa brings an African focus into the theme."

Cavince Adhere, a scholar in Kenya of international relations with a focus on China-Africa development cooperation, said African countries expect BRICS to provide increased trade and investment opportunities with member countries.

Noting that BRICS countries collectively represent over 40 percent of the world's population, he said access to these large markets could significantly stimulate the economic growth and development of many emerging econo-



mies on the continent.

"In an increasingly polarized world, BRICS can create an enabling avenue for African countries to fashion a more inclusive global economic and political order, which has been dominated by Western powers," Adhere said. "Joining BRICS allows countries to align themselves with a group that seeks to promote multipolarity and a more equitable international system."

He said the fact that over 40 countries have expressed the desire to join BRICS during the summit is an indication of the popularity of the formation as most countries believe that by aligning with it they can offset prevailing development challenges.

Fulufhelo Netswera, head of the BRICS Research Institute at Durban University of Technology in South Africa, said this year's theme suggests that a balanced global order should be in which countries are not exploited by major powers.

This is in addition to ensuring that all nations are in partnership for mutual growth and sustainable development.

"This is a win-win formula for the world of tomorrow. The current unipolar world has demonstrated that hunger, poverty and wars will continue to perpetuate into the unforeseeable future, if this world order is not challenged," he said.

Netswera said South Africa has championed the representation of Africa in BRICS, the reason it has invited African heads of states to the gathering, which is highly symbolic of the theme for the summit.

Xn Iraki, an associate professor on the University of Nairobi's faculty of business and management sciences, said he expects the summit to be a forum that charts new economic paths for its members. He said BRICS members, both present and future, should portray themselves as countervailing forces to the West.

Agencies

India's parliament reinstates Rahul Gandhi as lawmaker

NEW DELHI

CONGRESS MP Rahul Gandhi arrived in Parliament yesterday after the Lok Sabha secretariat revoked his suspension from the House today.

Indian National Developmental Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) alliance leaders raised 'Rahul Gandhi Zindabad' slogans as they welcomed him to Parliament.

Upon reaching Parliament House, the Congress

leader paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

He also updated his account bio on X (formerly known as Twitter) from 'Dis'Qualified MP' to 'Member of Parliament'.

Congress leaders were also seen distributing sweets outside the Parliament.

Earlier today Lok Sabha Secretariat Gandhi's membership after Supreme Court had on August 4 stayed his conviction in the



'Modi' surname remark case.

The apex court issued notices to the Gujarat government and the complainant in July on an appeal of the Congress leader challenging the Gujarat High Court order.

The Gujarat High Court, had, in its order earlier, declined to stay his conviction in the criminal defamation case in which Rahul was sentenced to two years in jail by the Surat court over the 'Modi surname' remark.

After his conviction in the case, Gandhi was disqualified as MP from Kerala's Wayanad on March 24.

ANI

Grain deal to be one of main topics of Erdogan-Putin talks – source

ISTANBUL

THE resumption of the Black Sea Grain Initiative will be one of the main topics of potential personal talks between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in August, a diplomatic source told TASS.

"Obviously, one of the main issues during the Russian president's potential visit [to Turkey] will be the revival of the grain deal. Progress in this area will make it possible to prevent further growth of grain prices after the suspension of the implementation of the Istanbul agreements."

The current situation affects the countries most in need of agricultural products, and this problem should be solved in parallel with Russia's questions to the parties to the deal," the source said, adding that Ankara expects to reach an agreement with Russia.

At the same time, he did not answer what concrete proposals for the resumption of the agreement the Turkish side is discussing with representatives of the UN, Russia and

Ukraine. In his opinion, a positive outcome of the situation would strengthen the authority of Ankara and Moscow in Africa and Asia.

Erdogan earlier said that grain prices rose by 15% in the two weeks after the suspension of the grain deal. At the same time, they fell by 23% during its implementation.

The presidents of Russia and Turkey held a telephone conversation on August 2, during which they agreed to prepare for a potential meeting.

Putin emphasized that Russia is ready to work with Turkey and other interested countries to develop options for supplying its grain to needy countries. Erdogan, in turn, assured that Ankara would continue its active efforts and use diplomacy to expand the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

The grain deal expired on July 17. Speaking at the Russia-Africa Forum, Putin said that Moscow had agreed to participate in the deal in view of its obligations to remove illegitimate obstacles to the supply of grain and fertilizers from Russia to world markets, but that none of the provisions had been fulfilled.



UK supports UAE, looks forward for strong participation and engagement at COP28 - Envoy

ABU DHABI

EDWARD Hobart, ambassador of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland to the UAE, affirmed his country's support for the UAE hosting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) and UK's active participation and engagement in the UN climate conference.

"In COP28, we think that the UAE is a great country to be hosting it, understands energy, has a long history in energy, and has a long history in renewable and clean en-

ergy including nuclear. So, it has an example it has set and we need to bring more countries with us. But it's a huge challenge," said Edward Hobart in an interview with Emirates News Agency (WAM).

He spoke about the UK's vision of the importance of COP28 and its role in bringing about a quantum leap in global climate action as one of the main areas of joint cooperation between the two countries.

On UK's participation at COP28, Edward Hobart said, "There will be very strong British participation at COP28. We've been strong contributors at all COPs up to the

one that we chaired two years ago in Glasgow. So we'll have many of our leaders as well as British companies, British investors, British scientists and experts contributing to COP28."

He indicated, "The UK chaired COP two years ago in COP26 and I think every year this becomes more important. The climate emergency has to be addressed. So, we really have to focus on reducing emissions, increasing mitigations, helping countries adapt, and providing the financing to do all that, and this is a key part of COP28."

"It is a huge challenge for the

world, for the UAE to lead that process and we want to do whatever we can to support it. To support it we need to increase renewable and clean energy, and as a target, we'd like a bold target to maybe triple renewables by 2030. We have to reduce emissions, and just like the UAE has just published its own commitment to net zero, its refined commitment, we need countries around the world, the big emitters to put out what are called 'NDCs', (Nationally Determined Contributions) to reduce those emissions."

"We have to phase out unabated fossil fuels, while at the same time

providing alternative energy sources. And we also need to address the countries which had been affected right now by climate change through development assistance. All of this requires a huge amount of finance. There's no reason why businesses can't get involved in investing private money in order to make money and be commercially driven by it, but we need to provide the right incentives," he added.

On UAE-UK energy cooperation, the UK Ambassador said, "The UAE has been investing for over a decade in the UK in renewable energy and they are investors in major

wind farms, offshore wind farms, the London Array, wind farms in Scotland, and floating high wind farms off the coast of Scotland. The UAE has also invested in battery storage in the UK, and the UK and the UAE have both invested in each other's countries in hydrogen projects.

So there's a lot of cooperation that we have together as well as in third countries where our businesses and governments work together to help other countries through their own energy transitions."

"The UAE has been a major

player in renewable energy for a long time. Their offshore wind and battery head offices are actually in London. So they run their global operations on wind and batteries out of London because we have technology and investments that we share between the UK and the UAE.

