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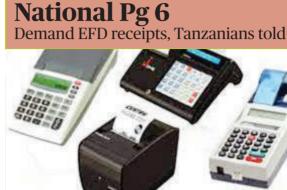


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Tanesco has six months to stop wild power cuts'

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has given a six-month grace period to the newly appointed Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) managing director Gissima Nyamo-Hanga to end incessant power interruptions and extended blackouts.

In a State House event to swear in newly appointed top officials, the president said Nyamo Hanga was not new to the sector and thus six months is long enough to address the problem.

"You are not new in this sector, I am giving you six months to address the matter," she said, asserting that the power supply situation is a national crisis and the country has no one to blame. "As this is for us all to go and work on this," she said.

Nyamo Hanga was shifted from the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) to the main

corporate entity, taking over from Maharage Chande who was first shifted to the Tanzania Telecommunications Co. Ltd (TTCL) as director general but a day later he was reassigned as postmaster general.

Explaining the shift in Chande's appointment, she said that the top executive has business linked with TTCL, and this would invite conflicts of

The incoming postmaster general has a good record in the digital sector, thus he can properly manage the postal service as records show that it has made tremendous improvement, the president

"I know that's your area of expertise, go and work in collaboration with those you will find at the postal corporation to make things move," she

In the series of appointments, John Ulanga and TURN TO PAGE 2



Officials recently appointed to various senior government positions take the Public Service Ethics Oath before President Samia Suluhu Hassan at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

TIC caps off ten days

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has furnished ten recently appointed $amb as sadors\,with\,essential\,information\,and$ methods to market Tanzania's investment opportunities abroad.

Ambassador Khamis Omar (pictured), recently appointed to the Chinese capital Beijing, said at the closure ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday that TIC has provided ample information on the various potential investment areas that can attract new investments.

Participating envoys were more than ready to work innovatively in marketing Tanzania as an investment destination, on the basis of newly acquired familiarity with TIC operations and how their daily activities abroad can be channels for promoting investment opportunities.

The training was organised on instructions by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, to be undertaken before the new envoys take up their postings, to familiarise themselves with both opportunities and procedures that investors have to follow, he

They had ten days of training sessions with various institutions, principally on economic diplomacy and then on some practical issues, with TIC providing the materials to use at their various work centres, he stated.

He specifically cited great marketing opportunities in China for various valueadded products, including minerals and tourist visitations, key sources of foreign exchange earnings for the country.

"China is the second largest economy





in the world, it has a lot of economic opportunities, so we in Tanzania need to make use of opportunities available in China," he emphasised.

Ambassador Habibu Mohamed, appointed to the Qatar station, said the training was productive as they now clearly understand the breadth of reforms taking place in regard to investments, especially espousing the new legislation on investments

Recent policies and amendment of the relevant legislation governing investments had helped to cut bureaucracy, making it easier for investors to opt to invest in Tanzania, he stated.

Gilead Teri, the TIC excutive director, explained to the envoys extensive improvements and simplification of procedures to uplift the investment environment. He focused on the TIC role in encouraging

domestic and foreign investments, pointing out that priority is at present directed to agriculture, fishing and livestock products for TIC seeks to encourage local investments

to facilitate production of key commodities to

reduce imports of fertilisers, medicines and

cooking oil, he declared. TIC was also investing efforts to attract local investments in sugar factories where with current uptake, increased sugar production and vast reduction of imports was in the

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Department for International Development (DfID), has handed medical equipment and contraceptives priced at \$9.5m (23bn/-) to reduce maternal mortality rates.

The medical equipment was donated to the Medical Stores Department (MSD) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, at an event attended by UNFPA officials and the Health ministry.

Schreiner, UNFPA representative said the donation is part of activities to mark the World Contraception Day held yesterday by giving the aid as a sign of support to Tanzania in encouraging contraception and reducing maternal mortality rate.

Out of the \$9.5m a total of \$7.5m was contributed by NFPA and \$1.99m from the UK department, with the .equipment procured from July 2022 to date, providing sufficient modern contraceptives "to cover the needs of three million couples for one year," he stated.

"We prevented an estimated 1.4m unintended pregnancies, 1,958 maternal deaths and 400,620 unsafe abortions, translating into

Ministry handed 23bn/contraception materials



Available statistics show that a lot of progress has been made in that area, as breastfeeding is important to ensure that the mother is in good health

\$112.9m indirect healthcare costs to the gross domestic product," he elaborated, hailing the deep and long-lasting cooperation with the government for these achievements.

Contraception is important for any nation because it gives a woman the freedom to choose when to have a child and how many children she can have, he declared.

Family planning also involves gender equality and enabling the parent to get a chance to educate children properly and reduce costs of living in doing so, he specified.

Kemi Williams, the development director at the UK High Commission, said contraception is a human right, thus every Tanzanian should consider its use to have safe childbirth.

Felister Mayala, UNFPA's national programme officer for reproductive health, said that if these drugs are used properly for one year, they can prevent 1,900 deaths from childbirth and

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Local miners hail BoT gold purchasing move

By Correspondent Pilly Kigome, Geita

LOCAL miners have hailed the new initiative by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to purchase domestic gold, affirming that the move will strengthen market scope of local minerals and enhance productivity.

The made the remarks in interviews at the ongoing sixth Geita Mining & Technology Exhibition, appreciating the departure from keeping the country's foreign reserves via hard currency (mainly the US dollar) and had now procured stocks of gold to add to reserves.

Semeni Malale (pictured), a miner and chairperson of the Tanzania Women Miners Association (TAWOMA) said that the move was a joy to miners as they are now more confident of accessing a reliable market for gold.

Many women miners engage in gold extraction in various parts of the country,



she said, underlining that the BoT move is remarkable and entrails great benefits to women miners.

Mussa Kisoke, a miner, said the decision opens up market opportunities and stimulates greater efforts on their part.

On Monday, BoT unveiled the domestic gold purchasing programme aimed at bolstering foreign exchange reserves with resources available in the country.

Emmanuel Tutuba, the governor, said the bank started procuring gold on September 21 and had already purchased 418 kilogrammes of gold from local miners. The bank had refined the product and exported it to the United Kingdom (UK) for registration in international markets through the Export Credit Guarantee

Scheme, he explained. He said the BoT is tasked with supervising issues related to economic growth, price stability and money circulation, thus uplifting the country's foreign reserves with this intervention.

Gold will be procured from artisanal and large miners across the country as well as other traders, "and before storing it, we will be sending the gold for refining in local factories including

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a feel of products on display shortly after opening an Investment and Trade workshop in Dar es Salaam yesterday involving

China registers 1,134 projects with the TIC

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said so far China has invested more than USD 10 billion in various areas in the country and called for more other investors.

He adds that statistics at Tanzania Investments Centre (TIC) show that there are more than 1,134 projects registered through Chinese firms thereby contributing to employment to Tanzanians.

Majaliwa made the remarks in Dar es Salaam Monday this week when opening China-Tanzania Investment Business Forum under

Province

"Ten years ogo, China was the sixth among six top countries with large investments in Tanzania after UK, USA, S. Africa and Kenya, but now it

has attained the first position," he said. He said the Phase VI government has continued to put in place a friendly environment for investment including improving its investment policies.

"We have assured them that we have done that by removing bureaucracy, streams of obstacles and installing a one-stop investment centre," he said.

He also welcomed the Chinese

sponsorship of China's Zhejiang to invest in Dodoma, the country's capital especially in the ongoing construction projects.

> The Minister of State in the President's Office (planning and Investment) Prof Kitila Mkumbo said the forum was attended by 300 businessmen including 200 from Tanzania and 100 from China.

> He explained that the forum follows President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives who has all the time been insisting on the issue of wooing investors to the country.

> For his part, China's ambassador to Tanzania, Ms Chen Mingjian said that since the end of Covid-19, eight

groups of businessmen from various towns and provinces of China have visited Tanzania to look for various investment prospects.

"Owing to investment from Chinese businessmen, cement, steel, ceramics, construction materials and others are being made in Tanzania whose factories has provided over 150,000 jobs," she said.

For his part, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigahe said Chinese businessmen are welcome to invest in the country's various sectors, especially in industries those for adding value to farm products and others.



Tanzania Investment Centre executive director Gilead Teri (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday conducting training on investment for officials recently appointed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to diplomatic posts. Photo: Corresponden

TPDF inks contract to put up houses for people shifting from Ngorongoro

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) has signed an MoU with the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) through its constructing unit SUMA-JKT the latters construct 5,000 houses for those who registered themselves to voluntary move from

Speaking here yesterday, NCAA Commissioner of Conservation, Dr Freddy Manongi said the construction

of the houses Phase II will begin October 1 this year and completed in six months.

"I take this opportunity to thank TPDF, in particular SUMA-JKT for their collaboration in implementing this project," he said.

However, he said when the exercise to shift residents from Ngorongoro began in unde 2022, 19 groups of 565 households, a total of 3,097 people, and more than 15,500 livestock have shifted from the reserve area.

enthusiasm for the people to register themselves to move voluntarily has been increasing and that so far a total of 1,525 households have been registered to move out.

He said Phase II of the the housing project will be done in Saumu and Kitwayi areas and added that in the current phase the houses will be of three bedrooms.

For his part, Head of JKT, Maj. Gen. Rajabu Mbele expressed his thanks for

In addition, Dr manoingi said the being given the responsibility to build

He said Phase I involving 503 houses, SUMA-JKT was contracted to build 402 houses that took three months to be completed.

"On behalf of TPDF, I will make sure that this task, just as we were trusted in regard to Phase I, will be completed in the given period as we have the intention and responsibility to do so, because as an army, we must make sure that the people are safe," he said.

Local miners hail BoT gold purchasing move

the Geita Gold Refinery, whose technological capacity is satisfactory by international standards," he stated. BoT was using the minerals

technology show to explain to artisan and former Minerals minister miners and other stakeholders on commenced BoT for the major step. how they will sell their produce to the central bank.

day basis as with foreign exchange

trading, he stated, advising miners to adopt digital channels of conducting transactions including receiving or sending money, to avoid fraud.

Dr Doto Biteko, the deputy premier It will help to support the growth of small-scale miners to increase Pricing will be quoted on a day to productivity and further transform the sector, he added.

Ministry handed 23bn/contraception materials

1.900 unwanted pregnancies. This would eliminate the threat of death from unsafe abortions hovering over 400,000 women at the very least.

Dr Ahmed Makuwani, the ministerial director of reproductive, maternal and child health commended the development partners for providing the support, It is a step that will help the government to stem childbirth that the mother is in good health, he complications in health centres, in added.

moving towards the childbirth zero death goal.

Contraception helps the mother to breastfeed the child completely and helps to ensure that the nation has intelligent children born in good health, he stated.

Available statistics show that a lot of progress has been made in that area, as breastfeeding is important to ensure

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Saidi Yakubu were picked as ambassadors, with Ulanga till then serving as executive director for the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), while Yakubu was permanent secretary in the Sports, Arts and Culture cabinet portfolio.

She expressed intent to restructure the Foreign Affairs ministry, where strengthening the East African Affairs department will be pivotal.

She said that Ulanga's profile fits in with a special orientation for economic diplomacy which is being strengthened. As he has worked in the private sector and in the public sector "he is positioned to bring this

experience into the government." She directed the two newly

appointed envoys to look into the draft foreign policy and add their experience to the document "so that the foreign policy agenda is given the priority it deserves."

Chande takes over from Macrice Mbodo who will be assigned other roles, while TTCL director general Peter Ulanga will no longer leave the post. Major General (rtd) Jacob Kingu becomes REA board chairman.

Earlier, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the newly appointed top executives will add value to public service delivery to ensure that people get the services demanded.

Chenene village herders accuse TFS of harassment

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

HERDERS in Chenene village, Haneti Ward, Chamwino District in Dodoma Region, have accused Tanzania Forests Services Agency (TFS) officials allegedly over acts of harassment.

They claim that they are subjected to harassment during the implementation of the exercise to seize livestock that wander into Chenene Forest Reserve

The herders made the claims yesterday at a public meeting organised by leaders of Tanzania Herders association (CCWT) that aimed to build up good relations between herders and TFS.

Baraka Loya, one of the herders said they have been having a hard time when their livestock are seized after entering in the forest reserve as TFS officials have often beaten them and put them in custody.

"I like to ask, how can such oppressive harassing laws be implemented including the levy charged - 100,000/for each head of livestock entering the reserve, and there at times herders pay up to 10m/- but are not issued any receipts, why?" he queried.

He added that TFS has been contravening animals' rights by seizing them and placing them in an enclosure for days without fodder or water.

"When our livestock are seized, we are supposed to pay the fine but it is surprising that we are also placed in custody, how can we pay the fine?.' He further gueried.

For his part, another herder, William Underson said herders in Chenene village are faced by various challenges including lack of areas for pasture, water and markets for their livestock.

He said as for now, the number of herders and livestock has been increasing, but the area they had been depending for pasture was taken up by

TFS and other public institutions.

"As you can see our village is small a huge chunk was taken by TFS and other institutions including the military hence the remaining area is you can see is being fought over by both farmers and herders," he added.

In the circumstances, they appealed to TFS for permission to take their livestock to the reserve areas during rainy seasons where many grazing areas become farms for farmers.

For his part, TFS Senior Assistant Commissioner David Mang'ong'o who is also the Agency Legal services manager said that what they were doing is merely to implement laws enacted by Parliament in order to protect forest reserve areas.

"True, there are challenges that exist here and we are supposed to sit together with our people to direct them hoe the country's laws are supposed to be adhered to, instead of using force to harass herders.

"But herders and your association are also required to report to us about the issue of levy you pay without receiving receipts in order to work on it as nobody is above the law.

"In regard for the permission to graze livestock in the reserve area, it is not possible for us to issue the permission according to the same law, as once the livestock enter the reserve area they destroy its ecosystems" he



When our livestock are seized, we are supposed to pay the fine but it is surprising that we are also placed in custody, how can we pay the fine?



The newly arrived Ambassador of the European Union to Tanzania, Christine Grau, prepares to present her credentials to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at State House in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: State House

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

COAST regional commissioner Aboubakar Kunenge has said that the implementation of the duties of the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), especially in paying compensation to an employee injured or killed in an accident will depend heavily on the accuracy of the information provided by the Police

RC Kunenge said this yesterday in Kibaha while opening a working session between the WCF and District Traffic Officers (DTOs) and the traffic police assistant inspectors for Dar es Salaam and Coast regions.

"There are various stakeholders in the WCF chain to serve the people and among those stakeholders are the Police Force particularly the road safety unit," RC Kunenge said.

He said that, according to the procedure for providing information to an employee who had a road accident, the Police Force is the one with the legal

RC: Accuracy of police reports vital in assessing accident dues

authority to confirm the existence of an accident and that the information will guide the processing of claims from the Police Force when an accident before the person responsible is paid compensation.

The RC said that if the Police Force does not do what it should do in confirming the accident, the whole process will be damaged and there is a possibility of paying compensation to someone who does not deserve to be paid and thus leading to loss of public funds.

WCF board chairman Emmanuel Humba said that the fund entered into a cooperation agreement with the Police Force to facilitate the provision of services to citizens and especially to enable justice to be done without harming any party.

"Compensation payments cannot be made without proper information occurs involving an employee while performing the duties of his employer in accordance with the employment contract," said Humba

Tanzania Traffic Police Commander SACP Ramadhani Ng'anzi asked the road safety police officers to adhere to the the Police General Order (PGO).

He said the Police Force's statement must describe the reality of the event and not the other way around.

"In your position as a police officer, integrity is a very important thing, I have said whether you are in the office or outside the office, the people have put a lot of trust in us," he explained.

Acting Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander ACP William Mkonda urged DTOs to develop a habit of questioning the information sent to them by the officers they lead.

"Let's be careful, read our documents before we sign, but provide these services on time, PF90 spends the whole week following a citizen to the police station? And emphasized that the service must be provided quickly so that justice can be done.

Workers' According to the Compensation Act, an employee injured in an accident ought to report to the Fund within 12 months of the incident with a police report confirming the occurrence of the accident.

Photo on Page 6.

New E. Union envoy presents credentials to President Samia

By Guardian Reporter

Union (EU) Ambassador to Tanzania, officially assumed her role by presenting her credentials to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the State House in Dar es Salaam vesterday.

During the occasion, Ambassador Grau expressed her deep appreciation for the warm welcome she has received in Tanzania. She conveyed the EU's continuous commitment to strengthening the already close partnership between the EU and Tanzania.

"I am truly honoured to serve as the EU Ambassador to Tanzania. I am strongly committed to deepening the bonds between the EU and Tanzania. Together, we can achieve more sustainable socio-economic Guinea-Conakry and Romania.

development, foster trade and investment, and strengthen our CHRISTINE Grau, the new European cooperation in other areas in a way that reflects our shared values and aspirations for good and democratic governance" said Ambassador Grau.

"And I am looking forward to engage with people in this country."

Furthermore, Ambassador Grau emphasised the EU's dedication to advancing gender equality in line with the government's priorities.

Prior to her appointment as EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Grau served within the European External Action Service and the European Commission in areas such as external relations, enlargement and neighbourhood policies, migration and human security as well as Justice and Home Affairs.

She was also previously posted to

Samia to officiate the launch of Dr Salim's digital archive on Saturday

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is on Saturday expected officiate at the launch of the digital archive of Dr Salim Ahmed Salim.

Salim is a renowned international diplomat who served as the 5th Prime Minister of Tanzania and the 8th Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) from 1989 to 2001.

According to a statement issued by the family of Dr. Salim, the launch ceremony will also be attended by the Zanzibar President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

Other guests will include current and former government leaders, development partners, as well as representatives from the private sector, academia, and civil society, the statement said.

The archive, (www.salim ahmed salim.com) collects videos and

images and text documents (such as speeches, notes, and academic papers) of Dr Salim.

It offers unique insights into his journey in public service and his role in international diplomacy and the African liberation movements. It also covers the broader role that African countries played in geopolitics from the 1960s through to the early 2000s.

"The archive was prepared by Dr Salim's family in collaboration with the Tanzanian government as well as friends," the statement reads in part.

Highlighting the moments that shaped Dr Salim's life, and more importantly, in his own words, it aims to enrich the history of Tanzania and Africa.

The materials in the archive will appeal to those who want to understand the role that Tanzania and other African countries played in global history and international diplomacy.

NDC gives clues on investors for Mchuchuma and Liganga projects

By Carlos Banda

Corporation (NDC) has declared that it has obtained strategic investors for the 3.4bn/- Mchuchuma and Liganga projects, of which the corporation is yet to reveal the names.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the corporation's offices, NDC's managing director, Dr Nicolous Shombe, said the mega strategic project will help boost the country's export value and create more employment opportunities.

Although Dr Shombe didn't reveal the name of the investor however, the press release by the corporation mentioned Sichuan Hongda as the investor with the right processing technology obtained in 2007 and thereafter signed a competitive agreement with the government in

"The Liganga is a historical project and has been 160 years since the mineral ores were discovered. Now, we are going to implement it as all the necessary procedures have already been undertaken. As a matter of fact, Mchuchuma and Liganga are duo projects that are located 70 kilometers apart. Iron ores are in Liganga and the coal is in Mchuchuma," he said.

Dr Shombe noted that NDC started since this year. Development conducted a feasibility study covering 10 square kilometers (km2) of the total size of the area which is 166 square kilometers (km2) and discovered a deposit of 126 million Tons of Iron ore in Liganga citing that when the year we started issuing compensation extraction process kicks off, produced iron weighing 1 million tons will be extracted for 56 years.

He also noted that the area presents the potential to host factories, an industrial park, Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA), staff housing, and there will be many industries for producing iron.

On Mchuchuma, he said a feasibility study covering 30 square kilometers of 428 million tonnes, adding that currently, there is no company with the production capacity reaching 1 million tons annually.

"Through the company, if we manage to extract iron at an average of 3 million tons annually considering the amount of the mineral deposit, production can continue for 126 years. There are also deposits of other minerals including titanium, he said used to have a total of 200 vanadium and other precious metals employers before its closure. of high value. So, we expect the

project to take off soon." he stated.

He highlighted further that with the completion of the feasibility study, an environmental impact assessment certificate was attained and a compensation process had already

"So, what we did after concluding the feasibility study, we already received the environmental certificate, we did a population evaluation assessment for people living in the area and this payments more than 15.4bn/- for residents leaving the area to allow the project to take place. Whereas until June 30, 2023, a total of 1,048 beneficiaries had been compensated out of 1,142 people, that is, 91.76 per cent," he said.

Meanwhile, NDC has said it is on track to revive General Tires Company LTD which was closed in 2009.

