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# Nyerere Day: SA tourists honour Nyerere National Park with a visit

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A 15-wagon train with tourists from South Africa on board arrived here yesterday for a visit to Nyerere National Park.

This coincides with the 22nd anniversary of the October 14, 1999 death of Tanzania's founding president, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, in a London hospital.

The train made a stop at Fuga station, deep inside the park in Morogoro Region, carrying the tourists and their aides.

Seth Mihayo, a senior conservation officer with the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), said the coming of the tourists was one of the salient results of the mobilisation efforts President Samia Suluhu Hassan is making

primarily to woo tourists into visiting the country's tourist attractions.

He said the train was the first of its kind to make it to Tanzania since the easing of the impact of Covid-19, adding that the particular park used to receive a sizeable number of foreign and local tourists before the pandemic struck, but the situation soon began worsening.

"Many visitors coming to Nyerere National Park commonly begin with visits to Zanzibar's picturesque beaches, after which they come this was to view our massive wealth in the form of wildlife," Mihayo explained.

He said that the visit by the particular

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in prayers at former president Dr John Magufuli's grave at Chato in Geita Region yesterday. Left is Dr Magufuli's widow, Janeth Magufuli, and second left (kneeling) is Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament Coordination, Employment, Labour and People with Disabilities). Photo: PMO



## AU, ALF sign MoU to promote credible elections, peace and good governance in Africa

By Special Correspondent

THE African Union and Africa Leadership Foundation have signed the Memorandum of Understanding towards "Operationalising joint programmes to enhance credibility in the management of elections and the advancement of good governance, peace and security in Africa".

The MoU signing event took place on October 8 at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

It was performed by ambassador Bankole Adeoye (pictured), AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, on behalf of the Commission, and Dr. Olumide Ajayi, Executive Director of the ALF.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Commissioner Adeoye emphasised the critical need for robust partnerships to entrench democratic governance, especially at a time when the abuse of constitutions and unconstitutional changes of government are rife.

Dr. Ajayi on his part said: "We are very determined to work with the AU through PAPS to ensure that we create a better environment through appropriate deployment of sound election observation management, analytics, research, capacity building framework and engagement with stakeholders."

The MoU, which aims to strengthen cooperation between both institutions, is a mutual commitment to build on comparative advantages and complement efforts for more transparent and credible democratic societies in Africa.

ALF, is one of Africa's foremost NGO that has been at the forefront of advocating and entrenching democratic and governance ideals that promotes peace and security in Africa.

## ATCL for more domestic flights, regional routes from November

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

AIR Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) has said it has lined itself up to have more domestic and regional routes beginning early next month.

The national carrier announced in Dar es Salaam yesterday that it will have more flights on its Dar es Salaam-Mwanza route via Dodoma and Mtwara with effect from November 5.

As for the regional route, it will be connecting from Dar es Salaam to Bujumbura (Burundi), Ndola (Zambia), Lubumbashi (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Nairobi (Kenya).

Josephat Kagirwa, the carrier's head of corporate communications and public relations, told journalists that the expansion and diversification chiefly sought to tap

more effectively into the opportunities presented by the gradual normalisation of air travel around the world.

Kagirwa said that all flights would be departing from Dar es Salaam as scheduled, with the specific commencing dates being as follows: Dar es Salaam-Mwanza via Dodoma (November 5), Dar es Salaam-Mtwara (Nov 10), Dar es Salaam-Bujumbura (Nov 8), Dar es Salaam-Lubumbashi (Nov 18) and Dar es Salaam-Nairobi (Nov 26).

"We are currently serving the Tanzanian market with a minimum of daily flights on our domestic network, which reaches a total of 13 destinations. These are Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Geita, Bukoba, Kigoma, Mpanda, Mbeya, Tabora, Dodoma and Songea," he

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## High Court allows review of mobile money levies



By Guardian Reporter

THE High Court in Dar es Salaam has

granted prayers by the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) for review of the laws and regulations that imposed levies on

mobile money transactions.

In addition, the High Court has said it has permitted LHRC to file the petition since it has satisfied the required conditions.

The decision was given yesterday by the Court that sat under High Court Judge John Mgeta.