They have some really interesting investments, I mentioned hydrogen, BP and ADNOC invested in Teesside in the northeast of England and here in Abu Dhabi, but also some really interesting innovations.

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Reports: Japan to release nuke wastewater as early as late Aug

TOKYO

JAPAN plans to start releasing treated radioactive water from the tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean as early as late August, local media reported yesterday.

The Japanese government is making arrangements to hold a meeting of relevant Cabinet ministers to make a decision about the specific date of the ocean discharge after Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's visit to the United States, Kyodo News reported, citing government sources.

Officials are expected to consider starting the release of the radioactive wastewater sometime between late August and the first half of September, said the report.

Asahi Shimbun daily reported that the release will likely come shortly after Kishida meets with US President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol in the United States next week and explain to them about the safety of the water in question.

Bottom trawling fishing is scheduled to start off Fukushima, northeast of Tokyo, in September, and the government aims to start the water discharge before the fishing season gets underway, the newspaper said.

No specific date to discharge the water has been decided, top government spokesperson Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters during a briefing.

Japan's nuclear regulator last month granted approval for plant operator Tokyo Electric Power to start releasing the water - which Japan and the International Atomic Energy Agency say is safe but nearby countries fear it may contaminate food.

Amazon nations summit faces oil, deforestation fault lines

SAO PAULO

EIGHT Amazon rainforest nations are expected to face divisions over proposals to block new oil drilling and end deforestation when they meet today for their first summit in 14 years.

The meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) gathers heads of state from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela for two days in the northern Brazilian city of Belem.

They will aim to forge unified policies, goals and positions in international negotiations on some 130 issues ranging from financing for sustainable development to indigenous inclusion.

But at a pre-summit meeting last month, Colombian President Gustavo Petro pushed his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to block all new oil development in the Amazon. Brazil is weighing whether to develop a potentially huge offshore oil find near the mouth of the Amazon River.

"Are we going to let hydrocarbons be explored in the Amazon rainforest? To deliver them as exploration blocks? Is there wealth there or is there the death of humanity?" Petro asked in a speech alongside Lula.

Days later, Petro underscored the issue in an op-ed in the Miami Herald, writing: "As heads of state, we must assure the end of new oil and gas exploration in the Amazon."

The debate over drilling for oil near the mouth of the Amazon has sparked fierce fighting in Lula's seven-month-old government, pitting advocates for regional development against environmentalists.

Asked whether oil would factor into an accord at the summit, Brazilian diplomats told journalists last week that a joint statement was still being negotiated and economic development more broadly was under discussion.

A Brazilian government official, who was not authorized to speak to the media, said that Colombia was in an easy position to propose no new drilling in the Amazon because it did not have significant oil reserves there, unlike Brazil or Peru.

For his part, Lula pushed at the pre-summit meeting in Leticia, Colombia, for all countries in the region to pledge an end to deforestation by 2030. Only Bolivia and Venezuela have not yet made such a commitment.

Bolivia could be a barrier to such a regional 2030 pact, the Brazilian government source said. Primary forest loss there rose 32 percent last year amid fires and rapid agricultural expansion, according to Global Forest Watch.

The Bolivian government did not respond to requests for comment.

Other differences that could surface at the summit are more subtle disagreements about priorities. Colombia hosted the pre-summit meeting where top on the agenda was cross-border collaboration to address the rising threat of drug traffickers perpetrating environmental crimes in the Amazon.

Brazil, by contrast, has emphasized opportunities for sustainable development, reflecting Lula's campaign platform focused on poverty reduction and conservation.

Agencies

China's role in Jeddah meet for Ukraine hailed

RIYADH

CHINA'S participation in a two-day meeting in western Saudi Arabia's Jeddah to discuss solutions to the Ukraine crisis attracted a lot of attention.

Special Representative of the Chinese Government on Eurasian Affairs Li Hui participated the closed-door meeting in the coast town that was attended by security advisors and representatives from 43 countries, many of which have primarily stayed neutral in the crisis that has dragged on for more than a year.

Analysts said that China's participation reflects its role as a responsible major country in promoting peace, and the meeting represents the latest efforts by the international community in solving the crisis.

Li Xinggang, a researcher at the Institute for Studies on the Mediterranean Rim at Zhejiang International Studies University, believes that the Jeddah meeting will push for a greater international peace force to resolve the crisis, and allow more international actors to participate in it, so as to find fair, just and lasting solutions to the crisis.

Abdullah Otaibi, an expert on international issues in Saudi Arabia, pointed out that although the Ukraine crisis is unlikely to end soon, the convening of the Jeddah meeting is an important step in the right direction toward resolving the crisis and an important opportunity to enhance consensus among all parties and seek a practical and feasible solution.

Wang Guangyuan, an as-



Local residents walk past a heavily damaged residential building as workers dismantle it in the town of Irpin, on April 19, 2023. AFP

sociate professor at the Middle East College of Beijing Language and Culture University, said that the Jeddah meeting, a transitional event linking the past and the future, paves the way for the next peace conference that can include Russia.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said prior to the meeting that China stands ready to work with the international community to continue to play a constructive role in seeking a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis.

Otaibi pointed out that China's position on resolving the Ukrainian crisis has always been valued by the international community and will play a positive role in formulating agreements and principles to end the conflict.

Ahmed Ibrahim, a Saudi political analyst, said that China is an important force to promote world peace and development.

China has been in contact with all relevant parties on the Ukraine crisis, actively promoting peace talks, and has been calling on relevant parties to respond to the call of the international community, gradually accumulating and creating conditions for the final resolution of the crisis, which attests to China's role as a responsible major country, he said.

Kremlin spokesman says NYT misinterpreted his words about 2024 election

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov told TASS on Sunday that The New York Times has misinterpreted his words about the upcoming presidential election in Russia in 2024 where Putin will be re-elected by more than 90% of votes.

The New York Times earlier on Sunday quoted Peskov as saying that presidential election in Russia "is not really democracy, it is costly bureaucracy" and that "Putin will be re-elected next year with more than 90% of the vote." The article was written by Roger Cohen.

"The author of the article interpreted [my words] in an absolutely wrong way," Peskov told TASS. He confirmed that he had met and spoken to this journalist and one of his questions had been about the upcoming election.

"And the answer was the following: the level of consolidation around the president is absolutely unprecedented and it can be said already now that if he runs [for president], he will be reelected by an overwhelming majority, and the election - theoretically - only entail unnecessary spending," he said.

However, according to Peskov, he told the journalist that "the president insisted that the election be organized without fail, that this is what democracy requires." "And the president said this in his state-of-the-nation address," the Kremlin spokesman stressed.

Apart from that, he added that he shared his personal opinion with the journalist.

Presidential election will be held in Russia in March 2024. Putin has the right to run for another term in office but has not yet announced his election plans.

Agencies



Lebanon, previously described as Switzerland of Middle East, is now in complete meltdown

NICOSIA

LEBANON, which in the past was called the "Switzerland of the Middle East" is now in complete meltdown, due to widespread corruption and reckless and unrestrained public spending by the various factions controlling the political life in the country.

