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Ministry set to begin under-five polio jabs

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A nationwide campaign for polio immunisation is expected to begin tomorrow, targeting more than 10m children under the age of five.

Lotalia Gadau, a programme officer with the Ministry of Health, told journalists here that the exercise will be carried out in four regions bordering Malawi, namely Njombe, Mbeya, Ruvuma and Songwe.

The four day exercise ends on May 1, conducted on a house to house basis and is expected to take up 13.3m doses, he said.

The vaccination will be given to children under -five without considering previous vaccines, she said, noting that even if a child was vaccinated yesterday the new vaccine drive will apply as well.

Tanzania has been polio-free since 2015 after a vibrant immunization programme, not having detected a polio virus case since 1996 but on February 17, 2022 a wild polio case was identified with a three year old girl child in Lilongwe district, Malawi.

With Malawi having reported the case, the polio free certificate can be revoked if Tanzania does not immediate preventive action, she stated, urging the media to fully participate in creating awareness among the general public on the importance of the vaccination drive.



There is need to involve those available in the campaign even if it is just a few of them

Dr Anthony Kazoka, the coordinator for the polio control programme, said the government was determined to ensure that the disease was eradicated, noting that such efforts had succeeded worldwide, with only two countries regularly reporting cases of the disease, namely Pakistan and Afghanistan. The two countries describe arid and mountainous border region on both sides of their common border as ungovernable tribal areas.

Dr Hosea Madama, the Manyara district medical officer, said the district expects to immunize 72,827 children under five, in an address to members of health committees at the community level. The district has formed a special team for the immunisation exercise which begins its work tomorrow, he stated.

Babati District Commissioner Lazaro Twange said the campaign is aimed at controlling the spread of the disease and create awareness on the threat of a polio epidemic.

"The committee will be the engine for running the exercise and we want this information to reach out to all villages," he said, directing the council executive director to ask religious leaders to assist in

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VP extolls 58 years of Union, lists milestones

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (2nd-L) cuts the ribbon in Dodoma city yesterday to launch a book on the history of the April 26, 1964 Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. He is with (from-L) Dr Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment); Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa; and Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango yesterday led national ceremonies to mark the 58th anniversary of the Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar, highlighting its achievements and strongly advocating its being protected.

The event was different as the commemoration fielded remarks by top leaders and a book presentation led by former cabinet minister Dr Harrison Mwakyembe, also a veteran academic and lawyer, taking the audience down the memory lane and exploring prospects for the future.

The VP said Tanzania stands tall on the African continent as it is the only union which has survived the turbulence which saw a couple of other unions collapse and be forgotten. A key benefit of the union is that Tanzanians are free to live and work in any part of the union without being discriminated.

The sixth phase was also a hallmark of these achievements as a Tanzanian from either part of the union can be the Head of State and be assured of loyalty by the pillars of the state, he said.

Security was an area of great achievements, he stated, underlining that many people take security and stability for granted a lot has been done to build it, especially as Zanzibar was unlikely to be stable after the January 1964



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Union Day: Samia frees 3826 inmates

● Clemency criteria widened to include embezzlement and corruption convicts

By Guardian Reporter

attaining 58 years of the Union.

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has pardoned 3,826 inmates in prisons across the country as part of nationwide ceremonies on

Pardoning inmates is among prerogatives of the Head of State often utilised during landmark occasions like Independence Day or Union Day. Usually the president exercises

the clemency prerogative on prisoners who are very old, chronically ill or were convicted of minor offences and remain with short periods to serve jail terms while showing good discipline and regretting their offences.

Home Affairs minister Hamad Masauni said in a statement yesterday that the president acted under Article 45(d) of the Constitution, noting that the inmates were processed using 18 criteria, where "a quarter of their sentences were reduced in lieu of a standard one-third reduction under the provisions of chapter 58 of the Prisons Act."

Certain pardoned inmates had their sentences reduced by a quarter under

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83,517 teachers, medics send jobs applications in five days

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A total of 83,517 completed job applications have been received in just five days for health and teaching post vacancies, with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) having permission to recruit 7,612 medics and 9,800 teachers.

Nteghenjwa Hosseah (pictured), the head of the Government Communications Unit in the



ministry (PO-RALG), said teaching cadre applications numbered 69,813 and health sector applicants were 13,683 among those received.

Applications are supposed to be received up to May 4, but the ministry is already flooded, and it is not clear if most applicants observed the criteria for priority in recruitment laid out in delivering the ministerial budget estimates in the National Assembly.

Applicants should examine the network they use, the areas they are and the information they feed, she said, noting that rubberstamping of professional certificates

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revolution but facing constant threats from outside.

In education, students from Zanzibar are admitted at any level on the Mainland and vice versa, while the Higher Education Students' Loans Board issues loans to on the basis of university admission eligibility, noting also that in the public service, the government has come up with a mechanism to ensure equity in job placements for applicants from both sides of the union.

In the 58 years of union, Tanzania gained a special place in international relations and diplomacy for having been at the frontline of the liberation process of countries ruled by settler minorities, siding with oppressed nations and peoples worldwide.

The single currency adopted after the union increased trade and investment as traders from both sides buy goods and services without a currency barrier, while communication companies and banks have expanded their operations in either part of the union, he pointed out.

"In tourism, we have made strides because of marketing Tanzania as one destination whereby tourists landing in any part of the union can travel to the other side without further checks," he said.

In his note of thanks, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa described this year's commemoration as historic because President Samia Suluhu Hassan had directed that the event include testimonials and academic presentations, from union veterans in particular.

Dr Mpango launched a book on the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar: Origin,

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Neli Msuya (holding stick), Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority's (DAWASA) director of communication and community, pictured yesterday briefing Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makala (2nd-R, foreground) on the on-going implementation of the Pugu-Gongo la Mboto water project. To the RC's left is the authority's CEO, Cyprian Luhemeja. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Mwinyi: Our 58-year-old Union still going strong

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the Union now 58 years old is still going strong.

President Mwinyi made the remarks to the media at Zanzibar State House here in his greetings for the commemoration of the 58th anniversary of the Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Dr Mwinyi explained that after the Union the people were unified, the situation that had brought about big achievements in the Union's 58 years of existence.

He said Tanzania, without the Union could not have been an issue that can be considered, as many Tanzanians were born in the Union, hence he called on all Tanzanians to continue holding it in high esteem for the benefit of future generations.

He added that the present Union is more of blood than a mere union between two things as many of its people have family relations in both parts of the Union.

He said apart from the brotherly and business relations, there have also been great achievements in the

entire issue of defence and security whereby the Union has seen peace, security and tranquility in its 58 years.

He explained that these achievements have been brought about by the people themselves as they are naturally peaceful people as well as the good work done by defence and security units in both parts of the Union.

President Mwinyi said the Union issue has a big role in the blue economy sector which is Zanzibar's economic vision considering the two parts are joined by the sea, a vital link

for Zanzibar and Mainland.

He added that there is the need for joint cooperation especially in the utilisation of sea resources in fishing, saying it is clear that the entire sea fishing area is within the Union, hence there is no reason why the blue economy cannot succeed as long as the Union exists.

He said a big port expected to be established in Zanzibar at a great extent will depend on the trade between Zanzibar and the Mainland, hence, he added it is very important to develop the Union for the benefit of the two sides.

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Foundation and Development, with event moderator Dr Harrison Mwakymbe saying the book explores major developments of the union from the start to the present. It explains the formations of associations such as the African Association and Shirazi Association in Zanzibar, and a counterpart association on the Mainland which led to the formation of TANU and ASP.

Foundations of the Union made it stand the tests of time, even if few other African countries can borrow a leaf from this experience, he intimated, highlighting that the book works on distortions in the narratives about Zanzibar Revolution which misrepresented the facts.

This year's commemoration was observed within the wider campaign of taking part in the forthcoming National Population and Housing census, alongside completing the national addressing and postcode system.

The census exercise is slated for August 23, with the premier, who chairs the national coordinating committee, telling the audience that so far its preparations had reached 81 per cent, meanwhile as the postcode drive is already on course in various parts of the country.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) said the union is getting stronger, as 18 out of 25 contentious union issues have been resolved. The book on the union needs to be used as part of history textbooks in school curriculums, he stated.

The Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson, Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdullah and Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma attended the ceremony, along with former Prime Ministers Joseph Warioba and Frederick Sumaye, retired Speakers Anne Makinda and Pius Msekwa, plus their House of Representatives counterpart Pandu Ameir Kificho.

S. Africa leads continent into 5th COVID-19 wave

PRETORIA

Despite slipping out of the headlines recently, amid floods, war and other natural and man-made disasters, the Covid-19 pandemic is not yet over - and South Africa is preparing to endure a fifth round of infections as winter sets in.

Recent reporting by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), a division of the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS), has been alarming: of 19,325 tests conducted, 3,222 new cases were detected late last week - that represents a 16.7 per cent positivity rate.

For three consecutive days last week, South Africa recorded more than 4,000 new daily infections, with positivity rates (for those tested) of around 20 per cent, following a period of significantly fewer fatal cases, often in the single digits for the last two months or so.

In the latest reporting cycle, however,

the death figure has jumped by 30, for a national toll of 100,333, with another 1,954 new cases also confirmed.

The marked jumps in new infections, infection rates and even deaths - the latter at least partly accounted for by a lag in reporting, now being caught up on - have health authorities on the alert.

But, says the national Department of Health, there is no reason for alarm as yet - the department's experts in consultation with academic and other collaborating virologists and epidemiologists are "closely monitoring" the situation to see if the expected fifth wave of Covid will sweep through the country, much as its predecessors have done.

Already several European countries have experienced a 5th wave of infections, mainly driven by the currently dominant Omicron variant and some sub-variants.

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section 49 (1) of the legislation, he said. Still other beneficiaries of the pardon were sentenced to death and had stayed in prison for 30 years or more, plus those serving life sentences and were in prison for at least 20 years.

The pardon wasn't extended to those imprisoned for debts or serving sentences under parole, in line with provisions of chapter 291 of the Community Service Act.

People convicted before February 26, 2022, suffering from chronic diseases and have been medically diagnosed that their challenges were at a terminal stage also benefitted, he said.

Other beneficiaries of the pardon were prisoners above 70 years old, those with physical and mental disabilities, female prisoners convicted while being pregnant and lactating mothers who have served a quarter of their sentence.

Those convicted of attempted murder and suicide as well as

attempted suicide and served jail for up to 10 years benefitted, the minister noted, while inmates convicted with murdering infants and had served in prison by up to 15 years out of 20 years sentences were included.

Prisoners who have been in prison for five years and above or those jailed for economic sabotage and served in prison for up to 20 years were also freed.

Others benefitting are those who are serving jail for misuse of power and had stayed in prison for up to five years, or those convicted for money laundering and served jail for up to 20 years, the statement indicated.

Prisoners serving jail on corruption sentences for up to 10 years were pardoned, as well as convicts of drug trafficking serving in jail for up to 20 years.

The pardon also touched convicts of children theft or abduction and had served for up to 10 years, plus convicts of theft or embezzlement of public funds and properties, serving in prison for up to 15 years, it added.



Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, Trade and Environment on an inspection tour of MMI Steel Industries Ltd in Dar es Salaam's Mikochehi Light Industrial Area on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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raising awareness.

Campaign coordinator James Mleli had earlier said immunization will be carried out from house to house, while the district council's health

board chairman Leonard Ngalawa was assured of staff availability for the exercise.

There is need to involve those available in the campaign even if it is just a few of them, he affirmed.

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was not an essential criterion in job application. An applicant can send in forms without the rubberstamping by an advocate and applications will be received and worked upon, she explained, elaborating that applicants

can use Kiswahili or English in filling forms, so long as they observe instructions set out at the proper website.

Applicants are required to register themselves by opening a new account even if they already had accounts they

used in past applications, she said.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance), last week announced employment opportunities where 32,000 certificate holders would be recruited in

education and health sectors. The government planned to employ 44,000 civil servants in the current financial year, she stated.

Priority was given to the two sectors as they face serious shortages of staff, the minister reiterated.



Heristraton Genesis (3rd-R), head of the Absa Bank Tanzania retail customers section of the products and strategic plans unit, pictured late last week presenting a 43-inch smart television and sound system prize to Catherine Mwakisu, for winning the bank's English Premier League campaign dubbed 'Absa Card Assist'. The initiative was meant to sensitise customers to make business transactions using the bank's card. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Task force ready to collect views on multiparty system

By Guardian Reporter

THE task force which was appointed to coordinate views on multiparty democracy, elections and constitution is today set to commence a three-day meeting to collect views and recommendations from various institutions and stakeholders.

The task force made up of 25 members including politicians, civil society organizations, scholars and members of the defenses and security committees, is chaired by Prof Rwekaza Mukandara.

In a statement issued yesterday by the taskforce's secretary Sisty Nyahoza, the meeting will be conducted from today April 27 to 29 where a total of 10 institutions will present their recommendations.

According to him, the timetable shows that today three organizations will present their views which include the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), Tanzania Constitutional Forum (TCF) and the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT).

On April 28 (tomorrow), the task force will hear views from National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA), Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA) and the Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students' Organization (TAHLISO).

On the third day, three institutions will present their views which include the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Council of Pentecostal Churches of Tanzania (CPCT) and the council of Islamic

associations and organizations in Tanzania.

He said the views stick on the areas of democracy, elections, political party rallies, women participation in politics and leadership positions, civic education, corruption and political and elections ethics, constitution and political and public relation.

Recently, when the task force was presenting a preliminary report on the performance of the force at State House, President Samia Suluhu Hassan instructed the taskforce to submit a proposal on the new constitution process so that it would be announced for all Tanzanians to understand.

The taskforce had recommended that the process of obtaining a new constitution should start after the 2025 General Elections. "I agree that it is a long-term issue but Tanzanians need to understand why," said President Samia.

She added: "But first let's work on the reforms we mentioned this term and then in the future let's see if we need to amend our constitution. Maybe there is no need to rewrite the whole constitution."

She also wanted the force to prepare proposals for the formation of an independent electoral commission.

"On the independent electoral commission, go and prepare recommendations, show how it is going to be, its duties, learn from experience in other countries which have the same commission and see if they are operating well without conflicts," President Samia said.

Union was top secret between Nyerere and Karume - Msekwa

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

ARCHITECTS of the 26th April, 1964 Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar, Julius Nyerere and Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, kept the matter a tightly-held secret such that their close aides were in the dark, it was revealed here yesterday.

Presenting a paper entitled Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar: history, origin and foundation at the 58th commemoration of the union, retired Speaker of the National Assembly Pius Msekwa who was Clerk of Parliament of Tanganyika then, said Nyerere and Karume succeeded in keeping the matter under the wraps.

When Nyerere travelled to Zanzibar and the two leaders agreed to unite the countries on 22 April 1964 and put details on articles of the Union, the two agreed to keep it to themselves.

"On the day of signing, TANU-owned newspaper, The Nationalist reported that Nyerere was on a friendly visit to Zanzibar. It was only after the signing when a brief statement from State House announced the agreement," he said.

Msekwa said he thinks the secrecy was because of fear that if this was known before, the efforts would have been sabotaged by the enemies of the unity.

He said issues included in the articles of the union included an agreement that Nyerere would be the Union president and Karume Vice president. The document also stated the union would be on 11 areas and that constitution of Tanganyika would serve as interim union mother law awaiting amendment of it to include formation of government of Zanzibar and its House of Representative.

"It was also started that a permanent constitution would be written when the two sides felt that time was right to do so," he said.

He narrated that on 25 April 1964, both Tanganyika Parliament and Zanzibar House of Representatives passed the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar act of 1964 and the Union of Zanzibar and Tanganyika Law of 1964

respectively.

"Before that, on Tuesday 21 April, Nyerere asked me as Clerk to summon MPs to Dar es Salaam and insisted that by Friday they were supposed to be there," he narrated.

"He instructed me that the parliament must sit tomorrow (26 April) but when I asked him the agenda, he told me to do other things."

In the speech Nyerere read in the House, he asked the MPs to see the importance of uniting the sister countries and after the speech, he left.

"Head of government business in parliament Rashid Kawawa moved a motion under certificated of urgency, asking lawmakers to endorse it," he said.

"Nyerere had whispered to me that if the bill passed, I take it to him so that he assented to it without delay and after it was passed, I hurried hit the ground running with it. Upon receiving it, Nyerere smiled, sipped wine and signed it."

Msekwa said that on 27, the Union National Assembly met for the first time and Karume was sworn in as Vice President of the union government as well as MPs appointed from Zanzibar.

He said the main origin of the union was Zanzibar Revolution and the need to protect security of the isles. Before the revolution, Zanzibar was being ruled by an Arab Sultan.

"There was need to make Zanzibar secure because there was real threat that those who were ousted from power would reorganize and counter the revolution," he said

"This was mainly because the new government in Zanzibar had no army to protect it."



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Eight Dar varsities, colleges take part in environmental cleanliness

By Guardian Reporter

STUDENTS from eight higher institutions of learning in Dar es Salaam yesterday took part in environmental hygiene along the city's Mikocheni beach in celebrating the 58th anniversary of the Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Through a campaign dubbed: "University Students Master Class Beach Clean Up" organised by Human Dignity and Environment Care Foundation (HUDEFO), the students partnered with other stakeholders to collect trash, mostly plastic wastes, from the beach.

Managing director of HUDEFO, Sarah Pima said the campaign is part of efforts to promote tourism through cleaner beaches.

She said: "Having clean beaches is an important component in promoting tourism. This campaign aims at joining hands with President Samia Suluhu Hassan in promoting tourism."

The clean-up campaign with a theme "Invest in our planet" brought together students and other stakeholders including officials from Kinondoni municipal council and local government authorities in the area.

Pima reasoned that degradation of the environment, particularly uncontrolled littering of plastics, is harmful to health and environment.

"We should say no plastic pollution and adopt sustainability behaviour of reducing and recycling the wastes," she stated.

Pima said the youth and other stakeholders

have an important role to play in conservation and cleaning up the environment.

"I call upon other players to join hands with us since conservation of the environment is the responsibility of everyone in the society and not the government alone," she observed.

Prime Minister of Dar es Salaam University Students' Organisation (DARUSO), Ridhiwani Maulid, urged other students and youth to take part in the conservation of the environment.

"We have come here today to join hands with other partners to support environmental conservation and cleaning of the beach," Maulid asserted.

An environment officer at Kinondoni Municipal Council, Mohamed Msangi, said the municipal has contracted a company to erect trash bins along the coastline in the municipality.

Msangi said the contracted company will start operations in the next fiscal year which starts in July, this year.