NDC says talks are still ongoing (Km) and discovered iron ore deposits to re-establish the factory and that a feasibility study on the right automation technology is still ongoing although a study on the market potential has already completed.

Dr Shombe also pointed out that with the company achieving reinstatement and operation it will create more job opportunities in the value chain from suppliers, to agents and workers in the factory which

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMENCEMENT OF DOMESTIC GOLD PURCHASE PROGRAM

The Bank of Tanzania wishes to inform the public of the commencement of the Domestic Gold Purchasing Program, which aims to bolster foreign exchange reserves through acquiring and holding gold. The Bank is therefore purchasing gold from domestic miners and traders, in Tanzanian Shillings.

All stakeholders are invited to actively participate in this initiative.



Emmanuel M. Tutuba **GOVERNOR BANK OF TANZANIA**



National Development Corporation managing director Dr Nicolaus Shombe briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the corporation's track record in recent years. Photo: Carlos Band



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA THE COMPANIES ACT, CAP 212 R.E 2002

LETSHEGO TANZANIA LIMITED T/A FAIDIKA

REGISTRATION NO. 52622

NOTICE OF MEMBER'S VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that on the 18th day of September 2023, the members of Letshego Tanzania Limited, T/a Faidika passed Special Resolution for voluntary winding up the company in terms of the provision of Section 334 (1) of the Companies Act [Cap 212 R.E. 2002].

This NOTICE is hereby issued to all parties concerned and to the General Public.

STELLA JOSIAH MANONGI. **CHAIRPERSON**

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA THE COMPANIES ACT CAP 212 R.E 2002 **LETSHEGO TANZANIA LIMITED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 333(1) (b) OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 12 OF 2002

At a duly convened and constituted Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company that was held on 18th September, 2023, Members of the Company unanimously **RESOLVED** as follows:

That Letshego Tanzania Limited Trading as Faidika be placed in the voluntary winding up under the provision of section 333(1) (b) of the companies Act, Cap 212 R.E 2002.

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TCCIA underscores need to enhance financial education

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) has underscored the need to increase financial education in the country, saying many people in the business community lack financial skills.

While the projections by the government are that financial education will reach at least 80 per cent of Tanzanians by 2025, the chamber says a lot more still need to be done

TCCIA Vice Chairperson, Joseph Olomi made the remarks here during an entrepreneurship, Investment and Financial Literacy seminar, adding that only 40 per cent of Tanzanians are financially illiterate and this makes them unsuccessful in conducting their

He noted that many Tanzanians are struggling to make money and they THE Tanzania Chamber of lose them by making investments without financial and business education, many are injecting their money into business and are becoming unsuccessful because they lack financial education.

> "The government continues with efforts to provide entrepreneurship, investment and finance education through various platforms to ensure 80 per cent of Tanzanians have the knowledge by 2025," he observed.

> Olomi commended the Enterprise Finance Ltd (EFL) credit company for making corporate social responsibility to educate, empower and to provide skills to businesspeople and entrepreneurs so as to help them make progress in business.

> EFL Credit Manager Paul Kulwa said the major aim of the seminar was to

educate entrepreneurs and the general public so as to help them operate business effectively without diverting their funds.

"Due to the lack of business education and finance literacy many people have been taking loans and diverting the money to other projects that they did not plan which makes them unable to meet their goals and sometimes unable to repay their loans," he said.

"Before lending we should educate them so that the money they take as loans can benefit them and help them return their loans, we are asking them not to borrow if they don't have finance literacy or they don't know how to utilise the fund, our biggest thing today is to provide education, we teach them finance literacy," he added.

Prof Goodluck Urassa from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), who is also chairman of the EFL, said the biggest problem facing businesses in the country was lack of business management education where many are starting businesses but failing to manage them properly.

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has instructed all institutions that oversee marine transport to coordinate and have in place strategies to increase the number of women sailors in order to give them the opportunity to benefit from the marine sector both inland and foreign.

The instructions were given in South Pemba Region recently by the Minister for Works and Transport, Prof Makame Mbarawa (pictured) when officially opening the event to mark World Ocean Day, saying the governments of Tanzania and that of Zanzibar are implementing various ship building projects which when completed the need for seamen will increase.

"Today we are commemorating World Ocean Day but if we delve into statistics we will find that the number of women sailors is negligible, hence concerned institutions should put in place robust strategies to have this number increased," said Prof Mbarawa.

He also used the occasion to

Govt wants number of women sailors in the country enhanced



commend Tanzania Shipping Agencies in the Zanzibar Ministry of Corporation (TASAC) for finalising research on marine vessels done in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) aimed at knowing collaborating with its the numbers of marine vessels in the country

He also said that 90 per cent of goods exported by water can be increased by adhering to laws and regulations and use of modern technology in order to transport more goods safely.

For his part, Permanent Secretary

Communications and Transport, Khadija Khamis assured Prof Mbarawa that her ministry will continue counterpart to make sure all laws governing international marine transport are followed. 2023 World Ocean Day is observed nationally in South Pemba with a slogan "50 Years of MARPOL - Our Accountability Continues" and is expected to end September 28 this year.

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CRDB Bank's Kijani Bond: An investment avenue to promote financial inclusion, sustainability



Minister of State in the President's Office for Investment and Planning Prof Kitila Mkumbo (fifth left), Capital Markets and Security Authority (CMSA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nicodemus Mkama, CRDB Bank Group CEO and Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela (fifth right) in agroup photo with CRDB Bank's Board Chairman Dr Ali Laay (third left), CRDB Bank Foundation Chairman Martin Warioba (right) and board member Dr Fred Msemwa (second left), Boniface Mhegi)third right), Miranda Naiman (second right) and CRDB Bank Secretary John Rugabo (right)

By Guardian Reporter

With an initial investment of 500,000/-, anyone, be it a Tanzanian or non-Tanzanian can invest in CRDB Bank's Kijani Bond. Through the Kijani Bond, CRDB Bank wants to raise 780bn/- in the next five years, which will be invested in green and sustainable projects, both existing and new.

During the opening of first tranche of a five-year multicurrency's 780bn/- green bond by CRDB Bank earlier this month, Professor Kitila Mkumbo, the minister of planning and investments said according to the African Development Bank (AfDB) estimates, the African continent needs between US\$20 and US\$30 billion annually to finance the mitigations of the effects of climate change.

During the first tranche, the largest Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed bank in terms of assets, expects to raise 40bn/- with a green shoe of up to 15bn/- making a total of 55bn/- which is expected to finance and refinance new and existing green projects.

Currently, a total of 19 countries with emerging economies globally have so far issued green bonds, including Egypt.

"The government will take necessary measures including formulating policies, laws and regulations to

ensure the country is benefiting from green financing opportunities," he said. "Green finance is important for economic growth and prosperity."

The minister said the objective of the prospective development vision 2050 is to promote economic growth, jobs and wealth creation, boost exports and promote sustainable development.

He said the issuance of the green bond, with its multi-currency Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme of US\$300 million, signifies a monumental stride towards realizing Tanzania's National Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30, a strategic blueprint to empower both public and private sectors for the greater welfare of the people.

Presenting the snapshots of the green bond sale, the CRDB Bank's head of global markets, Burton Mwasamengo said the 780bn/- bond will be issued in trenches with amount pricing and uses of proceeds as described by accompanying pricing supplement.

He said the first tranche of the green bond sale will involve the principal amount of 40bn/- with a green shoe option of 15bn/-.

The offer of the first tranche was opened on August 31st and will be closed on October 6th this year, before being listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock

Exchange (DSE) on October 27th this year.

The bond will be sold in all CRDB Bank branches spread across the country and application forms are available on the bank's website.

The coupon date of the green bond, which has a yield of 10.25 percent per annum and exempted from withholding tax, is set for April next year. The maturity date for the bond is scheduled to be in October

He mentioned areas of green bond investments as green adaptation and climate smart agriculture, green building, sustainable water and waste water management, renewable energy and clean transport projects.

Speaking earlier, the CRDB Bank managing director and group CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela said initial investment of the bond is 500,000/- and is open for both individual and corporate investors.

Nsekela underscored the unique proposition of the green bond attractive investment yielding an impressive 10.25 percent interest per annum.

He emphasized the unparalleled stability of this investment, insulating investors from market fluctua-

is.
"CRDB Bank has set a record for being the largest

financial institution in the country to get permission to sell green bonds, but our Bank is not new in the facilitation of environmental protection projects as in November 2019, it was identified and entered into an agreement with the Global Climate Fund of the United Nations (GCF) to finance environmental projects," Nsekela said.

This was also the first time a sub-Saharan commercial bank was awarded the status and since then, the bank has participated to a great extent in facilitating projects aiming to protect the environment

Regarding the facilitation of environmental projects, Nsekela said for the last year only, CRDB Bank lent a total of 6.978 trillion shillings which is equivalent to 26 percent of all loans issued by financial institutions in the country.

Also, he said 1.44 billion shillings were given to the forestry sector, an equivalent to 55 percent of all loans offered to the sector.

On agriculture, an important sector for environmental conservation and employment provision and generation of foreign currency, he said the bank lent approximately one trillion shillings which is equal to 43 percent of loans released in the area and offered a

total of 55.88 billion shillings to renewable energy.

Despite the initiative, the needs are still huge forcing CRDB Bank to search for new sources of funds to facilitate these projects. "This is the biggest ticket size in Sub-Saharan Africa," said Nicodemus Mkama, the chief executive officer of Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA).

It is evident that the green bond will be instrumental in further developing green financing in Tanzania. The CMSA's endorsement underscores its confidence in CRDB Bank's commitment to sustainable financing and sets the stage for significant growth in climate financing.

The issuance of this trailblazing green bond demonstrates that Tanzania's rapidly expanding green economy presents huge opportunities for investors, both local and international.

"As the first green bond to be issued in Tanzania, it is a major moment for the sustainable finance agenda in Africa and we are proud to have been able to provide the technical assistance," said Nsekela.

The issuance of the green bond demonstrates CRDB Bank's dedication to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles, strengthening its position as a key player in green financing.



Minister of State in the President's Office for Investment and Planning Prof Kitila Mkumbo receives Kijani Bond prospectus from CRDB Bank group CEO and Managing Director AbdulMajid Nsekela. Others are CRDB Bank's Board Chairman Dr Ali Laay (third right), CRDB Bank's Board Vice Chairperson Prof Neema Mori (left), Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMCA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nicodemus Mkama (second right), Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) Acting Chief Executive Officer Mary Mniwasa and Bank of Tanzania Manager of Microfinance Services Robert Mshiu (second left)



Minister of State in the President's Office for Investment and Planning Prof Kitila Mkumbo (centre), CRDB Bank group CEO and Managing Director AbdulMajid Nsekela (right), Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMCA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nicodemus Mkama (left) arrive at the launch of CRDB Bank's Kijani Bond at Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel



CRDB Bank Director of Corporate Affairs and CRDB Bank Foundation managing Director Tully Esther Mwambapa speaks at the inaugural event



Some invited guests follow up on the launch of the CRDB's Kijani Bond at Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel



Bahi District happy with efforts aimed to combat antimicrobial resistance

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

LOCAL leaders in Bahi District. Dodoma Region have hailed efforts aimed at combating antimicrobial resistance in the area, thanks to a nongovernmental organisation, Roll Back Antimicrobial resistance Initiative (RBA Initiative) that operates in the region.

Speaking during a capacity building seminar to local leaders on the problem organized by the organization, the leaders expressed concerns that most of the rural-based population is not aware of antimicrobial resistance.

They were shocked on realising that the problem could be one of the leading sources of deaths in the area unknowingly as residents continue taking drugs without doctors' prescriptions.

In her presentation to the leaders at Mpamatwa Ward, Oliva Minja from RBA-Initiative noted that on average over five million people were estimated to have died of antimicrobial resistance related cases in 2019.

She said the RBA Initiative is engaging the local leaders as key players in influencing positive behaviours that can slow the spread of AMR with the aim of increasing the awareness and AMR among them.

"We started providing such awareness meetings in Dodoma District and we are in the second district, Bahi with the target to reach all districts in the region" she said.

She called on the public to embrace health experts' guidance on the rightful use of drugs in effort to reduce the spread of AMR.

Speaking at the seminar, Mpamatwa Ward health officer, Edimond Njau, said he was pleased to have got the education on AMR, noting that the problem is common among families in the ward due to lack of awareness.

"Many people take drugs without a doctor's prescription without knowing

the effects, which in some cases have led to physical impairment" he said, adding that in his capacity as health officer he would share the information in routine meetings with colleagues.

Mpamatwa Ward Executive Officer, Rosemary Kaizilege, thanked RBA Initiative for the awareness on the problem, promising that as a leader at local authority, she would help spread the education.

"As leaders we have realised importance of spreading this knowledge to area residents and helping reduce deaths and disabilities, among other side effects of inappropriate use of drugs" she said.

Ward Councillor, Sosthenes Mpandu, on his part also called on the area residents to adhere to proper use of drugs and also follow expert guidelines and prescriptions.

Masoud Hamis, Islamic religious leader at the ward also thanked the organisation for the awareness meeting and continued public education on the matter. He vowed to use his capacity to share the knowledge among the congregation.



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Mcha Hassan Mcha, Tanzania Revenue Authority's Deputy Commissioner General, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening a seminar for large taxpayers. The idea was to get their views on how to improve tax collection in the countr. Photo: Correspondent Miraji M

Be patriotic in issuing, demanding EFD receipts, Tanzanians advised

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

DEPUTY Finance Minister Hamad Hassan Chande has urged Tanzanians to be more patriotic in issuing and demanding receipts from the Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFDs) to make sure the country's revenues are increased that can be channeled to various development projects and social services.

Chande made the remarks when addressing business persons in Kiusa Ward, Moshi District, Kilimanjaro Region during his two-day visit that aimed to address various challenges

mobilised for the use of the EFD machines.

"Tanzanians must adopt the habit of demanding receipts for the products we buy and issue receipts for goods sold, this is essential for the country's development as it will help in the implementation of various development projects and provision of social services including, health, education, water and others," he said.

He added that every Tanzanian is supposed to be accountable in paying taxes by demanding legal receipts for any goods bought and called upon the Commissioner, Kisare Makori said

make sure they collect legal revenue without harassing traders.

The deputy minister also launched the TRA's "Tuwajibike" (Let's be Responsible) campaign carrying the slogan: "Our Tax, Our Development " in Kilimanjaro Region as part of celebration to mark EFD Week.

"We must continue working together and one who does not pay tax, should adopt the habit of doing so for the wide national interest," added the deputy finance minister.

For his part, Moshi District

facing traders in the region and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to there is good cooperation between TRA and local government authorities that aimed to bring closer taxpayers education to the people.

"I beseech you to continue paying tax so that we can use the funds for our own development projects as we have seen how President Samia Suluhu Hassan provides us with money for our own development," he said.

Kilimanjaro region TRA manager, James Jilala said that the government revenue is essential and 61 per cent of the revenue is from taxes hence he urged the people to be more patriotic in paying taxes.

Dr Mollel urges pharmacists to abide by ethical practices

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

PHARMACISTS have been urged to work ethically as their profession is a cornerstone of all services in hospitals, pharmacies and health facilities across the country.

Deputy minister of Health, Dr Godwin Mollel, made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking during a multi actors partnership pharmaceutical conference.

Themed: 'Pharmacy strengthening health system-improve pharmacy training and services, fight against antimicrobial resistance,' the meeting was organised by the Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) in collaboration with government and other key players in the sector.

Dr Mollel said pharmacists are a crucial part of a hospital because 53 per cent of the hospital's income come from medicines, urging that in order to get rid of antimicrobial resistance owners of pharmacies in the country should employ qualified pharmacists.

He also warned owners of pharmacies in the country who tend to hire only the certificates of pharmacists without employing them.

"It has been a tendency of some people who establish pharmacies in the country not to employ pharmacists over avoiding to pay them handsomely, instead they hire their certificates and later they employ workers with low knowledge in pharmaceutical issues, who sometimes they give wrong medical prescription to patients, and thus lead to antimicrobial resistance."

Dr Mollel also warned owners of pharmacies in the country who some time take the expired medicines and repack them something which endangers the lives of the end consumers.

Peter Maduki, CSSC executive director of told the deputy minister that the conference was organized by CSSC in collaboration with training providers, service providers, policy makers, regulators, manufacturers, consumers and development partners CSSC is a faith-based organization that coordinates the delivery of social

services [health and education] by member churches in Tanzania. Maduki said that despite some

challenges in the pharmaceutical industry, still there are major achievements attained by the government in collaboration with the private sector.

He said that Tanzania has more than 3500 registered pharmacists and more than 6500 pharmaceutical technicians working in public sector, health facilities, accredited dispensing outlets, supply chain companies and in sustainable development and nongovernmental organisations.

He said that the number of pharmacists in the country has continued to increase yearly, noting that the change of mindset still a major challenge among some doctors who hesitate to collaborate with pharmacists.

Fadhili Hezekiah, Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania president urged people who do businesses in pharmacies to observe ethics because pharmaceutical businesses can not be compared to other businesses.



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Coast regional commissioner Aboubakar Kunenge (L) exchanges ideas with Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) board chairman Emmanuel Humba (2nd-L), WCF director general Dr John Mduma (3rd-L), Tanzania Traffic Police Commander Ramadhani Ng'anzi (R) and Dar es Salaam Zone Traffic Police Officer William Mkonda at a one-day working seminar for district traffic commanders and inspectors in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions. The seminar was held at Kibaha yesterday. Photo

Women urged to refrain from fear while vying for leadership positions

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TANZANIA Media Women Association - Zanzibar (TAMWA-ZANZIBAR) has called on women and youth to remove fear and have trust in themselves when vying for leadership positions in order to spur positive changes in the society.

The call was made by TAMWA-Zanzibar) director, Dr Mzuri Issa on Tuesday when opening a two-day training for female youth leadership aiming at empowering them to join hands and encourage the development of various national agendas.

Dr Issa said that at the present the

world has recognised the importance of women leadership owing from unique leadership brought by women globally.

"A woman is a better leader and you, we depend on you, the youth to have wide vision in bringing a strong leadership to carry a woman's position in leadership as she at the same time be a mother, wife and a working leader and perform well in every sector," said

Providing training to 15 women youth, Instructor on leadership issues, Imelda Lulu Urio, said the aim of the training is to empower the women in

realise their leadership dreams. "As for now, a woman's position in

leadership is increasing due to growth of education in the community, we have seen some communities empowering girls to trust in themselves spurring a great increase of women leaders," she said.

For her part, Maryam Ame, Coordinator of Strengthen Women in Leadership (SWIL) project implemented by TAMWA-Zanzibar in collaboration with the Norwegian Embassy said for a long time it was seen that the women were left far behind in the decision making positions, hence, recognizing themselves in order to she added, from now on women of the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania.

should grab the opportunity and their constitutional right in electing and being elected to attain 50/50 ratio in leadership.

For their part, seminar participants said they were pleased to receive the training as it builds in them robust leadership qualities in vying for post leadership positions in order to remove patriarchy that has reigned for

a long time. The training is the continuation of the implementation of Strengthen Women in Leadership (SWIL) jointly coordinated by TAMWA Zanzibar, PEGAO and ZAFELA under sponsorship





Almansour Auto Ltd marketing officer Ndeshi Rajabu (L) and colleagues pictured in Geita yesterday briefing a prospective customer (R) at the company's pavilion at the International Mining and Technology exhibition now in progress in the town. Photo: Guardia

TMDA receives 4,845 reports on adverse impact of various medicines and vaccines By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a vaccines. started using the VigiMobile electronic

TANZANIA Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has in the past three months received a total of 4,845 reports sent by people electronically on adverse impacts of various medicines and vaccines.

The reports focused on the Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and Adverse Following Immunisation **Events**

TMDA director of Medical Devices and Diagnostics Control (DMD) Kissa Mwamwitwa said the online ADR reporting system employs android technology which coordinates reporting of reactions caused by medicines/medical devices and

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He was speaking during the worksession with journalists in Dar es related to the use of vaccines using a Salaam over the weekend, to explain several achievements recorded through the use of the digital service on receiving reports on adverse events and incidents of medicines, medical devices and reagents.

She said: "Among the received reports of adverse events in vaccines, 93 were related to Covid-19 vaccine while 4,752 reports were related to regular vaccines. The information has been collected for the first phase from Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Dodoma, Tanga, Manyara, Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions."

According to her, the authority

started using the VigiMobile electronic system for reporting complaints mobile application.

This system is science and activities related to the diagnosis, evaluation, understanding and prevention of harm caused by the use of these products and other problems related to them," she elaborated.

Kissa revealed that TMDA has a total of 27 centres for monitoring the safety of medicines and medicine which enable close monitoring of drug safety.

"We monitored the safety of 30,782 vaccinated people and the results showed that the vaccine is safe," she emphasized.