Judge Mgeta said the Court, after listening to LHRC's arguments and the Chief state attorney Gabriel Malate, it has seen it fits that LHRC has satisfied all conditions to file for the petition.

Elaborating, Judge Mgeta said LHRC has abided by the time frame needed according to the law, before six months since the law in question came was published.

He said since the law was announced by the minister on June 30 2021 and LHRC filed the petition on July 27, and then there is no point for argument from both sides that the petition was filed in time.

He said the second condition hinges on whether the petitioner has basic

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has a virtual audience from Zanzibar State House yesterday with Zanzibar-born Tanzanian national Prof Abdurazak Salum Gurnah, chiefly to congratulate him on winning this year's edition of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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said.

Headed that the carrier's regional network for now comprises Entebbe (Uganda), Harare (Zimbabwe), Lusaka (Zambia), Hahaya (Comoros) and Mumbai (India). ATCL also flies to Guangzhou in China, but for now it is only a weekly cargo flight.

Kagirwa explained that the ongoing acquisition of modern

aircraft for the carrier's fleet was "part of our strategy of extending our wings across Africa and beyond".

"We believe that the investment, trade and tourism opportunities presented following the resumption of these flights and the expansion of network will certainly add value to the regions as we strive to offer increasingly affordable and improved connections," he noted.

Last Friday, the government received - for lease to ATCL - an additional two Airbus A220-300s. The aircraft were handed over to Air Tanzania at Airbus' facilities at Montréal-Mirabel International Airport in Canada before being flown to Tanzania via Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The planes landed at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International

Airport, where they were officially received by Zanzibar's President Hussein Mwinyi on Friday afternoon. One has been christened Zanzibar and the other Tanzanite.

ATCL first took delivery of an A220 in December 2018, becoming the first African operator of that type of aircraft, which is becoming increasingly popular across globally. It now operates a total of four.

## Govt issues employment permits to 260 engineers

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

The government has issued employment permits for 260 engineers and increased the number of promotions of public servants from 90,000 to 180,000.

Minister of State in the President's office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Omar Mchengerwa said the engineer's employment opportunities are meant to address the cadre shortage at regional administration and local government authorities countrywide.

He noted that the cadres will be instrumental now that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has launched the Social economic response plan which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released 1.3tr/- soft loan to Tanzania to uplift the living standard of those pulled down below the poverty line by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the minister, the relief fund will strengthen and improve the delivery and access to social services including education and health during the pandemic dictations.

"The engineer's employment is ideal as funds will help in the construction of classrooms, Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) colleges, and lecture rooms in 17 teachers' colleges" he said, adding that the moves are meant to address congestion of students, as a significant measure in the fight against Covid-19.

Also on the list is the construction of health

facilities, purchase of medical equipment, desks and implementation of various water projects that will altogether help in taming the spread of the pandemic.

"This will be a unique opportunity for contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders to do real business in the opportunities, which will rise during the implementation of the programme," he added.

The minister used the platform to remind the human resources officers to be guided by the code of conduct in the promotion exercise and only those who qualify must earn the new status as he will not tolerate any misconduct as employers have been insisted to ensure they set aside budget in the coming financial year.

Mchengerwa said employers should ensure they file and put in system salary arrears so that they are included in the budget allocation system as human resources officers must make site office to listen and address workers' challenges.

He underscored the need for planning and procurement officer in all strategic projects ensure they monitor and control the fund and timely implementation of the projects as they will be credited on competence.

He directed the prevention and combating of corruption bureau to take stern action to public servants and executive directors who will be part of the sabotage or delays of the strategic projects.

## Govt provides 28.6bn/- for Geita region development

development projects in Geita region.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa made the remarks here yesterday when addressing Muganza Ward residents in Chato District in the region, saying 16bn/- has been channelled to Chato District.

Majaliwa said the government wants to see every Tanzanian gets social services in their areas including health, education, water, energy and infrastructure.

He called on Geita regional officials to make sure the money is used for the intended purpose.

Speaking on the shortage of

workers in the health sector, Majaliwa said the government continues to employ people in the sector to make sure people get better health services.