Furthermore, Lebanon is currently unable to elect a President and form a government enjoying the support of the parliament, find a successor to the Governor of the Central Bank, service its huge foreign debt, stop feuding among Palestinians living in the country, and provide uninterrupted services like electricity or health care.

A World Bank report says that Lebanon's economic collapse is likely to rank among the worst financial crises in the world since the mid-19th century. By February 2023, the Lebanese pound (LBP)

lost more than 98 per cent of its pre-crisis value, as 15,000 pounds are equal to 1 USD. Inflation averaged 171.2 per cent in 2022, one of the highest rates globally, primarily due to the depreciation of the Lebanese pound.

The banking sector remains insolvent, as financial losses in the banking system exceed USD 72 billion, equivalent to more than three times the GDP in 2022.

But for ordinary people, the situation is even worse as roughly 82 per cent of the population are now below the poverty line, mainly due to the sharp loss in the value of Lebanese currency: As if this picture was not bad enough, Lebanon is now in an institutional vacuum. The term of President Michel Aoun expired last October, but the various factions in the parliament were unable after 12 consecutive sessions to elect a new President.

Currently, caretaker Prime

Minister Najib Mikati is making desperate efforts to keep the country together and continue the operation of the government and state institutions by all means, covering state expenses through the use of mandatory reserves in the Central Bank of Lebanon.

Last Friday, the Lebanese people marked the anniversary of the giant explosion on August 4, 2020 which destroyed a large part of the Lebanese capital, killing more than 230 people and injuring at least 6,500 others. The explosion was triggered by a fire in a warehouse where 2750 tonnes of industrial chemical ammonium nitrate had been haphazardly stored for years.

It should be mentioned that the explosion was declared as the largest non-nuclear explosion in the world's history, causing serious psychological trauma to millions of the city's residents.

Three years after the explosion, investigation into those

who were criminally responsible for it have not been concluded, as Judge Fadi Sawwan, who led the investigation was dismissed by the Lebanese court, after charging two former Ministers of Amal Party. Also, Judge Tarek Bitar, who succeeded him, has been unable to proceed following numerous legal appeals by various politicians suspected to be implicated in the affair. He also was threatened by the powerful pro-Iranian Hezbollah party.

Judge Bitar had asked the Parliament to lift the parliamentary immunity of some members who were formerly ministers, but his request was rejected.

Last January, Lebanese prosecutor Ghassan Oweidat, stopped Judge Bitar's efforts to resume his investigation and ordered the release of all 17 suspects who had been arrested. This of course caused the reaction of many Lebanese people and organisations who see that the corrupt political system of the country wants to stop the investigation of the deadly blast.

Amnesty International accused Lebanese authorities of using "every tool at their disposal to shamelessly undermine and obstruct the domestic investigation to shield themselves from

accountability".

The US administration repeated its demand for the Lebanese authorities to complete investigations into the explosion in Beirut port.

Another indication of the inability of the Lebanese political system to function properly is the failure to appoint a new governor of the Bank du Liban (Central Bank of the country) following the retirement of Riad Salameh. After 30 years on the job, during which Salameh was initially hailed as a wizard, but later was widely seen as one of those mainly responsible for the meltdown of the country's economy.

As the Lebanese economy collapsed and hundreds of thousands of Lebanese suddenly became poor and could not even withdraw their deposits from the banks due to the restrictions imposed, Salameh was accused of applying a Ponzi scheme and of embezzling public money.

Last May, French and German authorities issued warrants for his arrest, accusing him, inter alia, of money laundering.

Although the absence of a Governor will certainly increase instability in the economy, the notoriously bickering

political parties were unable to agree on the person to replace Salameh as Governor. For this reason, they appointed as interim governor Wassim Mansouri, who was the vice governor of the Bank du Liban.

As if Lebanon did not have enough troubles already, a new serious problem was created in the Palestinian camp of Ein el Hilweh, near Sidon, where members of Fatah and Islamist groups clashed.

Thirteen people, including Fatah military general Abu Ashraf al-Armoushi were killed. Another 40 people were wounded, while some 2000 residents fled their homes. Lebanese acting Prime Minister Najib Mikati has threatened to send the army if the battles between the Palestinian factions did not end.

Last Friday, Saudi Arabia called on its citizens to quickly leave Lebanese territory and to avoid approaching areas where there have been armed clashes, while Kuwait and Qatar called on their citizens to be cautious. ANI

"VILLAGE Spring Festival galas," "rural basketball league," and "village soccer super league" are all the rage in China. These featured and vibrant rural cultural and sports events, known to the public via livestreaming and short video platforms, have received rave reviews.

They are a miniature of China's remarkable achievements in developing public cultural facilities and activities in rural communities.

Village Spring Festival galas, featuring entertainment shows with local rural characteristics, has become a new Chinese New Year custom loved by rural communities across China. Rural sports activities have gathered millions of sports fans online and offline, setting a big stage for grassroots athletes and cultural performances. Besides, activities showcasing intangible cultural heritage, rural courtesy and customs shows, as well as rural food festivals are also attracting tons of visitors to the countryside.

These magnificent cultural activities do more than simply enriching rural life and lifting people's spirits - they also expand new avenues for rural consumption and promote the transition and upgrading of the rural economic structure.

This huge surge in rural cultural activities didn't just happen overnight. It's the product of local culture progressively building up steam over time.

Many rural cultural activities had already accumulated decades of history before gaining such widespread attention. For example, village Spring Festival gala dates

Rural cultural activities brim with new vitality



A village gala is hosted in Quiai township, Ji'an, east China's Jiangxi province, June 30, 2023. (Photo by Li Jun/People's Daily Online)

back to 1981 in east China's Zhejiang province, when villagers in Yueshan village, Qingyuan county, Lishui built a stage to perform local operas and lantern dances. It has a history of more than 40 years.

The rural soccer league in Rongjiang county, southwest China's Guizhou province first emerged in the 1990s, and the basketball tournaments in Taipan village, Taijiang county of the province have been held continuously for decades.

What also consolidated the foundation for the thriving cultural development in rural areas are the country's efforts to advance poverty alleviation and rural revitalization.

After gaining wealth, rural residents have an enhanced demand for cultural enrichment, as well as a heightened sense of responsibility to inherit and develop local culture. Be it the village Spring Festival galas where villagers themselves play the lead, or rural sports events hosted with concentrated efforts, none of this would have

been possible without the cultural confidence built up through rural prosperity, nor people's eager anticipation to pass on and innovate the rural culture.

Riding the fast train of new media, rural cultural activities are being delivered to more people. According to statistics, as of December 2022, the number of Chinese rural internet users reached 308 million, or 61.9 percent of the total rural population. Last year, village Spring Festival galas hosted in Zhejiang province received a total of over 100 million online views. Short videos showcasing the stunt basketball and soccer moves also contributed to the popularity of rural basketball and soccer leagues.

The booming new media sector has significantly improved the communication of information among different regions. This provides huge support for gathering resources for the rich and colorful rural culture and for stimulating relevant industries. It also helps build an expansive platform for rural cultural activities to break through geographical constraints and reach wider audience.

