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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 interests.

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 affirmed.

"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 directed.

In the series of appointments, John Ulanga and

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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 of training for envoys

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has furnished ten recently appointed ambassadors 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 said.

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 value-added 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 executive 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 value addition.

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.

Mark Schreiner, UNFPA country 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 entails 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 Tanzania and China's Zhejiang (Jinhua) province. Photo: PMO

## 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 and Business Forum under

sponsorship of China's Zhejiang Province

"Ten years ago, 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

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.

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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 miners and other stakeholders on how they will sell their produce to the central bank.

Pricing will be quoted on a day to 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 and former Minerals minister commenced BoT for the major step. It will help to support the growth of small-scale miners to increase productivity and further transform the sector, he added.

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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 complications in health centres, in

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 that the mother is in good health, he added.

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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.



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: Correspondent

## 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 for the latter to construct 5,000 houses for those who registered themselves to voluntary move from NCAA.

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.

In addition, Dr manongi said the 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

being given the responsibility to build the houses.

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.

## 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 area.

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 queried.

For his part, another herder, William Anderson 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.

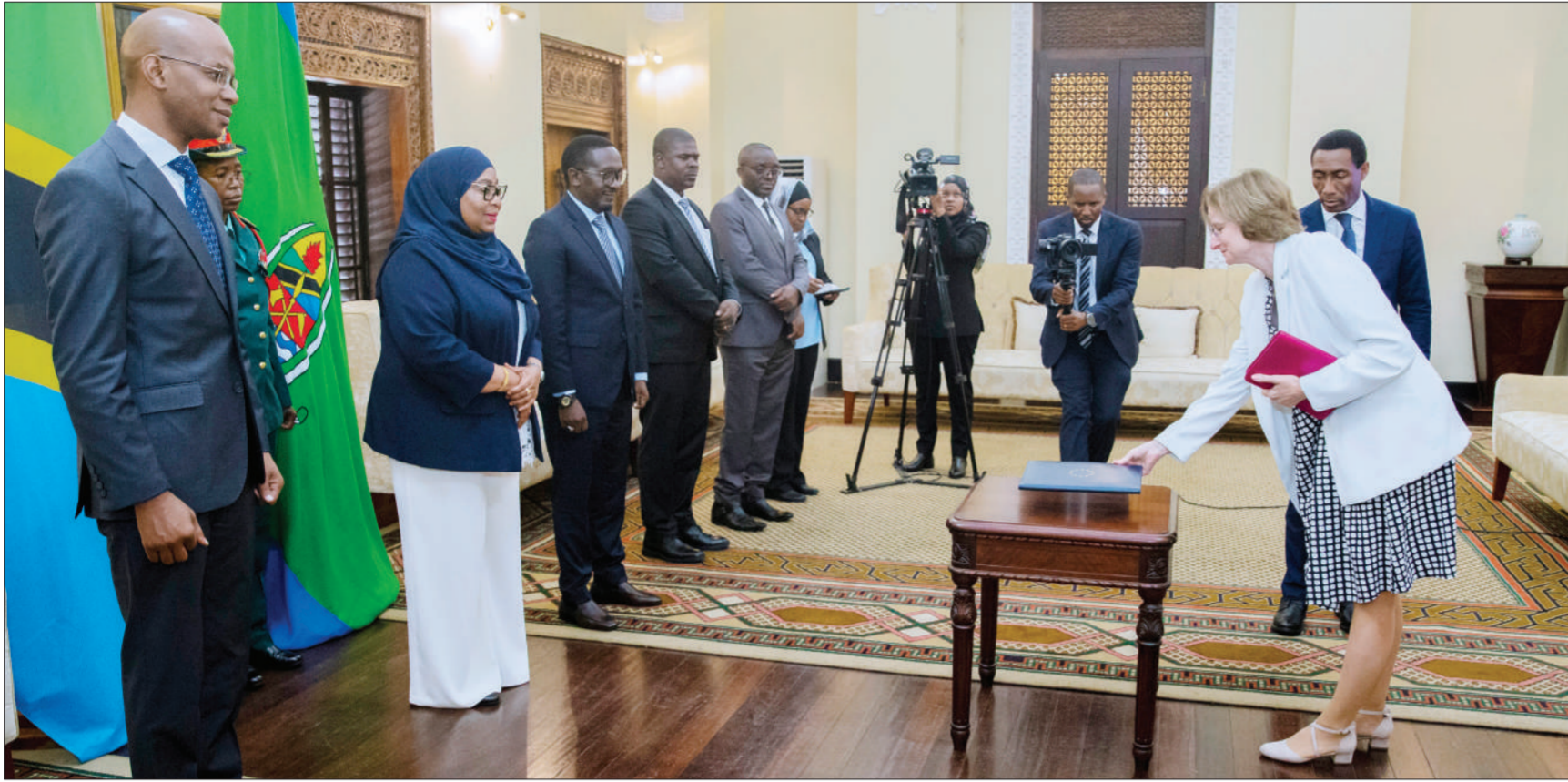
"True, there are challenges that exist here and we are supposed to sit together with our people to direct them hoe the country's laws are supposed to be adhered to, instead of using force to harass herders.