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NMB Bank Plc Lake Victoria zone manager Baraka Ladislau (R) symbolically presents to Geita regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (L) over 200 desks for use in various schools in Katoro Town, Geita Region. The desks constituted part of assistance by the bank for Mtakuja, Bahari Masufini and Mchongomani primary school, 50 chairs and tables to Magenge Secondary School and ten hospital beds, ten mattresses and 30 bed sheets to Katoro health centre. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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| CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2022 (Amounts in million shillings) | Current Quarter 31-Mar-2022 | Previous Quarter 31-Dec-2021 |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. ASSETS: | | |
| 1. Cash | 261 | 237 |
| 2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania | 5,384 | 7,805 |
| 3. Investments in government securities | - | - |
| 4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions | 84 | 34 |
| 5. Cheques and items for clearing | 34 | 30 |
| 6. Inter-branch float items | - | - |
| 7. Bills negotiated | - | - |
| 8. Customers' liabilities for acceptances | - | - |
| 9. Interbank loans receivables | 11,996 | 1,002 |
| 10. Investment in other securities | - | - |
| 11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowance for probable losses) | 45,114 | 44,676 |
| 12. Other assets | 3,999 | 3,576 |
| 13. Equity investments | - | - |
| 14. Underwriting accounts | - | - |
| 15. Property, plant and equipment (net) | 977 | 829 |
| 16. TOTAL ASSETS | 67,849 | 58,189 |
| B. LIABILITIES: | | |
| 17. Deposits from other banks and financial institutions | - | - |
| 18. Customer deposits | 48,462 | 38,720 |
| 19. Cash letters of credit | - | - |
| 20. Special deposits | - | - |
| 21. Payment orders/transfers payable | - | - |
| 22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued | - | - |
| 23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable | 1,458 | 541 |
| 24. Acceptances outstanding | - | - |
| 25. Interbranch float items | 1,008 | 1,700 |
| 26. Unearned income and other deferred charges | - | 19 |
| 27. Other liabilities | 1,036 | 1,211 |
| 28. Borrowings | - | - |
| 29. TOTAL LIABILITIES | 51,982 | 42,172 |
| 30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29) | 15,867 | 16,017 |
| C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS: | | |
| 31. Paid up share capital | 30,912 | 30,912 |
| 32. Capital reserves | - | - |
| 33. Retained Earnings | (19,950) | (18,508) |
| 34. Profit (Loss) account | (95) | (1,387) |
| 35. Others capital accounts (Advance towards share capital) | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 36. Minority interest | - | - |
| 37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | 15,867 | 16,017 |
| 38. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES | | |
| 39. Non performing loans & advances | 574 | 523 |
| 40. Allowances for probable losses | (382) | 382 |
| 41. Other non performing assets | - | - |
| D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS | | |
| - Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets | 23.4% | 27.8% |
| - Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans | 1.3% | 1.1% |
| - Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits | 92.3% | 113.9% |
| - Loans and Advances to Total Assets | 65.9% | 77.0% |
| - Earning Assets to Total Assets | 84.2% | 79.3% |
| - Deposits Growth | 25.2% | 40.2% |
| - Assets Growth | 16.6% | 23.8% |

| CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (Amounts in million shillings) | Current Quarter 31-Mar-2022 | Previous Quarter 31-Dec-2021 | Current Year Cumulative 31-Mar-2022 | Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Mar-2021 |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| I. Cash flow from operating activities: | | | | |
| Net (loss)/profit before tax | (95) | (46) | (95) | (948) |
| Adjustment for: | | | | |
| - Impairment/amortisation/depreciation | 251 | 314 | 251 | 346 |
| - Net change in loans and advances | (11,432) | 255 | (11,432) | (5,766) |
| - Net change in deposits | 9,742 | (953) | 9,742 | 5,510 |
| - Net change in short term negotiable securities | - | - | - | - |
| - Net change in other liabilities | 69 | 517 | 69 | (242) |
| - Net change in other assets | (219) | (35) | (219) | (802) |
| - Tax paid | - | (35) | - | - |
| - Others | - | (333) | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities | (1,685) | (316) | (1,685) | (1,902) |
| II. Cash flow from investing activities: | | | | |
| Dividend received | - | - | - | - |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (197) | (67) | (197) | - |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | - | - | - | - |
| Purchase of non-dealing securities | - | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities | - | - | - | - |
| - Others | - | - | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | (197) | (67) | (197) | - |
| III. Cash flow from financing activities: | | | | |
| Repayment of long term debt | - | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from issuance of long term debt | - | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from issuance of share capital | - | - | - | - |
| Payment of cash dividends | - | - | - | - |
| - Net change in other borrowings | - | 262 | - | - |
| - Others | - | 262 | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | - | 262 | - | - |
| IV. Cash and cash equivalents: | | | | |
| - Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (1,882) | (121) | (1,882) | (1,902) |
| - Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year | 6,051 | 6,172 | 6,051 | 4,885 |
| - Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year | 4,169 | 6,426 | 4,169 | 2,583 |

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements

| Name and Title | Signature | Date |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Richard L. Makungwa (Chief Executive Officer) | (signed) | 22 April 2022 |
| Selemani Kijori (Head of Finance) | (signed) | 22 April 2022 |
| Patrick Mashalla (Head of Internal Audit) | (signed) | 22 April 2022 |

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

| Name | Signature | Date |
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| "1/ Francis Ramadhani (Chairman)" | (signed) | 22 April 2022 |
| "2/ Enna V. Mwakipisele (Director)" | (signed) | 22 April 2022 |

| CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (Amounts in million shillings) | Current Quarter 31-Mar-2022 | Comparative Quarter 31-Mar-2021 | Current Year Cumulative 31-Mar-2022 | Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Mar-2021 |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Interest income | 1,753 | 1,012 | 1,753 | 1,012 |
| 2. Interest expense | 664 | 343 | 664 | 343 |
| 3. Net interest income (1 minus 2) | 1,089 | 669 | 1,089 | 669 |
| 4. Bad debts written-off | - | - | - | - |
| 5. Impairment losses on loans and advances | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Non-interest income | 493 | 91 | 493 | 91 |
| 6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/(loss) | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 6.2 Fees and commissions | 446 | 91 | 446 | 91 |
| 6.3 Dividend income | - | - | - | - |
| 6.4 Other operating income | 45 | - | 45 | - |
| 7. Non interest expenses | 1,677 | 1,708 | 1,677 | 1,708 |
| 7.1 Salaries and benefits | 775 | 732 | 775 | 732 |
| 7.2 Fees and commission | - | - | - | - |
| 7.3 Other operating expenses | 902 | 976 | 902 | 976 |
| 8. Operating income/(loss) | (95) | (948) | (95) | (948) |
| 9. Income tax provision | - | - | - | - |
| 10. Net income/(loss) after income tax | (95) | (948) | (95) | (948) |
| 11. Other Comprehensive Income | - | - | - | - |
| 12. Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | (95) | (948) | (95) | (948) |
| 13. Number of employees | 59 | 54 | 59 | 54 |
| 14. Basic Earnings Per Share | -2 | -15 | -2 | -15 |
| 15. Number of branches | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | | | | |
| (i) Return on Average Total Assets | -0.2% | -2.0% | -0.2% | -2.0% |
| (ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds | -0.6% | -6.0% | -0.6% | -6.0% |
| (iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income | 106.0% | 225.0% | 106.0% | 225.0% |
| (iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets | 1.9% | 2.0% | 1.9% | 2.0% |

| CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2022 (Amounts in million shillings) | Share Capital | Retained Earnings | Advance towards share capital | Total |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Current Year | | | | |
| Balance as at the beginning of the year | 30,912 | (19,895) | 5,000 | 16,017 |
| Profit for the year | - | (95) | - | (95) |
| Others | - | (55) | - | (55) |
| Balance as at the end of the current period | 30,912 | (20,045) | 5,000 | 15,867 |
| Previous Year | | | | |
| Balance as at the beginning of the year | 30,912 | (18,508) | 5,000 | 17,404 |
| Profit for the year | - | (1,387) | - | (1,387) |
| Balance as at the end of the previous period | 30,912 | (19,895) | 5,000 | 16,017 |

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General Fees and Commissions: Corporate Current Account, Salary Credit, Cheque Deposit, ATM Cash Withdrawal Fee, etc.
MwalimuCard VISA Tariff: Transaction fees for ATM, POS, and merchant payments.
MwalimuMobile: Fees for mobile banking services.
Personal Loans: Interest rates and fees for various loan products.
Contact Info: Mwalimu Tower, Regency Plaza, P.O. Box 63027, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Call: 020 750 033.

Minister spells out national anti-malaria strategic measures

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MINISTER for Health, Ummu Mwalimu has spelled out the national strategic measures against malaria in the country whereby stern measures including fines will be meted out to any household.

She also said a malaria dose for the ALU is free of charge and called upon the people to test for malaria first before taking medicine.

The minister made the remarks on Tuesday this week during the commemoration of World Malaria Day held here at the national level.

She said she is preparing a document to be submitted to PO-RALG for onward transmission to local government authorities to implement the strategy.

"We do not ant stakeholder to tell us that we should clean our houses, to remove water ponds around our houses, I endorse the strategy to be a national one in the fight against malaria and other parasites," she said.

The minister added that the environment of every household should be clean; it should not be surrounded by ponds of water or bushes that can be breeding grounds for malarial mosquitoes.

She also said the government, through the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with stakeholders and PO-RALG is implementing malaria's Strategic Plan for the five-year period that begun in 2021 and ends 2021 that aims to reduce the level of infections in the country from the average of 7.5 per cent to less than 3.5 per cent by 2025

"This plan has three main strategies- control of malarial mosquitoes, examination, treatment and treatment-prevention for special groups as well as monitoring and assessment of malaria in the country," said Ummu.

In regard to spraying of insecticides t the walls, the Minister said as for now this will be conducted by 61 local councils in six regions that have high Malaria prevalence.

"The regions with high malaria infections include Kilgoma with 24 per cent, Geita (17 per cent), Kagera and Mtwara (15 per cent), and Lindi and Ruvuma (12 per cent)," she added.

However, she said, Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Njombe and Iringa regions have less than 1 per cent malaria infections.

"We cannot eradicate Malaria simply by distributing mosquito nets, you are also witnesses to this, the mosquitoes that spread malaria during the night have changed tact, these days they can bite you before you go to bed, the treated mosquito nets we distribute these days are ineffective against certain types of mosquitoes," the minister said.



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Barrick North Mara to offer fire fighting awareness education to govt institutions

By Guardian Reporter

BARRICK North Mara mine has taken advantage of the on-going occupational safety and health at work place exhibition in Dodoma Region by providing fire-fighting education to government institutions and various community groups and donates fire control equipment.

The head of the mine's occupational health and safety unit, Dr Nicholas Mboya said the company, through its experts is committed in ensuring that it delivers the education by visiting targeted audience in their respective areas instead of waiting for them to visit the exhibition pavilion.

He said since the start of the exhibition they have already visited and provided education and distribution of equipment to the field force unit, heavy duty truck and 'bodaboda' drivers and they have also visited public entertainment venues, markets, secondary schools and colleges.

"Our team is organized, there are staffs who educate the public about

the operation of Twiga and Barrick activities in the country in our pavilion and others provide safety education and fire control in the community," said Dr Mboya.

Some of the institutions visited and provided with fire control education and received fire equipment donation have thanked Barrick Company for disseminating this education to the community.

The Dodoma Field Force Unit Head, ACP Anania Amo thanked Barrick after receiving the fire-fighting equipment and First Aid Kit. "We thank you to visiting us, giving us education and equipment especially within this period when fire hazards are occurring more often", said ACP Amo.

The manager of Bambalaga Bar, Philipina Focus, also thanked for the equipment donation and fire control education and called on security experts to conduct such type of training for the public as most of them, despite having fire control equipment, they just keep them as decoration because they can't operate them.



Dr Nicholas Mboya (L), head of Barrick North Mara gold mine's occupational health and safety unit, presents fire-fighting equipment to the head of Dodoma's Police Field Force Unit, Anania Amo, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Parliamentary committee keen on challenges facing steel industry'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee for Industry, Trade and Environment has promised to address the challenges facing the steel industry in the country in a bid to promote an industrialised.

The committee made the commitment during a tour of Alaf Limited and MMI Steel who are the leading steel manufacturers in

the country with their renowned simba dumu and kiboko iron sheets respectively.

The committee chairman, David Kihenzile said this was one of their regular visitations, which is also a learning tour for the members of his committee so they get a clear understanding of the steel industry.

"We have through this tour picked up issues that are affecting this industry as presented by Alaf and MMI

Steel and as a committee we agree that all these are valid concerns that need quick attention so we have noted them and will see the way forward," he said adding that one of the objectives of the committee is to ensure local industries operate smoothly and that the government addresses some of their concerns if not all.

He said some of the challenges that were presented by Alaf and MMI include importation of sub-

standard finished products, losing competitiveness against other EAC countries, under-valued importation of finished products, importers calling themselves 'manufacturers', delay in VAT refunds, counterfeit products in the market and impact of COVID-19.

According to the Chairman, his committee will see ways in which it can advise the government to put in place a level playing ground to ensure fair competition and not the current

situation where local industries like Alaf and MMI Steel invest a lot but other unscrupulous investors easily penetrate through the market at their expense.

Alaf Tanzania Chief Executive Officer, Ashish Mystry, said the Committee's visitation was quite significant and shows commitment of the Government towards the manufacturing industry.

"I am sure this committee will help us find solutions to the challenges that

the steel industry is facing," he said.

MMI Steel Executive Director, Patel Veer said they are committed to expansion as long as the government helps to overcome the current challenges facing the steel industry.

"The level of investment is huge and we need the government to come in handy and protect us against these substandard imports and this can be done by raising the import duty," he said.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

BUL-RFQ-22-04-02 – SUPPLY OF NEW AIR COMPRESSOR AND COOLING TOWER – 01 SET

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

New Air compressor type and specifications:

- Make - Atlas Copco ZH1600-APF
- Model - ZH1600 3 stage -9 Model variant with full features
- Cooling: Water cooled
- Effective work pressure 9 bar (g)
- Free air delivery at effective working pressure at maximum volume flow rate 7405 l/s (9969CFM)
- Supply of oil free air
- Supplied with energy and service factor efficient Drive Motors at operating load
- Supply voltage 6600v
- Auxiliary voltage 400v
- Supply frequency 50 Hz
- Motor - 1600 kW 4 Pole Motor, protection - IP55 protection
- Control: Elektronikon
- Electrical network TT or TN network
- Electrical approval IEC
- Pressure vessel approval CE
- Pipe interface definition and installation requirements
- Foot print drawing and civil specifications
- DOL Starter Panel - IP 55 protection
 - o 1600 Kw
 - o Supply voltage 6600 V
 - o Auxiliary voltage 400 V
 - o Supply frequency 50 Hz

New cooling tower type and specifications:

- EVAPCO Model ATW 204 - 6K - 2 Cooling tower
- EVAPCO cooling tower induced draft, counter flow, belt drive axial fan closed circuit cooler of G-600

galvanized steel construction

- Standard ZCA paint finish 2x15.0 Kw fan
- 2 x 3.0 Kw pump motor suitable for 380 Volts, 3 phase, 50HZ electrical supply
- Footprint drawing and civil specification
- Service specification, Water, Electrical input specification
- EVAPCO ATW 204 - 6K - 2 Cooling Tower critical spare parts

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner

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- Electrical Feeder Armored Cable
- Brand: ABERDARE
- Length 2000 M
- Size 240mm2
- Voltage 6600V
- 3 Phase 3 core armored
- Class Fire retardant XLPE Blue stripe
- Rating, MV

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
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Closing the revenue per capita gap in EAC key to viable industrial strategy

ONE way to measure how far a country has attained its development goals vis a vis other countries is measuring revenue in relation to the population, and consequently budget size in relation to the size of the population and even territorial size. This measure is of some importance as it helps the viewer to figure out which economies yield more revenue to the state and why, thus helping to point out what needs to be changed in a country's economy. It isn't an easy undertaking as countries prefer an inward look, seeing the change in incomes from one year to another as progress, discounting any structural flaws thereof.

That is an impression arising from a study by ActionAid, a development field partner based in the United Kingdom, which says in recent study that Tanzania's current tax base stands at just 12.8 per cent against a population of nearly 60m, compared to Kenya which has an 18.5 percent tax base with 40m residents.

Tanzania was incurring big losses in potential domestic revenue annually due to what it says is a range of gaps and weaknesses across the tax management system, while Tanzania's total budget is usually around two thirds of the Kenya budget - inversely proportional to population, the workforce base and by market potential, so to speak Not admitting these things stalls reform pressures, as we find our figures quite nice.

In the wake of unveiling the First Five Year Plan in 1964, founder president Julius Nyerere said 'we must run while others walk,' but destabilizing disputes with Western countries over settler independence in 'Southern Rhodesia' the following year - and assisting budding freedom forces - failed the development model. It was hindered by substantive inflows and outflows of capital from the UK and others, but transfers could be stopped

by executive order. Ghanaian leader Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown mid-1966 after diplomatic ties with the UK ended late 1965 and the writing was on the wall for Tanzania, with the student demonstration, October 1966. Mwalimu brought in the Declaration to get Tanzania out of danger.

At the time of the Declaration, agriculture sector growth was 13.5 per cent annually, falling to 3.0 per cent from early 1967 to late 1985 when Mwalimu left office, and then climbed to 3.5 per cent on average during the second phase, up to late 1995. Then it relapsed to 3.0 per cent at least until early 2003 when the data was collected, and studies of the past two decades scarcely ever put agro-sector growth above 4.5 per cent annually. This situation stifled the growth of industry as it relied on state surpluses from crop exports and subsidies to import raw materials, which ran into the sand after the Uganda Expedition, compelling the start of reforms early 1980s. The second phase widened reforms, but fundamentals remained in place.

There was a structural adjustment plan formulated under IMF managing director Michel Camdessus and World Bank president A.W. Clausen (the latter in 1981 upon taking office and Camdessus from 1987 to his resignation after the suspension of 'completion point' debt relief procedures). Had it been completed major sectors of economy would shift to private sector, create numerous new companies for services and competition, paying taxes. The tax differential with Kenya wouldn't be around 22 years after Camdessus.

The psychological atmosphere at the time is different from what it is today, with greater appreciation and comprehension of globalization. We also have a larger investment potential within Tanzania and in the Diaspora, to skip charges of handing state assets to foreigners.

Wishing South Africa well at Freedom Day, but it still faces steep challenges

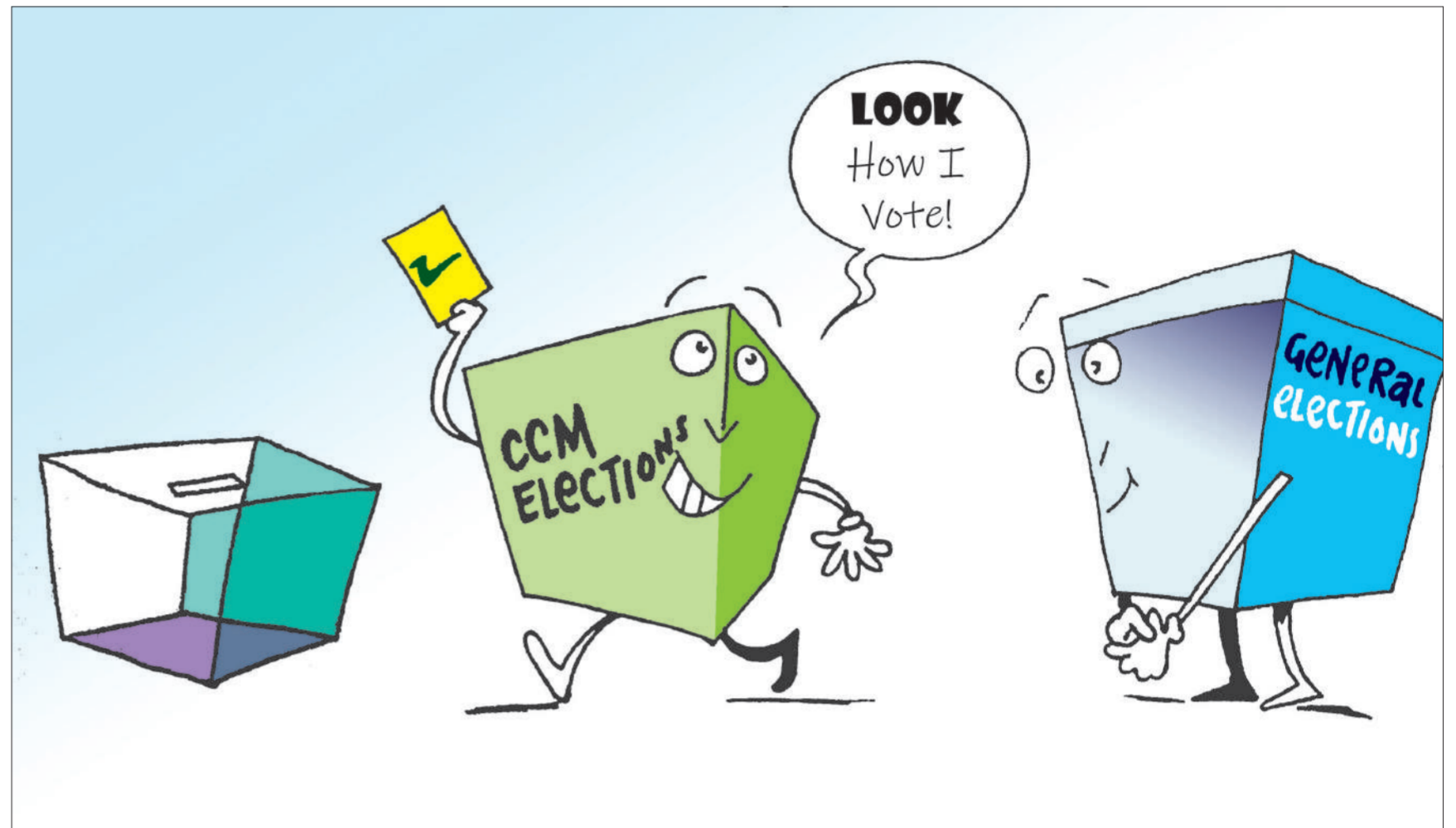
THERE is a certain disadvantage about being the most important economy or strategic power in a specific region, in the fact that everything going on in such a country is closely watched in the region and around the world. The reason is that how far an important country manages to steer the ship of state to optimal results amid all challenges sets the pace for countries in the neighbourhood, inspiring forward movement or confirming despair, where it is easy to imagine what each country inspires. That comes to mind as one thinks of South Africa in its Freedom Day on April 27, as in 1994 majority rule arrived there by voting.