Majaliwa also instructed the management of Rural and Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) in Chato district to make sure 5.2bn/- provided for the implementation of the water project is well spent to enable the people get water.

He told RUWASA to make sure they start making feasibility studies to enable the use of water from Lake Victoria as the people living close to the lake lack sufficient supply of water.



Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (4th-L) inspects progress in the expansion of Tanga port, work expected to cost 270bn/- and is lined up for completion in March 2022. The others include the port's acting manager, Donald Ngairi (3rd-L) and Tanga regional commissioner Adam Malima (6th-L). Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchala

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has directed all contractors, project consultants and engineers who are implementing various road projects countrywide to make sure that are coherent on projects design, standards and speed in order for their works to be in quality standards.

Minister Mbarawa issued the directives while inspecting the upgrading of 50kms section of Tanga-Pangani - Muheza road at bitumen level and Muheza - Amani road of 40 kilometers.

Minister Mbarawa is in Tanga region for two-day official visit.

He said: "Contractors, consultants engineers and Tanroads engineers who are supervising the implementation of the various roads projects countrywide should adhere to project design, standards and speed in order for your works to be in good standards, we as ministry of works we purchased special engineering van for measuring the standards of your works, if we detect that all engineering procedures were not followed you should repeat without additional payment".

He added: "Because most of the roads are demolished shortly after completion". Tanga- Pangani road section, he said the

## Prof Makame Mbarawa cautions contractors, project consultants

government is aware of challenges faced the sluggish of works which is now at 18 per cent of implementation as is in the move of solving it and issued four months ultimatum to the contractor China Henan International Cooperation Group (CHICO) to make sure by February next year the road to be complemented at tarmac level.

"People need tarmac road, make sure by February next year the road is at tarmac level".

About compensation to people who moved out to pave the way for construction of the project, he said the government is ready to pay all people who are deserve to be compensated, those who not deserve compensation came from the back door would not be compensated.

Tanga Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said he would make sure of thorough follow ups of all the government directives because of its potential for economic and tourism purpose between Mombasa in Kenya- Tanga- Saadani National Park and Bagamoyo.

In Muheza, District Commissioner Halima Bulembo said Muheza - Amani road

is potential for Muheza economy which about 70 per cent of its income depends on agricultural products and Amani Ward is famous for spices production and business people and investors were eagerly to invest in the spices business but the road is the main challenge because during rain seasons is not passable, thus urged the minister Mbarawa to give it priority for its budget.

Earlier, explaining Pangani-Tanga road construction report to the minister, Tanga region Tanroads manager Engineer Alfred Ndumbaro said the road is at 18 per cent of its implementation and section of Muheza-Amani road with 7 kilometers is at 93 per cent complete.

The signing construction contract of Pangani-Tanga section road 50 kilometers worth of 66.8bn/- was signed on 31st July, 2019 in Pangani between CHICO and Tanroads Chief Executive the late Engineer Patrick Mfugale on behalf of government, the contract was for 24 months and about 4bn/- was paid as compensation to 358 people who moved out to pave the way for construction.

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batch of tourists from South Africa would stand as convincing testimony to those to follow that Tanzania is indeed a world-class destination of choice.

Zainabu Ally, senior conservation commissioner for TANAPA's eastern Zone, said that Nyerere National Park was until recently part of the former Selous Game Reserve and is home to a wide range of attractions.

The park's conservator, Charles Mpeka, meanwhile said the coming of the South African tourists was a continuation of a "culture" by groups of visitors from South Africa attracted by the park which was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

He also attributed the development to the ongoing vigorous and sustained mobilisation efforts the government is making or

coordinating to "sell" the park and other attractions in Tanzania as a way of marking Nyerere Day.

The tourists' chief guide, Khalfan Kaswila, explained the degree to which he had gone in mobilising Tanzanians to visit the park.

Nyerere National Park, which was established in 2019, covers an area of over 30,000 square kilometers.

Its uniqueness is described as including the fact that it boasts relatively undisturbed ecological and biological processes, among them a diversity of wildlife with a significant predator-and-prey relationship.

The park is closely associated with the wonders of River Rufiji and its abundance of hippos, rhinos, wild dogs, elephants, lions and buffaloes.