TMDA Director General, Adam

Fimbo explained that in addition to controlling the quality, safety and effectiveness of medicines, medical devices and reagents, the responsibility of the authority is to ensure that when the products reach the user, they do not suffer any harm.

"We have put in place various systems for product control, registration, market inspections, testing of samples in our laboratories, controlling drug tests that are carried out in the country and monitoring the safety of drugs so they do not cause harm to users, as well as providing education on medical products to the public," Fimbo said.

According to TMDA, all drugs even if taken appropriately may present adverse reactions ranging from mild to severe form and fatal reactions. Some of the reactions are predictable and therefore can be avoided but some of them are not predicted.

Govt all set to use drones to conduct geological surveys

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, agriculture.

Mwanza

THE government is underway to use drones to conduct geological surveys to establish the amount of mineral deposits all over the country so that wealth can contribute adequately to national revenue.

Anthony Mavunde, Minerals Minister revealed yesterday when opening a technical meeting with management of the minerals commission.

"We are determined to conduct geological survey in depth the country all over by using drones that by the 2030 we can know potential of mineral deposits a move that can help to fasttruck development of the sector and earn more to the nation", he noted.

He pointed out that the government has yet not done an adequate survey on mineral deposits available in the country, a situation that prevents the sector from making a significant contribution to national revenue.

He said that when drones fly in the air around the country it will enable the government to know patterns of rocks containing minerals underground and have detailed information to participate accordingly in the mineral economy.

"Wealth in the mineral sector is information only and there is no witchcraft in the sense that if you do not have information you cannot participate in the mineral economy therefore this is the right time for us to use our minerals information to get rich," he said.

He noted that critical and strategic minerals like graphite and lithium are the talk of the world today, noting Tanzania is lucky as it is endowed with the rare minerals therefore with information; the sector can do better and contribute much to the economy.

According to him, detailed information on minerals has a multiplier effect on the economy as the wealth can be used to get other products for use in other sectors like

He urged the management team to discharge their duties in accordance with the laid down principles and procedures governing the mineral sector and not discriminate against the people they serve.

The team should ensure that it deals with conflict solving at areas of work and totally avoid being part and parcel of the problems, noting that it will take serious measures to mining officers found to have been the source.

There are reports of many conflicts and he does not want to be minister of conflicts for matters in which mining officers are the source, he said.

He said that mining officers will be promoted based on merits of performance in delivery of services and collection of government revenues and not otherwise.

Also he said that mining officers should make sure that they control businesspersons taking away minerals without paying government revenues, noting that they have no mercy on the matter.

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NSSF rapid enrolments usable indicator economy is growing

conducting tests to feel it is true that there is a strong push in economic activity. The more familiar is yearly updating of total returns in an economy, but as it is a financial total, it combines huge and small things in ways that may leave one speechless as to its broader impact. Another is to look around and see how much people can spare for fixed assets, personal transport, as a sign. A particularly reliable indicator is growth in employment, often called jobs data,

That is why the latest data by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) showing that it increased its membership by 26 percent in the past two years is especially helpful. Raising jobs by that percentage is not routine industrial or services sector growth but shows a certain level of stimulus, registering 574,882 active members since the sixth phase government came into office. In total terms of job demand that is still limited as offer, while it basically shows private sector real job offers.

What is also noticeable about it is that it represents formal sector job openings that are assured enough to be added into social security, which can be projected in terms of proportionality, as to how many other jobs of various sorts it entails. For instance it can be worked out what one NSSF additional member means for those on part time basis without such membership, or indirect jobs. In the latter aspect there is always a difference in potential job multiplier in service or other sectors.

While it is perfectly rational to laud an improved business environment

HERE are various ways of leading to a rapid take up in investment projects and a sharp rise in job offers, sober realism need to govern those tasked with evaluating this performance. Often top officials wish to sit on such laurels, but when they get into the streets they are surprised to see that too much of antipathy for reality is noticeable. The point is that the level of need is so vast, the yield in terms of job offers so little that reality is just tolerable.

> There are measures that NSSF is thinking of taking in terms of its membership base that seek to accommodate the negative job reality into its outreach plans, such that it would recruit members via a refurbished National Informal Social Security (NISS) scheme that the CEO says is set for launching mid next year. How far an informal sector position, where it is an individual rather than an employer who is contributing can work is a vexing issue, Often it is credit that works, as paying a debt exercises greater pressure on an individual than savings via social security.

> Whether indeed the NSSF, as the right social security fund for informal sector activities that count as a branch of the private sector can actually garner up to 20m members from this sphere is hugely open to question. Why one should use savings of up to 100,000/- per month to deposit into social security, instead of buying a plot and building a house? NSSF like other public agencies need to chart ways of really opening up the economy so that we have 20m new jobs and many statutory, eligible NSSF members, which calls for structural shifts.

PPP relevant in easing prospecting by availing pinpoint aerial surveys ECHNOLOGY is gradually involves the purchase of 15 deep making it possible for drilling plants whose work will prospectors for this or that mineral to know

beforehand low or high chances of its availability, and perhaps to ascertain that in the first place, before setting foot on the spot. That seems to be what the Minerals minister was suggesting at a mining industry exhibition in the leading mining town in the country, Geita. It only competes with Mirerani, the tanzanite capital in Manyara Region while Geita is unassailable for the gold,

The minister was saying that geological research will by 2030 be having a vision for the entire country in identifying what minerals are found in which areas. The key result is to remove the need for trail mining, where plenty of money is put into making deep holes in the ground across a few rock layers, depending on the depth intended. When it comes to oil and gas prospecting, a key prospector early last decade failed in two such drills, losing 300bn/- at that.

While there might be greater availability of pinpoint technology enabling plenty of preliminary work to be conducted by aerial surveying, it is not easy to imagine that the need for colossal expenditures to know precisely where this or that mineral is found is no longer relevant. Assuming it isn't just a matter of using drones to map out large areas or rapid mapping of large samples of selected areas, capital input will still be necessary. That calls for tailored financing to get the job done, and it is what the minister hinted it can be

The minister said that the plan

start with Geita Region, as the key component of the new strategy, "Vision 2030: Minerals is Life and Wealth."

Two ends of a dilemma open up, if the drills will he purchased and add some data for investors for which they will not pay for, or if projected recovery of those funds will be added to taxation and regulatory levies in issuing permits to investors. Either way the government stands to lose, as investors will have to cross check that information with their own surveys, and will not be ready to actually pay for it.

Surveying like all value addition and marketing is a matter of branding, as those familiar with surveys and accuracy of such information know they work with error levels. To actually trust information given by an agency where one has no control, he has to have confidence that their manner of work, and results, are not likely to be different from what they would get if they carried out the work on their own. That is why GST would do better by bonding first with a reputable organisation from a country whose firms are acutely interested in the work

When GST is bonded in that manner, the results of what it will do will be taken up as they stand, removing the need for prior conduct of surveys for a company to invest. A narrow strategy where the government purchases the plants and conducts surveys outside any such branding dimension is ill advised. But government agencies compete for big funding, so the government is left bewildered with all sorts of plans.

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78th UN General Assembly: Nigerian President Tibunu makes plea for closer global partnership

By Philips Ekpe

THE power and possibilities of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) are not in doubt. It's the epic gathering of the countries on the planet where issues affecting humanity are discussed, at the least. As a direct follow-up of the Second World War and one borne out of the need to keep the monsters of mass destruction in check, global peace remains its primary goal. Whether this self-given task has been adequately prosecuted over the nearly eight decades of its existence is another matter.

Anyways, UNGA has congregation of nations weak, progressive, retrogressive, repressive, developed, developing, underdeveloped, those advancing towards the conquest of existential limitations and those racing inexorably towards doom. Unequal, strange bedfellows, actually. It's remarkable that these contradictions haven't hindered the institution from being, arguably, the world's hugest platform. The prospects for having international deals and turning points proceed from there haven't also diminished, in spite of the obvious inequalities that have defined the relationships between individual countries for ages.

The question of the desirability of Nigeria's presence at the 78th UNGA, as in the previous editions, therefore, doesn't arise. The theme makes it even more relevant: "Rebuilding Reigniting Trust and Global Solidarity: Accelerating Action on the 2030 Agenda and Its Sustainable Development Goals towards Peace, Prosperity, Progress and Sustainability for All." Good President Bola Tinubu was on that august podium to address the world, like his predecessors, as leader of Africa's most populated nation. His other position of Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was an additional tag on the shoulder. He took his turn well. His scanty physical audience last Tuesday in New York, the leanest for any Nigerian head of state on that stage if my memory serves me well, is open to conjectures. But that's beside the point here.

The president made a compelling presentation and anchored on an equally fitting conclusion. "Nigeria's objectives accord with the guiding principles of this world body: peace, security, human rights and development," he declared. "In fundamental ways, nature has been kind to Africa, giving abundant land, resources and creative, industrious people. Yet, man has too often been unkind to his fellow man and this



sad tendency has brought sustained hardship to Africa's doorstep. To keep faith with the tenets of this world body and the theme of this year's Assembly, the poverty of nations must end. The pillage of one nation's resources by the overreach of firms and people of stronger nations must end. The will of the people must be respected.

"This beautiful, generous and forgiving planet must be protected. As for Africa, we seek to be neither appendage nor patron. We do not wish to replace old shackles with new ones. Instead, we hope to walk the rich African soil and live under the magnificent African sky free of the wrongs of the past and clear of their associated encumbrances. We desire a prosperous, vibrant democratic living space for our people. To the rest of the world, I say walk with us as true friends and partners. Africa is not a problem to be avoided nor is it to be pitied. Africa is nothing less than the key to the world's future." Urbane rhetoric that would have aided its own credibility if it had included a strong word for the continent's sit-tight rulers and its many jaundiced democracies, factors that increasingly make military coups appealing, unfortunately.

Justifiable as that trip is, it would be difficult to ignore its yawning loopholes. Just look at the entourage's roll-call: Governors Seyi Makinde of Oyo State, Umo Eno of Akwa Ibom State, Uba Sani of Kaduna State, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq of Kwara State, Hope Uzodimma of Imo State and Mohammed Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State, and also Chief of Staff to the President, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, Ministers Yusuf Maitama Tuggar of Foreign Affairs, Wale Edun of Finance the outing isn't yet another jamboree oriented agents of state.

and coordination of the economy, Abubakar Badaru of Defence, Doris Uzoka-Anite of Industry Trade and Investment, Mohammed Pate of Health and Social Welfare, Dele Alake of Solid Minerals Development and Betta Edu of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation. The National Security Adviser, Nuhu Ribadu and Chairman of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM), Abike Dabiri-Erewa, and some other senior government functionaries are not left out. A crowd indeed.

As part of the information that should gladden the serially broken hearts of Nigerian citizens, they're told of the participation of Tinubu and his team in top-level dialogues on the restructuring of the global financial architecture, funding for development, pandemic preparedness, prevention and proper response, universal health, and the UN Secretary General Climate Summit, most of which have direct and lasting implications for the country. Planned exclusive meetings between Tinubu and some leaders of other countries and global companies are in order but these reasons are not likely to persuade the people, many of whom have become wary of endless conferences that have no commensurate impact on the citizenry.

The government should also spare Nigerians the excuse of seizing the opportunity to woo investors and strike business deals that could end their perennial predicaments. Why not put the entire cabinet on the plane since virtually all the ministries have valid dealings in one form or the other with the outside world? It won't be easy to convince the people that

or that estacodes and other perks are not the overriding motivations. For an administration that vowed not long ago to prune official delegations to programmes abroad, there can hardly be any validation for Nigeria's contingent to the 2023 UNGA.

I can bet that most of the countries Nigeria and Africa look up to for what Tinubu calls friendship and partnership are not in the annual Assembly with any number of participants near that of Abuja. And those clearly more dynamic nations are not blind to the mindless institutional profligacy. It instantly puts a dent on the sincerity of purpose of a country that craves for help desperately. It's worse for a nation sweating profusely and gasping for breath under the multiple yokes of massive unpaid loans, decrepit infrastructure, anemic investment profile and inexplicable capital flight. Besides, the high cost of governance is one fundamental hurdle on our path to true progress. Just when will we start rectifying this self-sabotaging practice? Unless the president brings back tangible and measurable outcomes from the United States, this year's UNGA will be added to the record of doubtful diplomatic shuttles in four months since his inauguration. Yes, he returned from the recent G20 meeting in New Delhi, India with investment pledges worth \$14billion. May they materialise soon. A Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with Indorama to develop largescale gas utilisation industries in the country. Sadly, these commendable efforts have been overshadowed by the miscommunication that has trailed his stopover in the United Arab Emirates earlier in the month. His government announced to Nigerians that visa restrictions to UAE had been lifted and that Emirates and Etihad would resume their flights to Nigeria without conditionalities, only for the Emirati government to debunk the claims on CNN. Nigerians haven't recovered from that spectacular disgrace.

Any further underachievement in these areas would compound an already painful situation. It's an insult and a waste of energies for any president of Nigeria to constantly travel around in the name of looking for investors. If a quarter of former President Muhammadu Buhari's numerous external trips had yielded the promised results, this country would have changed significantly. In the name of decency, decorum and discretion, let Mr. President be reminded that ours is one market that can't be disregarded. Stay at home more and be a quarterback to the elected and appointed foreign-

From cheers to tears: Vanilla farmers now appeal for govt intervention

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

OUR years ago, there were many smiling faces in Kagera Region, thanks to a spice crop called vanilla. Many farmers build modern houses, took their children to sought-after private schools and some bought vehicles which is regarded as a big achievement amongst farmers.

Because a kilo of raw vanilla beans fetched 150,000/-, the crop turned out to be the money minter for farmers, with many abandoning traditional cash crops such as coffee for this new miracle maker. The crop in deed created shilling millionaires with tidy amounts of cash in both banks and savings and credit cooperative societies.

But from 2022, things have been changing from bad to worse and farmers here now say they can't rescue the situation on their own without the intervention of the government, specifically the ministry of agriculture. For, a kilo of vanilla beans has now reached a record low of 3,000/-.

Apart from new markets, farmers here said the government can help them with capacity building on how to treat the produce and add its value for higher prices.

This writer visited farmers in Ruzinga Ward, Missenyi District recently, who appealed Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe to pay them a visit or send an official to go and assess the situation and see how to help them get a new

"As you can see all these modern houses, cars and motorcycles were bought with vanilla money and there are many children in private schools," said Gratian John, a farmer from Ruhija Village.

"The last time I touched money was 2022 when I sold my 400 kilos for 30.000/- each."

With a kilo now selling at a throw-away price of 3,000/-John said he cannot invest in his farm for activities such as hiring people to cut grass and carry them to his farm for keeping soil moisture as well as hiring labourers to do pollination which is done by hands contrary to most flowering plants which rely on insects for pollination.

"Only intervention of the government can save us from total bankruptcy," he said.

Data collected from Ruzinga Ward agriculture office show that vanilla production was as follows: in 2020 (12.6 tonnes), 2021 (10.4), 2022 (13.8) and 2023 (9.6) with farmers saying that because of price drop, some amounts may still be at homes.

Further data from the same office show that price for a kilo of vanilla beans has been as follows: 2020 (150,000/-, 2021 (150,000/-), 2022 (30,000/- and 2023 (3,000/-) and that there were 885 vanilla farmers in Ruzinga Ward as of

Edwin Kazaura (51) also a vanilla farmer from Ruhija Village said that vanilla cultivation is not an easy job because it requires technical skills, financial investment, time and hired labour, adding that the alarming fall of price has



Patricia Edward (74), a vanilla farmer, shows her farm at Mugongo Village, Ruzinga Ward in Missenyi District, Kagera Region. Price of one kilo of vanilla beans has dropped from 150,000/- in 2020 to 3,000/- in 2023. Photo/ Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

forced farmers to think outside the box.

"There is a group of 20 farmers who have joined together and brought experts from one of the big buyers called Mayawa to teach them how to treat their produce and they managed to dry 1.5 tonnes which has already been packed but no any buyer had come with an offer," he said.

Kazaura appealed to minister Bashe to come to their aid to avoid undoing the gains made, saying they have already registered an Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society

"If we get a good loan, we can do the extracting to get essential oils from dried vanilla. We have contacted someone outside the country who said such machines are available but for price we can't afford given our current situation,"

The forming of AMCOS was spearheaded by acting Kag-

era Regional Administrative Secretary Isaya Tendega in May this year during a stakeholders' meeting that was attended by vanilla farmers, representatives of private companies and agriculture experts from the eight councils to urge private companies to offer competitive prices to the farmers. Over 300 tonnes of vanilla was available for sale

"This will ease traceability of vanilla farmers as to where they are located and how much vanilla they produce. The District Agricultural Irrigation Cooperative Office (DAICO) should also register vanilla farmers and assist them to form AMCOS," said Tendega then.

Patricia Edward (74), a farmer from Mugongo Village, who lives with three grandchildren, resorted to drying her vanilla beans but was not sure if she did it the right way and met the standards because of lack of proper skills.

The known big vanilla buyers, Mayawa and Natural Extracts Industries Company (NEI Ltd) have since said they are not in a position to buy at higher prices because of financial restraints because the decline in price is due to falling prices in the international markets as well as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The visit to Ruzinga Ward by this writer was part of a case study documentation for advocacy on issues affecting quality service delivery in agriculture sector through Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM), a project run by a Missenyi-based NGO called Shirika la Matumaini na Maendeleo Kanyigo (SMMK).

Vanilla agriculture was introduced in Kagera Region in 1990s by a farmers' cooperative society called Maendeleo ya Wakulima(MAYAWA) after learning its cultivation in the neighbouring Uganda.

Beyond words: The urgent call for the US to address global inequality through climate action

By Abby Maxman

ITH its global representation, one would expect the UN General Assembly to touch on many diverse issues. And it does. But talks have repeatedly come back to one unifying call: if we want to save ourselves, our planet, and our future, we must act now.

In his remarks at the UN General Debate last Tuesday, President Biden reaffirmed the United States' commitment to combat the intersecting challenges of the climate crisis, hunger, and worldwide inequality. Yet the following day at the Climate Ambition Summit, the U.S. was not recognized as a climate leader or granted speaking time since the U.S. had no new climate commitments.

In his remarks, President Biden said that extreme weather events around the world "tell the urgent story that awaits us if we fail to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels." Yet, with current policies in place, the United States accounts for more than one-third of planned global oil and gas expansion through 2050 and has the largest shortfall between its climate plans and what is needed to meet its fair share of emissions reductions to prevent catastrophic climate change.

Now President Biden and the United States government need to step up with more investments and more action - not only to be the climate president he promised, but also to realize the United States' obligation as the largest historical emitter.

But this is not only about combatting climate change. The latest UN report confirms what many of us in the humanitarian sector have been emphasizing for years: the quests to combat climate change, fight inequality, and achieve our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are not mutually exclusive missions.

During a recent trip to the Sahel, I visited Bargny, a coastal community south of Dakar. There, one woman activist, a mother and grandmother, shared her experience of losing her home to sea-level rise and erosion. She and other displaced families were promised land to resettle, only to have the government grant that land to a foreign company to build a coal-burning power plant.



Conversation at the UN General Assembly side-event panel on synergies between SDGs and climate action. Credit: Karelia Pallan/Oxfam

According to the people we spoke with, ties like Bargny all around is even more stark. On avthis was done without any community consultation or compensation for the people affected. Unfortunately, such injustices are all too common because of our continued investment and reliance on fos-

Marginalized communities bear the brunt of decisions made on their own land and from thousands of miles away, and these people often have little say in the policies that impact their lives so profoundly.

sil fuels.

As we approach the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, we're falling far short of our SDG targets that aim to protect communi-

the world. Our research at Oxfam showcases the depth of this crisis: as extreme weather events and poverty surge, so does extreme inequality.

The carbon emissions of the richest 1 percent are more than double the emissions of the poorest half of humanity combined. But once we consider the investments of those at the very top, in addition to their lifestyles, the data

erage, a billionaire emits a million times more greenhouse gases than the average person, and billionaires are also much more likely to use their wealth to invest in polluting industries.

Whether in response to the recent floods in Libya, rising hunger across nations, or the earth's hottest and most brutal summer since global records began in 1880, the call for immediate climate action, with emphasis on reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, and safeguards for affected communities has never been louder.

The US, having historically contributed massively to climate pollution, shoulders an immense responsibility to lead the charge against climate disasters and empower and finance local leaders, young people, and marginalized

This past Sunday, many of my Oxfam colleagues were part of the 75,000 people marching through New York City to demand an end to fossil fuels. They held up signs that said "climate change knows no borders." What we do here good or bad - affects all the countries represented

in the United Nations. It's an uphill battle, but every moment, and every decision, counts. While President Biden's words

resonate with hope and commitment, we must see more action or they are merely platitudes. Time is running out, and the world watches, hopeful and expectant, for transformative actions that match these promising words.