The novelty of rural culture is a reason for rural cultural activities to have stood out from massive online information. Prizes of rural basketball and soccer leagues are mostly local farm produce, such as chickens and ducks. Aluminum basins and cymbals are always used as "bang sticks" by spectators to cheer. Local per-

formances staged in the intervals of the games, including songs and dances with ethnic features, also make these events unique.

It just breaks people's conventional impressions of farmers and rural lifestyles when farmers turn into athletes and performers dressed in their finest on the stage, and demonstrates the splendor of Chinese farmers and rural culture in the new era.

The booming rural cultural activities effectively drives rural economy. In recent years, village Spring Festival galas, rural basketball and soccer events, as well as other cultural activities have become a new focus of the integrated development of the cultural and tourism sectors. They not only led to a growth in the revenues of local B&Bs, hotels and restaurants, but also promoted local tourism resources, intangible cultural heritage items and farm produce.

According to statistics released by Qiandongnan Miao and Dong autonomous prefecture, Guizhou province, the number of tourists received and total tourism revenue of Xijiang Qianhu Miao Village in the autonomous prefecture multiplied when it hosted a village Spring Festival gala this year. Figures from the government of Rongjiang county also indicated a 39.73 percent rise in tourist visits to the county and a 52.08 percent growth in its tourism revenue this May because of a rural soccer league hosted there.

People's Daily

Niger closes airspace as ECOWAS deadline expires

NIAMEY

NIGER edged closer to conflict after the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) deadline threatening military intervention expired on Sunday.

In the wake of an ultimatum from the West African states to reinstate deposed President Mohamed Bazoum, Niger's coup leaders have closed the country's airspace, Al Jazeera reported on Monday.

The move announced late on Sunday, came as tens of thousands of coup supporters gathered at a stadium in Niger's capital, Niamey, to cheer on the generals who seized power - or the National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland (CNSP).

Amadou Abdramane, a spokesman for the CNSP, cited the threat of military intervention from the ECOWAS for the airspace closure.

Abdramane said in a statement read out on national television, that there had been a pre-deployment of forces in two Central African countries in preparation for intervention, but did not give details.

"In the face of the threat of intervention, which is becoming clearer through the preparation of neighbouring countries, Niger's airspace is closed from this day on Sunday... for all aircraft until further notice," Al Jazeera quoted Abdramane as saying.

He added, "Niger's armed forces and all our defence and security forces, backed by the unfailing support of our people, are ready to defend the integrity of our territory," he added.

Meanwhile, the deadline set by regional bloc ECOWAS was supposed to expire on Sunday.

If the junta, which grabbed power on July 26, does not comply, it may face a foreign military intervention, the ECOWAS deadline stated.

Its leaders claimed that they ousted the president to fight "jihadist insurgents" and stop corruption.

Amid the threat of a regional conflict, West African countries are divided in picking sides.

While, Nigeria, Senegal and Ivory Coast have said they would send troops. Although, the Nigerian Senate has pushed back against President Bola Tinubu's request for a deployment approval, asking him to explore options other than the use of force.

On the other hand, Burkina Faso and Mali - which are ruled by military-backed governments - have said any intervention in Niger would be considered a declaration of war against them. Algeria, which shares a long land border with Niger, has also warned against a military solution.

Notably, France - Niger's former colonial ruler, which has about 1,500 troops in the country - said it would "firmly" back whatever course of action ECOWAS takes after the deadline expired. But it did not specify if that included military assistance.

Russia, on the other hand, has opposed military intervention in Niger, while the head of its Wagner mercenary group has offered the services of his fighters to the country.

Niger's coup leaders have reportedly sought help from Wagner, which has become an influential force in Mali since the coup there in 2021 and has a long-standing presence in the Central African Republic as well as Libya.

Since gaining independence from France in 1960, military coups have occurred frequently in Niger. However, political instability has declined recently. In 2021, Bazoum was elected president in the nation's first democratic transfer of power.

Before gaining its independence in 1960, Niger spent more than 50 years as a French colony. Strong diplomatic relations existed between the two nations prior to Thursday's coup, but many Nigeriens believe France has continued to treat Niger like an imperial state, depriving it of its natural riches and imposing its leaders' economic policies.

One of the poorest nations in the world, Niger receives aid worth hundreds of millions of dollars annually. ANI

SPORT



Yanga's forward, Fiston Mayele, jubilates after scoring for the outfit in the 2022/23 Community Shield clash between the club and Simba SC that took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on August 13, 2022. Yanga commanded a 2-1 victory to clinch the Community Shield. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

2023/24 Community Shield knockout event braced for pulsating matches

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

MAINLAND Tanzania's Premier League has, every season, been witnessing the league's curtain raiser, known as the Community Shield match, opening the season.

The Community Shield clash had, until the 2022/23 season, been pitting the champion against the runner-up of the concluded season of the league, now known as NBC Premier League.

The 2023/24 NBC Premier League curtain-raiser will, as opposed to the previous season's Community Shield tie, involve four clubs that finished in the concluded season's top four.

The coming season's Community Shield ties will be played at the 11,000-seater Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga this week.

The event is set to be a knockout showdown, with the four outfits first taking on each other in the last-four ties and winners will face each other in the final.

According to Tanzania Football Federation (TFF)'s released Community Shield fixtures, four teams- Young African SC (Yanga), Simba SC, Azam FC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC- are set to battle it out in the knockout event, seeking to win the Premier League curtain-raiser's silverware.

Yanga won the 2022/23 NBC Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), Simba SC finished as the league runner-up, whereas Azam FC ended third followed by fourth-placed Singida Fountain Gate FC.

The 2023/24 Community Shield mini-tournament comes two days before the official kick-off of the season's NBC Premier League.

The Community Shield ties will offer participating outfits' new signings an opportunity to get a taste of the domestic top-flight's competitiveness and prove whether the outfits have either done well or made mistakes, as far as player signing is concerned.

Some of the new signings Tanzania's soccer fans expect to watch live at Mkwakwani Stadium or witness them via Television include Azam FC's newly recruited footballers- Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' and Yannick Bangala- donning their new outfit's jerseys.

The midfielders were, in the 2022/23 season, playing for NBC Premier League holders, Yanga, and turned out for the side in the season's Community Shield clash which ended with the Jangwani Street side cruising to 2-1 victory over age-old rival, Simba SC, in an encounter that took place in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC's new signings include Hussein Abel, Luis Miquissone, Shaaban Chilunda, Fabrice Ngoma, Aubin Kramo, Willy Onana, and Che Fondoh Malone.

NBC Premier League's defending champion, Yanga, will this time around take Mkwakwani Stadium's pitch without key footballers Bernard Morrison, Fiston Mayele, Salum, Bangala, Tuisila Kisinda, and Djuma Shabani.

The Jangwani Street side will also be without Belgo-Tunisian tactician Nasreddine Nabi- a coach credited with leading the club to a memorable unbeatable run stretching to 49 matches and lifting the NBC Premier League title and Community Shield for two successive seasons.