The river, which empties into the Indian Ocean, is designated as a photographic zone and is a popular tourist destination.

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arguments that he needs discussing in his petition.

He said they went through the LHRC petition, the sworn affidavit and submissions that supports the petition, and agreed that LHRC had basic arguments.

The third condition is whether the petitioner has interests in the petition in question in which Judge Mgeta said according to the sworn affidavit by the petitioner, it was explained that he owns Tigo, Airtel and Vodacom mobile lines he uses for mobile money transactions, hence he has been affected by the

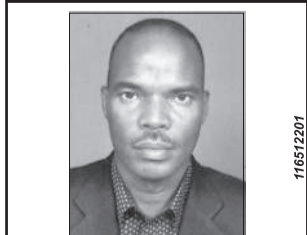
law.

In the circumstances, Judge Mgeta said, the petitioner has valid arguments hence he should be listened to hence LHRC has satisfied the three conditions.

LHRC filed the petition against the minister for finance and Planning, minister for Communication and information Technology and the Attorney General.

In the petition, LHRC is requesting the High Court to review the law on the national revenue collection system and regulations thereof that had imposed levies in mobile money transactions.

### KUPOTEA KWA PASSPORT



Justine Vicent Mokiwa anatangaza kupotea kwa hati yake ya kusafiria (Passport) yenye namba TAES21554 iliyoitolewa na Idara ya Uhamiaji Mbeya. Ilipotea tarehe 08/10/2021 Mlima shabaha, Bomangombe Wilaya ya Hai, Mkoa wa Kilimanjaro. Yeyote atakayeiona atoe taarifa kituo cha Polisi kilicho karibu naye. Taarifa ya Polisi: BNG/RB/3900/2021.



Ally Ngingite (C), NMB Bank Plc's senior manager for consumer lending, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday moments before running the first Phase Two 'Bonge la Mpango' promotion draw. The raffle saw each of ten of the bank's customers walk away with a 100,000/- cash prize and two win three-wheeler motorcycles. Looking on are Gaming Board of Tanzania official Joram Mtafya (L) and Neema Kazoviyo, an NMB call centre agent. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## New factory to alleviate rising fertiliser prices for farmers, says Prof Mkumbo

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

INDUSTRY and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo says the ongoing construction of Itracom Fertiliser Limited factory at Nala Industrial area in Dodoma will help to alleviate the challenge of high price on the farm input facing farmers.

Prof Mkumbo made the remarks yesterday during his inspection visit to factories and other projects under his ministry in Dodoma Region.

Apart from the fertiliser factory, he also inspected the Pyxus Agriculture Tanzania Limited that processes edible oil, Dragon Ltd that manufactures corrugated iron sheets and Dane Holdings Limited.

Speaking at the fertiliser factory, Prof Mkumbo said the factory will be a saviour for farmers and its capacity is four times more than the one in Burundi.

He said the factory is expected to begin operations in August 2022.

"The construction of this factory is the result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's visit to Burundi where she saw the Itracom Fertilizer Limited factory producing natural fertiliser that is the biggest in the East African Region.

"And during discussions with owners, it was resolved to build a similar factory at Dodoma in Tanzania," he said.

He said construction work was now 35 per

cent complete and will cost USD 180 million and employ 3,000 workers, adding that it will be the capacity to produce 500,000 tonnes of fertiliser per year.

He further said the Five Year National Development Plan aims to produce 8 million jobs, hence the factory is part in the Plan's implementation and called upon residents of Dodoma to grab the opportunity.

At the Pyxus Agriculture Tanzania Limited edible oil factory, Prof Mkumbo said the government continues to stress upon farmers to abide by better farming practices to produce adequate raw materials for agro-processing factories.

He called upon banks in the country to assist entrepreneurs owning small factories by providing them with soft loans.

For his part, Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka said when completed, the construction of the fertiliser factory will strengthen Dodoma's economy via job opportunities and enhance grapes production that use fertiliser.

Itracom Fertilizer Limited supervisor, Rubenga Samson hailed the government for putting in place an enabling environment for wooing investments in the country.