The day celebrates freedom and commemorates the first democratic post-apartheid non-racial elections which saw Nelson Mandela elected as president, with the steering motto of building a rainbow nation where all people have the chance to call it home, without being discriminated. What followed later was deceptive at most, as even by the time of the vote trans-ethnic violence was at an apogee, specific groups angling for dominance on account of traditional hegemony maintained by the Bantustan system. The crisis thereafter cooled down but in a way it was transferred to combating farm owners, and immigrants.

One area where Tanzanians are

grilled to comparisons with South Africa is how far the ruling party, having the closest possible links with our independence movement that is still in power, is how far the African National Congress (ANC) can still win a sweeping victory, or how far this is no longer the case. In 1994 ANC won 62 per cent of the vote, the figure that CCM attained the first multiparty polls here in 1995, with Mwalimu Nyerere campaigning for the ruling party. The ANC has lately failed to obtain more than 50 per cent of the vote, implying that its solid grip on South African politics is sliding as we see here.

What Tanzania can learn from South Africa is that when a party has attained more than 20 per cent of the vote it may be included in government, to diminish claims and demands for a new constitution for instance. It is entirely likely that any major opposition party could reach that level in coming elections, and as we saw in the past year, parties not attaining that figure but engage in positive campaigns could be included in limited ways, like in administrative postings. As the Congolese say, "c'est bon pour le moral," it uplifts spirits, checks negative competition and battle lines for next elections, which people find to be tiring and destabilizing. That is just one line a few of us may contemplate on this Freedom Day occasion.



Africa and impact of Russia-Ukraine conflict

By Josefa Sacko And Ibrahim Mayaki

WHILE Africa is yet to fully recover from the socio-economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine conflict poses another major threat to the global economy with many African countries being directly affected.

Just within a few weeks, global wheat, sunflower, and oil crude prices have soared to unprecedented levels. Africa is heavily reliant on food imports from both countries, and the Continent is already experiencing price shocks and disruptions in the supply chain of these commodities.

The conflict will likely impact food security in Africa. Both through availability and pricing in some food crops, particularly wheat and sunflower, as well as socio-economic recovery and growth, triggered by rising uncertainties in global financial markets and supply chain systems.

Over the past decade, the Continent has seen growing demand for cereal crops, including wheat and sunflower, which has been mainly supported by imports than local production. Africa's wheat imports increased by 68 per cent between 2007 to 2019, surging to 47 million tonnes.

Russia and Ukraine, both often referred to as the world's breadbasket, are major players in the export of wheat and sunflower to Africa. North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia), Nigeria in West Africa, Ethiopia and Sudan in East Africa, and South Africa account for 80 per cent of wheat imports. Wheat consumption in Africa is projected to reach 76.5 million tonnes by 2025, of which 48.3 million tonnes or 63.4 per cent is projected to be imported outside of the Continent.

The sanctions imposed on Russia by Western countries will further exacerbate commercial flows between Russia and Africa due to the closure of vital port operations in the Black Sea. Russia is one of the world's biggest exporters of fertilizers.

Concerns are growing that a worldwide shortage of fertilizer will lead to rising food prices, with knock-on effects for agricultural production and food security.

Russia is also the world's third-largest oil producer behind the United States and Saudi Arabia. The disruption of oil prices on the world market is expected to lead to an increase in fuel prices and higher costs of food production.

Some regions, including the Horn of Africa and Sahel region, are at greater risk of food insecurity due to country-specific shocks, climate change, export

restrictions, and stockpiling, especially if rising fertilizer and other energy-intensive input costs will negatively impact the next agricultural season as a result of the ongoing conflict.

A silver lining to reduce reliance on food imports

While the socio-economic ramifications are already substantial and the situation remains highly unpredictable, Africa must also see the current geopolitical crisis as an opportunity to reduce its reliance on food imports from outside the Continent.

African countries need to take advantage of their 60 per cent global share of arable land to grow more food for domestic consumption and export to the global market. This would lower the number of people facing food and nutrition insecurity caused by external shocks.

Africa's Common Position on Food Systems

In 2021, the African Union Commission (AUC) and African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) worked with African countries to create a common African position ahead of the Food Systems Summit in line with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The African Common Position is a synthesis and unified view on how to transform Africa's food systems over the next decade, primarily on resilience in the face of growing vulnerability and shocks. It is anchored in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth.

Rapid expansion in agricultural and food productivity and production has been identified as one of the game-changing solutions. To prevent future disruptions in the supply chain for wheat and sunflower across Africa, countries that produce these cereals need to increase their capacity to produce and supply to other countries through intra-African trade.

And those that do not should consider incorporating specific food crops into their agriculture value chain. This will reduce the reliance on wheat and grain imports from Russia and Ukraine and, most importantly, promote intra-African trade and grow Africa's agribusiness sectors.

African Continental Free Trade Area a lever and driver for intra-regional agri-food markets

Another lever in transforming Africa's food systems is the African

Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) which came into effect on 1 January 2021. African countries must take advantage of the world's largest free trade area.

The trade treaty is expected to offer US\$2.5 trillion in combined GDP and agribusiness will significantly contribute to this growth. The AfCFTA will increase production and value addition as well as ensure adequate quality infrastructure and food safety standards to supply and grow local and regional agri-food markets.

The oil and gas factor

To avoid future food price shocks caused by rising oil and gas prices on the global market, African countries must improve their oil and gas production and exploration capability to fill any gaps that may occur as a result of supply chain disruption among the major global producers.

African countries that produce fuel and gas such as Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, and Tanzania should explore boosting production and filling the gas and oil gap within the continent and beyond to alleviate fuel price shocks, which could contribute to lower food costs.

In addition, African governments should invest in or attract greater international investment in oil and gas exploration, particularly in countries where subterranean oil reserves are believed to exist but have yet to be explored.

2022 African Union Year of Nutrition The AU declared 2022 the Year of Nutrition with the main objective to strengthen resilience in food and nutrition security. The AU CAADP biennial review report of 2019 revealed that Africa is not on track to meet its goal of ending hunger by 2025, noting a deterioration in food and nutrition security on the continent since the inaugural report in 2017.

Increasing food production and expanding Africa's food basket will serve both nutrition and resilience objectives. In this regard, there must be intentional investments toward increased productivity and production of traditional and indigenous crops. This also requires a systems approach by integrating nutrition into resilient and strong health systems and social protection systems.

Climate resilience in Africa's food systems

African food systems continue to face several challenges, including extreme weather events and climate change; limited adoption of yield-increasing

technologies; dependency on rain-fed agriculture and low levels of irrigation; and most recently, the spread of fall armyworm in parts of the continent.

More than 38 million more people are at risk of hunger and poverty in Africa due to climate change. Climate-resilient technologies present major opportunities for the Continent to increase African food production and productivity while building resilience and reducing poverty and hunger.

Digital and biotechnologies and the transformation of food systems

While the Continent has made significant progress in the adoption and use of information and communication technologies for large-scale food producers, the benefits of digital innovations have not been fully leapfrogged by small-scale producers, processors, and retailers to access extension services, markets, and financial services.

Increasing the competitiveness of African agriculture also includes the adoption of biotechnology, including improved seed varieties, and requires robust food production policy frameworks. Biotechnology is expected to accelerate growth, create wealth, and feed an African population expected to reach 2.2 billion people by 2050.

Regional solutions are a prerequisite to addressing structural weaknesses and vulnerabilities, including poverty and inequality

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has once more exposed the urgent need for policy and investment choices to sustain and build viable, resilient, and inclusive food systems on the Continent.

The African Common Position on Food Systems provides pathways for Africa to increase home-grown agri-food production and ensure inclusive access to sustainable and nutritious food sources, while addressing structural weaknesses and vulnerabilities, including poverty and inequality.

The successful transformation of African food systems will largely depend on the willingness of African countries to realise continental and regional solutions to build and sustain greater resilience in the face of external shocks. 2022 is Africa's Year to action food and nutrition development goals.

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Legal standpoint on coerced confession of guilt in Tanzania

By Telesphor Magobe

LAST week we briefly looked at marital (spousal) rape, after which a question was raised: "How is it possible that rape outside marriage is illegal but inside marriage it is legal?"

We saw that in Tanzania and some other countries where marital rape is not criminalised, married men always enjoy marital exemption (immunity) to the crime of rape, which is an injustice to married women.

We suggested that marital exemption to the crime of rape contradicts Article 13(1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977 (as amended 2015), which states: "All persons are equal before the law and are entitled, without any discrimination, to protection and equality before the law."

In conclusion, we were of the view that jurisdictions which have eliminated marital exemption can inform our criminal justice system so that we too may criminalise marital rape and consequently eliminate marital exemption to the crime of rape.

Today, I invite you to look at torture during police interrogation. According to Black's Law Dictionary (Eighth Edition, 2004), torture is "the infliction of intense pain to the body or mind to...extract a confession [of guilt] or information..." that incriminates a suspect.

You might have heard of allegations from accused persons that their confession of guilt during police interrogation was obtained by threats, force or even torture. Similar allegations surfaced in court proceedings during the case of *R v Halfan s/o Wire Hassan, Adam Hassan Kasekwa @ Adamo, Mohamed s/o Abdillahi Lingwenya and Freeman Mbowe* [2020].

The four accused persons were charged with conspiracy to commit terrorist acts contrary to sections 4(1), (3)(f) of the Prevention of Terrorism Act No 21 of 2002 read together with paragraph 24 of the First Schedule to, and sections 57(1) and 60(20) of the Economic and Organised Crime Control Act (Chapter 200 R.E. 2019).



The Law and You

However, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), by virtue of Section 91(1), later entered a "nolle prosequi" by informing the court that the Republic had no intention to continue with the charges - and so the accused were discharged.

Allegations abound in torture for those arrested for interrogation especially in relation to serious criminal offences. There are also reports of complaints from families whose relatives have died while being held for interrogation on their alleged involvement in a criminal offence or the alleged involvement of their co-accused persons.

A question we can raise here is: Which statutory authority do the police rely on to threaten, force or torture suspects so that they may extract information they need from them and how reliable is the information they obtain?

In other words, what justification do we have to believe that information obtained by threats, force or torture is truthful?

Let us now look at what the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977, as amended in 2005, the Law of Evidence Act, 1967, as amended in 2019 and the Police General Orders (PGO, Second Edition of 2006) issued under Section 7(2) of the Police Force and Auxiliary Services Act (Chapter 322, R. E. 2002) say about torture when used as a means of extracting a confession or information from a suspect and see whether it can legally be relied on.

Article 13(6)(e) of the Constitution prohibits torture or inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment. In our context,

this means that no person should be subjected to any form of torture or inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment so that he or she confesses to having committed a criminal offence and be charged with it.

This Article reflects on Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), which states: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

The prohibition of torture and ill-treatment is also contained in a few regional and international instruments.

"It is...a customary norm of international law with jus cogens status, meaning that even for those states that have not ratified any treaties, including as relates to the prohibition of torture, it remains an absolute and non-derogable obligation."

This is according to Lorna McGregor and Jo-Anne Prud'Homme on page 47 of their book: "The Prohibition of Torture and Ill-treatment in the African Human Rights System: A Handbook for Victims and their Advocates, Second Edition of 2014".

The absolute prohibition of torture is also explained in "Litigating Torture and Ill-treatment in East Africa: A Manual for Practitioners" (2011) on page 4, where it says: "Members of the military, the security services, the police or any other public authority cannot torture a suspect under any circumstances; their role as public officials does not give them a licence to abuse the rights of any person."

Section 27 of the Evidence Act, 1967, as amended in 2019 provides for admissibility of confessions to the police. But Subsection (3) states that a confession is involuntary if the court believes that it was obtained by any threats, promise or other prejudice by a police officer to whom it was made or by any member of the Police Force or by any other authority.

Furthermore, Section 29 of the Evidence Act stipulates that no confession tendered in evidence shall be rejected just because the accused person

was promised to be favoured or was threatened to admit guilt unless the court believes that it was likely to cause an untrue admission of guilt.

How about the PGO; what does it say? No 1(15) of the PGO says: "Torture and any inhuman or degrading treatment to any person by any member of the Force under any circumstances is totally intolerable. In any dealings with the public every member should accord the deserving respect and dignity as required by the circumstances." This sounds to be an overstatement, doesn't it?

In *Hamis Chuma @ Hando Mhoja v R* [2018], the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, in its judgment delivered in 2021 citing *Pascal Petro Sambala @ Kishuu and Two Others v The Republic* [Criminal Appeal No 112 of 2005 (unreported)] and in *Richard Lubilo and Another v The Republic* [Criminal Appeal No 10 of 1995 (unreported)], stressed that evidence obtained through torture was inadmissible under Section 29 of the Evidence Act.

"In the instant appeal," the appellate court held, "we are satisfied that the said confession was not made voluntarily, but through torture. We, therefore, respectfully differ with the findings of the trial judge and hold to the contrary."

"This being the case," the court further said, "we equally discount the oral confession as it cannot be relied on to ground the conviction of the appellant."

From what has been stated above, we can safely deduce that a confession obtained by threats, force or torture is inadmissible in court against the accused person/s unless the court believes that there is overwhelming evidence to incriminate the accused person/s even if there were no threat, force or torture.

Today's proverb: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

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News publishers must meet Gen Z where they are

By Gretchen A. Peck

THE point of naming and quantifying generations - Boomers, Gen X, millennials and now Gen Z - is to better understand them, to wrap context around their collective experiences in the world.

Millennials, also known as Generation Y or Gen Y, are the demographic cohort following Generation X and preceding Generation Z.

Researchers and the popular media use the early 1980s as starting birth years and the mid-1990s to early 2000s as ending birth years, with the generation typically being defined as people born from 1981 to 1996.

Most millennials are the children of baby boomers and early Gen Xers; millennials are often the parents of Generation Alpha.

For news publishers, understanding generational nuances is essential to effective marketing and growing audience. An evergreen challenge they face is how best to appeal to younger readers, listeners and viewers.

The ideal, of course, is to en-

dear young audiences, to keep them engaged and informed, proving the news publisher's value proposition, day in and day out. The goal is to earn trust so that the relationship between news source and subscriber is galvanized and lifelong.

The Pew Research Centre defines Generation Z as people who were born in 1997 and after, citing 1996 as "a meaningful cutoff between millennials and Gen Z for a number of reasons, including key political, economic and social factors that define the Millennial generation's formative years".

This is a generation that is "always on", according to Pew, referring to Gen Z's relationship with technology and social media.

Gen Z is also a generation that was born into adversity. Though they seemed destined to inherit a strong economy and opportunity, the Covid-19 pandemic topped those notions.

This is according to Pew Research Centre's Kim Park and Ruth Igielnick - in their 2020 reporting: "On the cusp of Adulthood and Facing an Uncertain

Future: What We Know about Gen Z So Far".

A March 2020 Pew Research Centre survey had shockingly reported that half - 50 per cent - of Gen Zers (ages 18 to 23) said they or someone in their household had either lost a job or taken a pay cut as a result of the pandemic.

But this generation - notably more diverse than the previous ones - still aspires. Pew Research reports: "They are less likely to drop out of high school and more likely to be enrolled in college. Among 18- to 21-year-olds no longer in high school in 2018, a total of 57 per cent were enrolled in a two-year or four-year college. This compares with 52 per cent among Millennials in 2003 and 43 per cent among members of Gen X in 1987."

Gen Z also has a different perspective on the world's problems and the role of government in solving them. "Fully seven-in-10 Gen Zers say the government should do more to solve problems, while 29 per cent say government is doing too many things (that would be) better left

to businesses and individuals," Park and Igielnick reported.

Gen Z is connected, digitally savvy and concerned about social and policy issues, but what does this generation desire or demand from a news provider? What steers them to a news source? What inspires them to pay for news content? What does it take to earn their trust?

News for the next generation

Much of what we learned about Gen Z from Pew Research's findings proved out in a recent study by the News Media Alliance (NMA): "The Key to Gen Z: Insights and Ideas to Build Lasting Relationships".

NMA commissioned Springboard Market Research to study 424 US adults, ages 18-29, to better understand the relationships "twenty-something" have to news.

"About half of Gen Z consumers (51 per cent) report reading news daily," NMA staff reported in a summary of the results.

They added: "The majority (60 per cent) says they would likely use local news products,

while one-third (33 per cent) say they would be likely to pay for local news. Not surprisingly, twenty-something prefer to get news online via social media apps and web searches rather than in print.

"They want to 'snack' on news that has been customised to their preferences throughout the day. Motivators to subscribe to local news outlets include free trials and special content targeted to them."

Newsletters are one way news publishers can create a curated, personalised news experience for Gen Z subscribers. In recent years, publishers like The Economist, The New Yorker and The Washington Post launched newsletters related to climate change and the environment.

Social media plays an exceedingly important role in how Gen Z seeks out or is exposed to news. The NMA study revealed some patterns in which platforms they turn to and at what points throughout the day.

For example, 42 per cent of Gen Z respondents reported that they use Facebook in the morning and shift to other so-

cial platforms later in the day.

This generation also has a preference for "striking visuals, video and an easy-to-navigate app and site", they told the surveyors.

The study also revealed how important it is for Gen Z news consumers to see themselves represented in news coverage and coverage of the issues that matter to them most: social justice, civil rights, racial discrimination, the environment/climate change, finance, and health and wellness.

Informing the Gen Z audience depends on meeting them where they are, NMA surmised. Podcasts are a good example.

News publishers have capitalized on audio as a new means to tell stories to audiences on-the-go. Some have created podcasts around the topics of importance to Gen Z listeners - climate, social justice and practical, fact-based reporting, like CNN's Coronavirus Fact vs. Fiction podcast.

"For local news, they are interested in weather, events/arts and entertainment, and other news about their town," NMA's

staff explained.

Generation Z is more concerned about social causes than preceding generations. This knowledge - about how Gen Z wants to discover news and the topics most important to them - allows news publishers to invest smartly in reaching them.

"The findings from the study are exciting in terms of the opportunities they present for news outlets," Rebecca Frank, NMA's vice president, research and insights, explained in the summary.

She elaborated: "Gen Z places an emphasis on credible, accurate and fact-checked news, which is exactly what our members provide. News outlets that apply the insights in this report will have a distinct advantage over other content providers because the quality of their content already meets Gen Z's expectations."

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Chinese Embassy supports Bagamoyo port project construction - Mingjian

By Getrude Mbago

THE Chinese Embassy has expressed its determination to participate and benefit from the construction of Bagamoyo port in Coast Region which the sixth phase government has shown commitment to implement it.

Mooted in 2013, construction of the \$10bn (22.3trillion) Bagamoyo port has been hit by several issues thus leading to its commencement delays.