The club's supporters will see a new technical bench headed by Argentinian tactician Miguel Gamondi taking charge of an outfit made up of, among others, new signings including Mahlatse Makudubela 'Skudu', Maxi Nzengeli, Jonas Mkude, Kouassi Attohoulou Yao, and Gift Freddy.

All in all, the country's soccer followers are eagerly waiting to know a club that will ultimately clinch the 2023/24 Community Shield.

According to records, Simba SC boasts of lifting many Community Shield honours, having triumphed on 10 occasions.

Yanga comes second having won the Community Shield seven times, followed by Mtibwa Sugar in third place (once) having defeated Yanga 1-0 in 2009.

Azam FC is another club that has equally won the Community Shield once after beating Yanga 6-3 in a penalty shootout in 2016. The records further detail that Simba SC, in its 10 triumphs, defeated Yanga four times, Azam FC (three times), Mtibwa Sugar (twice), and Namungo FC (once).

Yanga has, in its Community Shield victories, recorded victory over Simba SC four times and Azam FC on three occasions.

A total of 75 goals have been netted in the curtain-raiser from 2001 to 2023 but, in 2004, the curtain-raiser tie was canceled and was also not played in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

SPORTS

Hall of Fame needed to celebrate local sporting greats



Some of the players making Tanzania's senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars'- who represented the country in the 1980 African Cup of Nations finals in Nigeria- pose for a photo after securing progression to the tournament in 1979. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MAHMOUD ZUBEIRY

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IN the exciting realm of sports, it is only natural that fans joyously celebrate the magnificent exploits of their favourite sports stars and sports teams to the hilt.

This reverence for iconic sports greats can take various forms in different parts of the globe.

For instance, in the USA, the top-tier basketball and baseball leagues, which are the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Major League Baseball (MLB) respectively, both have creations known as the Halls of Fame, which is a powerful way of immortalizing the glittering basketball and baseball stars, who have shone brightly in their respective careers.

However, being inducted into the NBA's Hall of Fame and MLB's Hall of Fame is not an honour that is conferred upon run-of-the-mill players as it is only a select group of gifted players who can enviously be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Indeed, in American basketball, a player is deemed eligible to be inducted into the Hall of Fame if and only if he has displayed amazingly stratospheric levels of

consistently classy performances throughout his career.

Viewed against this backdrop then, one feels that creating a national sporting Hall of Fame here in the country would be a great way of not only recognizing but recollecting the exceptional contributions of our true sporting legends.

As that famous adage goes: "You cannot know where you are going unless you know where you have come from."

Moving on, the FIFA Women's World Cup continues to gather steam as was demonstrated by the riveting football matches that took place last weekend.

With the global competition now having reached the knockout round (or Round of 16), three African teams have caused a massive stir by becoming the first trio of continental teams to advance to the Round of 16 for the first time.

This triumvirate of African teams, which are to wit: Nigeria, South Africa, and Morocco have won plenty of admirers with their fearless and audacious brand of football.

It can rightly be argued that even our fourth African representative at the FIFA Women's World Cup, Zambia, was not disgraced as they were able to bow out of the championship in style by downing Costa Rica in their last group match.

Sadly, South Africa's clash against Holland in their Round of 16's tie last Sunday proved to be the end of the road for the Banyana Banyana (South Africa women's team's

nickname) as they lost the make-or-break match 2-0 to the redoubtable Dutch.

Indeed, it should be noted here that it is still up in the air whether Nigeria will be able to come through their Round of 16 tie against England unscathed and whether Morocco will be able to send the Les Bleues (France's nickname) packing in their high stakes face-off.

That being said, there is one fact that remains distinctly indisputable.

And, that is whichever way the script unfolds for our African teams in the arduous Round of 16, this has already been a wholly splendid competition for all of our African representatives in the ongoing scintillating FIFA Women's World Cup.

Tusker FC set for three international friendlies in Tanzania

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KENYA's Tusker FC will play three international friendlies with Tanzania sides as the former prepares for the upcoming Kenya Premier League.

The Kenyan club's head coach Robert Matano is happy with the signings made by the club so far as he heads to Arusha with his side for a week-long pre-season training. The outfit left Kenya last weekend.

They will lock horns with Mbuni FC, Arusha FC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC while here.

Tusker FC is home to Tanzanian forward Ibrahim Joshua who extended his stay with the brewers to 2024.

The brewers unveiled their five new signings on Friday morning as they prepare for the 2023-24 season that gets underway in three weeks.

The five players are Edwin Simiyu, promoted from the club's youth team, Joseph Mwangi from Nzoia Sugar FC, James Kibande from Kenya Police FC, Fabian Adikiny from Muranga Seal and



Kenya's Tusker FC attacker, Tanzanian Ibrahim Joshua.

John Byamukana from Gaddafi FC of Uganda.

They have been in training with the team for weeks now, and on Saturday they featured in a friendly match against Plantech Kenya FC, a match that ended with Tusker FC cruising to a 6-0 win, with Kibande and Mwangi scoring three of the goals.

Last season, the brewers missed out on the league and cup titles cruelly, having lost the league title to Gor Mahia on the final day.

The outfit also lost the cup final to Kakamega Homeboyz, and Matano believes that the fresh blood injected into the team will spur his charges.

The tactician noted: "I am delighted by the new players that we have included in the team. I am certain they are the right profile of players we need to take the club's

performance to a level higher, and hopefully, they can help us win trophies next season."

"Our next step is now to integrate them into the team, ensuring they understand our playing philosophy and what we are trying to achieve, and I am certain they can move us forward," Matano pointed out.

Byamukana started his football at Bumate FC, moved to Tooro United and later Express FC, before concluding last season at Gaddafi FC.

The Kenyan club let go of seven players to make room for the new signings. They are Michael Wanjala, Humphrey Mieno, Jackson Macharia, Shami Mwinyi, Kevin Monyi, David Majak, and Tanzanian center-back Carlos Kirenge.

Azam Media Limited, Mkwakwani Stadium management finalize preps for 2023/24 Community Shield

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

AZAM Media Limited and Tanga's Mkwakwani Stadium management last weekend finalized installing other floodlights at the stadium as a part of preparations for the 2023/24 Community Shield tournament to be held at the stadium this week.

The work was carried out by the Dar es Salaam-based electrical contractor- TS Solutions- and The Guardian witnessed technicians fixing other floodlights, which have been added to the venue, on posts and connecting them to electric cables.

According to Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) timetable, the knockout tournament is slated for Wednesday to Friday and will this time round bring together four teams that finished in the top four of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

Previous season's champion Yanga,

runner-up Simba SC, third-placed Azam FC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC, which came fourth, will take on each other in the Community Shield knockout tournament, as per the amended regulations stipulated by the federation.

As per the Community Shield knockout tournament, Yanga will open it tomorrow, confronting Azam FC, whereas Singida Fountain Gate FC will face Simba SC the following day.

Winners of the two semi-finals will- on August 11- take on each other in the final to decide the coming season's Community Shield winner.