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Why floods 'beyond our imagination' hit Nepalese Himalayan town

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HEN a flash flood descended on a Himalayan community in the Mustang district in Nepal, it shocked the residents, climate change experts, and disaster risk manage-

Anil Pokharel described it as "beyond our imagination." He has experienced many disasters as the Chief Executive at the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority for the Government of Nepal.

"The extreme events in Mustang this year surprised us because it was unusual and beyond our imagination," says Pokharel. "Now we are trying to comprehend what actually happened and what we can do to avoid such events in the future, but we are certain that the risk of unexpected disasters is increasing."

On August 13, 2023, Kagbeni village in Varagung Muktichhetra Rural Municipality-4, Mustang, experienced a flash flood where mud and water caused approximately USD 7.4 million worth of destruction.

The torrential rainfall in the mountain district, which is popular with tourists, some 450km west of Kathmandu, caused the Tiri River, which snakes through the area, to burst its banks, resulting in an unprecedented flash flood in the Kagkhola River. As a result, 50 houses were damaged, a motorable bridge and three temporary bridges were destroyed, and more than 31 indigenous and endangered Lulu cows died. It also caused damage to other livestock and agriculture. Lives were spared because the community was warned to move to safety before the mud and sludge hit the town.

Mustang, known for its majestic mountain terrain and beautiful Himalayan range, was surprised to experience the wrath of this extreme event.

"We were not ready for this type of incident," said Hom Bahadur Thapa Magar, the Chief Administrative Officer of Varagung Muktichhetra Rural Municipality. "In fact, that flash flood exceeded our worst possible

imagination.'

What caused the flood?

Diki Gurung, a resident and vice-chair of the Municipality, stated that she had never seen a flood like this in her lifetime.

"We don't know what caused it, but it was not like this before.'

Gurung's family has lived in the region for genera-

"My mother didn't go through this type of incident, and I remember my grandmother saying that in her time, there were floods, but not like this one."

She believes villages in mountain regions are experiencing changes in rainfall patterns, and the intensity of the rain has increased, putting them at risk of new types of disasters such as floods and debris flows. These have been increasing each year.

"Maybe it is because of the changing climate." Gurung speculates.

In June 2021, another mountain region, Manang, experienced unusually intense rainfall and destructive flooding. In the same year, the upper area of Shindhupalchwok also went through heavy rainfall-caused flood-related disasters. In recent years, mountain areas have witnessed changes in precipitation patterns, with unusually intense weather events becoming more frequent, and there is data to prove it.

On August 13, the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) 's weather station at Jomsom Airport, Mustang, recorded 25.4 mm of rainfall in one day, unusual for that area where the average August rainfall is 43.9 mm. Mustang received above-normal rain in just three days, from 12 to August 14.

On August 12, the area received 9.2 mm, 25.4mm on August 13, and 18 mm on August 14. According to the data from Jomsom Weather Station, August recorded 217.3 mm of rainfall, which is 495 percent more than the average rainfall for the area. In recent years, moun-



Kagbeni village in September 2022. This year's flood swept away houses and infrastructure and destroyed livestock and crops. Photo: Tanka Dhakal/IPS

tain districts like Mustang and Manang have received more rain than usual, and this year is following the trend.

Scientists say climate change-induced extreme weather events cause the heightened risk of floods and disasters in Himalayan villages like Kagbeni.

"It feels like heavy rainfall over a short period and flash-flood-like disasters are becoming a trend in the mountain regions," says scientist Dr Arun Bhakta Shrestha. "It's not only in Mustang this year; there were similar cases in Manang and the upper hills of Shindhupalchwok in 2021. The root of these disasters is connected to the upper streams, and changed precipitation patterns are one of the main

Shrestha, who leads the Strategic Group for Reducing Climate and Environmental Risk at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), a regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge center for countries in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region, including Nepal, conducted research after the Melamchi flood in Iune 2021.

The study concluded that multiple factors contributed to that significant dis-

aster, including intense rainfall in high mountain areas. While no such research exists on the Mustang flood, there are similarities with past events in Manang and Shindhupalchwok.

Recent IPCC reports also suggest extreme weather events and their intensity increase due to human-induced climate change.

"Climate change-induced changes in weather patterns could be one of many reasons for the Mustang flood, but we need to conduct research to understand it better," Shrestha noted. He signaled that climate change could be one of several causes.

Demand for special risk reduction and disaster plans

High mountain areas and the communities living there were already at risk due to the growing threat of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) caused by rising temperatures and their diverse and rapid impacts on the re-

Shrestha added: "In our observations, precipitation is becoming more frequent in high mountain regions, increasing the possibility of disasters other than GLOFs, too."

That's why, after the Mustang flood this year, there is a growing demand for specialized disaster risk reduction and management plans from local governments to experts in the field.

"A place like Mustang is not only known for its beautiful mountain ranges but also its vulnerability to disasters," said Chief District Officer (CDO) Anup KC. "This region requires tailored and geography-aware development and disaster risk management plans."

According to CDO KC, the recent flood is a wake-up call for disaster management officials at the provincial and federal levels, highlighting the increased vulnerability to disasters in Himalayan regions like Mustang.

Scientists like Shrestha agree.

"We are aware that our overall disaster preparedness is not strong, and this is even weaker in mountain regions due to their challenging geography and incomplete understanding of the risks," he says. "Flash floods in high mountains are entirely new to us, and we need to understand and prepare for them with the specific needs of these areas in mind. We must adopt a multi-hazard risk management and preparedness approach."

What will be the next step for preparedness?

Officials at the National Disaster Risk

Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) are aware of the growing demand for a comprehensive and specialized plan for the mountain region that addresses the unique needs of the Himalayas. Two geo-engineers from NDRRMA visited the flood-affected area to observe and better understand the

"However, we recognize that we cannot do this on our own," added NDRRMA's Chief Executive, Anil Pokhrel. "We are open to collaborating on research and need additional resources to address the increasing risks in the Himalayas.

According to him, complex hazard systems are becoming more apparent in the mountains, leading to cascading impacts.

"That's why we need global cooperation and collaboration to understand these complex hazards, which will help us create suitable plans that do justice to the Himalayas and its communities."

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Adesina says \$25bn fund to overcome Africa's food insecurity in five years

PROGRAMMES supported by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in over 30 African countries have helped produce some \$12 billion worth of food, and the bank's \$25 billion objective is "well on track," AfDB President Akinwumi

"As far as I'm concerned, we shouldn't be talking about food security in Africa more than five years from now. There's no reason for it," he said. "We have the technology and the financing to do it at scale."

Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, one of the world's top grain exporters, sent tremors through global grain markets, threatening food supplies for some of the most fragile nations, including many in Africa.

The emergence of the El Niño weather pattern and the breakdown of an agreement to transport Ukrainian food through the Black Sea have added to global woes on food security.

Adesina, speaking on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meetings in New York, pointed to the uptake of special agro industrial processing zones, which in Nigeria alone could expand from covering eight states to 35 after a recent request. Those zones are rural areas targeted for infrastructure investment that allow for food and agribusiness companies to move in.

"Twenty-seven more states in Nigeria made a request to us to continue to support them in this particular area," Adesina said.

The AfDB says under-nutrition and stunting impact 216 million children in Africa and poor nutrition is linked to nearly half of the continent's child deaths. It pegs the economic cost of bad nutrition at 11% of Africa's gross do-

Adesina said he expects the International Monetary Fund board to advance plans to channel \$100 billion in lending to vulnerable countries via multilateral development banks before governments convene in late November for global climate talks in Dubai.

"This is the way for us to crack how to get more resources, at scale," he said. "For the African Development Bank, a \$20 billion allocation channeled into us, automatically becomes up to \$80 billion for Africa," Adesina said, pointing to the bank's three-to-four-times leverage capacity.

Adesina did not give details on the status of a hybrid note for which investor calls kicked off earlier this month with what he said was a "very optimistic response."

S&P Global, which rated the notes AA-minus compared to the bank's AAA very soon." rating, said it expects the issuance to be between \$250 million and \$1 billion



AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina

"subject to market conditions."

Adesina said pricing of the note will be "very,

Without giving an amount, Adesina said

there is a need for recapitalizing the bank after the last round in 2019 and looking to eventually become a \$100 billion lender. Its lending portfolio closed 2022 at \$27.5 billion.

"The ambition is there with our shareholders. Now we've got to make sure that we just work this out and see where there's a comfort zone for everybody."

Three African countries pilot initiative to boost cervical and breast cancer care

BRAZZAVILLE/NEW YORK

AN initiative to support better access to breast and cervical cancer detection, treatment and care services is being piloted in three African countries.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa, with support from Roche, announced the initiative today on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. The programme is being launched in Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya and Zimbabwe to provide cancer care services over the next three years.

Breast and cervical cancer cur-

rently constitute over half the cancer burden for women in sub-Saharan Africa. Between 60%-70% of women in African countries are diagnosed at a late stage, and only one in two women diagnosed with breast cancer in an African country will survive five years. Breast cancer five-year survival rates in high-income countries exceed 90

per cent. The initiative in the three countries includes health promotion, screening, early diagnosis and treatment, as well as general primary care and screening for other noncommunicable diseases. In addition, early detection services

will be integrated into existing cervical cancer screening clinics to ensure both old and new systems are unified. The aim is to provide an integrated and holistic system of health care that will contribute to addressing the burden of breast and cervical cancer in the African

"Early detection is a key contributor to better cancer treatment outcome. With this approach, we aim to bolster the role of primary health care services to help avert excess mortality of African women from preventable cancers," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. "The

health of women will always be reflected in the health of our nations, and we are proud to take these steps to tackle these treatable diseases, for the good of women, our communities and our countries.'

Early detection is, however, hindered by lack of awareness of the disease, combined with limited access to early detection, diagnosis and treatment services. According to the 2018 Global Survey of Clinical Oncology Workforce, a single oncologist provides care for between 500 and 1000 patients in many African countries. This is up to four times the International Atomic Energy Agency recommendation of 200 to 250 patients per oncologist.

Extremely low expenditure on health compounds the challenge. A 2019 British Medical Journal analysis determined that only about 2% of official bilateral and multilateral development aid is targeted at noncommunicable diseases, including breast and cervical cancer, The African region accounts for only 1 per cent of world health expenditure, despite having 24 per cent of the global disease burden, according to a 2019 report by

the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

The new initiative being rolled out in the three African countries will also seek to increase health care worker's ability to provide cancer care within communities through training and will supply and deliver the necessary equipment and essential supplies to support women at primary health care level.

"This programme marks an exciting and tangible step on the path to true health equity in Africa and demonstrates a new way in which the public and private sector can work together to drive real change within health care systems," said Maturin Tchoumi, Roche Pharma International Area Head, Africa.

Despite being preventable and curable through screening and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, cervical cancer remains the most common cause of all cancer-related deaths in African countries.

Together with partners, WHO is supporting countries to scale up screening, early detection treatment and care of breast and cervical cancers among women in sub-Saharan Africa.

Women engineers break barriers amid Somalia construction boom

IN Somalia's booming capital, construction engineer Faduma Mohamed Ali has her work cut out for her, supervising male workers twice her age, while defying stereotypes in this conservative Muslim country in the Horn of Africa.

She has had to face social stigmatisation, opposition from her family and harassment at work, but insists she has never doubted her choice of

"I've always liked buildings and observing structures like mosques," the 22-year-old says.

When she signed up to study civil engineering - where she was the only girl in her class - her friends and family didn't understand.

"They said: 'How can a girl waste time studying civil engineering? It's a man's job", says Faduma Mohamed Ali. Even when she graduated and found a job in Mogadishu, the criticism continued: "They asked me: 'Are you crazy?

In Somalia, where women make up less than a third of the working population, according to the World Bank, many parents disapprove of their daughters working with men.

Fathi Mohamed Abdi, 23, who has been an engineer in Mogadishu for three years, says she has been supported by her parents, who are "very happy" that she has become the first woman in her family to do this job: "No one had ever tried it".

"They started encouraging me during my studies and they continue to do so now that I'm working", she re-

At university, she was one of only two women studying civil engineering. Her choice paid off.

The construction sector is booming in the Somali capital, where the security situation has improved somewhat thanks to a military offensive launched a year ago by the government against the radical Shebab Islamists in the centre of the country.

"Thanks to the growing investment in the construction sector, there are many (job) opportunities," stresses Fathi Mohamed Abdi.

Hassan Mohamed Jimale, deputy mayor in charge of public affairs in Mogadishu, assures us that the authorities want to see more women on the job market: "As a regional administration, we encourage women engineers. The town planning department (employs) women engineers and we have a deputy director".

But the women engineers interviewed by AFP say that they are regularly confronted with sexism at work.

"The rhetoric and the bad opinions that people have of us as women engineers is what disappoints me the most. Men keep telling us that this job is not for women", says one of them, Iftin Mohamed, 26. "Workers are insubordinate when they are supervised by women engineers, they think we are weak compared to men", she adds.

She also points out that salaries are not equal: "Women are paid less than men in most cases, especially in private companies".

Abukar Hussein Ibrahim, a bricklayer working under Fathi Mohamed Abdi and other female engineers, says he appreciates working with women, incredible to have a woman engineer but feels that this is not the case for supervising their work. They spend



many of his colleagues.

"The construction workers find it

a lot of time talking about it (...) They keep asking themselves why a woman was chosen and not a man," explains the 42-year-old.

ing women doing their job, warns Fa-

duma Mohamed Ali. "I recently took part in a training ing.

But they will have to get used to see- course and, to my great surprise, there were more than 100 girls", she says: "It used to be rare. Now things are chang-

FEATURE

The link between African coups and resource rights

By Solange Bandiaky-Badji

HEN the heads of state of all United Nations members spoke in front of the UN General Assembly last week, a number of African leaders were not able to attend, having been removed from office in military-led coups.

On the surface, these nations do not share many similarities outside of geography and colonial histories. Consider Gabon and Niger, the most recent countries to experience "regime change."

Gabon is a small, biodiverse nation; the president under house arrest and his father before him have been in power since 1967. Niger is a much larger, mostly desert country; the president under house arrest had been elected in 2021.

This instability, taking place across West and Central Africa, has drawn plenty of attention, both regionally and internationally. But missing in the debates on which international power is behind each coup or whether they should be tolerated is the far more basic question on resources.

While France, the U.S., Russia, and China have condemned or worried about the wave of coups, they have mainly focused on the need to restore "constitutional order" and democracy. The root cause of the coups and conflicts in Africa is about resource extraction that drives poverty and human rights violations.

There are now seven African countries whose militaries have removed national governments, and all of their economies are largely dependent on resource extraction. Mali and Burkina Faso are among the world's leading producers of gold. Chad and Sudan depend on oil extraction.

Niger is the world's fourth largest producer of uranium. Guinea holds between one quarter and half of the world's bauxite reserves, the primary source of aluminum. Gabon is the second biggest producer of manganese in Africa and its economy also depends on oil and gas extraction, even as the government was exploring ways to tap emerging carbon credit markets for the tropical forests that cover almost 90% of its land.

The land needed for resource extraction, and the labor needed for the mines, drilling operations, or refineries—this economic activity comes at a cost. Families eking out a livelihood based on agriculture or forest products have little recourse when larger economic interests swoop in and take their land and resources.

In these countries, the rural communities have lived on and tended the land for generations—far longer than the governments have been in power. Land and property ownership is the basis of individual wealth in the Global North. But in the Global South, legal systems that disenfranchise rural communities are accepted because of the resources that their land contains.

The resource extraction sector does not provide a suitable replacement for the livelihoods that community members lose when their lands are taken. We have yet to see an example where miners, for example, are adequately compensated and protected from workplace hazards.

In the Sahel, Niger is often commended for its recognition of customary tenure rights. Niger has a progressive Rural Code adopted in 1993 that set innovative land governance systems, legislation and institutions.

A Rural Land Policy was adopted in 2021 with provisions to recognize rights and prevent land conflicts. Niger also has the most progressive pastoral law in the Sahel, adopted in 2010, that recognizes the rights of nomadic communities dependent on livestock. Burkina Faso and Mali also have strong protections for community rights, but enforcement was lacking in all three countries.

Foreign investors are always happy to exploit these countries' resources; enforcing community rights is never their priority. Equitable sharing of the benefits from the extractive sector, to provide local youth with gainful employment or land ownership, and respecting rural land ownership arrangements, are rarely on the table.

I look at Senegal, where I was born and raised, and all the ingredients are there for the country to join this string of coups. Government revenues depend on resource extraction—phosphate mines drive most of the economy.

Natural gas and oil have been discovered off the coast and the government ambition is to make Senegal an oil, gas, and hydrocarbon giant. While Senegal has been the most stable country in the Sahel, we are seeing democratic rollback with arrests of opposition political leaders and citizens, which triggered massive street protests.

And, Senegal's legal system does not protect the land rights of rural communities—leaving them without a basis for wealth. Senegal has struggled to come up with a new land policy and law to take into account the current political and economic context and give ownership rights to the communities. The land law in force is the "Loi du Domaine National," adopted immediately after we gained independence from France in 1964.

Ultimately, it's not about who is in power and is certainly not limited to former French colonies. This is all about how resource extraction is prioritized. What Africa needs is deep systematic changes in land governance. Communities need to control the disposition of their territories; peace will never happen if populations are stuck in economic instability.

"Africa is a beggar sitting on a gold mine," said Birago Diop, the 20th century Senegalese poet and storyteller. Despite their natural riches, four of these seven countries—Mali, Niger, Sudan and Chad—scored in the bottom 10th of the global "Prosperity Index;" the other three score in the bottom 40%.



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The challenge before all of us—for Africa's regional bodies like ECOWAS and the African Union, and for global institutions like the UN—is how we can leave these outdated economic models in the 20th century. Two decades into this century, we still haven't em-

braced the need for a more equitable approach to natural resources. Until we do so, no government is safe.

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Gabon coup leader Gen Brice Oligui Nguema takes oath of office after deposing President Ali Bongo.

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BUSINESS

Foreign investors record 131mn/gross inflows on week's opening

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors injected 131mn/through share purchase on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) during the opening of the week, which was more than ten percent of total value of the shares they bought during the current quarter.

The market report shows the transaction involved Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) counter, which was second top mover behind CRDB Bank, through trading of 73,668 shares valued 132.56mn/in three deal.

The share price of ailing TCCL also improved by 9.76 percent after closing at 1,800/- on the week's opening, compared to 1,640/- recorded during the closing of last week, pushing its market capitalization to 114.61bn/- from 104.42bn/- respec-

This has happened five days after TCCL issued a cautionary notice to members over the proposed acquisition by Scancem International DA of 68.33 percent of its share from Afrisam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited.

The notice issued and signed by Patrick Rutabanzibwa, on behalf of the company's board on September 21st, said acquisition is subject to the fulfilment or, if applicable, waiver of a number of conditions prec-

Scancem submitted a new merger application with the revised acquisition terms and updated market and economic data pertaining to the acquisition to the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) in December 2022 before FCC granted an unconditional approval for the acquisition on the revised acquisition terms on 28 February 2023, the notice reads.



Tanga Cement's share price improved by 9.76 percent to 1,800/- on the week's opening, compared to 1,640/recorded during the closing of last week.

"There were various proceedings launched before the Fair Competition Tribunal and the Tanzania High Court to challenge the FCC Approval. Shareholders are informed that all proceedings challenging the FCC Approval and/or the implementation of the Acquisition, have now either been dismissed or withdrawn and, accordingly, this particular Condition to the Acquisition has now been fulfilled," it says.

"Shareholders are cautioned that there are still other conditions to the acquisition which must be fulfilled, or waived, and there is no certainty this will occur timeously.

The remaining regulatory approvals are those required from the Capital Markets and Securities Authority, the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange and the Tanzanian Revenue Authority."

The DSE market report shows a total turnover of 311.66mn/- was recorded during the opening of the week, following the transaction of 243,930 shares traded in 81 deals.

CRDB Bank was top mover, after recording the transactions of 85,106 shares valued 37.6mn/- traded at a weighted average price of 445 per share in 53 deals, followed by NMB Bank, which transacted 20,315 shares valued 93.5mn/- at a price ranging from 4,440/- and 4,660/- in nine deals.

DSE counter recorded the transaction of 11,449 shares valued 20.15mn/at a price of 1,760/- per share in two

Apart from TCCL, other top gained were Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) which its share price gained by 5.26 percent, followed by NICO (4 percent) and NMB Bank, which its share gained by 3.6 percent to close at 4,600/- on Monday.