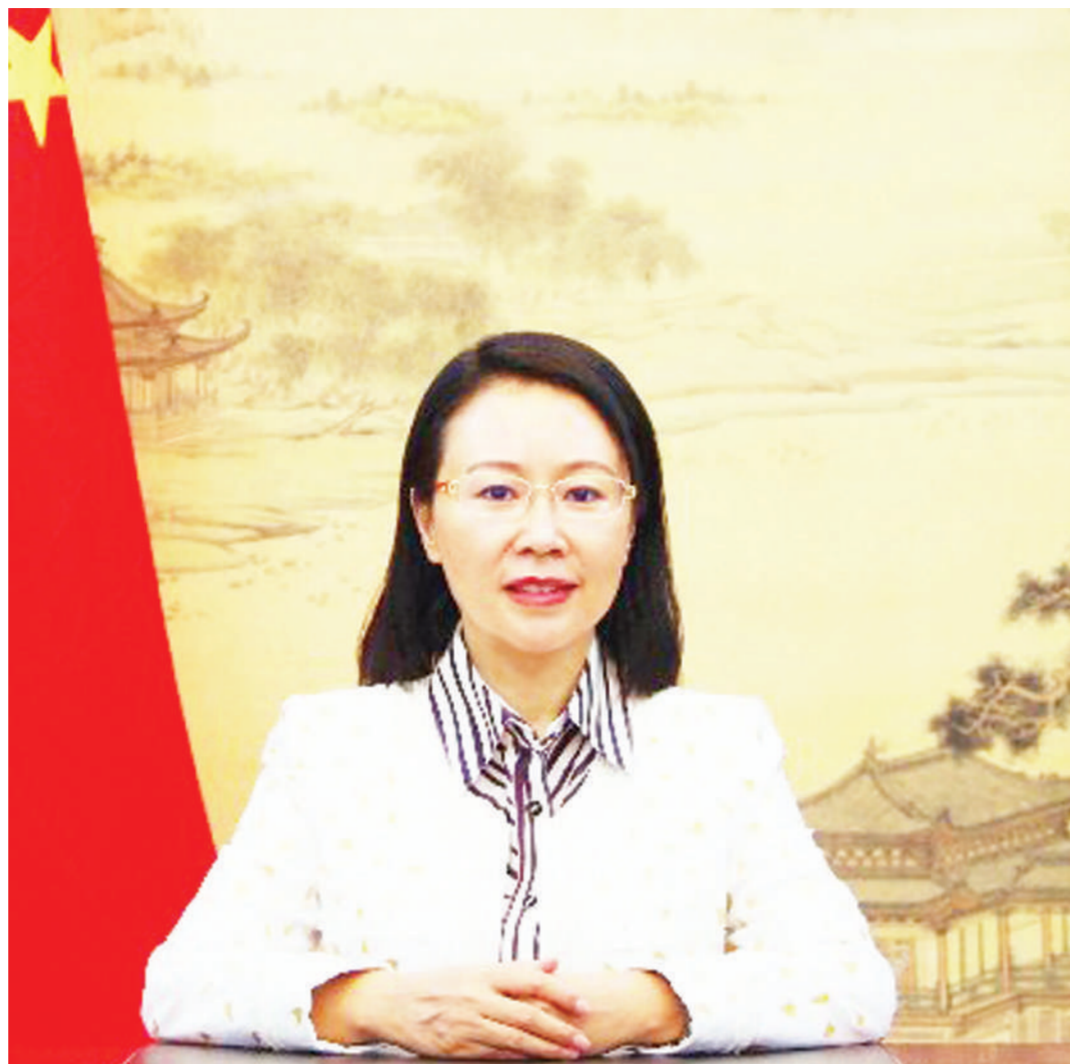
Chinese ambassador to Tanzania Chen Mingjian (pictured) said in an interview recently that China was already engaging in implementation of various mega investment projects to support the country's efforts including attaining its industrialisation agenda.

"I am very glad to see that the government of Tanzania has made significant progress in improving the investment climate. President Samia Suluhu Hassan promised reforms to improve the business climate as soon as she took office in March 2021, and identified attracting foreign investment as a key priority," she said.

She said currently, Chinese enterprises are participating in the construction of two strategic flagship projects, Lot Five of the Central Standard Gauge Railway and the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP).

"We also expect that relevant Tanzanian authorities and potential Chinese investors could have further discussion and make substantial progress on the restart of the Bagamoyo port project," ambassador Mingjian said.

She said: "We hope that relevant parties in China and Tanzania will join hands and work together, adhere to high standards and high-quality requirements, to build model projects of pragmatic cooperation between China and Tanzania, and further deepen our friendship in the new era," she stated.



The envoy said since the 1970s, Chinese enterprises have been participating in the construction of almost all the major strategic projects in Tanzania, such as the Tanzania-Zambia Railway, which set up a monument to China-Tanzania and China-Africa friendship.

At present, President Samia Suluhu Hassan is leading Tanzania towards greater economic and social development. Our two countries are working closely to implement the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). We will inherit and carry forward our traditional friendship, supporting leading Chinese companies to participate in major projects under the BRI.

"I have learned that the Tanzanian government would make amendments to the Investment Policy and Investment Promotion legislation. The relevant authorities have managed to reduce the cost and time of doing business such as the simplification of tax and labor procedures," she said.

She further expressed hope as the government is working on the establishment of Tanzania Electronic Investment Window (TelW), which means investors will acquire all permits through one single stop. "I believe that the improvements above would attract more international investors to Tanzania," she said.

According to the data of the Tanzania Investment Center (TIC), China is Tanzania's largest source of foreign investment. Chinese investors have established hundreds of projects in various sectors, including transportation, manufacturing, mining, tourism, agriculture, fishing, agro-processing and many others.

Chinese investment projects have

created approximately 150,000 direct local jobs in total, generated considerable revenues and foreign reserves for Tanzania. The Chinese Embassy is willing to publicize the improvements in the investment environment in Tanzania so as to encourage more Chinese companies to start business and make investments in this country.

In 2013, the government signed a framework agreement with China Merchants Holdings International (CMHI) and Oman's State General Reserve Fund to build the port and a special economic zone as part of efforts to transform Tanzania into a trade and logistics hub in the region.

But the fifth phase administration of the late John Magufuli dismissed the project, saying it had tough and 'exploitative' conditions.

However, chairing the Tanzania National Business Council in Dar es Salaam last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the Bagamoyo Port project should be implemented for the benefit of the country.

When fully developed, the Bagamoyo Special Economic Zone will attract about 700 industries to become a strategic investment zone in East Africa.

The Bagamoyo port and its affiliate industrial zone is meant to address congestion at the old port and support Tanzania to become East Africa's leading shipping and logistics centre.

Women, children and adolescents face extreme vulnerability in conflict

By Helen Clark and Kersti Kaljula

AS bombs rain down on defenceless communities in Ukraine, the world is reminded yet again of the extreme vulnerability of women, children, and adolescents in conflict zones—and of the risks which health workers, trying to address their needs, face in times of conflict and crisis.

On the occasion of World Immunisation Week, basic health entitlements—from midwifery services to routine vaccination are a crucial lifeline, especially under conditions of conflict.

Yet, too many women and children are denied these services. The horrifying situation in Ukraine is the latest in a growing number of humanitarian crises triggered by conflict; in 2020, a record fifty six active conflicts were documented and last year Sub-Saharan Africa experienced its highest number of coups in 20 years.

Thus, while Ukraine has captured the world's attention, there are a number of other long-standing and growing conflicts that also deserve attention and political mobilisation from the global community.

Health and aid workers who are providing care at the front-line face immense and increasing challenges and risks. These circumstances also make it even more difficult for the most vulnerable women, children, and adolescents to access the care they need.

When health and aid workers become targets of conflict, the principles outlined in international humanitarian and human rights law also come under attack.

Many health workers become casualties of conflict, either as accidental victims of attacks, or as deliberate targets. Violence against aid workers claimed 484 individual victims in 2020, 117 of whom died, making 2020 the worst year on record for the second year in a row.

In Ukraine alone, 147 attacks on health care personnel, facilities, supplies and transport have been verified as of 19 April 2022, resulting in 73 deaths and 52 injuries.

In Yemen, in an analysis by Save the Children in 2021, nearly half the healthcare providers interviewed reported being present at a healthcare facility during an attack, and 93% of health workers surveyed said that services at health facilities where they

work have been repeatedly suspended due to attacks.

Where health workers are at risk, the lives of women, children, and adolescents are imperilled as well. More than 10 million deaths in children younger than five years between 1995 and 2015 globally can be directly and indirectly attributed to conflict.

Women of reproductive age living near high intensity conflicts are three times more likely to die than women in stable settings. Similarly, as a result of the killing of eight polio workers in Afghanistan in February 2022, the national polio vaccine campaign was suspended in two provinces in Afghanistan—one of the few countries where polio is still endemic despite global efforts to achieve eradication.

Conflict has caused polio to re-emerge in otherwise polio-free countries. For example, Syria and Iraq have seen polio outbreaks for the first time in decades after the emergence of civil war.

Syria provides another stark warning of the reversal in progress that occurs when health workers are not able to provide services. It had achieved 80% coverage of the combined vaccination for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and tetanus (DPT) by 2010.

However, after years of devastating armed conflict, the coverage rate

dropped to 47% in 2018. Similarly, Ukraine had 76% DPT vaccination coverage in 2012, but it fell sharply to 19% in 2016 after the 2014 Ukraine conflict. A similar, or worse, outcome is feared during the current conflict.

A marker of the inequities that children and their families face as a consequence is the prevalence of "zero-dose" children in such contexts. These have received not even a single dose of the DPT vaccine. Zero dose children and their families live in communities excluded from social protections, and may lack access to some or all essential services across the continuum of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health.

A multi-sectoral and equitable response

To protect those who protect us, there is an urgent need for targeted co-ordination of investments to promote safe service access, including delivery of vaccines and other essential services and commodities through multi-level and multi-sectoral private-public efforts.

For instance, when meaningfully engaged, local NGOs and civil society can significantly enhance the reach and operational flexibility of health interventions.

Where the government is party to an

internal conflict, the humanitarian principles of neutrality, independence, and impartiality are often violated. In these cases, the UN and other non-partisan actors need to lead a multi-sectoral and locally sensitive response based firmly on humanitarian principles.

If health workers are to provide vaccines and other essential services in these settings they require constant protection, as urged by the UN Security Council (Resolution 2286) and mandated by international hu-

manitarian and human rights laws. The international community should hold states and armed groups accountable for upholding international humanitarian law in the territories they control.

In addition, health workers should be recruited, trained, and resourced locally wherever possible. This will help foster trust between health workers and the communities they serve, given their unique understanding of the local contexts. This is also vital to ensure a sustainable workforce, lower security threats, and greater re-

tenition of staff.

Global progress toward the health SDGs depends on recognising these disparities and targeting those settings that most need support to ensure continuity and access to services. Two years of the pandemic have already set us back badly, so there is no time to lose.

As the bombs continue to rain down in Ukraine and elsewhere, it is more necessary than ever to invest heavily in the safety and protection of health workers and to ensure continuity of services and supplies under fire.



PUBLIC NOTICE

AMNESTY ON THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON SMUGGLED MOTOR VEHICLES

Dar es salaam, April 25th, 2022:

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) wishes to inform the general public that it has issued an amnesty on interests and penalties for motor vehicles that were brought into the country without following customs procedures.

The respective motor vehicles referred to here include; those that were imported in the country without following customs procedures, those that were for transit to the neighboring countries but remained in the country contrary to the laws, those that were brought in the country under temporary importation permits and overstayed and those that abused tax exemptions procedures.

This exemption is being issued in accordance with section 70(2) of the tax administration act 2015 as revised in the finance act 2021 together with section 249 of the East African Customs Management Act of 2004 which gives the Commissioner General the authority to waive interest and penalty where need be.

This waiver/amnesty starts today the **25th April up to 30th June, 2022** with the aim of enabling the concerned taxpayers to comply by paying only the taxes assessed without penalties and interests.

Another aim is to enable us build good working relationships with the respective taxpayers, helping them to comply and at the same time obtain proper records of the concerned motor vehicles.

On this note therefore, Tanzania Revenue Authority therefore urges all the concerned taxpayers to come forward and take advantage of this amnesty to pay the assessed tax only within the prescribed time.

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By Yemi Adebowale

How to rescue abducted train passengers



TERRORISTS are still holding no fewer than 68 innocent Nigerians abducted 20 days ago after the bombing of an Abuja-Kaduna bound train; the attack left eight persons dead, with several others injured and scores kidnapped. Those in charge of the security and welfare of Nigerians are going about as if nothing heinous happened.

The coldblooded people running the show in Abuja and in the states are unperturbed by the cries of the abductees and their families. Children, a pregnant woman, elderly people and medically-challenged Nigerians are being traumatised by the terrorists in the forest, yet, those elected to tame such madness are busy with politics.

Our political leaders seem only interested in maneuvering to grab positions in 2023. These callous people are scheming to become president, governors and legislators in 2023, while 68 innocent people are still in captivity. In sane societies, all attention will be focused on rescuing the abductees. The reverse is the case in beloved Nigeria. How did we get to this level?

I woke up last Monday with my pillow drenched in tears after watching the video sent out the previous day by terrorists showing the abducted train passengers in anguish. In the two-minute video, scores of abductees were seen sitting in a forest, including men and women.

Behind them, a group of gunmen stand in a line. One of the tormented detainees said: 'We are the passengers who left Abuja for Kaduna on March 28. We were seized on our way. Since then, it is only us that know the dire situation we are in, there are women and children here; there are aged people with health challenges.'

Some other captives pleaded with the federal government to meet the

demands of their abductors. In all, there are 41 women, 22 men, 5 kids in the cell of the fanatics. The released Managing Director of the Bank of Agriculture, BOA, Alwan Hassan took a good mental note and provided the exact figures of the captives while recounting his ordeal a few days back.

The BOA boss reliably informed that the abductees were made to trek for five days, resting intermittently in transit camps, before they arrived at the main camp of the attackers suspected to be around Shiroro LG of Niger State. Some of the abductees suffered gunshot wounds and are struggling to survive. The terrorists, to tell you how well organised they are, brought medics to treat injured abductees.

Families of the abductees are also in pain. They staged a protest at the Radio House in Abuja early this week, appealing to the government to do more to free the sufferers. One of them said: 'I have my sister who is seven months pregnant with her husband with them. Words cannot explain what they are going through and what we are going through. Please, the government should do the needful and let this come to an end as soon as possible. Only God knows what they are going through.'

Another protester, Aminu Uthman, said: 'My immediate younger brother and his wife are among the victims. It is a nightmare and the most difficult 10 days I have had in my life. I cannot sleep or eat. A lot of things are going wrong. The bandits called only once and they gave him the phone to speak to us. They are yet to make any request but they called and he is with them. We voted for this government because of insecurity. We had the trust that they would address insecurity. This protest is not for the family members alone; it is for Nigerians generally. This thing can happen to anybody.'

Now, to the main focus of this piece: The abductees must be freed alive. Their relations are anxious to have them back. President Buhari directed security agencies to arrest the terrorists and also ensure, without further delay, the release of all the kidnapped passengers. Nothing has happened in this direction in the last 20 days. This country has had enough of Buhari's rhetoric. Our security agencies lack the capacity to rescue these people alive. This is the truth. Technology,

intelligence, equipment and quality manpower required are lacking.

Nigeria needs help from countries that have been a success in this regard, in order to rescue these abducted Nigerians. If Buhari is genuinely interested in taming terrorists, this is the time to call on friendly developed countries to assist Nigeria. It can happen in 48 hours if this government gets its act together.

The first friendly country that comes to mind is the United States. This is home to the Special Warfare group popularly addressed as Navy SEALs - The United States Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL). The team effectively monitored (with drone) and rescued a US citizen, Philip Walton, held hostage in Northern Nigeria in 2020. The mission was clinically undertaken by this elite Special Forces. This is a good example of a government committed to the safe return of citizens taken captive.

The Navy SEALs has a strong reputation for clinical operations. In May 2011, it was the Navy SEALs that captured and killed Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack against the US.

There is also the U.S. Army's elite Delta Force famed for hostage rescue and counter-terrorism. I challenge Buhari today, to explore all diplomatic means and get the US SEALs or Delta Force to rescue our abducted train passengers.

Buhari can similarly look towards the Israelis. They are very good when it comes to clinical rescue operations. I can still vividly recall Operation Entebbe, an Israeli hostage rescue mission that took place in July 1976 in Entebbe, Uganda. An Air France airplane was hijacked by militants and flown from Israel to Uganda. The Israeli forces rescued almost all the 102 hos-

tages within an hour after clinically landing at Entebbe airport. Only three abductees died.

The Buhari government can likewise go for Israeli or American private military contractors. They will get this job done in a jiffy. Rescuing the abducted train passengers is a task that must be clinically done.

Lawmakers Must End Persistent Harassment of MultiChoice

In this country, many go to bed without supper and wake up not sure of breakfast. The World Bank recently reported that millions of Nigerians had fallen below the poverty line in the last seven years. In this same country, daily, scores of people are killed by terrorists. To what extent have legislative interventions by the Senate and the House of Representatives curbed these killings of innocent Nigerians? To what extent have they helped to reduce poverty? No result to show.

Our lawmakers just grandstand on the floor of the National Assembly and everything ends there. Rising poverty rate in Nigeria is frightening. Likewise, over 300 Nigerians were killed by terrorists in last March alone. Thousands of innocent souls have been destroyed by terrorists in the last seven years across Nigeria. This ignominy should challenge these lawmakers.

But our muddled federal lawmakers seem more interested in getting cheap pay television for Nigerians, instead of legislative interventions to reduce poverty, create jobs and curb insecurity. Pay TV, a luxury and non-essential service cannot be the priority of traumatised Nigerians. These Federal lawmakers that claim to represent the people and love them so much, think otherwise.

They are unperturbed by killings and poverty. This is why they have declared war on MultiChoice Nigeria,

the main player in the Pay TV industry, in their drive for "cheap" pay television.

Just 48 hours after a Kaduna-bound train was bombed, Senator Abba Moro was busy moving a motion for MultiChoice to reverse its price increase on its DStv and Gotv platforms. How could MultiChoice price increase be the priority for the senate at that time? People had been killed and dozens abducted on a train and Moro was talking about Pay TV price slash. What a country!

In any case, why is MultiChoice, a private business, the only one whose prices must be controlled? The airlines have recently doubled their fares and the Senate is not talking about sanctioning Air Peace, Max Air and others. There are no committees to investigate increases in air fares. A bag of cement is now N3800; the senators are yet to direct the producers to revert to N1500. The prices of food and other essential things of life have quadrupled. Even local Rice is now about N25,000 per 50 kg bag. Electricity tariffs have gone up astronomically and the NASS isn't saying anything about this. The lawmakers are always interested in only MultiChoice price increase and a specified billing model for the firm.

MultiChoice said its March tariff increase was on the grounds of increased operational costs and inflation in Nigeria. Is this not rational? Are these lawmakers saying the Pay TV business of MultiChoice is insulated from the economic situation in the country? Are they saying this company has not been impacted by Nigeria's mounting inflation and growing cost of doing business? Are they saying MultiChoice's operations are not impacted by diesel selling at almost N650 per litre?

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WORD-FIT

3 letters: RAT, EAT, BYE
 4 letters: MERE, MENU, OSLO, OMAN, REIN, HATE, MEED, ORES, BULL, AMPERE, RACHIS, DINER, NOBLE
 5 letters: BUCKET, PLENNARY, SOMALIA, TEASED
 6 letters: BROWSER, BULGARE, OMADHAUN
 7 letters: EMINENCE, DYNAMITE
 8 letters: CALAMITY

CROSSWORD

CLUES: Across
 1 the sixth day of the week
 6 bring about or perform
 7 Country of a thousand hills
 10 tala
 11 quite, gentle and submissive
 13 Togo's Capital
 15 fever marked by severe internal bleeding
 17 ethnic group in Chemba district
 19 move towards the land
 20 hinnies
 22 a light meal
 23 a narrow passage of water connecting two seas
 24 a stiff bristle growing from the ear or flower of barley and rye

Down:
 1 a public meeting place and market square
 2 angry
 3 an illicit drinking place in India
 4 man's wide brimmed hat
 5 cannabis
 8 without clothes
 9 let someone do something
 12 remove from a place of danger to a safer place
 14 alkene
 16 legal prohibitions
 18 Russia's Capital
 21 energy, style and enthusiasm
 22 a pigsty

SOLUTIONS

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BUSINESS

JATU share price gains, while board tries to restore investor confidence

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

JATU secured the top gainer of the week spot during last week's trading session as its share price appreciated by seven percent to close at 220/- per share as compared to 205/- recorded during the previous trading session, according to data from the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

During the IPO, the company share price was 500/- but it depreciated by 18 per cent closing at 410/- at the last day of trading in 2021.

The company's share price has been diminishing in recent months with

market analysts attributing the fall in the JATU share price to bad investor sentiments which has created panic.

A cross section of the analysts however attributed the fall in the company's share price to management-shareholder wrangles with allegations that the company had failed to honour its dividend payment commitment to shareholders.