"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 said.



**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

## New E. Union envoy presents credentials to President Samia

By Guardian Reporter

CHRISTINE Grau, the new European 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 yesterday.

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

development, foster trade and investment, and strengthen our 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 her 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 Guinea-Conakry and Romania.

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

By Guardian Reporter

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

Dr 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](http://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.

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

## RC: Accuracy of police reports vital in assessing accident dues

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 Force.

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

authority to confirm the existence of an accident and that the information will guide the processing of claims 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 from the Police Force when an accident 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.

According to the Workers' 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.

## NDC gives clues on investors for Mchuchuma and Liganga projects

By Carlos Banda

THE National Development 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 2011.

"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 conducted a feasibility study covering 10 square kilometers (km<sup>2</sup>) of the total size of the area which is 166 square kilometers (km<sup>2</sup>) and discovered a deposit of 126 million Tons of Iron ore in Liganga citing that when the 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 (km<sup>2</sup>) and discovered iron ore deposits 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, vanadium and other precious metals 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 started since this year.

"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 year we started issuing compensation 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 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 he said used to have a total of 200 employers before its closure.



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

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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.



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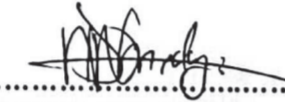
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## TCCIA underscores need to enhance financial education

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Chamber of 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 businesses.

He noted that many Tanzanians are struggling to make money and they 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 Corporation (TASAC) for finalising research on marine vessels done in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) aimed at knowing 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

in the Zanzibar Ministry of Communications and Transport, Khadija Khamis assured Prof Mbarawa that her ministry will continue collaborating with its Mainland 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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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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# 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 a group photo with CRDB Bank's Board Chairman Dr Ali Laay (third left), CRDB Bank Foundation Chairman Martin Warioba (right) and board member Dr Fred Msenwa (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 tranches 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 2028.

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 fluctuations.

"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 (CMSA) 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 (CMSA) 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 non-governmental 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 Mpatatwa 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, Mpatatwa 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.

Mpatatwa 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 the 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 country. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## 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

facing traders in the region and 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

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to 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 Commissioner, Kisare Makori said

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 Sembeya

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 non-governmental 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: Guardian Correspondent

## 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 Dr Issa.

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

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, she added, from now on women

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 of the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania.



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: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt all set to use drones to conduct geological surveys

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, 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 fast-track 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

agriculture. 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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# TMDA receives 4,845 reports on adverse impact of various medicines and vaccines

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

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 Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).

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

vaccines.

He was speaking during the work-session with journalists in Dar es 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 related to the use of vaccines using a 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.

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## NSSF rapid enrolments usable indicator economy is growing

THESE are various ways of 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 that 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

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

TECHNOLOGY is gradually making it possible for 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 done.