He also appealed for the increase of water supply saying as for now they only get 10 per cent of the commodity in its investment area.

## New 18bn/- building to end office woes for VPO staff

By Guardia Reporter

THE government and SUMA JKT yesterday signed an agreement for the construction of the second phase of the Vice President's Office worth 18.08bn/- at Mtumba government city in Dodoma.

A statement released by Vice President's Office said the signing ceremony took place in Dodoma yesterday and the contractor was officially handed over the construction site, adding that the event was witnessed by officials from the National Housing Corporation (NHC) which is the consultant of the project.

Speaking at the event, Permanent Secretary in Vice President's Office Mary Maganga commended SUMA JKT for winning the contract and called for speedy construction based on quality and agreed standards.

"I believe that SUMA JKT has a lot of experience, and this construction will go faster and adhere to the highest quality standards, and if possible complete this work ahead of schedule," said Maganga.

In addition, the PS said the completion of the building will increase efficiency in the implementation of responsibilities and that when the government moved to Dodoma at a time when the building that was available in the area did not meet the needs of all staff hence other workers had to use another building in the city for employees of other departments.

"We have a huge number of staff in the department of environment for instance who have a lot of responsibilities; whenever we need them to come for meetings they have to come to Mtumba from other places so if this building is completed in time, we believe efficiency will now increase because time spent on the road will be reduced or eliminated altogether," she said.

"The Office of the Vice President is in charge of union affairs and environment in the country, so we will provide space in this new building for our colleagues in the office of coordination of government operations on the side of Zanzibar to enable them facilitate coordination and implementation of responsibilities of both sides of the union."


Morgan Nyonyi, an engineers from SUMA JKT promised that the company will implement the project as agreed by ensuring that they submit the construction project on time and if possible before the 24 months contained in the agreement.

"We will strive to deliver the project within the agreed time and adhere to quality standards, financial resources and human resources we have. I thank the government for releasing the money which will enable us implement this project," he said.

NHC Engineering Services Manager, Engineer Manning Mwalaka, said the corporation will ensure that the contractor follows all construction procedures in accordance with the contract throughout the project implementation period.

"We the NHC have been entrusted with the responsibility of managing this project; we will work together and ensure that this building is built as per the agreed standards," Mwalaka said.