In separate interviews with The Guardian, Tanga Regional Football Association (TRFA) official Martin Kibua and Mkwakwani Stadium manager Nassoro Makau disclosed all preparations have gone smoothly and the stadium is ready to host the tournament- which is taking place in Tanga for the first time.

Mkwakwani Stadium floodlights were installed after a mutual agreement between Azam Media Limited- which holds about 75 percent shares- and Mkwakwani Stadium management which holds about 25 percent shares.

The floodlights were inaugurated by Zanzibar's Second Vice President Suleiman Hemed Abdullah on February 5 this year.

The inauguration had the attendants being treated to a "Tanga derby" between age-old rivals Coastal Union and African Sports.

Coastal Union, now battling it out in the Premier League, took on African Sports, now taking part in Championship League, in the friendly tie that was played under floodlights to serve as a trial.

The floodlights however have hardly been used for either Premier League or other showdowns taking place at the venue.

Trump slams 'woke' US women's soccer team after World Cup exit

NEW YORK

FORMER US president Donald Trump took a swipe at his own country's women's soccer team on Sunday evening after they crashed out of the World Cup on penalties to Sweden, declaring that "woke equals failure."

Despite sealing American glory at the previous two World Cups, the team have become a lightning rod for anger from the US political right, in part because of their advocacy for social justice.

Many conservatives were particularly chagrined by players taking the knee during the national anthem, in protest at the country's record on racial equality.

Their co-captain, Megan Rapinoe, was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Trump's successor, Joe Biden.

She was among the players who missed penalties during Sunday's shoot-out, as the Stars and Stripes made their earliest ever exit from a Women's World Cup, after a 0-0 draw in Melbourne.

Trump, who is running for a White House return in the 2024 election, wrote on his own Truth-Social website that the loss was "fully emblematic of what is happening to our once great Nation under Crooked Joe Biden."

"Many of our players were openly hostile to America - No other country behaved in such a manner, or even close. Woke equals failure," he wrote. "Nice shot Meg-

an," he added, in a jibe at Rapinoe, the former Ballon d'Or and World Cup Golden Boot winner.

The 38-year-old, a central part of the USA sides that won the 2015 and 2019 World Cups as well as Olympic gold in 2012, is at the tournament for the fourth and final time before retiring.

She was a key voice in the team's battle with the US federation for equal pay and conditions and remains an unflinching advocate on racial equality, as well as issues affecting women and the LGBTQ community.

For so long the face of women's soccer at home and abroad, she was close to tears in her post-match interview after the 5-4 penalty loss.

"I mean, this is like a sick joke," she said. "For me personally, this is dark comedy. I missed a penalty."

Trump, the frontrunner for the Republican nomination in the 2024 presidential election, faces a series of legal challenges ahead of the national polls, including over allegations he tried to subvert the results of the last election.

President Biden's wife, First Lady Jill Biden, offered the team more consolation than Trump did.

"Today, you inspired us with your grit and determination. We are proud of you," she tweeted. "Always remember that you encourage women and girls everywhere to show up and fight for their dreams."

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France coach warns against underestimating Morocco before World Cup clash

ADELAIDE

FRANCE coach Herve Renard has warned his team not to take Morocco lightly as they face one of the surprise packages of the Women's World Cup in the last 16 today.

While France's objective is to win a major women's title for the first time, Morocco qualified for the last 16 at their debut World Cup against the odds and at the expense of Germany.

There are 67 places between the nations in the FIFA rankings as they clash in Adelaide with a place in the quarter-finals up for grabs.

The match is also a special occasion for Renard, who managed the Moroccan men's team for three years and took them to the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

"I have marvellous memories of my time in Morocco, but let's focus on the football," Renard told reporters on the eve of the game. "Even when we have a kickoff with friends we want to win, and we are here to win and qualify for the next round."

"The important thing is that we respect our opponents and the fact that this is a last-16 tie at a World Cup. Morocco are not here by chance. This is a match of the same calibre as our game against Brazil."

France beat Brazil 2-1 on the way to topping their group, also defeating Panama after being held by Jamaica in their opening game.

Morocco, meanwhile, bounced back from a 6-0 hammering by Germany to beat both South Korea and Colombia and qualify in second place in Group H behind the South Americans.

"We respect them but we are focused on ourselves," added Renard. "There is a lot of experience in this France team. I am here to guide them as well as I possibly can but I get the feeling that they would do just fine on their own if I were not here."

The match sees Renard pit his wits against fellow Frenchman Reynald Pedros, a former France international as a player who has been in charge of Morocco since 2020.

"There will be just one French coach left in the quarter-finals," Renard said. "I hope it will be me."

Meanwhile, Morocco's presence in the last 16 of the Women's World Cup is a dream come true for the tournament debutants, and a clash with a much-fancied France side makes Tuesday's game a particularly special occasion for their coach.

Reynald Pedros, 51, is a former

France international midfielder who played alongside Zinedine Zidane in the team that reached the semi-finals at Euro 96.

In recent years he has made a name as a coach in the women's game, spending two seasons in charge of Lyon, the club that has dominated in France and Europe over the last decade.

He won back-to-back UEFA Champions League titles in charge of Lyon, with a side containing the likes of Wendie Renard, Eugenie Le Sommer, Selma Bacha and Amel Majri -- who will all feature for France in Adelaide today.

"I know this France team perfectly, which is an advantage," Pedros said after Morocco pulled off one of the great major tournament shocks to qualify from their group at the expense of former champions Germany. "They are a very strong team with experienced, top-level players."

Six members of the France squad in Australia played under Pedros at Lyon, with captain Renard, Le Sommer, Bacha and Majri joined by goalkeeper Pauline Peyraud-Magnin and midfielder Kenza Dali.

"It's going to be a bit of a reunion, so it will be a special moment," said Le Sommer, the 34-year-old striker who is France's all-time top scorer.

"Football is surprising. If you had said to me when he left Lyon that we would meet again in the last 16 of the World Cup, especially with him in charge of Morocco, I would not have believed it."

"He knows the France team inside out, with the players he coached at Lyon and those he came up against."

Pedros also won consecutive French domestic crowns and a French Cup when in charge of Lyon. Le Sommer added: "He did great things with us, winning titles. It was by no means insignificant."

"Winning mentality" - Pedros, who won a French title as a player with Nantes in 1995 and helped them reach the Champions League semi-finals the following year, began working with the Moroccan football federation in late 2020.

He has helped oversee the development of women's football in the country and took the team to the final of the Africa Cup of Nations on home soil last year, via which they qualified for the World Cup.

"He has brought great experience, stability and a winning mentality," Nassim El Kerf, a journalist with the Moroccan news website Le Desk, told AFP.

England scrape past Nigeria on penalties to reach World Cup quarter-final

BRISBANE

ENGLAND scraped into the quarter-finals of the Women's World Cup when they beat Nigeria 4-2 on penalties in Brisbane yesterday.

Despite Nigeria having the better of the chances throughout, the European Champions -- reduced to 10 players after 87 minutes -- snuck home in front of 50,000 spectators after the match had finished 0-0 at the end of extra time.