The appreciation of NMB share price has also pushed up the market capitalization of the second largest bank, in terms of asset to 2.3trn/-, maintaining its second top largest listed company at DSE behind Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) which has a market cap of 3.2trn/-.

The gaining of shares prices among two local and two cross listed companies also resulted into the gain of all share indices.

The TSI improved by 29.62 points by closing at 4,282.60 points on Monday while the DSEI closed at 1,789.17 points, an increase of 10.79 points, compared with the end of last week.

The Bank, Finance and Investment Index also closed up by 85.58 points to 4,531.69 points while the Industrial and Allied Index improved by 8.96 points, after closing at 5,126.08 points on Monday.

Stanbic Bank launches 24/7 digital assistant capability for customers

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Tanzania has announced the launch of its groundbreaking banking chatbot named Kai, set to transform the banking landscape by offering customers immediate responses to their

Kai, the affable and efficient chatbot, ushers in a new era in how users get banking information and assistance where customers will be getting timely services through whatsapp.

The announcement was made in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at a webinar that discussed progress made in the digital space.

Speaking during the event, head of business and commercial banking at Stanbic Bank Tanzania, Fredrick Max, said this visionary step underscores the bank's unwavering commitment to delivering innovative solutions and elevating customer satis-

"We are delighted to introduce Kai, a significant step forward in our digital transformation. Kai increases the pace at which we will serve our customers including SMEs and exemplifies our commitment to meeting our valued customers' evolving needs by providing a banking experience that is not only more accessible but also significantly more efficient."

access services or get needed aid through WhatsApp and via the Stanbic Bank Tanzania website under Chat. It promises to simplify, speed up, and make the bank's services and products more accessible. Kai, will provide

"Customers will be able to



Fredrick Max (C), Head of Business & Commercial Banking at Stanbic Tanzania addresses fellow members of the panel during a webinar-themed Let's Talk Digital as the bank launched a customer service. Photo: **Guardian Correspondent**

24/7 customer service," he

Further to that, Kai perfectly aligns with Stanbic efficiency and accessibility in the bank's commitment to be-

Bank's business and customerits services. This innovation centric goals as it signifies a not only optimizes internal strategic move towards greater processes but also reaffirms

ing at the forefront of banking technology.

"For our valued customers, Kai represents a significant leap in enhancing their banking experience. We are dedicated to providing them with the tools and support they need to navigate their financial journeys seamlessly. Kai's introduction allows us to better cater to their evolving needs, offering a faster and more convenient way to engage with their accounts and transactions," Max added.

He added that the bank's strategic priorities are to drive sustainable growth and value in Tanzania, by offering investment and transactional banking services that enable key projects and ventures to mate-

Over the years, the bank has built strong in-country advisory and debt financing capabilities, creating innovative tailor-made solutions for our clients and delivered a comprehensive range of Investment Banking services across the country.

Themed: "Let's Talk Digital" and moderated by Elvis Mushi, CEO of Redefine, the webinar provided a platform for wellknown digital enthusiasts to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the digital innovation space in Tanzania. Panellists included a number of experts who are Fredrick Max - Head of banking and commercial banking at Stanbic Bank, Edwin Bruno, CEO/ CVO - Smart Africa Group, Ian Usiri, CEO - Ramani, Faith Pella, Chief Strategy and Growth - Kilimo Fresh, Nguvu Kommando, Director of Digital Services - Vodacom Tanzania and Mihayo Wilmore, Vice President, Strategy - Airpay.

Govt to adopt NMB model in public enterprise ownership

By Guardian Reporter

THE government plans to adopt the NMB Bank ownership model in the reforms of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) as part of the strategy to better their performances, Treasury Registrar Nehemiah Mchechu has disclosed.

Mchechu made the revelation in Dar es Salaam at the launch of NMB Jamii Bond offer where he said the arrangement was ideal to help bring the private sector efficiency needed in running public corporations.

He admitted that the management and performance of the bank impresses the government hence the decision to replicate its ownership model in the SOEs.

"We in fact don't regret having invested in NMB because of the successes it continues to post, which should be emulated by

state enterprises as we embark tranche of a 10-year Multicuron the agenda to transform them into enterprising entities," he pointed out.

"In these reforms we will adopt the NMB model, which has delivered positive results operationally and in the management of the bank," Mchechu said, noting that the goal is to end subsidies to SOEs.

According to him, public entities should emulate NMB in raising funds from capital markets to finance operations and make investments.

The bank whose major shareholders are the government with a 31.8 per cent stake and Arise BV at 34.9 per cent has floated the NMB Jamii Bond at the coupon rate of 9.5 per cent yearly to raise 75bn/- with the option of an additional 25bn/- in case of

sufficient demand. The issue, which is the first rency Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme worth 1tr/-, will also raise US\$10 million from offshore investors with the green shoe option of US\$5 million.

Other shareholders of the bank are non-strategic investors and the general public whose stake in the business is 22.4 percent and 10.9 percent respec-

"The ownership model to be used for many SOEs will be that involving the government, strategic investors and members of the public as its benefits can be vividly seen in the performance of NMB," he explained.

The bank's superb results include being the most profitable bank locally and third in the region as well as being in the list of the most efficient banks in sub-Saharan Africa.

NMB is also one of the biggest



NMB Bank CEO Ruth Zaipuna (L) receives a dummy in Dar es Salaam yesterday letter from her Capital Markets and Securities Authority counterpart, Nicodemus Mkama to signify the launch of the bank's first tranche of a 10-year Multi-Currency Medium Term Note Programme worth 1trn/-. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

taxpavers in the country but equally leads in making dividend payouts to the government, remitting 113bn/between 2019 and 2022.

Mchechu lauded the bank for the sustainability bond. which Chief Executive Officer Ruth Zaipuna said was the first in East Africa to specifically focus on green and social impact projects.

"The NMB Jamii Bond is a good initiative not only for being an investment and development opportunity but because it will also activate the stock market as we consider to allow public entities to tap into similar sources of funds and revenue," he noted, calling for support of the ongoing re-

The CEO of Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA), Nicodemus Mkama, applauded the government for the supportive and inclusive conditions in the sector which he said SOEs should use for their prosperity.

NAIROBI

PLAYERS in the electric vehicle industry are lining up to assemble in Kenya, seeking to take advantage of tax incentives offered by the government to accelerate industrialisation and growth of clean

The firms have sought partnerships with two local assemblers -Thika-based Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers (KVM) and Associated Vehicle Assembler (AVA) in Mombasa.

KVM is the latest to be awarded the contract to assemble Roam's first fully electric shuttle bus dubbed Roam

Roam's competitor BasiGo had earlier partnered with AVA to assemble its buses.

Players say more electric vehicle firms are planning to assemble their models locally in the near to medium term to benefit from lower taxes.

"We have received increased interest from more electric vehicle companies who want to assemble locally," said Dinesh Kotecha, the chief executive of Simba Corp which owns Mombasa-based

He added that the parties are at various stages of negotiations on the assembly

contracts. Electric vehicles assembled in the country are exempt from the 25 percent import duty on such models that are shipped in fully built from overseas, dealers told Business Daily.

They are also shielded

from the 25 percent excise duty that applies to fully-

Electric vehicle assembly firms set for work in Kenya

built imports. The two tax incentives are designed for firms that ship in completely knocked down (CKD) parts and take them to the assembly plants where they are put together using components such as tyres that are sourced locally.

Through the tax incentives, firms assembling their models locally can have a price advantage over those

importing vehicles.

This can help them grow sales besides giving them an opportunity to enjoy higher margins.

Fully built electric vehicles are taxed lower than those running on diesel or petrol, signalling the government's policy of incentivising the transition to clean transport.

The import duty on fully built vehicles with internal combustion engines is set at a higher rate of 35 percent.

Besides vehicles, tax incentives have also been offered to assemblers of electric motorcycles to encourage their local production.

"Completely knocked down (CKD) is duty-free, and if it's electric it's VAT exempt, which is a big difference," said Vijay Gidoomal, the chief executive of Car & General.

In its 2023 Budget Policy Statement, the Treasury highlighted plans to roll out

electric vehicle charging infrastructure with the view to anchoring the mass adoption of electric mobility in the country.

Already, State-owned enterprises including Kenya Power and KenGen have set their sights on e-mobility by partly switching their fleets to electric vehicles while setting up their charging sta-

The switch to electric vehicles is driven by concerns about pollution from the use of petroleum fuels and the projected depletion of the commodities.

EU-funded project supplies facilities to apiculture sector

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tabora

THE Belgian Development Agency, Enabel, through the European Union (EU)'s funded Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project has granted 15 motorcycles to help heighten the performance of beekeeping sector within 15 districts across the country.

BEVAC project aims to improve the beekeeping value chain through enhanced quality production, value addition of bee products and strengthened trade and access to local, regional, and international markets.

Rolling out of the more than 131mn/- worth motorcycles focuses to assist the beekeeping district officers (BDO) within the country's districts with high beekeeping activities to execute their daily roles more profession-

The beneficiary districts in question include Kakonko, Kibondo, Kasulu,

Uvinza, Tanganyika, Nsimbo, Mlele, Sikonge, Kaliua, Urambo, Uyui, Ushetu, Singida DC, Ikungi and Itigi.

In her remarks during a brief ceremony tailored for the official handover of the transportation facilities, Tabora Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. Batilda Buriani urged the beneficiary beekeeping district officers to make sober use of the motorcycles.

She observed that, the timely support was of prudent to help boosting the performance of the apiculture sector in the country, especially in the regions of Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Singida as well as in Shinyanga.

Dr. Buriani however hailed the development partners for their generous support complimenting towards the government's efforts to heighten general performance of the country's beekeeping sector, unveiled: "Since its inception, BEVAC has so far played key role to



Uyui District Commissioner Zakaria Mwansansu (second left) presents a dummy key to Urambo district executive director (DED) Grace Stephano Quintine during the handing over of 15 motorcycles donated by BEVAC to support beekeeping in 15 districts. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

help the local bee farmers to adopt the recommended technologies, including use of modern and improved beehives," On his side, Cedric Merel, Head of Cooperation of the EU

Delegation to Tanzania, expressed that EU was very committed and will continue standing at fore front to assist Tanzania to elevate the general performance of the apicul-

ture sector.

"These 15 motorcycles underline our dedication to enhancing Tanzania's beekeeping sector. They are tools for efficiency, ensuring beekeepers can reach their fullest potential and contribute to the local economy," said Cedric

He further added that, through BEVAC project, the EU will continue dishing out diverse supports to ensure for the sustainable and professional growth of the key economic sector.

According to the BEVAC's Manager, Martin Mgallah, the timely initiative is being implemented in six regions of Katavi, Kigoma, Tabora, Shinyanga and Singida in Tanzania mainland as well as Pemba in the islands of Zanzibar.

"To date, the project has so far managed to train 2,000 beekeepers on good beekeeping practices and equipped District Beekeeping Officers with modern beekeeping extension kits; beekeeping suits, honey quality control measuring devices (refractometers), hives tools, bee smokers and other beekeeping extension equipment," he expressed.

The robust project is implemented by Enabel, the Belgian Development Agency under the coordination of the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources.

GF Trucks opens regional office in Geita

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

IN a bid to extend its presence in mining areas, GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd Company has opened an office in Geita region, which will serve the whole lake regions.

The event went hand in hand with handing over three trucks bought by miners during an ongoing Mining Exhibition in the region.

Speaking during the event, minister of minerals Anthony Mavunde, congratulated the company, noting that it will enable Tanzanians to fully participate in the mining sector.

"I congratulate you for deciding to move the service closer to the miners, I ask you to continue to expand the scope, the miners are honest and have great ability to take machinery on loan and return it." said Mayunde.

He also said that this year the Geita Region has been set the goal of collecting 243bn/- in government coffers and it is the leading region with a large contribution of revenue from minerals.

The GF Trucks & Equipment's Ltd marketing and business director Salman Karmali, said that the company plans is to reach out different regions, beginning with the lake regions.

Salman also said better business environment is the motivation for their expansion countrywide.

The director said the company is planning to start production of large vehicles (trucks) reach 1,500 vehicles assembled in GFA factory located in Kibaha in the Coast region.

He said the company has entered into an agreement with the National Mining Corporation (STAMICO) whereby GF will be able to provide small and large mills with machines and trucks.

The director of STAMICO has said that among the things they agreed on is moving the services to the miners and selling or renting them.

"So we decided to sit together and discuss how to make it easier for small miners not to have the pressure of having a large capital for owning trucks and bulldozers," he said.

The CRDB Bank, Geita branch manager Efrosina Mwanja, has said that they cooperate with the company to lend vehicles and equipment to miners. According to the manager, through the agreement, a miner who needs a vehicle or mining equipment is required to contribute 30 percent of the cost and 70 percent will be settled by the bank as loan.

The bank manager also said that they have been sending small miners abroad such as China, Dubai and Turkey with the aim of learning various skills on mining activities.

In that event, the company gave awards to various stakeholders, including Minister Mavunde to recognize their contribution in developing the company's activities.



Minerals minister, Anthony Mavunde (3rd R) cuts the ribbon to launch GF Trucks & Equipment Company offices in Geita. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

New reagent factory to ease forex outflows

THE Ministry of health has said that the presence of a reagent factory in the country will help the government reduce the cost of importing the product.

Speaking at the launch event of the factory built in Kibaha in

By Correspondent Faustine Feli- Pwani region, the Deputy Minister ucts that will be produced here be produced at the factory, the between Tanzania and Germany of health, Dr. Godwin Mollel, said that before the establishment of the factory, the government was buying blood test reagents for importers for between 320,000/- and 400,000/- per unit.

"But the completion of this factory and when it starts producing, we have been told that the prod-

will be sold at a price lower than 70 percent lower than the price we are buying now. This is good news for the government and the peoples of Tanzania," said Dr Mol-

Dr. Mollel said the government through the ministry of health plan to buy the products that will first in East and Central Africa region.

The factory built by the German company, Action Medeor will have the capacity to produce 500 liters of reagents per hour.

On his part, the German Ambassador in Tanzania, Thomas Terstegen said that the good relationship

has led to the existence of the factory. He said the factory will be of great help to Tanzanians and neighboring countries, due to its important products that will be produced.

The factory built in Pangani. Kibaha will be producing reagents that are used in blood testing.

Asian stocks sink on hawkish Fed outlook

NEW YORK

MOST Asian stocks retreated on Tuesday as the prospect of higher US rates weighed on the technology sector, while persistent concerns over a Chinese economic slowdown also kept investors wary of regional mar-

Regional stocks were still reeling from hawkish signals from the Federal Reserve, after the bank said that interest rates could potentially increase further this year, and will remain higher for longer.

Overnight comments from Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari furthered these fears. Kashkari said that he saw one more rate hike this year, and that rates needed to remain higher to cool high inflation and a tight labor market.

His comments triggered steep declines in Asian technology stocks, with South Korea's KOSPI losing 0.9 percent on losses in heavyweight chipmakers.

The Taiwan Weighted index shed 0.2 percent, while losses in major technology stocks also pulled Japan's Nikkei 225 index 0.7 percent lower. Property market jitters, GDP downgrades hit Chinese stocks

China's Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 and Shanghai Composite indexes fell about 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index lost 0.7 percent. All three indexes were nursing steep losses in recent sessions, amid concerns over a greater meltdown in China's property market.

Embattled developer China Evergrande Group (HK:3333) sank 5 percent on Tuesday, extending losses after it said it will be unable to issue new debt due to an ongoing government investigation into one of its units. This ramped up concerns over more scrutiny towards China's massive property market, which is already suffering from a three-year cash crunch.

Several major investment banks and brokerages downgraded their outlook for China's annual gross domestic product in recent weeks, amid growing pessimism over an economic recovery in the country.

S&P Global expects the Chinese

economy to grow 4.8% this yearlower than government forecasts of 5 percent.

Focus this week is also on Chinese purchasing managers' index data for September, which is expected to show persistent weakness in business activity. Concerns over China saw Australia's ASX 200 lose 0.5 percent. Australian consumer inflation data for August is due later this week.

Broader Asian markets also retreated, tracking a weak lead-in from Wall Street. Rising Treasury yields, after the Fed's hawkish comments, presented a weak outlook for stocks, as returns on debt and less risky investments increased.

This trade battered Asian markets over the past year, and is likely to apply pressure in the coming year, given that US rates are set to remain close to 20-year peaks.

Futures for India's Nifty 50 index pointed to a weak open for local stocks, as worsening sentiment saw investors collect recent profits. The Nifty had surged to record highs last week, although it fell sharply from the highs in recent sessions.



Information, Communications and Information Technology minister, Nape Nnauye (L), presents an award to Airtel Tanzania managing director Dinesh Balsingh shortly after the signing of deed of settlement and addendum of memorandum of agreement on telecommunications & ICT infrastructure between the ministry and the Consortium of Telecommunications Service Providers in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

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Kenya debt interest payments rise on weak shilling

NAIROBI

INTEREST payments on loans tapped by the State are set to rise by a record Sh231.6 billion, even as a weak shilling forces the Treasury to inflate the size of the budget, adding to spending pressures on the Kenva Kwanza administration.

The interest payments are essentially the cost of borrowing money. The borrower makes these payments in addition to paying back the principal on a loan.

The Treasury expects interest payments in the financial year ending June 2024 to rise sharply to Sh918.9 billion-marking an increase of 33.7 percent from Sh687.3 billion, mainly due to the weakening of the shilling.

"The increased interest payments are due to the weakening of the Kenya shilling and elevated interest rates in the domestic environment," the Treasury said in its draft 2023 Budget Review and Outlook Paper

A Sh143 billion increase in interest payments in the current financial year, coupled with unspent items for the previous fiscal year, has seen the total budget expand to Sh3.91 trillion amidst a warning of risks by the Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o.

Because a big chunk of the Kenyan debt is denominated in foreign currency, the weakening of the local currency leads to the inflation of external debt service costs with Dr Nyakang'o warning of fiscal pressure ahead.

The shilling has heavily depreciated against the dollar and exchanged for 147.26 against the greenback on Monday, having lost 19.3 percent since the start of the year when it opened at 123.42.

"The Kenya shilling has lost 19.3 percent and 19.1 percent against the dollar and euro respectively. Debt servicing costs continue to increase as the Shilling weakens against the hard currencies," said Stellar Swakei, senior research associate at Standard Investment Bank.

She noted that by June 2023 external debt had increased by approximately Sh649.6 billion in tandem with a 13.9 percent depreciation of the shilling since the year began.

"Definitely, interest expenses have to increase," she

Interest rate payments have been rising over the past 10 years as the administration of retired President Uhuru Kenyatta came to rely on costly commercial loans to finance mega projects such as roads, railways, and

Rising interest rates on domestic debt will also contribute to the increase in interest payments, with the Treasury pushing the size of the country's budget for the financial year 2023/24 to Sh3.91 trillion.

A big proportion of the jump in interest payments is on foreign loans which have been increased by Sh125.6



LONDON

EURO zone government bond yields held near multi-year highs yesterday as the narrative that global central banks would keep **ECB President Christine** interest rates "higher for Lagarde longer" continued to drive price action.



Germany's 10-year government bond yield, the euro area's benchmark, was last little changed on the day at 2.789 percent, having briefly hit a 12-year high of 2.813 percent in early trade. Bonds yields move inversely

The policy-sensitive two-year yield was also little changed at 3.219 percent.

After raising the deposit rate to a record 4 percent earlier this month, policymakers from the European Central Bank have provided different interpretations of recent guidance, with some arguing that the next move will be a cut and others saying the chance of another hike could be close to 50 percent.

ECB President Christine Lagarde on Monday said that interest rates held at current levels will make a substantial contribution towards getting inflation down towards their target of 2 percent over the medium term.

Pricing in derivative markets shows a less than 20 percent chance of another rate hike from the ECB, but a rate cut is not priced in until July next year.

"The overall message from the last two weeks is that it seems the hiking cycle has come to an end, but that central banks will keep rates higher for longer," said Jens Nærvig Pedersen, director and rates strategist at Danske Bank.

"Oil prices have been on the rise and natural gas prices in Europe are creeping higher again so that might fuel concerns about renewed inflationary pressure."

Brent crude futures hit their highest level in 11 months last week, while Dutch and British wholesale gas prices hit multi-week highs on Monday after an extension to Norwegian maintenance outages.

Italy's 10-year yield was last up 2 basis points (bps) at 4.675 percent, hitting its highest level since October. This pushed the closely watched yield gap between Italian and German 10-year bonds to 188 bps, its widest level since May.

Analysts said the ECB putting more focus on reducing excess liquidity could be adding to pressure on peripheral bond markets, while the debate about shrinking the ECB's balance sheet was also likely having an impact.

"Tighter liquidity could have implications for the periphery and may be part of the reason why the spread is going wider," Danske Bank's Pedersen said.