In what looked like a U-turn geared towards restoring investor confidence, the JATU Plc board chairman Eng. Dr. Zaipuna Yona in a public notice saying the company had taken concrete steps to address the discrepancies that will



JATU Plc board chairman Dr Zaipuna Yona

ensure that farmers are paid within the 2020/2021 season, adding every farmer will be informed when the payments are effected.

"On April 2, 2022 IN Dar es Salaam, JATU held a regular meeting with farmers where the company provided feedback on crop development and harvest payments for 2021.

At this meeting, some farmers complained about delays in payments. As a result of the complaints, the Board of Directors has taken concrete steps to ensure payment of farmers," Yona said in a statement.

He added, "The Board of Directors apologizes to farmers, members and the general public for any inconveniences caused."

The Board assured farmers and the general public that the Government institutions and the relevant sector supervisors including the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) and Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) has issued guidance to JATU PLC to ensure that farmers are paid in accordance with the agreed procedures and regulations

during the 2021/2022 season.

The Zan Securities Advisory and Research Manager Isaac Lubeja while Speaking to the Guardian said it's however too soon to predict on the future of the company's share price.

"There has been some kind of panic in the market in recent months as shareholders need to see value for their money. At the moment, we do not expect to see any form of turn for JATU and its prospective shareholders," he added.

Lubeja noted that investors may however be prompted to make informed decisions when the company finally released full year financials for last year and half year performance for this year," he added.

He noted that overall the equity market has had a good run in the first quarter of 2022; strong outlook on corporate profitability remains the key reason for stock market growth driving a massive buying spree in a number of counters.

Jatu, was officially registered in 2016, and listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) in November, 2020 after meeting the criteria and requirements for listing on the bourse listing 2.1 million shares and issued an additional 15 million ordinary shares through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) in June 2021.

Extractive sector records double digit growth in 2021, as production surges

By Guardian Reporter

MINERS' earnings in Tanzania increased last year when compared with the year 2020, as extractive sector is sharply recovering from the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, which affected both production and sales during the last three quarters of 2020.

Extractive sector, which is categorized as mining and quarrying activity in the economy recorded the growth of 7 percent from 0.2 percent during similar quarter of 2020. However, the growth was lower than ten digit growth recorded during the first three quarters of last year.

This indicates that the sector's annual growth will be ten percent or more in 2021, from

an annual growth of 6.7 percent recorded in 2020, as it grew by 10.2 percent in Q1, 10.1 percent in Q2, 13.1 percent in Q3.

The improvement has also increased the share to the economy, at both current market prices and 2015 prices, to 7.3 percent last year, the historical high, from 6.7 percent in 2020.

Following the positive growth the value of mining and quarrying in 2021 reached 12.6trn/- from 9.9trn/- recorded in 2020.

In 2019, the sector quarterly growth was 17 percent, growing at the rate of between 10 percent and 21 percent.

According to the quarterly economic report for the fourth quarter of last year published this week by National Bureau

of Statistics (NBS), the growth recorded in 2020, as it grew by an increase in production of diamond, salt, silver, coal and natural gas.

During the period under review, diamond production by both Petra Diamond and small miners increased to 34,430 carats during the fourth quarter of last year from 6,77 carats in Q4, 2020.

In its update for six months ended in December 2021, Petra Diamond reported revenue growth by 49 percent to \$264.7 million (H1 FY 2021: \$178.1 million) driven particularly by the sale of Exceptional Stones totaling \$77.9 million (H1 FY 2021: US\$40.4 million) and further supported by the strong diamond market, with rough diamond prices.



Coal fields exist in three regions of the country in Rukwa, Mbeya and the largest in Njombe PHOTO/FILE

Petra says the diamond market ended 2021 in a strong state, with evidence of buoyant jewellery sales during the important festive retail period as consumers released pent-up demand for luxury items.

Polished prices appeared to end 2021 around the year's highs and some industry commentators are predicting record jewellery sales for 2021, it says.

The NBS report shows coal increased to 346,009 tons in Q4, 2021 from 183,734 tons in Q4, 2020 while salt production increased to 50,448 tonnes from 18,313 tonnes respectively. Tanzania's coal

reserves are estimated at 1.9 billion tonnes, 25 percent of which are proven. The majority of the coal reserves in Tanzania exist along the Songea Karoo belt in Southern Tanzania. Coal fields exist in three regions of the country in Rukwa, Mbeya and the largest in Njombe.

The NBS report shows natural gas production also slightly increased to 17,494 million standard cubic feet (Mscf) in Q4, 2021 from 16,447 mscf during similar quarter of 2020.

Tanzania is estimated to have 57.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves.

Tanzania has been exploring for natural gas for more than 50 years. The first natural gas discovery in Tanzania was made in 1974 on the Songo Songo Island (Lindi Region) followed by a second discovery at the Mnazi Bay (Mtwara Region) in 1982.

The natural gas from Songo Songo was first commercialized in 2004 and the natural gas from Mnazi Bay in 2006. The commercialization of the two discoveries propelled further gas exploration both onshore and offshore.

Oil fluctuates as investors weigh China's Covid-19 resurgence

TEXAS

OIL pared an earlier gain, trading below \$100 a barrel, as investors assessed the impact of China's rapidly spreading Covid-19 outbreak on the outlook for global demand.

West Texas Intermediate futures were little changed, swinging between

gains and losses. China's central bank pledged to increase support for the economy as authorities in Beijing expanded virus testing to most of the city, raising concerns about a lockdown of the capital. The Covid comeback has hammered fuel demand in the world's biggest crude importer.

Chinese officials on Monday night

said virus testing would take place in another 11 of Beijing's 16 districts, moving beyond just Chaoyang, where most of the infections have been detected since Friday.

A weeks-long lockdown in Shanghai has got even worse, with workers in hazmat suits fanning out to install steel fences around buildings with positive

cases over the weekend.

Oil has now given up most of the gains since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February following a tumultuous period of trading. The war has led to the U.S. and U.K. banning Russian crude imports, while the European Union is considering similar measures as the conflict continues.

Brent remains narrowly in backwardation, a bullish structure where near-dated contracts are more expensive than later-dated ones. The global benchmark's prompt timespread was 16 cents a barrel in backwardation, compared with as high as \$4.64 in early March just after the invasion of Ukraine.

Rosneft PJSC failed to award a tender to sell millions of barrels of Urals crude as European buyers continued to stay away due to its war in Ukraine, according to traders. Asian oil refiners are also shunning Russia's Sokol from the Far East due to sanctions on a tanker company that ships the cargoes.

Cargo handling at airports increases by 32 pct in 2021

By Guardian Reporter

CARGO handling at various local airports increased by 32 percent to 8,220.4 tonnes during the quarter ending December last year from 6,195.9 tonnes recorded during the quarter ended in December 2020.

The report by Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) has shown that Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) (Dar es Salaam Zone) accounted for the largest share of cargo handled as during the end of fourth quarter of last year cargo handled was 6,299.6 tonnes from 5,013.7 tonnes respectively. The Consolidated Zonal Economic report by National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows northern zone airport accounted for the second largest after handling cargo volume amounted 1,914 tonnes as of December last year 406.5 tonnes by December 2020.

Other growth of cargo handling recorded in central zone airport whereby cargo handled during 2021 amounted 267.7 tonnes from 163.2 tonnes respectively.

However, cargo handling to Lake Zone airports went down during the

reviewed period to 338.3 tonnes from 399.2 tonnes respectively while those in southern highlands zone also fell to 160.9 tonnes from 184.8 tonnes in 2020.

The TCAA also reported that international flights movement increased to 5,356 during the end of fourth quarter of last year from 3,270 recorded during the end of similar quarter of 2020, which indicates recovery of aviation industry which was badly hit by the impact of Covid 19 pandemic travel restrictions.

Domestic flight movement also gained to 17,811 in 2021 from 14,862 recorded during the end of comparing quarter while domestic passengers jumped to 500,145 in 2021 from 389,758 recorded in 2020.

According to TCAA report, international passengers increased to 264,882 in 2021 from 135,718 recorded in 2020.

Out of total international passengers' traffic in 2021, 210,186 passed through the Dar es Salaam Zone airports, 53,696 (mainly JNIA) through northern zone airports (mainly Kilimanjaro) while those I Lake Zone, recorded 296 international passengers.



Julius Nyerere International Airport workers load cargo into Air Tanzania plane. There has been an increased cargo movement through local airports in Tanzania mainland PHOTO/FILE

Export ban alert: Cooking oil, soap shortage looming

NAIROBI

MANUFACTURERS of cooking oil, soaps and cosmetics are staring at raw material supply shortages after Indonesia threatened a ban on palm oil exports, raising fears of future rationing of the products whose prices have gone through the roof.

Cooking oil prices have already increased by more than 30 percent since late last year, with popular brands such as Elianto disappearing from supermarket shelves.

The shock move by the world's biggest palm oil producer to ban exports from Thursday this week, manufacturers warned, would cause difficulties accessing the important ingredient.

Pwani Oil, the makers of edible vegetable oil products such as Fresh Fri and Salit cooking oil, said Indonesia's

ban will not only pressure prices further up but hurt availability.

Production in Malaysia, the second-largest producer, has been hurt by labour shortages, further straining supply if Indonesia enforces the export ban announced last Friday.

Reuters, however, reported Monday afternoon that the ban will only affect shipments of refined, bleached, deodorised (RBD) palm olein but not crude palm oil, quoting officials in the Ministry of Trade.

"The only solace we have is that the ban is now only restricted to by-products and derivatives of palm oil and not crude. If that news is confirmed, we should be okay in terms of supply," said Pwani Oil Commercial Director Rajul Malde.

"If not, we are in for a rough ride in terms of availability, forget about



pricing."

Palm oil makes up about 60 percent of global edible vegetable oil exports, with Indonesia accounting for a third of the exports, reports indicated.

Other sources of edible vegetable products such as soy-

bean, sunflower and rapeseed oil are in short supply, a development that has seen prices of cooking oil surge as much as 50 percent over the last several months.

Soybean production in South America has been af-

ected by drought, the war in Ukraine has halted sunflower oil production, while soy oil and canola oil supply has been hurt by adverse weather in Argentina and Canada, respectively.

Mr Malde said the cost of im-

porting palm oil into the country has jumped by about 45 percent in the February-March period this year compared with a similar period the previous year.

That has prompted the Mombasa Road-based manu-

facturer to raise retail prices by 35 percent on average.

"We have tried to minimise the cost to consumers by being creative and innovative with other parts of the supply chain, but overall we have had no choice but to increase the prices," Mr Malde said.

"We have managed to reduce costs in other places in the supply chain by 10 percent. But now we are also getting problems from scarcity of dollars in the market, which is increasing the exchange rate and it may now not be possible to keep these costs down."

The tight vegetable oil market last month saw countries in the 27-nation European Union start rationing cooking oil per customer, a move that has also been adopted by retail chains in the UK.

Pwani Oil says switching to alternatives such as soybean – also in short supply due to drought in South America – is a more expensive option for Kenya.

"Palm is the cheapest edible oil in the world today. There's no cheaper substitute. Even if we were to look for a substitute like soybean from South America it will be more expensive," Mr Malde said.

Kenya is a large importer of vegetable oils such as sunflower oils, soybean, corn oil, and commonly used crude palm oil mainly from Malaysia and Indonesia, which produce more than 90 percent of global supplies.

Indonesia may widen palm export ban to combat shortages



palm-oil-worker in Indonesia PHOTO/REUTERS

JAKARTA

INDONESIA is prepared to widen its ban on exports of refined palm olein if it faces domestic shortages of derivatives used in the production of cooking oil, according to details presented at a meeting between government and industry officials.

The world's biggest palm oil exporter plans to halt shipments of refined, bleached and deodorized (RBD) palm olein but will allow exports of crude palm oil or other derivatives from Thursday, senior government official Musdhalifah Machmud, who verified the details presented, told Reuters.

RBD palm olein accounts for around 40 percent of Indonesia's total exports of palm oil products, according to analysts' estimates, which means the export ban could significantly affect export earnings in Southeast Asia's biggest economy.

Indonesia typically exports about \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion of palm oil products per month.

The authorities will strictly monitor domestic supply of refined palm oil and crude palm oil, which are used as raw materials to make RBD olein, according to presentation slides.

"If there is shortage of refined palm oil, then further export bans can be carried out," said one slide, which was presented to palm oil companies on Monday.

President Joko Widodo announced the ban on exports of cooking oil and its raw material on Friday to help control soaring domestic prices, but provided no details.

Indonesia's announcement has sent global edible oil prices soaring as supplies were already choked by other factors such as drought and shortages from Russia's invasion of major crop producer Ukraine.

Markets had previously thought the ban would cover a wider range of palm oil products, sending the rupiah as well as shares of Indonesian palm oil companies tumbling on Monday.

Indonesia's economic affairs ministry held a meeting with cooking oil producers on Tues-

day to discuss the export ban, according to an industry source.

Musim Mas, a Singapore-based private palm oil company, said the smaller scope of the ban showed the government was taking into account the impact on the industry and small-holder farmers.

However, Carolyn Lim, its senior manager for corporate communications, also said the smaller scope meant the ban could last longer.

"The duration that this will pan out, that's going to impact markets too," she said.

Some analysts expect the ban to be temporary due to limited domestic palm oil storage capacity.

The rupiah rebounded 0.35 percent by midday on Tuesday, while shares of local palm companies traded higher.

Harry Su, head of equity markets at investment firm Samuel International, however, warned the rupiah could see renewed pressure given RBD palm olein represented a significant portion of exports.

Barclays' traders made \$600mn in emerging-market 'mayhem'

LONDON

BARCLAYS Plc saw a surge in emerging-markets trading last quarter, with revenue climbing to about 500 million pounds (\$644 million) amid volatility spurred by Russia's invasion in Ukraine.

The increase came as the bank's traders seized on turbulent currency markets and big moves in credit-default swaps, according to people familiar with the performance, who asked not to be identified because the firm has yet to report first-quarter results. The bank is due to post its latest earnings on April 28.

The surge indicates Barclays traders may have navigated a quarter that saw banks' trading desks benefiting from higher activity but also facing potential blowups amid fast-moving markets.

The London-based lender made 1.2 billion pounds in revenue from overall fixed-income, currency and commodities trading in the first three months of 2021, and industry analysts say emerging markets typically account for less than a quarter of FICC revenue at major banks.

Emerging markets currencies and rates trading generated about 400 million pounds last quarter, with roughly half coming from bets on currencies from Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, the people said.

Barclays's emerging markets credit desk made about 100 million pounds, much of it on the surge in Russian and Ukrainian credit default swaps, they said.

A spokesperson for Barclays declined to comment.

The performance should help Barclays offset a slide in dealmaking activity and keep pace with Wall Street rivals that have managed to maintain or



even grow revenues from FICC trading in the first quarter.

Markets were roiled during the period by the Ukraine war as well as global efforts to temper inflation by hiking interest rates. The cost of insuring Russia's debt against default for five years rose 1,100% in the quarter, with prices whipsawing daily, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Russia breached the terms of two bonds last month, which could trigger as much as \$40 billion in credit-default swaps if the sanctioned country doesn't pay bondholders in dollars before the debt's grace period ends on May 4.

The Russian ruble lost more than 10 percent against the dollar in the first quarter, while the Ukrainian hryvnia declined about 7 percent, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Huawei pumps \$22 billion into R&D to beat US sanctions

BEIJING

FEW companies devote more of their revenue to research than Huawei Technologies Co., for which developing new technologies is a matter of thwarting crippling U.S. trade and investment sanctions.

China's largest tech giant almost doubled its R&D budget over the past half-decade to \$22.1 billion in 2021 – more than any company in the world outside America.

That's 22.4 percent of its sales that year: nearly double Amazon.com Inc.'s and Google-owner Alphabet Inc.'s proportions and more than triple iPhone-maker Apple Inc.'s.

Only Meta Platforms Inc. came close among the so-called Faang contingent with 20.9 percent, data compiled by Bloomberg shows.

That growing warchest underscores Huawei's do-or-die effort to develop chips, networking gear and even smartphones free of American technology, barred since 2019 after Washington accused Huawei of jeopardizing U.S. national security.

The sweeping sanctions wiped out nearly a third of revenue in 2021, inflating the ratio the Chinese firm spent on research – though that's still up in absolute terms from the previous year.

"The true value of Huawei lies in the R&D capabilities we have accumulated though our constant, long-term investment in research," Meng Wanzhou, the eldest daughter of billionaire founder Ren Zhengfei, said in March during her first briefing since emerging from house arrest in Canada on charges of violating U.S. sanctions.

"It's in the company's basic law that we will spend

10 percent of our annual revenue in R&D."

Huawei, which isn't publicly traded, was one of just six companies worldwide that spent more than \$20 billion on R&D last year, Bloomberg data show.

Its tally rivaled Microsoft Corp.'s and came in about \$1 billion less than Apple and \$2.5 billion shy of Meta.

That approach has paid dividends so far – the Chinese networking giant received 2,770 U.S. patents last year, putting it at No. 5 behind perennial leader International Business Machines Corp., according to an independent study.

Amazon and Alphabet towered over all with total outlays of \$56 billion and \$31.6 billion, respectively.

The median among the 15 companies in the SuperTech Index was \$2.9 billion.



WORLD

NY judge fines Trump \$10K a day until he complies with probe

WASHINGTON

A NEW YORK judge on Monday held former president Donald Trump in contempt of court for not producing documents subpoenaed in the state attorney general's civil probe of his business practices, and ordered Trump to be fined \$10,000 per day until he complies.

Trump lost a bid to quash a subpoena from state Attorney General Letitia James, and then failed to produce all the documents by a court-ordered March 3 deadline, later extended to March 31 at his lawyers' request.

Justice Arthur Engoron ruled that a contempt finding was appropriate because of what the judge called "repeated failures" to hand over materials and because it was not clear Trump had conducted a complete search for responsive documents.

"Mr. Trump ... I know you take your business seriously, and I take mine se-

riously. I hereby hold you in civil contempt," the judge said, although Trump himself was not in the courtroom.

Trump intends to appeal the contempt ruling, said his attorney Alina Habba. "We respectfully disagree with the court's decision," Habba said in a statement.

Should Trump fail to pay the fine, he could be jailed, according to Sarah Krissoff, a New York lawyer not involved in the case, though she said such a scenario was unlikely and the judge could opt for other remedies such as increasing the amount of the fine.

James is investigating whether the Trump Organization, the former president's New York City-based family company, misstated the values of its real estate properties to obtain favorable loans and tax deductions.

She has said the more than three-year-old probe found "significant evidence" that the company included misleading



asset valuations in its financial statements for more than a decade.

"Today's ruling makes clear: No one is above the law," James said in a statement on Monday. Trump, a Republican, denies wrongdoing and has called the investigation politically motivated. James is a Democrat.

The attorney general has questioned how the Trump Organization valued the Trump brand, as well as properties including golf clubs in New York and Scotland and Trump's own penthouse apartment in Midtown Manhattan's Trump Tower.

Also on Monday, Engoron granted a motion by James' office to compel real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield to comply with certain subpoenas. Cushman conducted appraisals for several Trump Organization properties.

Trump and two of his adult children, Ivanka and Donald Jr., also were subpoenaed and ordered to provide testimony to the attorney general. An appeal is pending for the testimony.

Andrew Amer, special litigation counsel with the attorney general's office, said during

the hearing that the \$10,000-a-day fine was meant to coerce Trump into complying with the subpoena, not punish him.

Habba told the judge that Trump did indeed comply with the subpoena, but that he did not have any documents responsive to James' request. Engoron said she would have to submit a detailed affidavit about her search of Trump's records in order to be in compliance with the subpoena.

Such an affidavit would need to show that Trump's team had conducted a diligent search for documents, said Halim Dhanidina, a former California judge now practicing as a lawyer.

"The court's not going to just take someone's word for it," Dhanidina said.

The Trump Organization's property valuations are also the subject of a criminal probe in Manhattan, which last year led to the indictment of the company's chief financial officer.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said this month that probe is ongoing despite the departure of its two top lawyers.

Agencies

UN condemns violence against civilians, aid workers in South Sudan

JUBA

The United Nations on Monday condemned the rampant sexual violence, killings, burning alive of civilians, and attacks on aid workers in South Sudan's Leer County.