England held on after playmaker Lauren James received a red card for a needless stamp and will know they have to improve if they want to add the World Cup to their European crown.

They will face Colombia or Jamaica on Saturday for a place in the semi-finals.

England got off to a terrible start in the penalty shootout when Georgia Stanway fired wide, but Desire Oparanozie couldn't take advantage and missed with an almost identical effort.

Beth England made no mistake, but Nigeria's Michelle Alozie shot way over top to give England an advantage they never surrendered, sealing the win when Chloe Kelly calmly converted.

The Lionesses, who last year won the European Championship at a packed Wembley Stadium in London, were expected to win comfortably against the world's 40th ranked team.

The Nigerians, however, have shown in this World Cup that they have the game to challenge anybody.



England's Lucy Bronze, Rachel Daly and Georgia Stanway celebrate during the penalty shootout against Nigeria at the Brisbane Football Stadium on Monday. Agencies

They stunned hosts Australia in the group stage, taking advantage of their speed in the transition to score a 3-2 win.

And they employed the same tactics against England, whose back three were regularly exposed by the Nigerian attack.

England had started the match strongly and rattled Nigeria in the opening skirmishes as the Lionesses found plenty of space out wide.

They also controlled possession, completing 173 passes in the first half to Nigeria's 83.

But it was the Nigerians who

looked the most dangerous and they gave the European champions a real fright on a number of occasions.

England-born Ashleigh Plumptre had two golden chances to open the scoring, the first coming in the 16th minute when a strike from outside the box crashed into the crossbar.

A minute later she forced a fine diving save from Mary Earps.

The Nigerians had eight shots at goal in the first half, three more than England, whose best chance fell to Alessia Russo in the 23rd

minute.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first, England dominating possession but Nigeria looking the more dangerous.

England had a golden chance to seal the match with 15 minutes left only for Chiamaka Nnadozie to pull off a fine save from Rachel Daly's powerful header.

The game inevitably went to extra time and again Nigeria looked most likely, Michele Alozie and Oshoala both going close, but neither team could break the deadlock.

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How 'arrogance' and 'complacency' led to United States' decline

By Miguel Delaney

FOR the teams left in this World Cup, there were mixed feelings when the USA went out, and not just because of the emotions that remarkable penalty shoot-out produced. There is obviously a general excitement that the champions are out, theoretically opening up the whole tournament. A few players watching on, however, have confided that the US were "underwhelming". Many would have liked the chance to take the champions on and beat them, asserting their standards.

Such sentiments would no doubt have aggravated the Americans, if they were in any mood to look back on this worst ever performance by a team that were defending champions. One frustrated argument within the US camp has been that it has largely been about a ludicrous amount of missed chances, and a bit of bad luck. Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher pointing to the line as she disputed Lina Hurtig's ludicrously tight penalty seemed the most apt symbolism of this.

It really did come down to the narrowest of gaps. But, in truth, only on the night. This World Cup failure is indeed the story of margins and gaps, but in how the rest of the women's game has caught up with the US, as it now looks a little isolated in terms of coaching culture.

There are big questions for the federation here, but they come amid far bigger themes, even if there is fair criticism for manager Vlatko Andonovski.

The truth is that great football eras almost never end with close calls or that last fighting pride. There is almost always something close to collapse, as history-making teams inevitably stay wedded to trusted methods and players. In this case, it was in persisting with previous greats like Alex Morgan, who could no longer apply the finishing she used to. That is also the point when a valuable experience can evolve into a certain "arrogance" and "complacency", two words that have been used by sources with knowledge of the camp.

The ultimate in this remains the Spanish men's team in 2014, whose unprecedented run of three successive major trophies ended with two humiliating defeats to Netherlands and Chile. The US didn't play that badly, and actually performed better in general play than they are now being given credit for.

They are still just like that Spain, however, in being responsible for the World Cup's worst ever performance by defending champions.

None had ever gone out before the



Rapinoe's final kick at the World Cup was a missed penalty in the shoot-out (REUTERS)

quarter-finals. The US themselves had never gone out before the semi-finals.

That reflects the scale of the disappointment - but also how the world has changed.

This is where the biggest questions for the federation come, as distilled in one of the primary themes of this World Cup.

US soccer has long had issues as a "middle-class sport", where basic participation costs a lot. While this has for a long time been such a weakness in the men's game, though, it has led to one of the women's team's main strengths. They benefited from a level of training beyond most nations, that primarily gave the side conditioning advantages. The US could often just overpower opposition.

As women's football has moved to a different level in Europe, so has the training. Many nations now benefit from complete professionalism, eroding some of the USA's most immediate advantages.

This has laid bare something else: tactical and technical development. The US have very quickly looked more rudimentary than the better European sides in terms of team approach.

A lot of this does come down to Andonovski. A fundamental truth remains that this US team would likely have gone much further, and probably won it again, under a better coach.

Other than the irony of the better performance of the Sweden match, this seemed a classic case of a talented squad being made less than the sum of the parts.

As ever in such eliminations, though, it is impossible not to wonder whether other factors influenced. Has the US suffered from all but one of their squad staying at home, and not playing in the Women's Champions League? The women's game is following the men's in that regard in terms of where the wealth is going, which is overwhelming western Europe. That brings a concentration of playing and coaching talent that gradually brings a vitality.

Is this what we are starting to see? Many around the US squad might reasonably point to Germany going out.

It's also true that the bigger nations have generally come here a little undercooked, gradually finding their feet as the tournament has gone on. Some of them just slipped before they could stand at their strongest.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzanian boxer Zulfa Yusuph Macho.

Tanzania finishes 13th in 2023 African Boxing Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA has collected two medals and ended 13th in the just-ended African Boxing Confederation (AFBC) Men's and Women's African Boxing Championships which took place in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Boxing Federation of Tanzania (BFT) secretary-general Makore Mashaga said the country was represented by three boxers, Zulfa Macho, Grace Mwakamele, and Yusuf Chagalawe in the continental showpiece.

According to the BFT leader, finishing 13th out of 25 nations that battled it out in the AFBC Men's and Women's African Boxing Championships is a big achievement for the East African country.

The championships took place from July 26 to last Sunday and, out of the three boxers that represented the country, Grace grabbed the silver medal and Chagalawe laid his hands on the bronze medal.

The BFT leader noted: "With the small number of boxers who represented the country, finishing 13th is a big achievement for the country."

"There were some nations which were represented by more than 20 boxers but were behind us in terms of position and medals, so big up to our boxers," the official, who accompanied the team to Cameroon as leader of the delegation, stated.

With the two medals, the two boxers are assured of \$10,000 (silver medal) and \$5,000 (bronze medal), this follows the decision of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) to double the prize money.

Morocco emerged on top in the continental showpiece, followed by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Algeria, Cameroon (fourth), and Mozambique in fifth spot.

Others are South Africa, Nigeria, Cape Verde, Uganda, Senegal, Tunisia, and Congo Brazzaville which finished fifth-12th.

Tanzania ended in 13th place, whereas Mauritius, Seychelles, Gabon, Kenya, Burundi, Mali, Comoros, Libya, Burkina Faso, Niger, Angola, and Equatorial Guinea secured 14th to 25th places.