Markets also needed to digest increasing government bond supply, with issuance expected from Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Italy on Tuesday, according to UniCredit analysts.



Kenyan Cabinet Secretary (minister), National Treasury & Economic Planning Njuguna Ndung'u

billion Sh272.5 billion, piling pressure on the country's dwindling reserve of foreign currencies.

In the Budget estimates, the Treasury had projected to pay Sh146.9 billion on foreign interest.

Domestic interest has been increased by Sh18.1 billion to Sh646.4 billion, pointing to increased borrowing costs by the government from local investors.

The spike in interest paymentsa recurrent expenditure paid with taxes- piles the pressure on the administration of President William Ruto who has been forced to introduce various tax measures to narrow the budget deficit.

"The country has a significant amount of public debt denominated in foreign currencies, which makes it vulnerable to currency fluctuations and exchange rate risks," Dr Nyakang'o said in her latest review of the national government's expenditure for the fiscal year 2022/24.

"The continuous depreciation of the Kenya shilling will necessitate an increase in the amount required for loan repayments. This will erode the government's fiscal space and limit the implementation of other critical policies and programs, resulting in budget adjustments," she added.

Besides the effect of the depreciation of the shilling, the planned increase in foreign loan uptake in the current fiscal year must also have contributed to the hike in foreign interest payments, said Churchill Ogutu, an economist at the Mauritius-based IC Group.

"I have also seen there is a significant increase of external debt to be sourced in the course of this financial year which, also, partly has led to foreign interest going up," said Ogutu.

Since June 2013, interest payments have risen eight times from Sh121.3 billion as the country went on a borrowing spree to finance mega projects such as the standard gauge railway (SGR).

The sharpest increase has been in foreign interest payments which has increased by 2,355 percent from Sh11.1 billion in financial year 2012/13 from Sh272.5.

Net external borrowing for the current financial year has been revised upwards by 241 percent to Sh448.7 billion from Sh131.5 billion.

The Treasury, which insists that the bulk of the loans will be concessional financing, said this is aimed at helping to keep interest rates to the private sector low.

External obligations in the current fiscal year are also set to rise sharply with Kenya expected to make a bullet, payment of \$2 billion (Sh294.5 billion) for a maturing Eurobond in June next year amid tightening liquidity in the global financial market.

Ghana economic recovery now exceeds expectations

ACCRA

THE Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Ernest Addison, stated on Monday that recent data suggests the country's economic growth is more robust than expected.

He projected that the GDP would expand by approximately 3 percent this year, a figure significantly higher than the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) forecast of 1.6 percent. Ghana, a West African nation famed for its cocoa, gold, and oil production, has been grappling with its worst economic crisis in decades. The crisis is characterized by double-digit inflation and rapidly increasing public debt. Despite these challenges, Addison expressed optimism about the country's economic outlook.

"The consensus view of the Monetary Policy Committee is that we should see stronger growth than projected under the IMF programme," Addison told reporters. This statement was in reference to a \$3 billion support package from the IMF conditional on debt restructuring.

For the third consecutive day, Accra, Ghana's capital city, witnessed anti-government protests fueled by these economic hardships. These protests led to numerous arrests. However, positive outcomes have been observed from the economic reform programs supported by the IMF after their first four months of implementation. The relatively high economic growth in Q1 and Q2 of this year, coupled with a stabilized exchange rate regime and lowering inflation, were indicators pointing to a successful outcome of the program so far.

In August, Ghana's inflation rate decelerated to 40.1 percent on a year-on-year basis, down from 43.1 percent in July. While this figure still significantly exceeds the central bank's target band of 6 percent-10 percent, it shows progress in the right direction.

"The policy mix under the three-year IMF extended credit facility is beginning to yield results. Economic activity is rebounding strongly. The exchange rate is stabilising. Inflation is declining, and the level of foreign exchange reserves has improved," Addison said.

He also mentioned that the central bank expects continued disinflation but is prepared to take action should that not occur. In July, the bank raised the main interest rate by 50 basis points to prevent a disinflation trend from being blown off course.



ITV PGM SCHEDULE Jiji Letu Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt WEDNESDAY 27 Sept

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WORLD



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meets António Guterres, UN Secretary General on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session, in New York on Monday.

'G20 New Delhi outcomes have great significance for international community'

NEW YORK

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar yesterday said that the outcomes at the G20 Summit held in New Delhi earlier this month have great significance for the international community and the African Union became a permanent member of the forum at India's initiative.

Addressing the 78th United Nations General Assembly, Jaishankar said India began its G20 presidency by convening the Voice of the Global South Summit, recognising that growth and development must focus on the most vulnerable.

He said the world is witnessing an exceptional period of turmoil.

"At this juncture, it was with a sense of exceptional responsibility India took up the presidency of G20. Our vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' sought to focus on the key concerns of the many just the narrow interests of the few." he said.

The minister said that the African Union becoming a member of G20 should inspire the United Nations, a much older organisation, to also make the Security Council contemporary.

"Recognising that growth and development must focus on the most vulnerable, we began presidency by convening

the Voice of the Global South Summit. This enabled us to hear directly from 125 nations and place their concerns on the G20 Agenda. As a consequence, issues that deserve global attention got a fair hearing. More than that, the deliberations produced outcomes that have great significance for the international community," he said.

"It was also noteworthy that at India's initiative, the African Union as a permanent member of the G20. By doing so, we gave voice to an entire continent which has long been its due. This significant step in reform should inspire the United Nations, a much older organisation, to also make the Security Council contemporary," he added.

Jaishankar began his address with "Namaste from Bharat!".

"Our fullest support to this UNGA's theme of rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity. This is an occasion to take stock of our achievements and challenges even while sharing our aspirations and goals. Indeed, in regard to both, there is much that India has to share," he said.

The G20 Summit was held in New Delhi earlier this month. The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration was adopted on September 9 with leaders forging a consensus.

US must respond to Hersh's investigation into Nord Stream sabotage – Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

THE administration of US President Joe Biden should give a thorough response to each and every point of journalist Seymour Hersh's investigation into the Nord Stream explosions, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

"Hersh's investigation is bigger than Watergate (Watergate scandal - TASS). American presidents have never gone so far.

The Biden administration is obliged to give a thorough response on all points," the diplomat pointed out on her Telegram channel.

In his latest article, Hersh said that the US blew up Nord Stream for fear of losing influence over Germany and Europe. An unnamed US official also told the publicist that Washington targeted the Nord Streams because it felt it could easily deny involvement.

Undermining gas pipelines

On September 27, 2022, Nord Stream AG reported "unprecedented dam-



age" on three strings of the offshore gas pipelines of the Nord Stream system. Later, Swedish seismologists said they had identified two explosions on the route of the Nord Stream pipelines on September 26, 2022. Following the incident, the Russian Prosecutor General's Office initiated a criminal case on charges of international terrorism. Germany, Denmark and Sweden announced national investigations, but refused to involve Russia.

On February 8, Hersh wrote in his article that explosive devices were placed under the gas pipelines in June 2022 by US Navy divers with the assistance of Norwegian specialists.

'Atypical' rains kill at least 8 in Mexican state of Jalisco

MEXICO CITY

LONDON

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AT least eight people were killed and another three were injured after a river in the Mexican state of Jalisco burst its banks following unusually heavy rains, another extreme weather event as climate change helps whip up ever deadlier storms.

The "atypical" rains completely destroyed four houses and another 50 homes were being evaluated for damages, Gustavo Robles, who heads the municipality of Autlan de Navarro, said at a press conference on Monday. Local authorities, who are working with the federal government to de-

THE recently reported police mis-

conduct allegations, along with a

long list of problems facing Downing

Street, have intensified the British

media debate about whether "Brit-

More than 1,000 Metropolitan

Police (Met) officers are currently

suspended or on restricted duties

due to alleged misconduct or such

crimes as violence against women and girls, according to the British

The Met launched a vast vetting

and review process of its tens of

thousands of officers and staff after

the 2021 rape and murder of 33-year-

old Sarah Everard by former Met of-

The latest development is an at-

tempt to restore the public's trust,

but it seems to have failed to allevi-

ate the anxieties of Britons facing a

catalogue of problems. It has also

fueled the attack line that "Britain is

broken" directed at Prime Minister

Rishi Sunak and his Conservative

The list of other problems includes

more than 170 schools closed or par-

tially closed because of unsafe con-

crete used during their construction;

the pending scrapping of the North-

ern section of the HS2 high-speed

rail line that would link London and

northern England; and the highest-

ever number of people in 21st cen-

tury Britain relying on food banks to

feed families in a cost-of-living crisis.

announced that the plan to phase

out petrol-driven cars by 2030 is to

be extended to 2035 to help poorer

At the recent annual conference

of the Trades Union Congress (TUC),

which represents millions of work-

ers, General Secretary Paul Nowak

told delegates: "Nothing works in

this country any more, and no one

in government cares. The Conserva-

families prepare for the switch.

Adding to the concerns, Sunak has



clare a state of emergency, received reports the river was flooding the area at around 7:20 am and over 100 security agents have been participating in

Police misconduct adds fuel

to 'broken Britain' debate

With climate change rainfall can increase or become more erratic, as a warmer atmosphere can hold more water vapor - allowing more moisture to build up before clouds finally break.

Elsewhere in the region, Guatemalan authorities said on Monday that at least six people were killed after a river burst its banks in the midst of heavy rains that poured over the Central American country on Sunday.

Before the Sunday rains, at least 29 people had been killed due to flooding in Guatemala this rainy season, data from its national disaster agency

Diplomats from East, Southern African countries visit All India Institute of Ayurveda in Delhi

NEW DELHI

THE 15-member delegation of diplomats and representatives from East and Southern African countries visited the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi yesterday and explored the cutting-edge science and interventions of AIIA in the field of Ayurveda and integrative health care.

After joining the G20 bloc under India's 2023 presidency, the African nations are all set to explore the power of Indian Systems of Traditional Medicine and Integrative health care.

The diplomats from Namibia Ethiopia, Uganda, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, Kenya and Rwanda visited the Ayurvedic institution premises.

Prof (Dr.) Tanuja Nesari, Director, AIIA, Pramod Kumar Pathak, Consultant, Ministry of Ayush, Puneet R. Kundal, Joint Secretary, (East & Southern Africa Division), Ministry of External Affairs and staff of the institute welcomed diplomats & explained to them about various achievements of India in Traditional Medicine.

In his video message, Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal welcomed the African delegation and said that this visit will help in achieving the objective of Universal Health Coverage in African nations through the potential of traditional medicine systems of India.

Taking to X, the Ministry of Ayush shared about the delegation visit saying, Diplomats and representatives of East and Southern African Countries today visited @AIIA_ NDelhi. They were apprised about how AIIA is working towards providing high standards of education, research and patient care through Ayurveda. ANI



In this file photo dated Dec 23, 2020, police officers form a cordon at the entrance to the port in Dover, in Kent, south east England. (PHOTO / AFP)

tives have broken Britain."

The Guardian newspaper said in a recent editorial that "Broken Britain won't be fixed with the status quo." "State-led public investment is needed to repair a decade of cuts," it added.

The Telegraph said in a comment article: "Britain is broken. ...We have stumbled on the worst of all words --Scandi-level taxation without the public services to match."

The debate has raised concerns among ordinary people in the country. Liverpool-based information technology (IT) specialist Dave Toller told Xinhua: "Britain is completely and utterly broken. People say the system isn't working. It is working, but only for a

money out of it." Former care manager Beryl Tarpey, a grandmother who lives in Cheshire, said she fears for older people and the disabled who need care in the so-called "Broken Britain."

limited number, who are making a lot of

"We used to have well-established communities, where people looked after each other. That has all changed.

...Watching the news on TV is so depressing, with stories of problems being faced by many, whether it's food shortages, or struggling to pay the household bills. It seems there is no escape for many families," she said.

Professor John Bryson, a political expert at the University of Birmingham, blamed the country's political landscape for the "Britain is Broken" attacks, labeling it "a purely political ploy."

"There's an interesting narrative that

goes on within British politics and one can see this over the last 150 years. The narrative is that there's a crisis in Britain, Britain is broken," Bryson told Xinhua. "One has a continual message that

there's something wrong ... and this tries to shift the voters away from the government in office to vote for alternative parties during the next general election," said the professor. "If you're buying into a narrative that

Britain is broken ... and a new political party will come and provide salvation, I would suggest you're going to be severely disappointed," Bryson said.



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Indonesia's president launches carbon emissions credit trading

JAKARTA

INDONESIAN President Joko Widodo yesterday launched the country's first carbon emission credit trading, with the aim of creating a market to fund cuts in greenhouse gas emissions and become a major participant in the global carbon

Indonesia, an archipelago home to the world's thirdlargest rainforest area, is also one of the world's top greenhouse gas emitters. The Southeast Asian country has set a target of reach- like Bank Cening carbon neutrality by

Thirteen carbon credits of nearly 460,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e) from PT Pertamina Geothermal Energy's projects in North Sulawesi were traded at Tuesday's opening, priced at 69,600 rupiah (\$4.51) per tonne, according to a trading board at the Indonesia Stock Exchange, which facilitates the trade.

The buyers were some of Indonesia's largest banks

Enriching Asian Games with beauty of humanity

tral Asia and Bank Mandiri, other units of state energy firm Pertamina and companies in the

mining sector, among others. Jokowi, as the president is popularly known, said Indonesia has tremendous potential for carbon reduction efforts, particularly nature-based solutions, and its carbon market could grow to 3,000 trillion rupiah (\$194.30 billion).

"I am very optimistic that Indonesia can become the world's carbon (market) axis as long as concrete steps are taken

consistently and jointly by all stakeholders," Jokowi said during the launch.

In its initial stage, trading will be voluntary, but the government is working to put out a plan for further national regulations on pollution, which will include a carbon tax, Luhut Pandjaitan, a senior minister overseeing regulations for carbon pricing, said at the launch.

Some of Indonesia's biggest coal power plants have begun trading emission allowances since February.

An environment ministry

official said the government would put a cap on emission levels for four other sectors: forestry, industrial processes and product use, agriculture and waste management.

Indonesia will also adopt international standards and accelerate work to get mutual recognition from markets abroad to be able to offer its carbon credits to foreign buyers, Luhut said, though he stressed cross-border carbon trade should not disrupt Jakarta's own target under the Paris Agreement.

Agencies

THE Asian Games is a grand sports event and a cultural feast

The Hangzhou Asian Games is brimming with a rich humanistic spirit, from the ingenious designs of the venues to the cultural landscapes in the streets and alleyways of the city, and from the diverse cultural activities to the warm and caring volunteer services.

The emblem "Tides Surging" of the Hangzhou Asian Games is the first visual identity symbol revealed for the Games. Its fan-shaped design integrates elements such as the Qiantang River, Qiantang tidal bore, racetracks, internet symbols, and the sun representing the Olympic Council of Asia, fusing together the distinct culture of Jiangnan, or south of the Yangtze River, with contemporary vibrancy.

Hangzhou is known as the "City of Silk," and the silk elements of the city inspired the graceful yet flexible, fine yet smooth, gentle yet vibrant design of the Asian Games' core graphics "Meeting the world." It represents the artistic conception of "meeting the

From the West Lake imagery in the "Shan Shui" medals, to the featured floral branches in the victory ceremony bouquet "Fruits of Triumph," and to the blue and white porcelain elements on the uniforms designed for the Chinese delegation, traditional culture can be seen everywhere, reflecting Hangzhou's

humanistic beauty. The humanistic touch is also ingrained in the architectural aesthetics of the venues. The Yang-

shan Sports Climbing Center, located in Keqiao district, Zhejiang's Shaoxing, resembling a silkworm cocoon, is the designated venue for the climbing events of the Hangzhou Asian Games. The hollowed exterior design reflects the silk culture in the Jiangnan water towns, seamlessly integrating elements of Chinese landscapes and international competitions.

"From the refined and elegant landscapes in the Jiangnan area, we will see a unique Asian Games. The diverse humanistic elements also reflect the cultural heritage and aesthetic charm of the city of Hangzhou," said an official with the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee.

Beside the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center, a dedicated Asian Flower Theme Park gathers over 200 flower varieties, conveying the vision of "Asian people progressing together." On the Linping People's Square, there are murals depicting the Grand Canal and intangible cultural heritage elements. In Qianwang

street of Hangzhou's Lin'an district, wall relief sculptures with Asian Games motifs installed on building exteriors are quite eyecatching. Themed landscapes celebrating the Games are greeting visitors everywhere in this city.

In the Asian Games Village, there are various "Cultural Houses" where athletes are able to enjoy a cup of tea with friends, marveling at the intricate craftsmanship of fan-making, delve into the ancient techniques of tradi-

tional embroidery and porcelain making, and design and make their own personalized artistic seals. These "Cultural Houses" are truly enlightening windows showcasing the richness and beauty of the traditional Chinese culture.

In an ancient street in Yuhang district of Hangzhou, there is an Asian Games cultural experience station where inheritors of intangible cultural heritage teach visitors the traditional craft of paper umbrella making. Fifty such cultural experience stations have been established across Hangzhou.

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Spain's Feijoo faces vote without enough support to be PM

THE leader of Spain's right-wing People's Party (PP), Alberto Nunez Feijoo, will open the investiture debate in the country's Congress of Deputies

Feijoo was invited by King Felipe VI to attempt to form a government in the wake of the July 23 general election, despite it appearing obvious that he does not have the parliamentary support to win the vote.

Feijoo's PP won 137 votes in the election, more than the ruling Socialist Party (PSOE), which claimed 121 seats in the 350 seat Congress.

However, even with the support of the 33 deputies of the extreme rightwing Vox party and the single votes of the regional parties Navarrese People's Union (UPN) and Canarian Coalition, Feijoo can only count on 172 votes after failing to gain any support from Basque or Catalan nationalist parties, which refuse to support any political bloc that includes Vox.

This leaves Feijoo four votes short of the 176 he needs to gain an overall majority. The vote will be held on Wednesday (second day of the de-

The PP leader will have a second chance to assume power on Friday, when a simple majority would be

enough to make him prime minister.

With no chance of support from Basque and Catalan parties, Feijoo has made a call for support from Socialist deputies unhappy with the prospect of acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez granting an amnesty to Catalan leaders involved in the October 2017 independence referendum (which was ruled illegal by the Spanish Constitutional Court) and the subsequent declaration of independence.

The amnesty for the Catalan separatists is the price that Carles Puigdemont, leader of Junts per Catalunya who is currently in exile in Belgium, has asked for supporting Sanchez's bid to return to office.

Although Sanchez has not formally said he will make that concession, between 40,000 and 60,000 people gathered in the center of Madrid on Sunday in a demonstration organized by Feijoo's PP against a possible amnesty.

The event was attended by PP regional leaders and former Prime Ministers Mariano Rajoy and Jose Maria Aznar, with the crowd chanting slogans such as "Puigdemont to prison."

If Feijoo fails in his attempts to become prime minister this week, King Felipe VI is expected to invite Sanchez to attempt to form a government.



People's Party (PP) President Alberto Nunez Feijoo delivers a speech during a demonstration called by rightwing opposition parties to protest against a possible amnesty law demanded by Catalan independentists, in

Innovative approach, international aid needed to resolve Middle East's refugee crisis

FINDING solutions to ease the refugee crisis in the Middle East is back on the international agenda, following regional rapprochements that have taken place in recent months.

However, humanitarian considerations have been disregarded, analysts said. And while an innovative approach could be involved by offering some trade concessions for countries hosting refugees, a logical reason would be to stop support for armed militants so that peaceful conditions could be realized.

At the United Nations General Assembly last week, King of Jordan Abdullah II said Jordan "will not have the ability nor the resources to host and care for more refugees" if the crisis continues, as his country is also facing growing challenges.

Jordan's case "is a microcosm of the entire region", and he said it will continue to suffer until the world "helps lift the shadow of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict".

More than 345 million people face food insecurity, daily hunger or starvation, he said. Among the most vulnerable are 108 million refugees, and 40 percent of them are children. Yet, "these numbers cannot really convey the tragedy", he added.

Arhama Siddiqa, a Middle East analyst and research fellow at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad in Pakistan, said regional reconciliations this year were primarily driven by economic interests, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, continuing fiscal constraints and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.



Palestinians inspect a damaged building following an Israeli army raid in Nour Shams refugee camp, northern West Bank, on Sunday. AP

'These factors have collectively intensified the imperative to establish sustainable channels underpinned by robust economic foundations. It is noteworthy that these rapprochements have largely disregarded humanitarian considerations,"

Also at the General Assembly, Mohammad Najib Azmi Mikati, president of the Council of Ministers of Lebanon, said the primary challenge for Lebanon was filling the presidential vacancy, along with reforms needed to achieve economic recovery and ease the financial crisis.