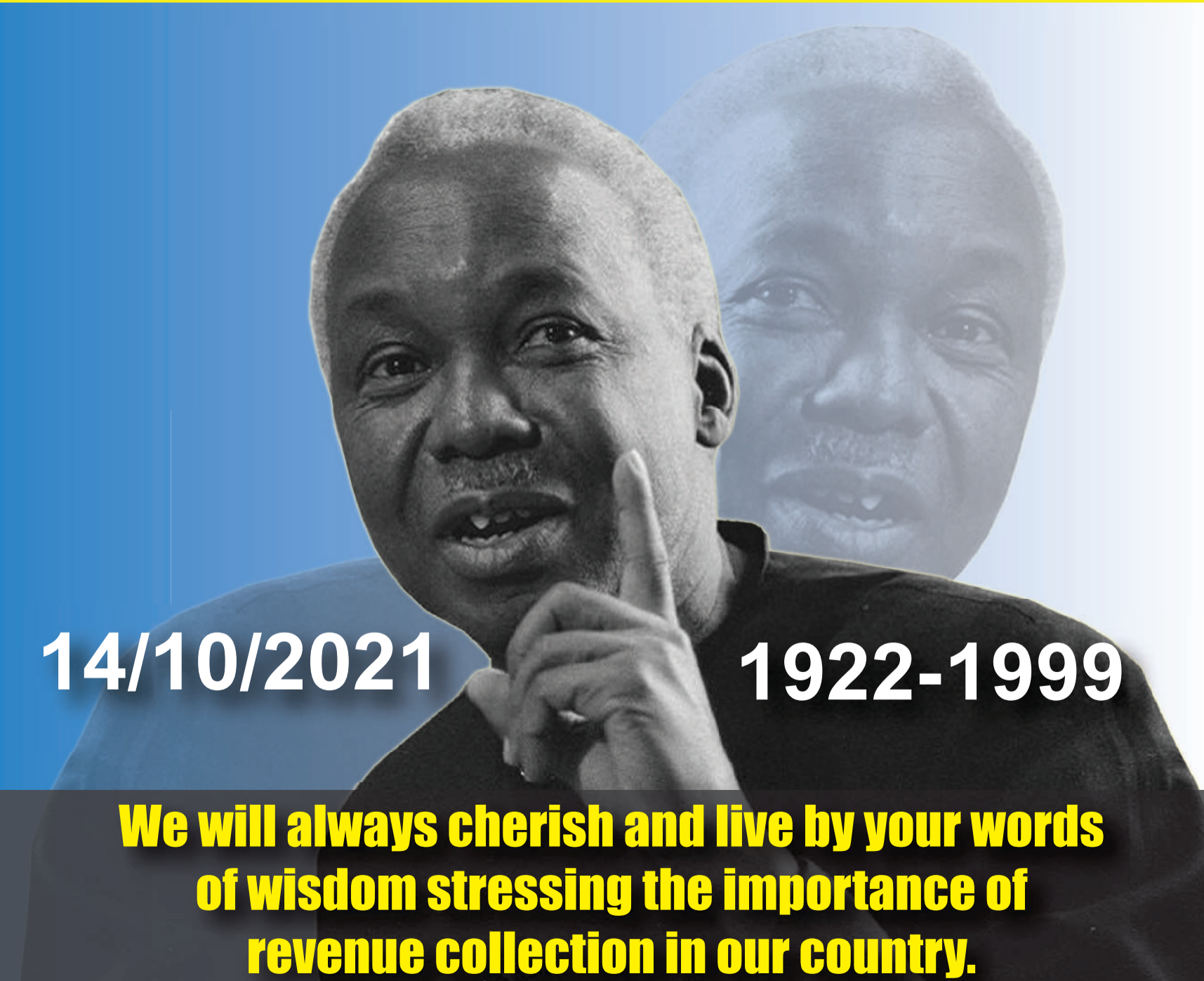
Completion of the construction of the building, will see all departments and units within the Office of the



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## MP donates 10 double-decker beds to Mawelewele secondary school

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

SPECIAL SEATS MP Dr. Ritta Kababi has donated ten double-decker beds to Mawelewele secondary school which has a capacity to accommodate 20 students and alleviate the challenge of shortage of beds in the school.

Handing over the beds Kababi said that as soon as she received the information on the completion of the boys' dormitory she was informed of the shortage of the beds and decided to help them.

"I contacted various stakeholders and they made it possible for me to get the beds that will help our children have peaceful sleep," she said.

The MP guaranteed that she will make sure she fights for the education sector by starting a science subject competition with the aim of ensuring that students become professional.

"I did competitions for science subjects and the schools I gave them computers, now I will do the competition again and give them back the computers that will do well," she explained.

Iringa Municipal Council director Limbe Juma commended the MP for the support that will help students at the school.

"Congratulations to you for your support of these beds, it really will help the students in this school and develop their profession," he acknowledged.

According to Iringa Municipal Mayor Ibrahim Ngwada, Kababi is a role model in the region as she has been involved in various development activities within the locality.

Mawelewele Secondary school headmaster Boniface Mbungu said the school was facing a shortage of 20 beds while the demand was 80 beds for the boarding school for Form Five and Six boys.

Mbungu mentioned that they have happily received the beds as it will reduce the number of students sleeping on the floor and the inability to study hard considering that Iringa is one of the most fertile southern highlands regions. This will lead to improved performance in their studies.

He highlighted that in the on-going construction project of the dormitory, has also benefited from the Iringa Municipality who has donated 40 beds and the MP for special seats supported with 20 beds, adding that 20 beds are yet to be supplied to complete the required number of beds.

The school headmaster explained that the project for the construction of the boys hotel has been implemented in the financial year 2020/2021 after the school received 80,000/- from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, through the Pay for Results (EP4R) project.



Defence and National Service minister Dr Stergomena Tax (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting a certificate to the best performer (in exams) among outgoing Standard Seven students of Dar es Salaam's Feza Schools. It was at a graduation ceremony. Right is Feza Schools director Ibrahim Yunus. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## PM warns youth against improper use of the ICT

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called on Tanzanians, the youth to spurn improper use of information communication technology (ICT) including engaging in online financial scams.