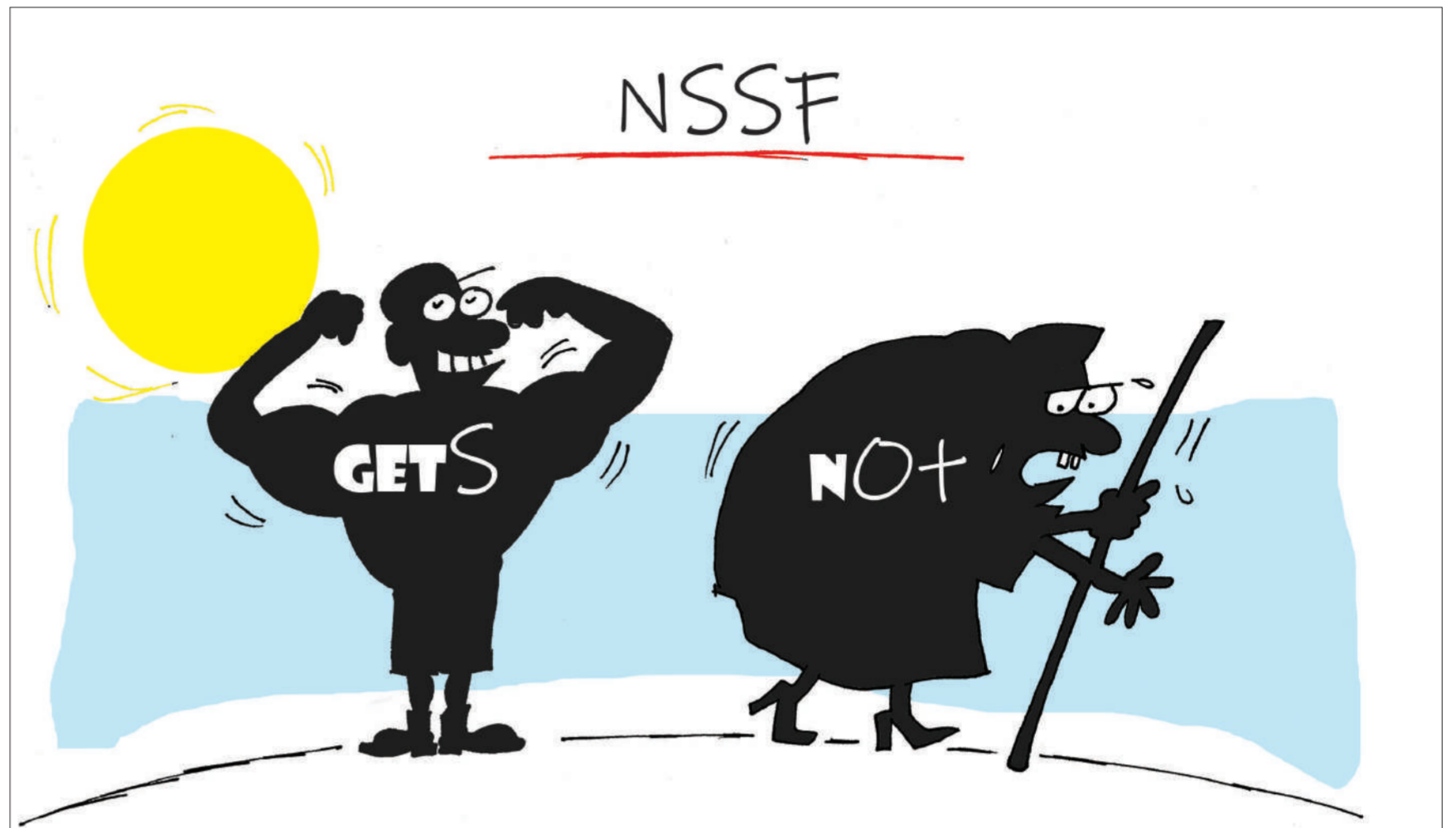
The minister said that the plan

involves the purchase of 15 deep drilling plants whose work will 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 be 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.



## 78th UN General Assembly: Nigerian President Tinubu 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 been a congregation of nations - strong, 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 Trust and Reigniting 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 it 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 Gbajabamila, Ministers Yusuf Maitama Tuggar of Foreign Affairs, Wale Edun of Finance

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 the outing isn't yet another jamboree

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 \$14 billion. 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 without conditions, 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-oriented agents of state.



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

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

**F**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 market.

"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 2022.

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 (AMCOS).

"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," he said.

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 then.

"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

**W**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, this 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 fossil fuels.

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.

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

ties like Bargny all around 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

is even more stark. On average, 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 im-

mediate 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 communities.

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

By Tanka Dhakal

**W**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 management.

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 Muk-tichhetra 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 Muk-tichhetra 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 generations.

"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 Shindhupalchok 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 Shindhupalchok in 2021. The root of these disasters is connected to the upper streams, and changed precipitation patterns are one of the main causes."

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 June 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 Shindhupalchok.

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 region.

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 manage-

ment 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 event.

"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

NEW YORK

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 Adesina has said.

"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 domestic product.

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 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, very soon."

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 region.

"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 pri-

ate 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

MOGADISHU

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 career.

"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 recounts.

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.