Meanwhile, Mashaga disclosed while in Cameroon he attended a four-day IBA International Technical Official course, which was conducted by chief instructor John Waith.

He described the course as very vital to the development of boxing in Tanzania.

According to the official, BFT's initial plan was to take 12 boxers to Yaounde for the championships but, due to financial challenges the federation now experiences, the body trimmed the number of pugilists to six and it was later trimmed to three. Financial challenges will be reduced as recently, given Makore disclosed that AIBA will start offering grants to BFT and other member countries' national boxing federations.

This is the first time that AIBA is handing over grants to member countries' national boxing federations. The BFT official said each national federation can access a maximum of \$50,000 annually but such funds will be released after the particular federation's proposal has convinced AIBA leadership.

"This is good news, we can now have our development plans achieved, before (availability of) these grants it was very difficult to realize our development plans but now we are assured that we can realize many of them," he revealed.

Bernard Morrison closes in on move to AS FAR Rabat FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Young Africans SC winger, Ghanaian Bernard Morrison is closing in on a move to Moroccan champions, AS FAR Rabat FC, to reunite with his former head coach Nasreddine Nabi.



Morrison (pictured) has headed to Morocco after his return deal to Tanzania, in which the winger was to move to Singida Fountain Gate FC, fell off in the last minute.

Nabi, who recently joined AS FAR Rabat FC after leaving Tanzanian soccer giant Young Africans SC, also known as Yanga, has expressed his interest in signing Morrison ahead of the new season.

The 30-year-old Ghanaian winger was released by Yanga after the 2022/23 season came to a close, making him a free agent.

He made six appearances and scored once for Yanga in their 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup campaign, which had the club making it to the final and losing to Algerian side USM Alger.

Morrison also played a significant role in helping his outfit defend Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League title.

It is understood that barring any unforeseen circumstances, Morrison will sign for the Rabat-based club in the coming days.

Last season Morrison played 20 games across all competitions for Yanga as he played a vital role in steering the side to lifting three titles in the 2022/23 season.

The season came to an end with Yanga winning the Community Shield, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and NBC Premier League.

The former Heart of Lions and Ashanti Gold SC player came close to signing for NBC Premier League club, Singida Fountain Gate FC, but the deal fell through along the line.

Morrison previously played for South African giants Orlando Pirates, Congolese side AS Vita Club, and Simba SC, Yanga's bitter rivals.

The winger was one of Yanga footballers credited for propelling the outfit to a tremendous campaign in the 2022-23 CAF Confederation Cup.

In the continental showpiece, the Jangwani Street team cruised to the final and was beaten by Algeria's Union Sportive de la Médina d'Alger via away-goal rule.

Morrison scored a crucial goal for his outfit when it confronted South Africa's Marumo Gallants in the first of the continental showdown's last four matches.

The match, which was held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on May 10, ended with Yanga defeating Marumo Gallants 2-0.

The skillful winger netted the second goal for Yanga in the well-attended encounter, beating Marumo Gallants' keeper, Washington Arubi, and one defender to cleverly slot the ball home from a tight angle. The tie's scoreline turned out to be extremely useful, as far as Yanga's pursuit of progression to the final was concerned, given it placed the club in pole position.

Yanga went on to grab a 2-1 win over Marumo Gallants in the return leg at Royal Bafokeng Stadium, Rustenburg to convincingly make it to the final. AS FAR FC crashed out of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup last-eight stage, losing to USM Alger.

Simba SC celebrates 'Simba Day' gallantly, overcomes Power Dynamos in friendly



President Samia Suluhu Hassan poses for a picture with Simba SC players when she graced the club's festival, termed Simba Day, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam came alive on Sunday as Mainland Tanzania Premier League giant, Simba SC, marked the club's 87th anniversary with the grand 15th edition of the 'Simba Day' festival.

The stadium, with a capacity of 60,000, was filled to the brim with passionate fans and football enthusiasts, all gathered to celebrate the illustrious club's rich history and exciting future.

The highly anticipated event saw Simba SC unveil the side's star-studded squad for the upcoming Mainland Tanzania Premier League season, adding to the excitement that was already palpable in the air.

The occasion also served as a platform to honour outstanding players and members who have contributed immensely to the club's success over the years.

The highlight of the day was an international friendly match between Simba SC and Zambia soccer big gun Power Dynamos, which ended with Simba SC garnering a 2-0 victory. The clash of the titans drew the attention of not only local supporters but also a special guest of honour, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who graced the occasion.

Simba SC fans and football enthusiasts alike eagerly awaited the

unveiling of the new signings for the upcoming season.

The team, nicknamed 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi', has managed to secure the talents of several players including Leandre Onana, Aubin Kouame, Che Fondoh Malone, and David Kameta alias 'Duchu'.

The anticipation reached its peak as the players were presented with their jersey numbers, symbolizing their integration into the Simba SC family.

Among the notable jersey assignments, Mozambican midfielder Luis Miquissone received the coveted number 11 jersey previously worn by Malawian winger Peter Banda, who was given a new number-40.

Congolese midfielder Fabrice Ngoma proudly donned the number six jersey, which was once sported by Ivorian central defender, Pascal Wawa.

Burundian midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza stepped into the number 10 jersey, previously worn by Banda, while Onana embraced the number seven, last adorned by Congolese forward Chris Mugalu.

The event not only brought joy to the fans but also created a positive ripple effect in the local economy.

Transport operators, including dala dalas, bajajs, and boda bodas were all beaming with smiles as they witnessed an influx of supporters traveling to the stadium.

Accommodation businesses also thrived as fans from different parts of the country converged in Dar es Salaam to be

part of this grand celebration.

Entertainment was not in short supply either, as Tanzanian musician Ali Kiba took to the stage and charmed the audience with his scintillating performance before the highly anticipated match kicked off.

The electrifying atmosphere inside the stadium was a testament to the unyielding passion that Tanzanians have for the beautiful game.

The 'Simba Day' has undeniably grown in popularity over the years, becoming an eagerly awaited annual tradition for both Simba SC supporters and football enthusiasts in Tanzania.

The event not only showcases the club's impressive legacy but also serves as a perfect prelude to the start of the top-flight football season in the country.

Simba SC squad for the 2023/24 season: Goalkeepers: Ahmed Ferouz Telu, Ally Salim, Aishi Manula, and Hussein Abel.

Defenders: Henock Inonga, Kennedy Juma, Israel Mwenda, Mohamed Hussein, Hussein Kazi, Shomari Kapombe, David Kameta, and Che Malone.

Midfielders: Mzamiru Yassin, Jimmyson Mwanuke, Willy Onana, Abdallah Khamis, Aubin Kramo, Nassoro Kapama, Sadio Kanoute, Said Ntibazonkiza, Clatous Chama, Fabrice Ngoma.

Forwards: Jean Baleke, Mohamed Musa, Kibu Denis, Shaban Chilunda, Moses Phiri, John Bocco, Peter Banda, and Luis Miquissone.

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