With regard to the Syrian crisis, Mikati said the international community's response "remains inadequate and falls

short of a sustainable solution". **Starved of resources**

Amity Institute of International Studies at Amity University in India, said the influx of more refugees in Jordan and Lebanon has increased their population pressure, and these two countries are already starved of

"Now that rapprochements are happening – between Saudi-Iran, Syria's reinstatement in the Arab League and thawing of relations with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the UAE – an expectation may have germinated in the minds of Jordanians and Lebanese that a solution to the Syrian refugee

crisis will also be taken seriously," Singh

Dina Yulianti Sulaeman, director of the Indonesia Center for Middle East Studies, said the United States played a significant role in supporting the undemocratic armed movement that is trying to overthrow the Syrian government.

"The militant group, named ISIS or 'moderate rebels', has killed innocent people and destroyed the basic infrastructure, forcing them to leave their homeland," Sulaeman said.

The majority of areas previously occupied by foreign-supported militants remain unreconstructed because of economic sanctions on Syria, she said, and this is the main reason preventing refugees from returning to their homeland.

In addition, armed groups still occupy a number of areas, such as Idlib and Afrin, and continue to carry out attacks on civilians. US troops were even present on the ground.

"For this reason, the solution that must Manjari Singh, assistant professor in the be taken is ... to stop support for these armed militants so that peaceful conditions can immediately be realized in Syria, as well as lifting economic sanctions on Svria," Sulaeman said, adding that improving Syria's relations with Arab countries, as well as new strategic collaboration between Syria and China, could accelerate Syria's reconstruction process.

Siddiga said a potential innovative approach could involve the European Union offering trade concessions to these countries contingent upon the formal employment of Syrian refugees. Agencies

Envoy Antonov blasts US' refusal to condemn Nazi's appearance in Canadian parliament

WASHINGTON

THE US State Department's refusal to condemn the greeting of a Ukrainian Nazi, who served in the SS Division Galicia, is shameless and is an insult to the memory of the people who died during World War II, Russian Ambassador to the US Anatoly Antonov said, according to the embassy's Telegram channel.

"The vague reaction of the State Department's Press Secretary to the appearance of an SS man in the highest legislative body of one of the closest allies of the United States looks especially cynical given the administration's supposedly increased attention to human rights issues as well as to combating anti-Semitism," the diplomat noted.

"The refusal to condemn neo-Nazi manifestations in the Canadian Parliament is a desecration of the memory of millions of ordinary people who perished during the Second World War.

This is a betrayal of the memory of American soldiers and officers who gave their lives for the independence of the United States."

"Is it any wonder then that the US State Department's 'International Woman of Courage' award was given this year to the notorious 'Taira' - criminal Yuliia Paievska, who was involved in the kidnapping of children in Mariupol after the murder of their parents - by Secretary of State Antony Blinken?" the diplomat said.

"Perhaps it is no coincidence that diplomats of the Russian Embassy in Washington are denied holding a wreath-laying ceremony at the Arlington Cemetery as tribute to the joint fight of Soviet and American soldiers against Nazism as part of the traditional "Spirit of the Elbe" event?"

"The US political elite generally demonstrate "inattention" when it comes to Nazism in Ukraine. They did not notice the brutal massacre of the opponents of the 2014 coup d'etat in the House of Trade Unions in Odessa. They are unmoved by open use of SS symbols by the so-called 'volunteer battalions.' They do not object to the construction of monuments to the leaders of Ukrainian nationalism, who sided with Hitler, here in the United States." Antonov pointed out.

"The reluctance of officials in Washington to criticize the



the true attitude of the US authorities towards the tragic legacy of the 20th century.

It shows that they are ready to support those who, with their past crimes, inspire the contemporary neo-Nazi rabble in Kiev to fight against their own people and destroy everything Russian," the envoy noted.

"Rewriting the history of World War II is unacceptable. The Brown Plague must be stopped. This is exactly what the Russian Armed Forces are doing in Ukraine under the special military operation."

The incident in the parliament

Previously, Associated Press published photos showing the parliament greeting a 98-year-old Ukrainian nationalist, who fought in the 1st Galician SS Division during World War II, during Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's speech on September

One photo is labeled: President "Ukrainian Vladimir Zelensky and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recognize Yaroslav Hunka, who was in attendance and fought with the First Ukrainian Division in World War II before later immigrating to Canada."

US State Department Spokesman Matthew Miller said Monday that he is unaware of the reports about this incident, claiming that he was busy all day at the UN General Assembly session. **Agencies**



Perhaps it is no coincidence that diplomats of the **Russian Embassy** in Washington are denied holding a wreath-laying ceremony at

CHINA'S retail sales of consumer goods, a major indicator of consumption strength, went up 4.6 percent year on year in August, 2.1 percentage points faster than the previous month, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed last Friday.

When some in the West once again bad-mouthed China's economy, many international observers say otherwise. Seeing the rosy picture of the country's steady recovery, they have pointed out that the Chinese economy is resilient, vigorous, and poised to secure an overall upward trend.

STEADY RECOVERY

China's economy has continued to recover on a generally sound track of rebound.

In the first half of this year, China's GDP recorded a 5.5-percent growth, notably faster than last year's 3 percent, and the fastest among major economies. The IMF predicted that China's economy will grow by 5.2 percent this year, and contribute one-

third of the world growth. China's value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 4.5 percent year on year in August, latest data showed. The figure for the service production index is 6.8 percent, 1.1 percentage points faster than last month.

"All indications point to a healthy growth," Khairy Tourk, professor of economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, told Xinhua in

China's economic growth defies Western naysayers

a recent interview.

Speaking of what is at play here, he said Chinese policymakers are well known for their long-term thinking.

In early September, China set up a bureau under the country's top economic planner specializing in promoting the private economy's development. This followed a raft of policies to ramp up the growth of the sector.

"The resilience of the Chinese economy can be attributed to targeted policies designed to bolster growth, such as the recent unveiling of 31 measures by the central government to stimulate the development of private companies," said Luigi Gambardella, chairman of the China-Europe Digital

He believes that looking in the long run, China still enjoys a promising future of long-term growth.

More signs show the economy is rebounding. "Domestic tourism is broadly picking up. Car sales in China are still up this year despite a small decline in June and July. Alibaba just reported a return to strong sales growth in its second-quarter results," The Financial Times wrote in its recent mar-

TRANSITION FOR THE BETTER

Buoyed by emerging competitive industries and sectors, China's economy is transforming from high-speed growth to high-quality growth. This is



A worker inspects a vehicle before it rolls off the production line at an automobile manufacturing factory in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, Jan. 14, 2023. File

making the economy more durable.

The first seven months of this year saw China's investment in high-tech industries climb 11.5 percent from last year, notably faster than the growth of its overall investment. In July, the output of solar cells and new energy vehicle products grew by 65.1 percent and 24.9 percent respectively.

Commenting on the new drivers of China's economy, Nasdaq Vice Chair-

man Robert McCooey said the next generation of companies that are focused on some of the most innovative technologies are being built there in China.

"People were continuing to build innovative businesses, and it shows why the Chinese economy continues to be so strong, and one that will continue to be strong for decades to come," Mc-Cooey told the U.S.-China Business Forum recently held in New York.

"You are talking about an economy that generates more engineers than any other country in the world every year, and so from innovation, I think there are going to be opportunities (for investment)," said Jenny Johnson, president and chief executive officer at global investment management firm Franklin Templeton.

Spiked, a British Internet magazine on politics, culture and society, holds that China's resilience to disruptions is different from the West primarily because of the strength of its production fundamentals. China is still unquestionably the world's manufacturing superpower, responsible for nearly 29 percent of global manufacturing output, the magazine said in an article.

China "currently leads the world in the production of electric vehicles, electric car batteries, 5G telecommunications equipment, commercial drones, Internet of Things devices, mobile payments and solar cells," which are "indicators of China's continuing economic durability," it said.

UNTENABLE RHETORIC

"I don't actually buy the notion that the Chinese economy is in serious systemic trouble," Chris Torrens, vice chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in China, said recently in an interview on Bloomberg Televi-

Rather, its growth is moving in the right direction as consumer spending picks up, he said.

It is an overhyped idea that investment opportunities in China have met their demise, Franklin Templeton CEO Johnson told a session at the Forbes Global CEO Conference in Singapore.

Against naysayers, more have faith in China's potential.

"If we take the experience of other developed economies as a reference ... then China's middle-income group has the potential to double from its current size," South China Morning Post recently said in an article.

The outlook will make China an irresistible market for multinational companies, it noted.

In a July opinion piece for New York Times, Nobel laureate economist Paul Krugman said that the Chinese economy is still well behind the technological frontier, so it should have better prospects for rapid productivity growth.

"More American friends have come to realize that the notion that China could economically collapse ... is utter fantasy," Chinese Ambassador to the United States Xie Feng wrote in a recent article published by The Washington Post.

Regarding the surfacing now and then of predictions that China's economy will collapse, the Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said, "What has collapsed is such rhetoric, not China's economy."

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By Correspondent John Kimbute

WORRIES are being expressed in talking

shops and in private by fans of the more

ambitious city outfit, Simba SC, if harsh tackles that the team regularly experiences



Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Kirumba Mwanza choir instrumentalists showcase their skills during a one-week camp, hosted by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at Mbezi Luis in Dar es Salaam, which concluded recently. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Chama out to regain form at Simba SC

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

SIMBA SC's midfielder, Clatous Chama, has made his intention to regain his form known as per his contribution to the club's recent matches.

In recent two matches, the midfielder has happened to be a key player for Simba SC in both the CAF Champions League and NBC Premier League, showcasing stellar showing and playing a pivotal role in the good results the outfit registered.

Simba SC took on Zambia's Power Dynamos in the first leg of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round in Ndola on September 16 and the two sides were locked to

The midfielder found Power Dynamos' back of the net twice to see to it his outfit comes out with a vital away draw ahead of the rematch slated to be played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Chama once again had an impressive day in Simba SC's third-round match of NBC Premier League against Coastal Union held in Dar es Salaam last week.

The duels proved Chama has returned to his form and Simba SC's fans have no more reasons to worry again.

When he rejoined Simba SC from Morocco's

midfielder, mostly deployed as an offensive midfielder, did not perform well, with injuries turning out to be the main reason.

Chama also had trouble proving his worth in some of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League matches when Simba SC's fans expected a lot

In this season's CAF Champions League and Premier League, however, things have changed for Chama and now Simba SC fans are eagerly yearning for more scintillating performances from the midfielder.

Chama's return to form is evidenced by the way he scored and executed many assists in three NBC Premier League clashes and his two goals against Power Dynamos in the CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round.

Chama is lately supporting his outfit in making good decisions on the pitch due to his dribbling and passing skills, as well as coordination with teammates.

The midfielder knows how to make the most of his teammates' contributions on the pitch to win matches.

Such an aspect of his game helps Simba SC have an upper hand in possession and he, further, knows how to change the game's tempo, winning his club's fans' appreciation.

In Simba SC's two recent matches, Chama had good coordination with his teammates and saw to it that the outfit enjoyed possession.

from upcountry Premier League sides are wholly accidental. While its expression is like a 'hot wire' in its urgency, it has largely failed to find its way to FM radio stations' talking points by soccer analysts, perhaps for fear of either libel accusations or unethical thrust in airing

evidenced but rather convincing. What is surprising is how seeming antipathy against the Msimbazi Street side now appears to cross the usual club loyalties we presume still operate around the country.

personal sentiments, etc. Suspicions are not

In Tanga, for example, traditionally Coastal Union are younger siblings of the red and white city giants, while African Sports belong to their near namesakes at Iangwani Street outfit.

In past decades, Msimbazi Street club leaders did all they could to bag Omar Mahadhi to the side, the dependable goalkeeper of African Sports, as this way it weakens the rival green side. Today it would be a transfer market issue.

The foul on Simba SC central defender Henock Inonga seemed so out of the way that a red card had to be produced, leaving many unanswered questions as to this behaviour.

Worse still, the foul-committing player and at an exaggerated level is a regular captain of the side, thus supposed to be an example of discipline, sportsmanship based on the fact that soccer players are professionals on the job, not enemies on the other side of a trench. There were other telltale signs that all was not well there.

A fairly astonishing background factor to that incident is the way a Coastal Union leader virtually swore all-out war with the city giants who were otherwise either allies or comrades in the past.

Pundits said he had declared that if the side was defeated he would conduct an environment clean-up the next morning, which he is said to have done along with his technical bench. That says nothing of the actual incident

on the player, but it bespeaks of a situation on the bench and on the pitch where, for some reason, defeat by the city giants was

as his club is expected to take on newly-

promoted Tabora United in a 2023/24

NBC Premier League tie at Mkwakwani

The Tanga side will host Tabora United in the fourth round match of NBC Premier

League, with the former yet to register a

Despite experiencing a tough start,

Tabora United which has won promotion

to the Premier League showcased

resilience in the following two matches

In the first-round match, Tabora United

could only play 15 minutes against Azam

FC at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es

The goals were scored within 10 minutes before the referee ended the

game because the Tabora club was

playing with seven players and was left

with six players when the goalkeeper

The second round match had

Salaam and suffered a 4-0 loss.

sustained an injury.

Stadium in Tanga.

played away.



SPORTS

Suspicions rise among Simba SC fans if regular harsh tackles are 'sponsored'

Simba SC central defender Henoc Inonga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

being seen more or less as an insult.

It may as well suggest that someone paid for this sentiment to be cultivated among the team members and every player should know it, thus conducting a public act of shame if this was not carried out. That goes well beyond the call of duty as to handling matches.

That is what can be cited as circumstantial evidence not really of intentional foul play but a foul play mood at Coastal Union at the moment they took to the pitch against Simba

It also helps to clear the issue of why the captain should lead in the display of non-sportsmanly behaviour, crude aggressiveness that could shock even a usually tolerant referee, as last year's league experience tended to show that it was habitual for regional Premier League sides to play rough against Simba SC in particular.

While this has not been openly put to debate to compare what this or that pundit recalls of matches involving the two rivals, it appears well beyond doubt that Msimbazi Street Club's players are more regular victims of bad fouls.

More of last year's experiences could help, where it was unclear why the side was putting up poor performance in upcountry pitches.

One explanation was that the pitches tend to be less than standard, but an undercurrent was that players tend to be careful when playing there as regional clubs tend to be especially aggressive when playing the city giants.

Still, it is somewhat visible that the fouls were coming more in the direction of Simba SC than to the archrivals, for rather unclear reasons.

One reason for the differential treatment by upcountry teams for the two sides is professional, namely that despite the hype as to Yanga reaching the final of the continental second-tier tournament. its profile has always been second to their rivals.

So their grip on upcountry teams wasn't as visible as the other side, and, in a sense, Yanga's prowess boiled down to superstar Fiston Mayele, nearly as a solo performer in the side, not in play but in dependability for clinical finishing. By contrast, Simba SC always either excelled or failed to do so as a team, not one marksman.

The other side of reasoning is entirely unprofessional, namely in the slogan where Yanga is 'wananchi', the people, citizens, implying that the other side is made up of rich people, brings up expensive players, etc.

In other words, there may have been a sort of 'professional hatred' in the tackle on Inonga, where one finds he is a 'mwananchi' at heart and feels it easy to injure someone who will be paid 10 times more than himself at the end of the day if one counts the match into the salary for each of the players.

So the 'wananchi' tag creates class empathy, and inversely, antipathy for the better-paid professionals, and these are tucked into the Msimbazi Street outfit.

There is a way in which non-professional outlook is beefed up by most top cultural leadership, and right into the soccer fraternity.

The current Taifa Stars' head coach has all the support for leaving out 'aged' Simba SC defenders and appears to be winning the psychological contest. The bad foul on Inonga is

Zahera in another test as Coastal Union entertains Tabora United RS Berkane on January 14, 2022, the Zambian By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga Ryder Cup is in America's head. COASTAL Union's head coach Mwinyi Zahera will, on Friday, face another test

But it's in Europe's blood

GUIDONIA MONTECELIO. Italy

THE Americans have won more majors. The Europeans have won more Ryder Cups.

There's really no connection, except that it might explain why the Americans always seem to be the favorite on paper, and Team Europe has more often left the Ryder Cup with possession of the 17-inch gold trophy since they were invited to this raucous party in 1979.

It doesn't mean the Americans don't care. That's an insult to think otherwise. But an argument can be made the Ryder Cup means more to Europe as a whole.

"In America, it's in our head. We desperately want to win," Paul Azinger said. "But over there, it's in their blood. It's part of the fabric of their souls. It's what they deem as the most relevant thing in their life."

Consider the many Europeans whose careers were defined by the Ryder Cup:

- Ian Poulter, whose Ryder Cup legacy was cemented when he birdied his last five holes at Medinah in a fourballs match (Rory McIlroy was along for the ride) that sparked Europe to the greatest comeback by a visiting team. His career ended with a 15-8-2 record.

– Colin Montgomerie, who played in eight Ryder Cups and never lost in singles.

– Lee Westwood, whose 47 matches are tied for most with Phil Mickelson in Ryder Cup history (Westwood had one fewer appearance).

The obvious ones are Seve Ballesteros, the very embodiment of European strength, and Sergio Garcia, who has scored more points than anyone in history. What sets them apart from the others is they also won majors. But their passion was the Ryder Cup.

Who has been that guy for the Americans? The consensus from those who played with him was Lanny Wadkins.

"It was a big part of my life," Wadkins said.

He won his first seven Ryder Cup matches and ended his career with a 20-11-3 record. He famously hit wedge to a foot on the final hole in 1983 for a key half-point, later telling his captain, Jack Nicklaus, "It was only the most important

shot of my life."

This was six years after Wadkins won the PGA Championship at Pebble Beach in the first sudden-death playoff in a major. Wadkins lived for the Ryder Cup.

"Lanny was our last true Ryder Cup stud," Azinger said. "There's was nothing more in his blood than the Ryder Cup. Raymond Floyd was like that, too. But once it became less of an exhibition, it became Lanny's thing. It went right into his blood."

It's not just passion. Azinger had passion. His four Ryder Cup appearances were marked by testy exchanges, one of which prompted Ballesteros to refer to the U.S. team as "11 nice guys and Paul Azinger."

Did he not live for the Ryder Cup?

"It was in my head," Azinger said. "But it wasn't in my blood."

That's what Azinger saw in Wadkins. That's what he sees in Europe. "It's in their blood. They're bonded by that

blood," he said. "They're bonded by the very thing that causes wars.' And part of him believes that's what is missing

with so many Americans over the years. What struck Azinger about the last Ryder

Cup was not the Americans' largest margin of victory over Europe (19-9) at Whistling Straits, but McIlroy in tears on Sunday. "The Americans beat Europe so bad it made

Rory cry," Azinger said. "There's no American ... I don't see anyone breaking down and crying."

Tiger Woods, the greatest of his generation, was never that guy. Woods also was under enormous scrutiny in all he did, the Ryder Cup included. He was defensive at times about his Ryder Cup performance, especially after starting out 5-8-2 while on two of three losing teams.

"I'm sure all of you guys probably know what Jack's record is in the Ryder Cup, right?" Woods said in 2004, looking around a crowded room and not getting any takers. "Anybody? No? How many majors did he win?"

Jack Nicklaus is defined by 18 majors. Woods knew that. Everybody does. AP

confronted Singida Fountain Gate FC at the latter's home venue, Liti Stadium in Singida, and, until the last whistle, the sides settled for a 0-0 draw.

In the third round match, Tabora United played a speedy game against Tanzania Prisons at the former's home venue of Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium in Tabora, whereby, the hosts commanded a comprehensive 3-1

Zahera is the former Yanga and Polisi Tanzania's head coach who joined Coastal Union before the beginning of this season's Premier League.

He has assumed the head of the technical bench's responsibility at the Tanga outfit after the club's management assigned Fikirini Elias-previously the outfit's interim head coach- to operate as an assistant coach. The Congolese coach has also started the NBC Premier League poorly, given his team has lost two games and drawn one game.

The Tanga outfit lost its recent game against Simba SC which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, ending in a 3-0 victory for Simba SC.

Coastal Union opened its campaign with a clash against Dodoma Jiji FC and went down 2-1 goals and, in the second round clash against Mtibwa Sugar, the former managed a 1-1 draw with the Morogoro outfit.

Zahera who had, last season, coached Polisi Tanzania in the NBC Premier League season, could not help the

Kilimanjaro outfit get hold of its spot in the league, having been relegated to this season's NBC Championship League alongside Mbeya City FC and Ruvu Shooting.

He however has not performed well since joining Coastal Union, despite his experience, and that is why the next match will be a tricky test for the coach.