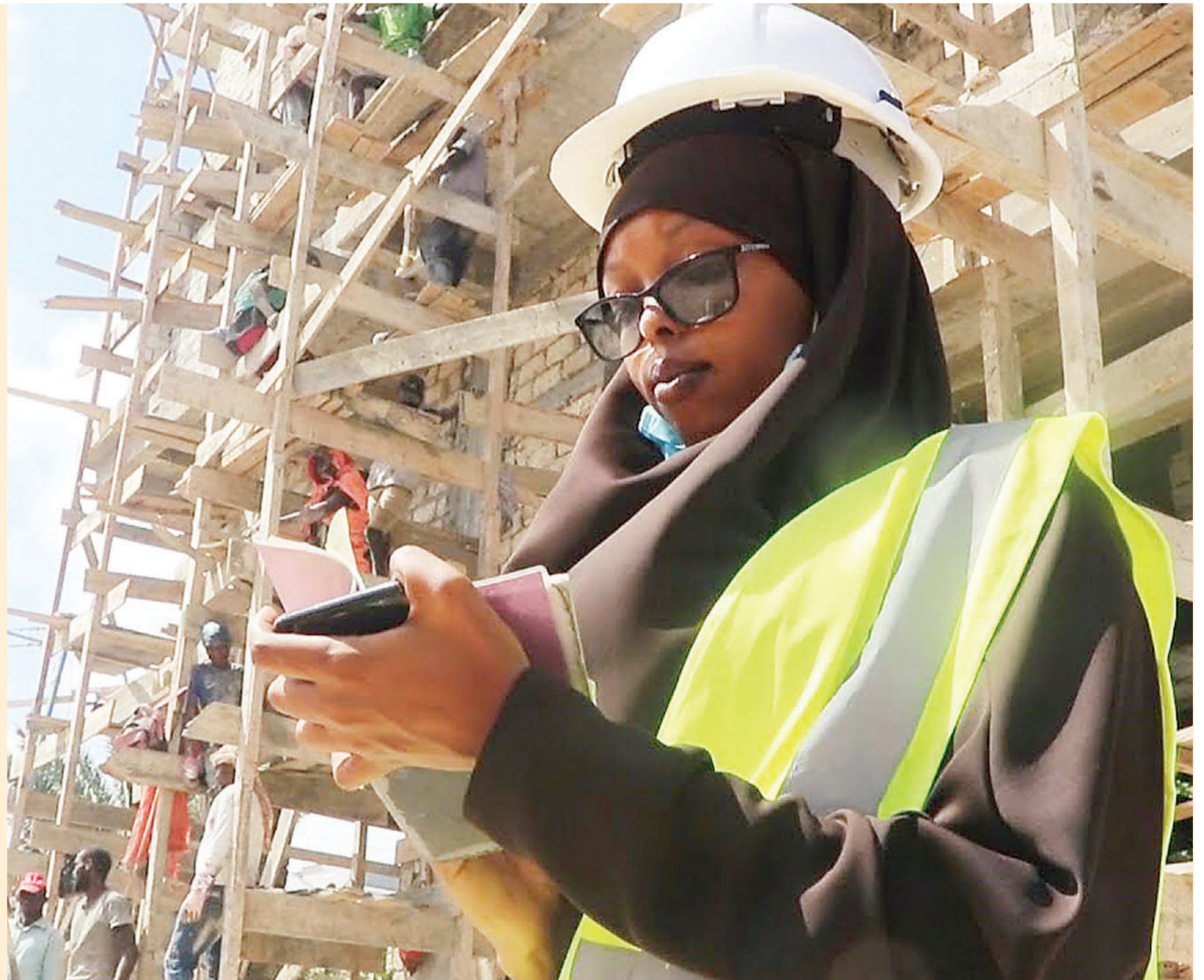
Hassan Mohamed Jimale, deputy mayor in charge of public affairs in Mogadishu, assures us that the authorities want to see more women on the job market: "As a regional administration, we encourage women engineers. The town planning department (employs) women engineers and we have a deputy director".

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, Ifitin 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, but feels that this is not the case for



many of his colleagues.

"The construction workers find it incredible to have a woman engineer supervising their work. They spend

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.

But they will have to get used to seeing women doing their job, warns Faduma Mohamed Ali.

"I recently took part in a training

course and, to my great surprise, there were more than 100 girls", she says: "It used to be rare. Now things are changing."

# The link between African coups and resource rights

By Solange Bandiaky-Badji

**W**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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## 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 deals.

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/- respectively.

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 precedent.

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 deals.

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 queries.

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 satisfaction.

"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."

"Customers will be able to 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



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 said.

Further to that, Kai perfectly aligns with Stanbic

Bank's business and customer-centric goals as it signifies a strategic move towards greater efficiency and accessibility in

its services. This innovation not only optimizes internal processes but also reaffirms the bank's commitment to be-

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 materialize.

Over the years, the bank has built strong in-country advisory and debt financing ca-

abilities, 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 well-known 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 on 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

tranche of a 10-year Multicurrency 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 respectively.

"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

taxpayers 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 reforms.

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

## Electric vehicle assembly firms set for work in Kenya

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 transport.

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 elec-

tric shuttle bus dubbed Roam Move.

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 AVA.

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-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 stations.

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 professional.

The beneficiary districts in question include Kikonko, 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 towards complementing 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 Merel.

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 Mavunde.

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 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

By Correspondent Faustine Felician

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

Pwani region, the Deputy Minister 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-

ucts that will be produced here 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. Mollel.

Dr. Mollel said the government through the ministry of health plan to buy the products that will

be produced at the factory, the 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

between Tanzania and Germany 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 markets.

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 year, lower 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













# SPORT

**Saudi Arabia is trying to disrupt soccer's world order. The reasons why might surprise you – 2**

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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

## 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.

## Singida Fountain Gate FC unveils squad for CAF CC clash

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 bottom-placed 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 encounter 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.

## 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 season.

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."

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

I TRIED TO REMARRY MY EX-WIFE. BUT SHE FIGURED OUT I WAS ONLY AFTER MY MONEY



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