In separate statements issued in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, the UN humanitarian agency and UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) called upon all armed actors to respect international humanitarian law and immediately cease targeting civilians, women, humanitarian personnel and their assets.

"I condemn in strongest terms the ongoing violence in Leer County, Unity State, and the conflict tensions across South Sudan. The surge in fighting in April has resulted in widespread devastation, with numerous people reported killed, wounded, women abducted and raped; homes burned, and properties looted," Humanitarian Coordinator for South Sudan Sara Beysolow Nyantti said.

Nyantti (pictures) said these atrocities happened at the time

when humanitarians are responding to mitigate suffering as a result of rains and standing water from the 2021 floods as well as preparedness activities to mitigate the impact of the oncoming rains and projected flooding.

She said the violence claimed the lives of innocent civilians and mourned the loss of a staff member of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) who was killed in Leer earlier this month while trying to flee a violent attack on his community.

Nyantti said the continuation of violence hampers the delivery of humanitarian services to the most vulnerable, especially women, children, elderly and disabled people, and deteriorates further their already dire situation.

"It increases the number of those in dire need of humanitarian assistance, and we do not have the funds to reach those already in need," she said.

Some 6.8 million of the most vulnerable people in South Sudan will need urgent life-saving assistance and protection in 2022, according to the UN. Between Feb. 17 and April 7, some 72 civilians



were killed, at least 11 injured, and 64 cases of sexual violence recorded, according to UNMISS human rights teams who have conducted 10 verification missions.

Nicholas Haysom, the special representative of the Secretary-General for South Sudan, said two survivors said that they were repeatedly raped and gang-raped after they came out of hiding to

find food for their children.

Haysom said another woman who had recently given birth recounted that she was raped and severely beaten for three days.

"I am strongly appalled by these horrific attacks on civilians in Leer. We must all do everything we can to ensure that victims and survivors get the justice they deserve and receive the care and

support they need," he said.

According to initial reports, some 40,000 people have fled the violence in Leer, with thousands reportedly crossing the Nile to Fangak in Jonglei State.

The UNMISS said thousands of cattle were raided, and markets, homes, and humanitarian facilities and warehouses looted and burnt down.

The wet season has already begun, along with the risk of floods, creating a dangerous situation for thousands of internally displaced families.

"The Mission urges national and local authorities to take immediate measures to reduce tensions and prevent further escalations and retaliatory attacks. Impunity on violations of human rights must end and perpetrators held accountable for these horrible crimes," said Haysom.

UNMISS is also engaging with leadership at the capital and state levels to mitigate violence while civil affairs teams are meeting with communities to conduct focus group discussions in conflict-affected areas. **Xinhua**

Agencies appeal for funding to avert eastern Africa food crisis

NAIROBI

MORE than 50 aid agencies have called for an urgent and substantial increase in funding and leadership to respond to the humanitarian catastrophe facing millions in eastern Africa due to the severe drought, warning that further delays will cost lives.

The agencies including Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council and Somali NGO Consortium said in a joint statement issued Sunday evening ahead of Tuesday's international donors' conference in Geneva that more than 14 million people across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya – about half of them children – are already on the

verge of starvation.

"We cannot repeat the mistakes of the past and leave it until it's too late. The time to act is now to prevent further suffering for millions of people across the East Africa region," said Kurt Tjossem, regional vice-president for International Rescue Committee East Africa.

Tjossem said conflict, insecurity and economic shocks have been driving suffering for years, now compounded by climate shocks, mass displacement is leading to more and more people in dire need. He said donor governments have proven very effective at mobilizing attention and resources for other humanitarian crises

around the world, particularly when it comes to saving lives.

The agencies said the current drought is compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, desert locusts, and now a further surge in food and commodity prices due to the conflict in Ukraine.

The organizations said the number of food-insecure people will rise from 14 million to 20 million by the middle of 2022 if the rains continue to fail, prices continue to rise, and significant funds are not surged to meet the needs of those in crisis.

"Not getting much needed international attention and additional resources at a time of historic need in the Horn of Africa would

result in the loss of thousands of lives that could have been saved by a timely and at-scale response," said Heather Amstutz, Danish Refugee Council regional director for East Africa and the Great Lakes.

Humanitarian partners have requested more than \$4.4 billion in funding to provide life-saving aid and protection to approximately 29.1 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya in 2022.

"Failing to act quickly will also cost more to donors in the long run and risk reversing the last decade of investments in building resilience and ending drought emergencies in the region," the agencies said.

Agencies

Biden nominates new US ambassador to Ukraine

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden announced his intention to nominate Bridget Brink for US ambassador to Ukraine, a vacant post since May 2019.

The announcement on Monday by the White House came shortly after Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin held a press conference at an undisclosed location near the Polish-Ukrainian border following a secrecy-shrouded visit to Kyiv, where they met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Blinken (pictured) told reporters he shared with Zelensky "a number of things" the United States is committed to regarding Ukraine in its military conflict with Russia, "including President Biden's intent to nominate a new ambassador to Ukraine, Ambassador Bridget Brink."

Blinken described Brink, a Michigan native appointed by former President Donald Trump to serve as the US ambassador to Slovakia in August 2019, as "deeply experienced in the region, who'll be a very strong representative for the United States in Ukraine."

The United States has been without a Senate-confirmed ambassador to Ukraine since May 2019, when Trump recalled then-Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch over claims she was undermining the former president's efforts to press Ukraine to investigate the Biden family's business ties with the country.

Blinken also said US diplomats, who left Ukraine due to the war, will return to the country next week and "start the process of looking at how we actually reopen" the US embassy in Kyiv, which ceased operation in the lead-up to Russia's military operation in Ukraine.



Report: Finland, Sweden to begin NATO application in May

HELSINKI

FINLAND and Sweden will together express their wish to join NATO in May, tabloid newspapers Italehti in Finland and Expressen in Sweden reported on Monday, citing sources close to the matter.

According to Italehti, the leaders of Finland and Sweden plan to meet in the week of May 16 and after that publicly announce their plans to apply to join the alliance.

Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto declined to comment, but repeated his longstanding view that he would prefer Finland and Sweden made similar choices.

Swedish daily Aftonbladet reported separately, citing sources close to Swedish government offices, that the United States and Britain had promised Sweden increased military presence, more in-depth military exercises and "strong political" support from NATO countries during a possible NATO application process.

The Swedish foreign ministry declined to comment on Expressen's and Aftonbladet's reports.

Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin said two weeks ago, while visiting her Swedish counterpart Magdalena Andersson, that she expected Finland to make its decision whether to apply for NATO membership within weeks.

Stockholm is conducting a review of security policy, which includes a view on possible NATO membership, with the results due by mid-May.

Separately, Sweden's ruling Social Democrats are also reviewing their long-held objection to NATO membership. That is expected at the latest by May 24.

Twitter accepts Elon Musk's acquisition offer

SAN FRANCISCO

TWITTER announced on Monday it has accepted Tesla CEO Elon Musk's offer to acquire the company at \$420 US dollars a share, valuing the social media platform at 44 billion dollars.

"The Twitter Board conducted a thoughtful and comprehensive process to assess Elon's proposal with a deliberate focus on value, certainty, and financing," Twitter's Independent Board Chair Bret Taylor said.

"The proposed transaction will deliver a substantial cash premium, and we believe it is the best path forward for Twitter's stockholders," he added.

The company said that the transaction was unanimously approved by the board, and it might likely close this year following shareholder and regulatory approval and "the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions," adding that it's not a done deal until the matters are resolved.

Musk repeated his refrain that "free speech" is key to Twitter's future. "I hope that even my worst critics remain on Twitter because that is what free speech means," he tweeted.

'Let it rip' approach detrimental to global anti-pandemic efforts

THE COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a public health emergency of international concern, said the World Health Organization (WHO) in a recent statement, calling on countries to maintain response measures.

However, some countries have decided to "lie flat" with the "let it rip" approach. For instance, many states of the U.S. have ended mask mandates, relaxed indoor control measures and shut down COVID testing sites. The UK has removed all COVID-19 restrictions and stopped offering free COVID-19 testing for the general public.

Germany cancelled most of its control measures and some other coun-

tries, including Switzerland, removed them all. Besides, compliance with control measures in Sweden has always been voluntary rather than mandatory since the outbreak of COVID-19, and the country has never implemented lockdown or shut down enterprises to prevent the spread of the virus.

Is the "let it rip" approach making situations better in these countries?

Not really.

A report written by American public health experts found that the U.S. saw the largest decline in life expectancy over the past two years among the 20 wealthy countries the report studied. And the country was the only one that

experienced a drop in life expectancy in both 2020 and 2021, while the rest saw a rebound last year after undergoing a slight decline in 2020.

According to statistics released by the Office for National Statistics of the UK earlier this month, one in 13 people in the country was estimated to have been infected with the virus, nearly 20 times the average prevalence recorded previously. As a matter of fact, the "let it rip" approach not only imposes health and safety risks against the people in the countries that adopt it, but also impedes global efforts to fight the virus.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus recently warned

that some countries have relaxed public health and social measures and reduced testing, impacting thus the global ability to monitor evolution of the virus.

What's even worse, the instability brought by Western countries' "let it rip" approach is making COVID-19 control much more difficult for developing countries.

Carissa Etienne, director of the Pan American Health Organization noted that vaccination gaps will keep Latin America at risk during future waves. A study suggests that more than two-thirds of all Africans have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for AF-

rica, adding that the virus is still spreading and may evolve into more dangerous variants.

Studies show that the mortality during Omicron waves was higher than that when Delta prevailed, though the death rate in the recent days declined. The Omicron variant is still dangerous. It is especially threatening aging groups and patients with serious underlying diseases. Therefore, timely nucleic acid testing, effective control measures and fair vaccination are still what's needed today. The WHO Emergency Committee for COVID-19 suggested that countries continue to use evidence-informed and risk-based public health and social

measures, and be prepared to scale up these measures rapidly in response to changes in the virus and the population immunity.

Recently, the surging infections have already prompted some countries to restart control measures that had been relaxed or canceled. The White House declared to extend the U.S. coronavirus public health emergency on April 13, and Germany reversed course on plans to end mandatory quarantine. Facing the Omicron sublineage BA.2, which is more transmissible and undetectable, countries "lying flat" are just seesawing their response measures.

People's Daily

Chinese artemisinin medicines at front line of Sudan's fight against malaria

KHARTOUM

THREE weeks into April, Sudan is ushering in an earlier summer as daytime temperatures climbed to over 45 degrees Celsius.

The sudden rise in temperatures augurs badly for the African country because it means an earlier than usual rainy season, and more mosquitoes spreading malaria in the country.

Liu Hongbo, 38, still sweating in his air-conditioned office in northern Khartoum, was lost in his thoughts on the production plans of his company "Shanghai-Sudan Pharmaceuticals LTD," one of the leading producers of artemisinin-based drugs in the country.

Liu said the production of artemisinin-based drugs in his company had been at full speed and capacity since early April, and this year's output of the major product Artemether & Lumefantrine Tablets would be no less than 9 million, equivalent to the level of 2021.

"We are trying to build up an artemisinin umbrella for the Sudanese people against malaria, which still poses one of the gravest threats to public health in Sudan," Liu said. Liu is the general manager of an eight-member Chinese team managing the Shanghai-Sudan Pharmaceuticals LTD, which was established in 1998 by Shanghai Pharmaceuticals and the Sudanese health ministry.

Now the joint venture is selling anti-malaria drugs in all of the country's 18 states and enjoys some 80 percent share of the anti-malaria medicine in the country.

Esmat Nagi, 31, the Sudanese manager of the company, told Xinhua that 220 Sudanese people were working on the production lines of the company, which was a household name in his neighborhood and communities.

Artemisinin drug represents the first-line treatment for malaria and is available in most pharmacies in Sudan, according to Sudanese pharmacists.

"The Artemisinin drug has proved to be highly efficient," said Ahmed Abdalla Khidir, a pharmacist and owner of El Nadi pharmacies group in Khartoum, told Xinhua.

Al-Wathiq Mohamed Ahmed, a drug and toxicology expert in Sudan, said Chinese artemisinin medicines, particularly from the Shanghai-Sudan pharmaceutical Co. Ltd, are more competitive than their counterparts from other countries in terms of quality and price.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that more than 240 million people in sub-Saharan Africa have benefited from artemisinin treatment, and about 1.5 million patients have escaped death thanks to the treatment.

Xinhua

Uganda eyes malaria vaccine in renewed fight against killer disease

KAMPALA

CAMPAIGNERS and volunteers on Sunday held a bicycle race in Kampala aimed at raising awareness on malaria, the number one killer disease in the east African country.

The disease kills mostly children under five years and pregnant mothers, according to ministry of health figures. "We have made progress, but a lot more needs to be done to end this disease that costs the country a lot in lives, money and the economy," Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja said as she flagged off the race.

As the world marks World Malaria Day, which falls on April 25 every year, Uganda is making preparations to use the RTS,S/AS01 (RTS,S) malaria vaccine to beef up efforts in the fight against the disease.

Last September, the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization opened up a window through which Uganda can use to apply for the vaccine.

In October last year, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended the widespread use of the vaccine among children in areas with moderate and high malaria transmissions.

The recommendation was based on results of a pilot program in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi that has reached more than 900,000 children since 2019. Ruth Aceng, the minister of health, said inoculation is scheduled to start next year for children under five years, especially in Uganda's most malaria endemic areas.

Four injections are required for full protection, she said. Jimmy Opigo, assistant commissioner for the National Malaria Control Division at the ministry of health, said she is optimistic that Uganda will get enough vaccines, although production is currently low.

If few vaccines are got, he said, they will be used in the most affected areas, especially in the northwestern and northeastern regions.

The vaccines will work with other interventions already in place, like the use of insecticide treated mosquito nets, indoor and outdoor spraying, and clearing of bushes around homes, according to the health ministry.

These prevention and treatment measures are already yielding positive results. According to 2021 World Malaria Report, 9 percent of children below five years in Uganda tested positive for malaria, down from 43 percent in 2009.

The mortality, especially for children under five years, is less than 2 percent. Despite these successes, Uganda is still listed as among the top countries in the world with high malaria cases.

According to the WHO, in 2020, Uganda was among the six countries in Africa that accounted for 55 percent of all malaria cases globally. Nigeria accounted for 26.8 percent, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) 12.0 percent, Uganda 5.4 percent, Mozambique 4.2 percent, Angola 3.4 percent, and Burkina Faso 3.4 percent.

Uganda was also among the eight countries in Africa that registered increases in mortality rate of between 5 percent and 25 percent. The other countries are Angola, the DRC, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, and South Sudan. Parts of Uganda, for instance around Lake Kyoga in the central region, have the highest recorded malaria transmission rates on the continent, according Malaria Consortium, a global non-profit organization specializing in the prevention, control and treatment of malaria and other communicable diseases.

Xinhua

Russia asks US to stop arming Ukraine

MOSCOW/KYIV/ANKARA/
UNITED NATIONS

RUSSIA has sent a diplomatic note to the United States calling on Washington to stop supplying Kyiv with weapons, according to Russian Ambassador to the United States.

The move came days after US President Joe Biden announced that the US will provide Ukraine with additional security assistance worth \$800 million to bolster its defense against Russia's military operation.

Washington's decision did not contribute to finding a diplomatic solution to the ongoing crisis, Russia's UN envoy Anatoly Antonov said on Monday.

Russia "emphasized the unacceptability of the situation where the United States is pumping weapons into Ukraine and demanded an end to this practice," local media reported citing Antonov.

The ambassador said the US was "aggravating the situation" and "adding fuel to the fire" with its actions, ultimately causing more deaths due to their supply of weapons.

According to the diplomat, the US has not yet responded to Russia's note.

Russia expels 40 German diplomats

Russia has declared 40 German diplomats "personae non gratae" in a tit-for-tat move, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday.



A Ukrainian serviceman walks amid the rubble of a building heavily damaged by multiple bombardments near a frontline in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Monday. AP

The ministry summoned German Ambassador to Russia Geza Andreas von Geyr on Monday in protest over Germany's decision to declare 40 Russian diplomats working there "personae non gratae" earlier this month.

Terminating the German move "unacceptable," the ministry informed the ambassador that 40 German diplomats would be declared "personae non grata" in a symmetrical response.

Guterres pushes for truce in Ukraine

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres continues to push for a halt in hostilities in Ukraine even though a Russian UN envoy said a ceasefire is not a good option at the moment, said a UN spokesman.

"We continue to call for a ceasefire or some sort of pause. The secretary-general did that, as you know, just last week. Clearly, that didn't happen in time for (Orthodox) Easter," said Farhan Haq, deputy spokesman for Guterres.

"I don't want to give too many details at this stage of the sort of proposals he will have. I think we're coming at a fairly delicate moment. It's important that he is able to

talk clearly with the leadership on both sides and see what progress we can make," he told a daily press briefing.

Erdoghan seeks support for solution

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday told UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres that all parties should support the Istanbul process for a solution to the crisis between Russia and Ukraine, Turkey's presidency said.

Guterres met with Erdogan in the Turkish capital Ankara, before heading to Moscow and Kyiv for talks on resolving the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

'Attempts to split Russian society failed'

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday the West had failed in its attempts to divide Russian society and destroy it from within.

During an expanded meeting of the Prosecutor General's Office Board, he said the West and its allies were urging Kyiv to use all its resources to win on the battlefield. After realizing that this goal was impossible, the US and its allies focused on "splitting Russian society, destroying Rus-

sia from within," the Kremlin said, citing the Russian leader.

"Our society has demonstrated maturity, solidarity, and has shown support for our armed forces, who are ensuring Russia's unconditional security," he said.

Russian forces seize Kherson city council building

Russian forces seized the building of Kherson city council in southern Ukraine, Ukrinform news agency reported Monday, citing Kherson mayor Ihor Kolykhaiev.

Last week, Ukrainian Defense Ministry's spokesman Olexandr Motuzanyk said Russia is preparing to hold a "referendum" in the Kherson region on joining Russia.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that Kyiv would withdraw from peace negotiations with Moscow if Russian forces hold pseudo-referendums in the areas they captured in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, at least five people were killed and 18 others injured on Monday as a result of Russia's airstrike on transport infrastructure in Ukraine's central Vinnytsia region, the Vinnytsia Regional Prosecutor's Office said in a statement.

Xinhua

'Vision of building community with shared future for mankind and BRI proposed by Xi draw blueprint for global governance and development'

WHEN meeting with People's Daily reporter again in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, Nepali President Bidya Devi Bhandari recognized the reporter immediately. "I remember you. You interviewed me in 2019 before Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Nepal. China is a good friend of Nepal, and I'm willing to answer the questions from People's Daily," Bhandari said.

In the subsequent interview that lasted more than two hours, Bhandari recalled her meetings and communication with Xi. The Nepali people are proud to have a good friend like China, and the Nepal-China friendship across the Himalayas is always as firm as a rock, she said.

China and Nepal have always stood alongside each other and supported each other in times of difficulties and challenges. Bhandari still vividly remembers her phone conversation with Xi in May 2021 when the COVID-19 situation in Nepal was grim.

"I told President Xi over the phone that Nepal faced a serious shortage of vaccine. Xi said China would provide much-needed medical supplies and vaccines for Nepal, share its experience in epidemic prevention and control as well as diagnosis of and treatment for the disease with Nepal, and continue trying its best to support Nepal. We talked for 45 minutes that time. President Xi showed his solicitude for the Nepali people just like an elder brother," Bhandari told People's Daily.

After the phone conversation, the Chinese government soon sent COVID-19 vaccines and medical supplies to Nepal. "The timely support and help from President Xi and the Chinese people saved the lives of many Nepali people," Bhandari said.

The entire nation has been deeply moved by China's selfless assistance, according to Bhandari, who said that with a good friend like China, "Nepal dares to face up to any difficulties."

"President Xi is a sincere friend," Bhandari stressed. She disclosed that she and Xi have met, talked over the phone, and exchanged letters for many times and maintained close contacts and a sincere friendship.

"Even the high mountains and language barrier can't stop us from becoming friends," Bhandari said.

During the interview, Bhandari recalled Xi's state visit to Nepal in 2019. She and her daughter Usha Kiran Bhandari welcomed Xi at the airport when he arrived, according to the Nepali President.