It will be the first home game for Coastal Union and the team's fans expect to see the tactician make the most of home-ground advantage to propel the club to victory.

It will be another test for him to either make Coastal Union's leaders, members, and fans happy or disappoint them.



Coastal Union's head coach, Mwinyi Zahera, is pictured demonstrating to his players when they participated in a training in Tanga recently.

Guardian

What has gone wrong at Chelsea - and why all hope is not lost

By Matt Law

CHELSEA have made a terrible start to the season, collecting just five points from six Premier League games and being booed off in each of their last two home

Here, Telegraph Sport examines why Mauricio Pochettino's team are suffering so badly and why angry fans should not give up hope just yet.

*Naivety over know-how

Chelsea, led by co-controlling owner Behdad Eghbali and sporting directors Paul Winstanley and Laurence Stewart, set a 25-andunder rule on their incoming summer business as the club looked to build a squad that could see them through the next decade.

The rule meant players like James Maddison and James Ward-Prowse, who have flourished at Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United respectively, were never really considered, while they also backed away from paying what they felt to be an English premium placed on Declan Rice, who had been a top target of former head coach Graham Potter.

Chelsea ended up paying more for 21-year-old Cole Palmer than Spurs spent on Maddison and paid an initial £53 million for 19-yearold Romeo Lavia, which is roughly £20 million more than Ward-Prowse cost West Ham.

Rice became the most expensive British player by joining Arsenal and yet Chelsea trumped that by signing Moises Caicedo in a £115 million deal.

The strategy may yet pay off in the long-term, but Chelsea are having to accept some serious short-term pain. Striker Nicolas Jackson perhaps best illustrates how that naivety has cost Chelsea, having been booked five times in his first six games and he will now serve a suspension.

*Mixed messages

Chelsea players could be forgiven for not knowing whether they are coming or going, following a summer in which the messaging from the top has not always been

Conor Gallagher spent the entire summer, right up until the final day of the transfer window, under the impression he could be sold but has started every game this season and has captained the team when Reece James and Ben Chilwell have been out.

Chilwell was made vice-captain, but is yet to start in his favoured left-back role and has started the last two games on the substitutes' bench. Ian Maatsen received encouragement over his prospects for the season from head coach Mauricio Pochettino only to find that the club accepted a deadlineday bid from Burnley for him.

This has all contributed to a sense of confusion, with Trevoh Chalobah also at a loss over why Chelsea have seemingly been so keen to sell him and January signing Noni Madueke falling down the pecking order after being given a key role towards the end of last season.

*Injuries

It cannot be overstated just how debilitating Chelsea's injury crisis, which has seen 12 players ruled out, has been over the opening weeks of the season.

Pochettino has already had to

rip up two attacking tactical plans, following the injuries to Christopher Nkunku and Carney Chukwuemeka.

Summer arrival Nkunku was seen as Chelsea's attacking gamechanger and his link-up play with Nicolas Jackson had been incredibly encouraging during the tour of the United States before his pre-season knee injury ruled him out for around 16 weeks.

The former RB Leipzig star had been primed for a number 10 role and his injury prompted Pochettino to give an opportunity to teenage talent Carney Chukwuemeka, who performed well against Liverpool and then scored a good goal in the defeat to West Ham United before being forced off.

Since Chukwuemeka's injury, Pochettino has tried Enzo Fernandez in a more advanced role, but it has not worked. Reece James, who offers so much attacking threat from right-back, has also been a huge miss.

*The revolving door

It has been hard to keep up with the Chelsea ins and outs, so much so that not even all senior staff members were aware that Bruno Saltor had left the club, as revealed by Telegraph Sport.

Saltor's secret departure comes just four months after Chelsea had announced he would be part of Pochettino's back-room staff. Potter lasted just seven months before he was sacked, with Thomas Tuchel working for just a month of last season under the current owners before being replaced.

It has not just been the coaches and their staff who have come and gone over the past year, either. Christopher Vivell was hired as a technical director and left within a year of his appointment, while there has also been a huge overhaul to the medical depart-

Remember Gilbert Enoka, who was employed as a mental skills coach to try to help create a winning culture in February? You will do well to find anybody who can tell you what he did or how long he spent at the club. What's certain is that the only culture at Chelsea over the past 12 months has been one of constant change.

*Reasons to be optimistic

Pochettino and his staff believe his team have been unfairly punished in almost every match they have played this season and the data they rely on so heavily would back up that theory.

Chelsea's expected goals rate has outperformed the number of goals they have, or haven't, scored in all-but one of their six Premier League games. Against Nottingham Forest, for instance, Chelsea had an xG of 2.30 and yet failed to score, while their xG against was 0.76 but they lost the game 1-0.

The defeat against Aston Villa, when Chelsea were reduced to 10 men, was the first game in which they have not averaged well over 60 per cent of possession and their 28 Premier League shots on target have yielded just five goals.

In four of their six games, the Blues have created three or more big chances, but of those only three have been taken. If fans and the owners can stay patient, then there is enough to suggest Chelsea will eventually start to make the data count.

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Mauricio Pochettino

Saudi Arabia is trying to disrupt soccer's world order. The reasons why might surprise you - 2

By Amy Woodyatt, Krystina Shveda and Antonio Jarne Cubero, CNN

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MEANWHILE, the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) has agreed to a contract that will see the Spanish Super Cup played in Saudi Arabia until 2029, a deal that will earn the Spanish governing body between €35-45 million (\$38-48 million) a year.

*Appealing to the youth

Saudi Arabia has a very young population: the country's most recent census revealed 32.2 million people live in the country, nearly 42% of whom are foreign nationals - and 51% of the Saudi population are under the age of 30. Of this populace, Saudi authorities say that over 80% play, attend or follow soccer, the national sport.

Chadwick explains that Saudi Arabia's government is concerned with the prospect of its younger members of society becoming radicalized or an antigovernment sentiment bubbling up like that of the Arab Spring - and looks to offer its population a thriving soccer industry to keep it placated.

Though the soccer industry generates employment, revenues, export earnings and inward investment, "what is just as significant is the security of the royal family," Chadwick adds.

The Arab Spring, a wave of prodemocracy protests that washed over the Middle East and North Africa in 2011, achieved mixed results. Four Arab dictators in Libya, Yemen, Egypt and Tunisia were toppled, offering a brief sense of victory for protesters, but, since then, new wars have prompted a retreat of popular movements in the region.

Meanwhile, failed uprisings in Bahrain and eastern Saudi Arabia were followed by years-long crackdowns and a continuing civil war in Syria.

"What we're beginning to see in Saudi Arabia right now is the emergence of a new social contract. And the social contract essentially is catering for the needs of the Gen Z population," Chad-

"You want Ronaldo? You got him. You want some of the best football teams in the world? You got them. You want the World Cup to come to Saudi Arabia? You got it ... But don't question us," Chadwick explained.

Maguire agrees, noting that investing in soccer "can be seen as part of a much broader socio-economic plan, run by the Saudi authorities.'

At the same time, there has been "a significant increase in the number of Saudi Arabians detained by the authorities, for example, for posting adverse comments on social media about the country" this year, Chadwick told CNN.

Human rights group Amnesty International told CNN that it has documented a rollback in human rights in Saudi Arabia, including an escalating crackdown on freedom of expression and an increased use of counterterrorism and cybercrime laws to silence dissent. Between 2022 and 2023, the organization said it has documented an increase in criminal prosecutions compared to previous years.

In 2022, Amnesty reported the highest number of annual executions in the country in 30 years, with 196 people killed.

"Reputation is important in terms of attracting foreign investment, and ... Mohammed bin Salman, as much as he has significant financial muscle, needs foreign investing for the realization of his diversification," James Dorsey, the author of the syndicated column and blog, "The Turbulent World of Middle East Soccer," explains.

Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest exporter of crude oil, and nearly twothirds of its income still comes from selling fossil fuels. But with oil prices regularly dipping below what the Gulf state needs to balance its budget, it has focused efforts on trying to bring in investment from abroad along with its efforts to raise oil prices.

Projections indicate the kingdom has around 20 years to diversify its economy to ensure it is more resilient, according to Chadwick - not least to fund its Vision 2030 projects, including the \$500 billion Neom city, a 106 milelong linear city called The Line and a futuristic plan to revamp the capital.

"Part of the grand vision of Mohammed bin Salman, looking forward to 2030, he does have his desire to make Saudi Arabia less dependent on natural



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Jordan Henderson, pictured with Al-Ettifaq coach Steven Gerrard, left, was offered an eye-watering salary of £700,000 per week according to multiple reports, in an estimated \$15.4 million (£12 million) transfer from Liverpool to Saudi team Al-Ettifaq.. Reuters

resources to look at a post-fuel economy [involving] tourism, entertainment. If Saudi Arabia can become a hub for major sporting events, then that's a way of attracting interest to the country," said Maguire.

CNN has reached out to the Saudi Ministry of Sport for comment on allegations that the kingdom has been rolling back human rights, and investing in soccer as a way of "sportswashing" its

In response to previous criticism about Saudi Arabia's purported "sportswashing," the kingdom's sports minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal said: "People that don't know Saudi Arabia, have never been to Saudi Arabia, go out and talk about it as if they've lived there for 30 years, 40 years. So I always tell people, come to Saudi. Come and see Saudi.

"See what it is, see the people, meet the people. Look at what the country is doing for the future of the people in Saudi, then you can criticize as much as you like," he added.

*Lack of transparency: Saudi threatens new systems of governance in

Saudi Arabia has already disrupted the golf industry and, with soccer, Maguire told CNN, "they feel that they can do that probably on a smaller scale, but perhaps, ultimately, to generate more interest in terms of eyeballs if they go down the same route."

In 2021, the Saudi government-controlled PIF bankrolled LIV Golf, reportedly at a cost of \$2 billion, attracting many of the sport's top players away from the US-based PGA Tour and Europe-based DP World Tour by offering big dollar prize money, with PGA Tour board member Jimmy Dunne raising fears that they might end up "owning

Earlier this year, the US-based PGA Tour announced it was set to partner with the Saudi-backed breakaway LIV Golf, ending a feud that has dogged the men's professional game for the past year, with Dunne warning that sport's governing body had no choice but to reach the truce to retain some measure of control.

"They have an unlimited horizon and an unlimited amount of money," he said at a contentious Senate hearing on the truce between the two tours.

When it comes to soccer, Aleksander Ceferin, president of European football's governing body UEFA, has dismissed the competitive threat that the SPL could pose.

"As far as I know, Mbappe and [Erling] Haaland don't dream of Saudi Arabia. I don't believe that the best players at the pinnacle of their careers would go to Saudi Arabia," he said last month.

"When people talk to me about the players who went there, nobody knows where they're playing."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp took a different view, referring to the fact that the Saudi summer transfer window stays open after European clubs see theirs close: "I don't know how stable it is and I think the next two weeks will show how much of a challenge it is because whatever happens there, no one can react anymore.

"I don't know where it will lead to but it feels rather like a threat or a concern than not because I can't see how we really deny it in these moments, what can we do?" he added.

Still, the new SPL director of football, Michael Emenalo, says what Saudi soccer is doing is "no different from what the Premier League have done."

"There was a time when it was all about Italy. There was a time when it was all about Spain. What we're looking for in the industry is an opportunity to compete, and to compete on an even scale and to improve upon whatever exists in the industry," said Emenalo in a press release sent to CNN.

New Saudi Pro League Chief Operating Officer Carlo Nohra told CNN that there is logic behind the league's strategy of money is no object to lure international stars. "We can't expect to be paying market value to entice people to come here at this early stage in our development." But analysts say that the difference lies in the level of transparency, which "simply doesn't exist in Saudi Arabia," Chadwick explained to

European soccer governing body UEFA has financial fair play (FFP) rules on teams' spending, while Major League Soccer in the US has a salary cap for its clubs.

Nohra told CNN that, eventually, the country wants 0.3% of its GDP to be from soccer to make it similar to that of the Premier League on the UK economy - up from its current value of "0.000 something."

"They've got no chance to get into that figure at present," Maguire explained, but added that the SPL could perhaps move into the top 10 of the world's domestic leagues.

"That is feasible given the amount of money that they're spending."

"I think they're realistic. They don't say that they're going to overtake La Liga or the Premier League or the major European leagues," Maguire said.

When the Peterson Institute for International Economics compared the world's sovereign wealth funds on criteria including governance, transparency and accountability in 2019, the PIF scored well below average on a measure combining these criteria, and ranked in the bottom 10 out of 64 funds, just above Russian Direct Investment

CNN has reached out to the PIF for further comment about its investments in sport, particularly soccer and golf, and criticisms about its lack of transparency. Chadwick raised concerns over how a lack of financial rules affecting Saudi clubs might dilute UEFA's FFP regulations, as well as those of the Premier League, or impact world soccer governing body FIFA's systems of governance.

The lack of transparency in Saudi Arabia's wealth fund has already raised suspicions in the US golfing and political spheres. Earlier this summer, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations launched an inquiry about the PGA Tour's agreement with the PIF-controlled LIV Golf.

Chadwick told CNN that, so long as there is no independent organization that monitors the reporting of every league's financial endeavors, "nobody really knows for sure what the accurate financial information is."

"This vacuum [of information], this uncertainty is wrapped in a veneer of lobbying, which is intended to either overinflate or underinflate player transfer values and salary information because it serves a political purpose," Chadwick says, adding that this purpose is "signaling."

"It is almost as though football players are becoming kind of geopolitical pawns in some ways."

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Yanga's Clement Mzize (R), Kibwana Shomari (C), and Dennis Nkane participate in their squad's training in Dar es Salaam recently, shaping up for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round match against Al Merrikh SC slated for Saturday in the city. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Singida Fountain Gate FC unveils squad for CAF CC clash Simba SC issues 1

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINGIDA Fountain Gate FC interim head coach, Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo (pictured), has unveiled a 25-man squad ahead of the club's rematch of the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup's Second Preliminary Round against Future FC slated

to take place at Al-Salam Stadium in Cairo, Egypt on Sunday.

The Singida-based outfit boasts a 1-0 win advantage heading into the match, the club emerged victorious in the first leg encounter at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Talisman Elvis Rupia was the player who made the difference between the sides with his fierce shot in the first half of the duel.

The Kenyan striker scored on his debut match nearly two days after being revealed by his new club. If they succeed in venturing into the Group Stage of the CAF Confederation Cup, it will be a remarkable achievement for them as they are making their

first appearance in the continental showpiece.

However, in their recent NBC Premier League match, Singida Fountain Gate FC suffered a 2-1 loss to Azam FC to continue the former's winless run in the season which has seen the club manage to collect two points in the opening three matches.

This has witnessed the side occupying 12th place on the top flight table with two points and is in the category of four other teams yet to pick victories.

Other clubs that have yet to secure victory after three NBC Premier League encounters are Mtibwa Sugar, Namungo FC, Coastal Union, and the bottomplaced Tanzania Prisons.

Nsanzurwimo, speaking on the recent development, disclosed: "We are aware that the return leg match in Egypt will be difficult but, until now, we have an advantage after doing well in the first leg en-

counter at home."

Singida Fountain Gate FC president, Japhet Makau, stated the squad is already on the ground ready for the next match and it was expected to leave on Tuesday (yesterday) with a contingent of at least 40 people to Egypt.

"Our focus now is on the Future FC match and, thereafter, we will sit down to make long-term plans about strengthening our technical section further," Makau said.

He also revealed that the team's technical bench is currently being marshalled by Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo following the abrupt departure of German coach Ernst Middendorp.

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Beno Kakolanya, Benedict Haule, Ibrahim Rashid

Defenders: Laurian Makame, Biemes Carno, Kelvin Kijiri, Yahya Mbegu, Gadiel Michael, Mukrim Issa, Hamad Waziri.

Midfielders: Morice Chukwu, Aziz Andambwile, Nicholas Gyan, Bruno Gomes, Deus Kaseke, Duke Abuya, Yusuph Kagoma.

Strikers: Medie Kagere, Elvis Rupia, Francis Kazadi, Thomas Ulimwengu, Marouf Tchakei.



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Simba SC issues latest injury update ahead of CAF CL match against Power Dynamos



Simba SC players, Mzamiru Yassin (R), and Mohammed Mussa take part in their team's training in Dar es Salaam early this week, preparing to confront Power Dynamos in the rematch of 2023/24 CAF Champions League's Second Preliminary Round in the city on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Simba SC will prepare to make it to the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group Stage for the fourth time in the last six years as the club hosts Power Dynamos of Zambia at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday afternoon.

In the first leg played in Zambia last week, Simba SC secured a hard-fought 2-2 away draw with the Zambian outfit and will now look to finish the job backed by a strong home support base.

Looking ahead to this weekend, though, Simba SC head coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' will be without a flurry of his best stars after injury problems.

Defender Henock Inonga and attacking midfielder Aubin Kramo are yet to return to team training, following the recent injuries they both suffered.

Goalkeeper Aishi Manula is un-

dergoing his rehabilitation program with the club's medical staff as he looks to return from a hamstring injury he suffered last sea-

Simba SC's team doctor, Edwin Kagabo, issued a detailed injury update on the team at the club's training ground, Mo Simba Arena, in Dar es Salaam.

Kagabo said: "The team is doing well in preparation for the upcoming game. It is true that five days ago our player Inonga picked up an injury in his right leg. In short, he is recovering well. Right now we are dealing with nursing the wound."

"As it is, indications are that his healing will be quick. We are giving him proper dressings and other treatment including antibiotics and painkillers. Perhaps, God willing, within a week and a half we can see him return to our training ground," the doctor noted.

He revealed: "Football is a contact game, these are things that in one way or another cannot be avoided. As the incident happened, the players who were playing on the pitch arrived and saw there was a lot of blood in the wound."

"I think their shock was what transpired to the fans who were on the stands and those watching the game on TV," the doctor stated.

"However, we did a quick assessment and discovered that he had only suffered soft tissue injuries. It's a big wound that involves injuries in the upper skin tissues beneath the flesh. It is a wound that was about between 10 and 14 centimeters," the doctor revealed.

Kagabo added: "The gash required about 13 stitches. A quick X-ray showed the bone was intact, so, the soft tissues are the ones that were damaged."

Commenting on Kramo, who suffered another injury setback two weeks ago, Kagabo was positive about his recovery as the Ivorian continues with the early stages of his rehabilitation program.

He noted: "Kramo picked up an injury 20 days ago. He had a left knee injury. His treatment is going well."

Kagabo disclosed: "At the moment, we are still in the early stages of treatment and the outlook is good. It is only at a certain treatment stage that we can tell exactly when he will return."

Yanga cautious despite healthy advantage over Al Merrikh SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's representatives in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League, Young Africans SC (Yanga) remain cautious despite a convincing 2-0 victory over Sudan's Al Merrikh SC in the first leg of the Second Preliminary Round played in Kigali, Rwanda last week.

A goal at the hour mark by Zambian striker, Kennedy Musonda, plus a sublime finish by 19-year-old Clement Mzize ensured the Tanzanian champions went home with a comfortable two-goal cushion lead.

The result means Yanga only needs at least a draw to make a return to the CAF Champions League Group Stage for the first time since 1998.

Despite having one foot in the CAF Champions League Group Stage, Yanga's Information and Communications Head, Ali Kamwe, insists they are still focused on the second preliminary round return leg at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday as they eye another victory.

It will take something special from Al Merrikh SC to overturn the results in Dar es Salaam as the side needs to at least win 2-0 to force the match to penalties and it seems a bridge too far looking at how Yanga dominated proceedings in the first leg.

However, Kamwe feels the job is not yet done and it is important they keep their feet on the ground to avoid giving Al Merrikh SC a come-back opportunity.

The official disclosed: "We won the first leg and are now in the remaining 90 minutes that will essentially decide who progresses to the CAF Champions League Group Stage between the two sides."

He pointed out: "We are done with the first 90 minutes. There are plenty of examples of teams that won their first leg games by 2-0 only for the table to turn upside down in the return tie."

"As Young Africans, we don't want to enter into that bad history book of teams that blew up a 2-0 first-leg advantage. We are well prepared as an institution to secure the CAF Champions League group stage ticket," the leader insisted.

He added: "We have heard Al Merrikh head coach quoted by several media outlets saying Young Africans are feared across the continent, but we are smart enough not to fall into that trap he is laying us."

"We shall meet him on the pitch at Chamazi, that's the only place that matters."

The official revealed: "No matter what he says, we can't take the game for granted. The only place where Young Africans should be feared is on the pitch. He said he is coming to take the fight down to us, we are glad and ready for that."

Kamwe also confirmed the ticket charges for the game. Yanga collects 10,000/- for each of the popular stand tickets, whereas the VIP B section's tickets will go for 20,000/- each, and the VIP A section's tickets will also go for 50,000/- each.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