"I remember that after President Xi walked down the gangway ladder, my



Nepali President Bidya Devi Bhandari (right) unveils the Nepali edition of the second volume of Xi Jinping: The Governance of China at a grand event held at the Rastrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the President of Nepal Sept. 24, 2021. Photo by Chinese Embassy in Nepal

daughter presented him with a bouquet of flowers and we welcomed him like he was family. Almost all the senior officials of Nepal went to the airport to greet President Xi," Bhandari recalled, explaining that Xi's visit was of great significance to Nepal, so the whole country took it very seriously.

"During that historic visit, President Xi and I jointly announced that China and Nepal had agreed to upgrade their relations to a strategic partnership of cooperation featuring ever-lasting friendship for development and prosperity," Bhandari said.

The first and second volumes of the Nepali edition of Xi Jinping: The Governance of China are among the books on the bookshelf in Bhandari's office. The book covers all aspects of the governance of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in China, said the Nepali President, who stressed that Xi has always put the people in the first place, adhered to the people-centered development philosophy and made great efforts to advance major undertakings, such as the fight against poverty, infrastructure construction, and ecological civilization construction, winning support and respect from the Chinese people.

The vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by Xi have drawn a blueprint for global governance and development, Bhandari pointed out.

"President Xi is one of the most influential leaders in the world. Under his leadership, China has made remarkable achievements in various sectors and seen its

global influence grow with each passing day," Bhandari said.

She has visited China four times since 1995, and has been to southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, and many Chinese cities including Beijing, Shenzhen, Shanghai and Xi'an, according to Bhandari.

She has seen through these visits that China has both modern metropolis and villages with picturesque natural scenery, Bhandari said, who noted that China has achieved more balanced, coordinated, and sustainable development under the strong leadership of the CPC.

"I have a lot of interesting stories about and happy memories of each of my visit to China. I can talk about my love for China for days, and still can't fully express my deep feelings for the country," she said.

The lofty Mount Qomolangma, which straddles the China-Nepal border, has witnessed the history of the friendly ties between the two countries.

During the past 67 years since the establishment of the diplomatic relations between China and Nepal, generation after generation of people committed to China-Nepal friendship have continuously scaled new heights in bilateral relations under the guidance of leaders of the two countries, finally making the China-Nepal relations flourish.

China and Nepal are close neighbors linked by the same mountains and rivers and enjoy a long-standing friendship, Bhandari pointed out, stressing that the mutual trust and friendship between the two countries have withstood the test of time.

People's Daily

Chinese envoy: Palestine question should not be sidelined

UNITED NATION

AS the question of Palestine always lies at the heart of the Middle East issue, it should not be sidelined, let alone forgotten, regardless of the evolution of the international situation, said a Chinese envoy on Monday.

On this matter, what is lacking is not a grand and fair plan, but rather the courage for action. The fundamental reason for repeated escalation is that the legitimate national rights of the Palestinians have not been realized and the two-state solution has not been put into practice, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Recently, Palestinian-Israeli tensions have witnessed a new round of escalation. China condemns all attacks against civilians and opposes all violations of the historic status quo of religious holy sites, he told a Security Council meeting.

"The security of Israel and Palestine is interdependent and indivisible. If one side's security is established at the expense of the other side's security, it is impossible to break the cycle of violence or resolve the security conundrum," he said. "Only by upholding the common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security concept, can peaceful co-existence be realized."

China calls on all parties, in particular Israel, to exercise restraint, and prevent the situation from escalating further or even going out of control, he said.

China supports continued communication between UN Special Coordinator Tor Wennesland and Israel, Palestine, and other parties

to push for de-escalation. China supports the Arab League and Arab countries in playing their active roles.

The Security Council should take very seriously the current situation and the call of Arab states, and take urgent actions and speak with one voice, thus playing its due role, said Zhang.

Settlements break the contiguity of occupied territories, squeeze the living space of the Palestinian people, and jeopardize the prospects of realizing a two-state solution.

China urges Israel to stop the demolitions of Palestinian homes, stop the expansion of settlements, and to create conditions for the development of Palestinian communities in the West Bank, he said.

China hopes that Palestine and Israel can continue their high-level engagement for an earlier relaunch of dialogue on an equal footing. China calls on the international community to make great efforts based on relevant UN resolutions and international consensus, such as the land-for-peace principle, so as to advance the Middle East peace process, he said.

China supports the establishment of a fully sovereign and independent state of Palestine based on the 1967 borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital, supports the peaceful co-existence of Palestine and Israel and the common development of the Arab people and the Jewish people.

Along with the international community, China will continue its tireless efforts toward a comprehensive and just solution, he said.

Xinhua



Palestinian workers wait for transportation after crossing from Gaza to Israel, on the Israeli side of Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, March 27, 2022. AP

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Vijana Basketball Club's players feature in training at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's court in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Yanga forward out to torment Simba SC in Dar Derby

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA striker, Fiston Mayele, has said that the biggest debt he has so far is to score against Simba SC when the outfits meet in this season's NBC Premier League duel that will take place in Dar es Salaam on April 30.

The Congolese goal-getter had earlier promised to find Namungo FC's back of the net when the latter played against Yanga in a top-flight duel and lived up to his promise.

Mayele last Saturday scored Yanga's opening goal in a 2-1 win over Namungo FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam. Speaking immediately after scoring the goal, Mayele said that in the promises he made to Yanga's followers, he now has one debt left, namely netting against Simba SC.

The forward disclosed: "The fans were demanding that I should score against two teams, which are Simba SC and Namungo FC, I made this promise to them by making sure that I score against these teams, I am grateful to see I managed to do so against Namungo FC."

"So at the moment I have a debt in the game against Simba to make sure I score a goal for the fans, it is not easy because Simba defenders will not let me score but I will fight for that," Mayele noted.

In another development, Yanga's squad has returned to camp ready for the coming match against Simba SC, while the former's head coach Nasreddine Nabi has told his players that the latter can be beaten though not in the style they played against Namungo FC in the previous match.

The tactician stated he was happy with the victory that Yanga got as the club ended its winless streak against Namungo FC.

Nabi however pointed out they did not showcase the quality and they had to score more.

The gaffer said his team's level of performance shocked him, adding that if they play with a similar tempo in the tie against Simba on April 30 then they could either lose badly or win without showcasing scintillating showing that is familiar to its fans.

The coach said the match against Simba has a lot of potential and the mistake of letting opponents regain confidence in the previous duel is not something that should be repeated this weekend.

The gaffer assured the side's followers that everything is well and he knows what to do.

Nabi disclosed: "We have won well, I have congratulated the players and even my fellows who were there on the bench but I am not happy with the quality we have shown."

"It has shocked me, especially this time when we are going to meet Simba," the coach revealed.

"We did not play as well as we want, we gave opponents opportunity to come back to this game, it is bad, most of the mistakes we have made against Namungo FC will cost us if they will be repeated in the coming clash," the coach pointed out.

The coach added that when the squad returned to camp this week he was to talk to all players to make sure they return to their great discipline of aspiring to a convincing victory.

"We have to win against Simba. This is something we have already agreed with the players and the whole team but there are things we have to change, we are going to meet a big team with the best players that will not spare you if you make a mistake," Nabi noted.

"We are getting ready for this match with all players, we earlier rested Job (Dickson) as he had two yellow cards, it would have been a problem for us if he got a card, I'm glad Feisal and Khalid came back and played well."

"The only person left is Said Ntibazonkiza who I believe will be ready for the game, this is a great player who is important for the clash," he said.

Scolastica holds sway in 2022 Mei Mosi Cup cycling event

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

SCOLASTICA Hamis of the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) team has again won the women's cycling race of this year's 2022 Mei Mosi Cup after completing the 15km race that took place in Dodoma last weekend.

The race began at Chisichiiri and came to an end at Isanga Plaza. Scolastica has as a result emerged the race winner three times in a row.

Scolastica (pictured) said she has been winning the showdown regularly in this tournament and that of the Inter-Ministerial Sports Federation (SHIMIWI) Games due to her love of the sport and intensive training based on her coaches' instructions.

"I love this game very much and I feel that when I do not take part in it I get sick which is why I have been very much involved in various competitions and I thank God, Transport Sector, and Airports Authority for giving me the cooperation and support to participate in this event and other competitions," Scolastica disclosed.

The second position in the women's showdown went to Bertha Mtanga of the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) squad and the third place was taken by Alavuya Mtalima of the Ministry of Home Affairs squad.

In the men's cycling race, Steven Sanga of the Ocean Road Cancer Institute's team emerged champion after beating veteran and experienced cyclists in the 21km race that started in the Matumburu area and ended at

Isanga Plaza.

Sanga noted putting God first, and training hard by following the coaches' instructions are the secrets of his victory.

"I am very thankful to God for garnering the top place because our race was very competitive, so I promise to continue to win the next tournament," Sanga disclosed.

Second-placed Hassan Ligoneko from the Ministry of Health squad and third-placed Chaptel Muhumba from the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) outfit, the most experienced cyclists, could not take the top position.

The race featured 18 cyclists in the men's category and 10 competitors in the women's category.

The 2022 Mei Mosi Cup tournament, which is expected to culminate on April 29 this year, was set to continue with traditional disciplines of draft, bao, and card games to be held at the Jamhuri Stadium in the city.



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President's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs excel in athletics



Various athletes from the Ocean Road Cancer Institute's outfit congratulate their teammate Steven Sanga that triumphed in the men's 21km cycling race of the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup tournament that was held in Dodoma last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

TEAMS from the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Governments (TAMISEMI), and the Ministry of Home Affairs have shone in the athletics event of the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup held at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma last weekend.

The TAMISEMI outfit that participated in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, 3,000m, 100x4m relay races, and shot put for women and men, accumulated 50 points after winning gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The squad's athlete Nuru Mkomo took second place in the women's 3,000m race to get a silver medal, fellow athlete Salome Ruvanda also took a silver medal in the women's 100m showdown.

Atson Mbugi and Nuru won silver medals in the 1,500m race, while Tege-mea Mbogela won a gold medal in the women's 400m race, Atson and Nuru again won silver medals in the 800m race.

Atson further took a gold medal in

the 200m race, while Salome also won a silver medal in the women's 200m, Neema Chongoro won a gold medal in the women's shot put while her brother, Liuitiko Mwasere, as well won a bronze medal in the discipline.

The Ministry of Home Affairs team led by its international athletes took second place with 35 points, with the squad's athletes Mariam Salum and Basil John winning gold medals in 800m, 1,500m, and 3,000m races.

Mariam again took a gold medal in women's 100m and 200m events, John reclaimed the gold medal in the men's 400m race.

The Uchukuzi SC took third place with 29 points, with its athlete Shagi Luguwa taking home the gold medal in the men's 100m event, whereas Gift Kisaka garnered a bronze medal in the men's 1,500m race. Aidan Adrian won the silver medal in the men's 400m race, and Anna Charles won the bronze medal in the women's 400m race.

In the men's 200m race Baraka Kinguru took the bronze medal, whereas the 100x4m relay was dominated by Uchukuzi SC athletes given they took home silver medals for women and men.

In the men's shot put, Joseph Mwambipile garnered a silver medal, Hawa Senkoro, aged 58, lifted a gold medal in the women's 100m race for people aged over 50.

The Tanzania Electricity Supply Corporation (TANESCO) team ended fourth with five points after its players Grace Mushi had won a bronze medal in the women's 3000m race.

Grace again won a bronze medal in women's 800m and 1,500m races, while Polycarp John took a silver medal in men's 100m.

The teams from the Ministry of Water and the Ministry of Agriculture have both tied on four points.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, the Tanzania Pe-

troleum Development Corporation (TPDC), Mzingo Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) outfits, and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) squad all have three points each.

The Ministry of Finance and Planning outfit has two points after its 50-year-old players, Wazael Kallage, and Suleiman Mohamed, won silver and bronze medals respectively.

Treasury Registrar's squad garnered a silver medal via Evelina Kwilemelu and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Ministry of Minerals and the Ministry of Health outfits have one point each.

The tournament was set to continue with traditional games, bao, cards, and drafts to be held at the Jamhuri Stadium in the city.

Uchukuzi SC wins praise for excelling in 2022 Mei Mosi Cup

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector), Gabriel Migire, has congratulated the ministry's sports outfit, popularly known as Uchukuzi SC, for excelling in the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup showdown taking place at various venues in Dodoma.

Migire issued his congratulatory message at an Iftar event organized for the club's players and officials at the Tanzania Buildings Agency (TBA) hall in the city, adding that he hopes for a bigger victory to be gained by the outfit in the rest of the games.

"I have received information that we have already won many medals in athletics and cycling games, and I am also very relieved to hear that our tug-of-war, netball, and soccer teams are in the second round of the competitions," Migire pointed out.

"I pray to God you can fulfill the goal that brought us to the competition and to win all games and win many trophies, you will comfort me a lot," he said.

He instructed the heads of all

institutions under the Transport Sector to appreciate the club and be close to it to encourage the side's players.

Migire was adamant the approach is crucial, given sports promote the spirit of victory in workplaces success, and employees will be healthier and eliminate opportunistic infections. "I urge the heads of all institutions to ensure that they visit this team's camp and talk to them to inspire them. I believe in doing so they will create a winning spirit and our team will do well."

"They should also make sure they provide the necessary assistance including timely payment of annual fees and also allow their staff to go for early preparations for various sports," Migire insisted.

He also urged the heads of the institutions to ensure that they hold bonanzas that will be coordinated by the ministry every four months, by having a rotation of each institution.

Migire further instructed the club officials to ensure that the players continue with regular training, they should wait for the tournament.

The official stated the approach will build the best team to compete in various competitions including the Inter-Ministerial Sports Federation (SHIMIWI) Games.

The move, according to Migire, will fulfill the directives issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan for all public servants to exercise

through participation in bonanzas and participate in sports to improve their health.

The official pointed out: "I remind you that the end of the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup tournament is the beginning of the preparations for the 2022 SHIMIWI Games, so I urge you to continue with the routine of participating in regular individual training." "You should not wait for the leadership to announce a new season of preparation for the tournament, as an athlete the best thing is to prepare yourself all the time and not wait for ad hoc training," Migire noted.

He said his ministry is closely cooperating with the Uchukuzi SC and promised to continue purchasing various sports equipment including jerseys and bicycles for the club.

Meanwhile, the club's chairman, Andrew Magombana, said the club is currently made up of 240 employees from the ministry as well as 13 institutions under the Transport Sector.

According to Magombana, with the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup in progress, so far Uchukuzi SC has won the women's cycling race and has finished third in the men's cycling race.

The official revealed that in athletics, Uchukuzi SC has won three gold medals, four silver medals, and three bronze medals.

The football team also entered the round of 16 after winning all four of its matches, the netball squad has also won all five matches.

In the tug-of-war discipline, the outfit won all fixtures in the women's category, the sport's men's category has also seen the side win all duels.

"We guarantee you a great victory, we will not let you down... we will defend the overall title we won in Mwanza in 2021 as so far we are doing well in our matches in this tournament," Magombana noted.

'Anfield is hell', says Villarreal's Capoue

MADRID

"I said 'Where is Villarreal?'" explains Etienne Capoue, who describes it like he was scanning a map of the world and pointing his finger down.

"I was told it was in the sun, just there, next to Valencia. So I said 'alright, let's go'."

Capoue's last two games for Watford were in England's second tier against Norwich and Huddersfield.

He left in January 2021 and his last two games of that season for Villarreal came against Real Madrid and Manchester United. Villarreal beat United on penalties to win the Europa League final and Capoue was named man of the match.

On Tuesday, Villarreal, the club Capoue knew nothing about, face Liverpool in the first leg of the Champions League semi-finals. A small, sleepy town on Spain's east coast now has an outside shot at being crowned kings of Europe.

"Winning the Champions League? We never had the audacity to say we could win the Champions League," Capoue tells AFP laughing.

"We're the smallest club in the semi-finals, we were the smallest club in the quarter-finals. We're just making our merry way. And we have nothing to lose."

Villarreal knocked out Juventus in the last 16 and Bayern Munich in the quarters, two clubs that together own twice as many European Cups - eight - as Villarreal have wins in the knock-out stage.

When Bayern were winning a third consecutive European Cup in 1976, Villarreal were being relegated to the Spanish fourth tier.

For some at Villarreal, the talk of fairytales and giant-killings might be wearing thin.

Villarreal is a tiny town but a big club, the Europa League champions, a team owned by a supermarket tycoon, who have finished only one of the last eight seasons outside La Liga's top seven.

"We don't care, we know we're underdogs," says Capoue.

"Nobody will say we're favourites because we're not. Who are the other teams? What else can we say about them?"

"It's not offending anyone to say there are 50,000 people here and in their stadiums alone, they have 70,000 seats. We don't mind, it's the truth."

- Anfield 'worst stadium' -

Liverpool will be a step up again, with Jurgen Klopp's side still in the hunt for an historic quadruple.

And at Anfield, the challenge is one of the fiercest in football, something Capoue knows only too well. He has played four

times there, all for Watford, and lost by an aggregate score of 18-1.

"Anfield is hell, you have to say it how it is. It's hell," says Capoue.

"It's the worst stadium I've been to in England. Whether it's the atmosphere, the way they play... For 90 minutes, you live in hell."

"They have this ability to transcend themselves, to cause you nothing but problems, all the time, in any part of the field."

"They never stop, they rush you all the time, they only want to score goals, and even when they score, they carry on. They want to knock you out."

"They don't care what or who is in front of them. They just want to kill everyone and that's it."

At least Capoue is unlikely to be intimidated. The French midfielder is not a fan of football, avoids watching football at home and says "I don't want football to be my whole life".

In contrast, Villarreal's coach Unai Emery will know every detail about his opponents this week. Emery's meticulous preparation extends to famously long video sessions, with the aim to prepare his players for every possible scenario.

"I'm in the front row, I'm the good student," Capoue says with a smile.

"I don't watch football at all so I don't mind. If the others watch football at home and then when they come in they have to watch more football videos, maybe that annoys them."

"It doesn't bother me because I know it's not for fun, it's work. He does it to give you as much information as possible and in the end, all these situations, in matches, they happen."

"At the end of the match, you say to yourself, 'you know what, the coach, he is incredibly smart'. That happens to me all the time."

Capoue has no doubt about the root of Emery's problems at Paris Saint-Germain and Arsenal.

"The coach's main way of playing is about putting your ego aside," says Capoue. "We do, and that shows on the pitch, but with the big teams that's also what came back to bite him."

At Villarreal, it's a method the players "follow blindly", says Capoue, an approach that instils belief.

"We're in the semis which shows we weren't afraid of Juventus or Bayern," he says.

"We're not a big team but we're a solid team, playing for the love of football, that wants to enjoy this moment. Because what we're experiencing is incredible."

AFP

Ten Hag unlikely to overhaul Manchester Utd - sources

LONDON

MANCHESTER United have told Erik ten Hag he will have to oversee an evolution rather than revolution of the squad when he takes over with club chiefs distancing themselves from Ralf Rangnick's suggestion that as many as 10 players could arrive in the summer, sources have told ESPN.

Ten Hag will be allowed significant funds to shape the squad ahead of his first season in charge but sources have told ESPN the recruitment department are working to a plan of bringing in three new players.

The Dutchman will get a veto on any signings and has also been given scope to influence shortlists of targets for key positions he believes he strengthened.

Rangnick said after the 4-0 defeat to Liverpool last week that 10 new players could arrive in the summer window, but sources have told ESPN that remains highly unlikely.

Ten Hag's summer budget -- set at between £100 million and £150m -- will be bolstered by any outgoing, and the club are willing to listen to offers for Eric Bailly, Phil Jones, Anthony Martial, Alex Telles and Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

Paul Pogba, Jesse Lingard, Nemanja Matić, Edinson Cavani and Juan Mata are set to leave on free transfers.

Dean Henderson also wants to move but so far the club have insisted their preference is to organise a season-long loan for the England goalkeeper.

Sources have told ESPN that Ten Hag is concerned about David de Gea's suitability for his system, but there is an acceptance there are more immediate issues to solve within the squad this summer.

Signing a striker and at least one midfielder is the priority, although United are so far baulking at some of the fees being quoted.

Sources have told ESPN that Benfica will not enter talks over forward Darwin Nunez for anything less than €130m while West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur have passed on that only mega offers would test their resolve to keep Declan Rice and Harry Kane respectively.

United are also readying lists of centre-back targets with sources telling ESPN that Villarreal defender Pau Torres is among the names that have been put to Ten Hag. Intermediaries acting on United's behalf have also been in touch with Ajax about the availability of Jurrien Timber.

Meanwhile, sources have told ESPN that Andreas Pereira has been informed by football director John Murtough that if his permanent move to Flamengo breaks down, Ten Hag is keen to have the midfielder back at the club in the summer.

Pereira and Ten Hag spent time together at PSV Eindhoven, and the 26-year-old Brazilian still has a year left on his Old Trafford contract.

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Villarreal's Champions League run is no fluke. Can they topple Liverpool next?

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

WHEN the Beatles released the Ringo Starr-sung "Yellow Submarine" in August 1966, Liverpool were reigning champions of England, had won the FA Cup a year previously, and already had a social phenomenon in the seething, swaying, chanting Kop. One week previously, the Reds' star players, Ian Callaghan and Roger Hunt, had just won the World Cup with England.

On the day when the Beatles' publicity machine for their Yellow Submarine/Eleanor Rigby release went into overdrive, Villarreal were in Spanish football's fifth tier. Located in a tiny agricultural and fishing town close to the Mediterranean Sea, the club's uncovered Madrigal "stadium," with capacity for a couple of thousand, wasn't much more than a pitch with walls around it.

Fernando Roig, the Yellow Submarine's visionary President who in a few days will celebrate 25 years in charge, had just turned 19 and Unai Emery, the man who'll take them to Anfield this week wasn't even born. (He arrived in 1971).

They wouldn't have been considered a David to Liverpool's Goliath -- more like the guy who lived three doors down from David and collected sharp stones for him to earn a couple of bucks a month.

But that maddeningly catchy song from the "Revolver" album, which went to No. 1 across the world (apart from in Spain, where it reached No. 3), was immediately adopted by the fans and local media.

There's a presumption that because the club have only become world-known over the last sixteen or so years the nickname is a modern creation. Not so. Villarreal were on a promotion mission that, by 1967, would see them wriggle their way back into the third division, and there's a lovely faded black-and-white photo of a fan banner held up by first-team players on the day which reads: "The Yellow Submarine is Advancing At Full Steam."

And here they are. Los Grogueets ("the Yellows") about to return, as Ringo would put it, "To the town where (their nickname) was born."

Whatever the result, it's a journey of magnificence -- one that backs up the answer Fernando Roig gave me recently when I asked him for just one phrase to sum up his quarter-century reign that's seen a tiny, lowly, practically village-team become one of Europe's greatest and most admirable clubs.

"Hard work and dreaming big," was Roig's answer.

When Villarreal knocked Juventus out of the Champions League last month, precisely the type of phobic experience which had led La Vecchia Signora and other greedy clubs around Europe to launch their ill-planned, unloved and short-lived European Super League project, Roig went to Juve President, Andrea Agnelli, and told him that their idea of a "closed-shop" European League, in which clubs like Villarreal weren't to have an automatic right to play, was... garbage.

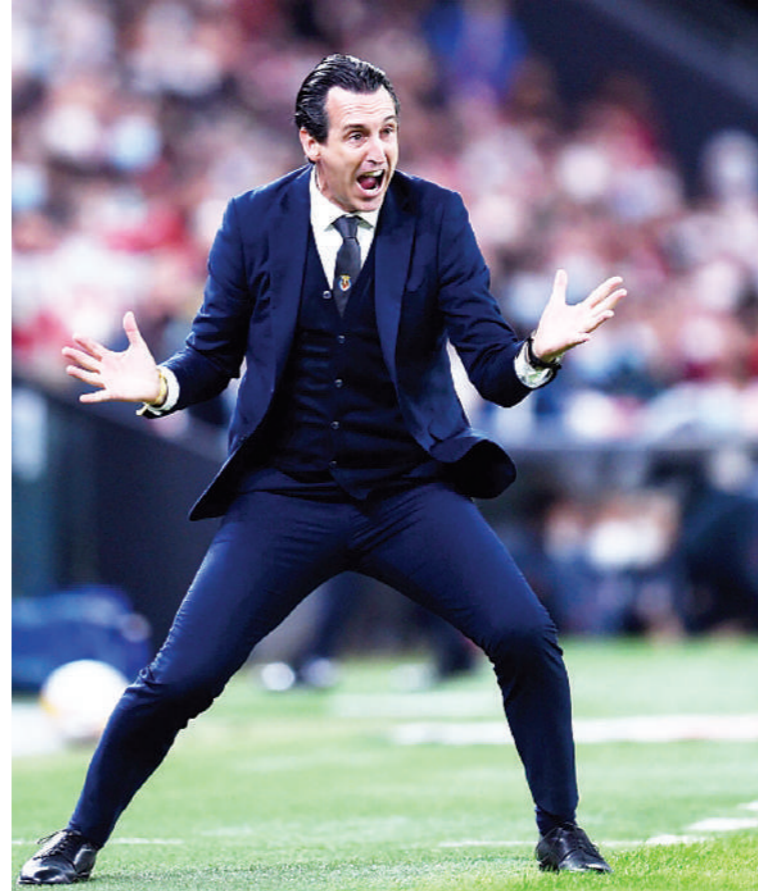
His message was underlined by his team winning 3-0 in Turin -- Davids around the world yelled with glee at seeing another Goliath not only beaten, but thrashed and, hopefully, taught a lesson in humility.

It's Villarreal the club, though, that is the "everyman" up against a behemoth here -- not Roig himself.

Like his brother and sister-in-law, he is a billionaire. Roig's success in ceramics and as part of the family Mercadona supermarket chain has meant that he could purchase Villarreal for just over €400,000 in 1997, fund some of their expansion, cope with relegation, invest in innumerable local jobs and integrate his then 24-year-old son, Fernando Jr, into the club's boardroom, in which he's now effectively the lead figure.

Relegation, from which the club bounced back with rubber-ball speed, was the most painful experience for him across this magical quarter-century. But 2006, the last time the Yellow Submarine reached the Champions League semifinal, was the more brutally iconic image.

Arsenal beat them 1-0 in London



After two difficult spells at Arsenal and PSG, Unai Emery has transformed Villarreal and taken them to the brink of the Champions League final.

and, at 0-0 at the Madrigal, with mere moments remaining, Juan Román Riquelme failed to convert the penalty that would have taken the game to extra time and a potential trip to the final in Paris.

Which, of course, is where this year's showpiece will now be held. Don't ask a man who only believes in hard work and big dreams whether destiny is calling.

But ask him about that night of broken hearts 16 years ago and he'll say: "I remember it well. I fell out of my seat -- down on my knees. I almost fell over altogether. Reaching that semifinal was an incredible success at that time."

"I felt sad because we didn't achieve our objective, but I always tell Juan Román that only those who dare take penalties miss them. I couldn't miss it, because I didn't take it. Nowadays, Villarreal is much bigger than back then."

Of course Roig's most iconic success came a year ago, again against Premier League and European behemoths. Although Manchester United lost in the Europa League in Gdansk, many forget that this remarkable 74-year-old had only just recovered from the coronavirus in time to take his private jet from Spain's eastern coast to Poland's most famous Baltic port. He was told on arrival that his negative test hadn't been produced early enough to allow him access to the stadium where his team were on the verge of history.

So, hours before kick-off, he turned tail on the spot and made it back to Villarreal and sat alone in his living room, watching Geronimo Rulli win the Yellow Submarine one of the most remarkable penalty shoot-outs ever and watch his boys, his club, lift a European trophy.

He recalls: 'My sofa was draped with Villarreal flags placed there by my wife so I could be surrounded by our colours. I experienced the final by myself because my kids were in Poland, my brother was in Poland; everyone was in Poland. I watched more or less alone because my wife finds it very tense. She gets stressed more because of her son than me! But she does suffer. I didn't cry. I was very tense. I did cheer.'

"When the match was over, I was yelling. I came out onto the balcony of my house and I was there for two or three minutes, releasing all the nerves, shouting and shouting."

Imagine, as another member of the Beatles might have said, all that work and all those dreams, but absent from the coronation.

The key man to whom Roig Sr. owes the dream come true is Unai Emery.

Emery, a Basque-born footballer of workmanlike ability, is a good witness to what his boss has achieved. He played a handful of matches for Toledo against the old Villarreal, both pre- and post-Roig's purchase, always in the second

division, in an ultra-modest stadium, when the team still trained in a public park or school playing fields.

Win, lose, draw -- Emery immediately sensed that there was urgency, ambition and grit about the Yellow Submarine project. Now, after a distinguished career that he still seems to think might take him back to Premier League management in the near future, he's been the one to coach Villarreal to a first significant trophy in their history.

Appointed by Roig Jr. rather than the club's president, these have been two absolutely remarkable seasons with him at the helm. To eliminate Arsenal in the semifinal last season, beat United as widely-held underdogs, remain undefeated throughout that entire Europa League campaign and absolutely wage toe-to-toe war on European Champions Chelsea in Belfast at the start of this season in the UEFA Super Cup, before flirting with a Newcastle link and nearly departing, would be enough for most people.

Yet he's the one, in the Yellow Submarine's words, ensuring that 'everyone of us, has all we need' for a Champions League semifinal against the six-time competition winners.

Whoever is fit (hopefully Francis Coquelin for this week and Gerard Moreno for next), whatever the tactics, however vital it is for Emery to avoid his last two results at Anfield (losing 5-1 and then 3-1 in charge of Arsenal), you must be sure that his players won't have any dearth of information or analysis.

As Emery told UEFA recently: "There is always a lot of analysis of our opponents, so that my players know their opponent as much as possible. So that we all know how we can be better. In general, if we have an opponent with a bigger budget, better players, more trophies, more success, we, in our best version, competing with our best performance, can beat them."

"So I always try to give the players more work rather than less, give them more information rather than less, tell them more things rather than less. Then we have optimistic expectations but based on a lot of work."

"You can't be an optimist without a strong foundation of something: meaning work, dedication, knowing ourselves, knowing our opponents. That's where optimistic, but realistic, confidence comes from."

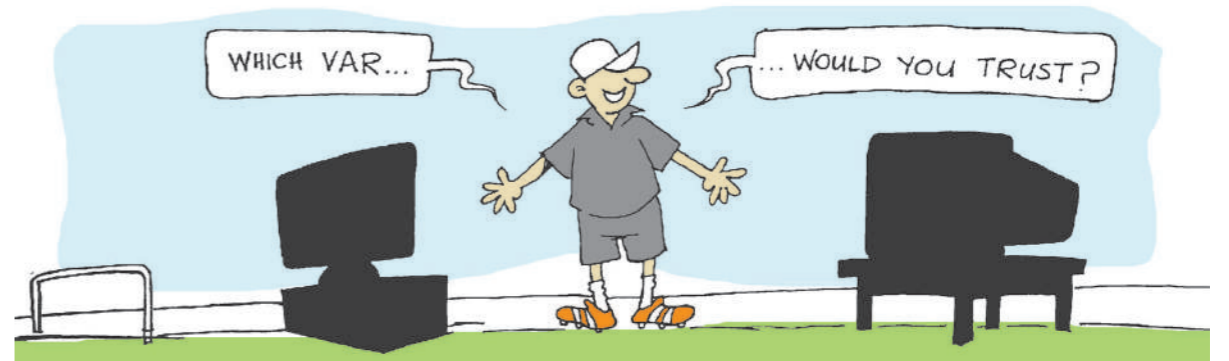
No doubt that these are the very elements Emery used last time he met Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool in Europe -- the 2016 Europa League final win in Switzerland which was one-way Liverpool traffic for 45 minutes and then a Seville steamroller for the remainder of the match. Viewing, planning, convincing, believing -- winning.

Just like Roig Sr., just like Villarreal these last 25 beautiful years -- working hard, dreaming big. And now, back in the town where their nickname was born.



Villarreal beat Bayern Munich to clinch a spot in the semifinals against Liverpool.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Villarreal's Champions League run is no fluke. Can they topple Liverpool next?

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Coastal Union's head coach, Juma Mgunda.

Coastal Union coach acknowledges NBC Premier League competitiveness

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFTER witnessing Coastal Union lose three consecutive Premier League matches, the outfit's head coach Juma Mgunda has admitted that this season's league is tough.

The tactician has however promised to have the side doing well in the remaining matches to save the team from relegation to the next season's Championship.

Mgunda said in the short time he has led the team he has witnessed how the Premier League teams are fighting for three points a situation which shows the league this season is different from last season's.

"We have to work hard in the remaining nine matches to save the team from relegation. We have really lost three games in a row, but we still have a chance to correct our mistakes in the remaining matches," Mgunda disclosed.

The coach, who was recently reinstated to lead the team after the sacking of his predecessor, Melis Medo, a US citizen, said what bothered his team was his players losing focus in the final minutes of the duels.

He said he has seen that and he has worked on the blunders, believing that from the next match they will do well and get rid of the less favourable position they are in now.

On April 24 Coastal Union lost 2-0 away to Mbeya Kwanza FC, a defeat that saw the Tanga outfit drop to the 14th place in the standings with 21 matches played and nine games remaining before the culmination of the league.

Meanwhile, Namungo FC winger Shiza Kichuya has turned out to be a threat to Yanga, when the clubs meet in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League.

Kichuya has been a thorn in Yanga's flesh since he was turning out for Simba SC, so what he is doing with Namungo FC is a continuation of what he has done in the past.

The winger scored against Yanga when it confronted Simba in the 2016/17 season's first phase duel, he also executed an assist that led to the first goal scored by Laudis Mavugo, helping his team to command a 2-1 victory.

In 2017 Kichuya scored a goal against Yanga after his corner kick went straight into the net and the duel ended in a 1-1 draw. Yanga's goal was scored by Amissi Tambwe.

In 2018 Kichuya provided the assist for the goal scored by Erasto Nyoni, the winger's corner kick was connected home by the latter and Simba emerged with a 1-0 victory over Yanga.

Kichuya scored against Yanga when turning out for Namungo FC in this season's top-flight match that was held last weekend, with the latter suffering a 2-1 defeat.

"I have three goals in the league, I have scored against different teams, so the fans should stop claiming that I am against Yanga, Mayele also committed to scoring against us," Kichuya disclosed.

Kichuya pointed out: "Before the match, the coach told me to score a goal for him, I have fulfilled his promise, moreover, for a footballer to score against Simba, Yanga and Azam FC makes such performer feel his game is high."

He said scoring against Yanga is fulfilling his responsibilities as is the case with other players while insisting on his desire to score whenever he gets a chance.

"Mayele as well scored in the first and second rounds, he did the same against Azam FC, there are also matches he does not score, that's why I say my job is to play... if I get a chance to score I will do so," he said.

Apart from Kichuya, Namungo FC striker, Reliants Lusajo, said he believes he will keep on competing for this season's NBC Premier League golden boot.

"If I don't score against Yanga I will score in matches ahead of us, at the moment I have 10 goals but they will increase, as there are still a lot of matches," he said.

Stakeholders lauded for supporting NBC Premier League

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Limited's Chief Executive Officer Theobald Sabi has expressed his institution's gratitude to soccer stakeholders in Tanzania for backing this season's NBC Premier League.

Sabi revealed in a statement that as the NBC Premier League is getting closer to an exciting finale, he wishes to extend the institution's sincere gratitude to everyone who made it possible.

He disclosed: "The financial and non-financial gains that the league has collectively yielded, especially to those in the football value chain, have surpassed our expectations."

"What started as a commercial decision resulted in a cross-sectoral empowerment platform that touches and improves lives amicably. Today, we stand tall, advocating our overriding objective, bringing possibilities to life," Sabi said.

The official revealed: "On behalf of everyone at NBC, I wish to extend our special appreciation to the government of Tanzania under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for unparalleled support, the fans for their unwavering passion, and appreciably, to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) for trusting and endorsing us to be their partners."

"On a similar note, I wish to bring you up to speed on the recent value addition to the league players' insurance covers."

The NBC Bank boss noted: "Thanks to our new agreement with TFF, we can now offer life and health insurance covers to all the NBC Premier League players, clubs' staff, and their immediate families. Special thanks go to our partners, Sanlam and Britam Insurance companies, for bringing these arrangements to life."

"NBC Premier League is beyond football, the league has evolved into reliable machinery for socio-economic empowerment through job creation (direct and indirect), generating tax revenue, advocacy for the national financial inclusion agenda, and a trusted grapevine for supply chains' trickle-down effects."

He revealed that the 16 teams in the NBC Premier League play a vital role in their local communities' socio-economic well-being.

The local business, Sabi stated, enjoys heydays of sales on match days, adding reports revealed that the Yanga versus Simba SC match had, a few years back, been attended by almost full capacity of 59,000 fans, yielding revenue of 546m/- from match ticket sales alone, throwing in millions to the tax basket.

The NBC Bank boss pointed out that with a total of 240 games spread across the country, from Dar es Salaam to Geita to Mpanda, the NBC Premier League provides formidable platforms for revenue collection and income distribution all across the country.

He disclosed there are also over 3,000 direct employments for players, referees, paramedics, and technical benches.

With the country's average household size standing at five and above, Sabi noted, the league stands out as a tool for poverty reduction, improving household welfare, and improving living standards.

The official revealed: "Millions of other indirect employments are created in the supply chains in merchandise, broadcasting, distributors, food vendors, sports pubs, transportation, betting, and accommodation."

"NBC Bank is also proud to use this platform to support the government's efforts in pushing the financial inclusion agenda," Sabi noted.

"We have connected to more customers and prospects to whom we previously had little access. Football stands out as an essential platform for reaching both the unbanked and the underbanked."

Sabi added the NBC Premier League comprises a mixture of international stars and elite homegrown talents.

The NBC Bank boss revealed: "The Confederation of African Football (CAF) ranks our league as the eighth-best. At the same time, Yanga and Simba command the highest club followership in East and Central Africa."

"It is time to change the foreign fellowship into income. Sports-tourism, value addition could be game-changers through properly coordinated, matchday hospitalities and options to visit tourist attractions."

"In 2019/20 alone, the English Premier League garnered USD 602 million from international fans traveling to games. Let that be our "Our country's proximity and presence of big-name foreign stars playing in our league should provide us with the best-fit tailor-made propositions and competitive advantage."

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NBC Premier League title is not yet won, warns Manara



Yanga's winger, Jesus Moloko (L), dribbles past Namungo FC's fullback Emmanuel Charles when the sides met in an NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA spokesman Haji Manara says his side has not won this season's NBC Premier League title yet, despite being 13 points ahead of second-placed Simba SC following the former's 2-1 win over Namungo FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Speaking to the press ahead of the weekend's crucial derby game, Manara admitted they are 'close but close is not there' in their bid to win the NBC Premier League title.

He insisted there is still much work to do for Yanga to confirm their title credential.

The official revealed: "We know we are in a good position, 13 points at the top with 10 games to go. We are glad there are not many catch-up games this time, our rivals have just one game in hand."

Manara said: "We are not only leading by 13 points but also have scored the most goals, conceded the least."

"On top of having the most points, we have won the highest number of games, our striker is topping the scoring charts."

"We have enough clean sheets between our goal-

keepers, and we have more possession than any other club this season in the 20 league games we have played."

"The title race is in our hands, but in reality, we have not yet won it. You can't be champions until it is mathematically impossible for others to catch up. At the moment, we stand a very good chance of lifting the title but we are not yet champions."

"We can't let up until we have an unassailable points gap. I, therefore, urge our players, technical bench, fans, and members, Yanga are not yet champions."

"We have to keep winning games until we have amassed enough points that no other side can attain."

"The fight for maximum points has to go on with the same vigour

and determination. We might be bragging this is our season but that can only happen if we have an unassailable points haul."

On Saturday, the two Dar es Salaam giants will come face to face once more before the end of the campaign and that could prove to be the difference-maker in how the season pans out for different reasons.

Yanga, as the only unbeaten side, is chasing an invincible record that was previously set by Simba SC and Azam FC.

However, even if Yanga loses, Simba SC would still be hoping they would have to drop 10 out of 27 points, with Simba SC winning all their remaining games, for the Msimbazi Reds to defend their title.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