Majaliwa also warned the youth against using ICT to join platforms that engage in incitement, saying such acts have adverse effects to the country's peace, stability and national cohesion.

The PM made the remarks Tuesday this week when officiating the launching of the National Youth Week at Mazaina grounds in Chato District, Geita Region, whose slogan is "ICT is the Foundation of National Sustainability; Use it Correctly and Accountably."

Majaliwa also used the occasion to launch Tanzania Uhuru Torch Association (TAUTA).

He said President Samia Suluhu Hassan had directed the celebrations for the National Youth Week and the apex for the Uhuru Torch Race should be held in Chato District in Geita District to glorify the country's Founding Father, late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

"In the circumstances, the government

is stressing for the proper use of ICT by the youth since the group is the largest user and victims of ICT. It is right to say that the correct use of ICT can be the best lever for sustainable economic, cultural and social development.

"Many youths have attained achievements from the correct ICT use particularly in regard to online business.

"Hence if we use ICT correctly we can make great strides. We have many enabling funds for the people for their economic development, use the loans opportunities, especially loans from local councils' internal revenues in profitable projects for your own development," he said.

The PM also called on the youth to grab opportunities obtaining in the country for their own economic advancement in order to alleviate unemployment challenges that was now worldwide.

"In Tanzania we have ample arable land, we have the ocean, freshwater lakes and big rivers, minerals in abundance as well as good diplomatic relations with other countries," he added.

He also stressed upon the youth to visit the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation pavilion at the

exhibition to learn about the history of the Father of the Nation and its importance for them to build up foundations for patriotism, accountability and nation's building.

He said the institution was established with the aim to preserve historic records of his works, including his vision, philosophy, his patriotism and what he did to this nation during his life, saying all these will be always be remembered.

For his part, Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs, Youth, employment and People with Disabilities) said the National Youth Week has enabled the youth to deeply assimilate the philosophy on the vision of the father of the Nation through what he did to Tanzania.

She said the commemoration has enabled the youth to exchange experience in goods and services from economic activities of various youth groups in the country.

Zanzibar Minister for Youth, Arts, Culture and Sports, Tabia Maulid Mwitwa said the ministry will work together with mall youth in the country including those who have participated in the exhibition in order to protect the Union.

## MSD distributes medicines to health centres, hospitals

By Guardian Reporter

THE Medical Stores Department (MSD) has started to distribute drugs to health centres and hospitals across the country, pledging to ensure delivery at all the facilities by October 16, this year.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, MSD Director General, Dr Gabriel Mhidize said: "We will reach all the health facilities across the country within the coming five days. Our trucks are on the roads heading to various destinations."

Last week, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa directed MSD to make sure all the health

facilities in the country are supplied with drugs by October 16th 2021.

The Premier said the government would wish to see all the dispensaries, health centres, district and regional hospitals have all the essential medicines as they solely depend on MSD for the drugs.

Dr Mhidize noted that as per October 11, 2021, four trucks loaded with drugs were heading to Hai District where there are 24 health centres in demand of the medicines. Two trucks loaded with 10 tonnes of drugs are heading to Lindi district, and will be distributed to 16 health centres. The DG added that another four vehicles are transporting


drugs to Uvinza DC with 42 health centres, Kigoma MC with a total of 13 health centres and Kigoma DC which has 38 health centres.

Five trucks are heading to Kasimu DC with 41 health centres, Kasulu TC with 15 facilities and Buhigwe DC with 28 health centres.

MSD is also taking medicines to Lushoto (3 trucks), Misenyi (3 trucks) and Chato, he said.

Dr Mhidize noted that they have already received consignments from Kenya, and Uganda, adding another 12 tonnes of medicines arrived in the country yesterday by air transport. He said decisions to use airplanes are meant to fast track drugs availability and distribution.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL  
AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 12 OF 2021

BETWEEN  
TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY  
COMPANY LIMITED ..... APPELLANT  
AND  
BIOSUSTAIN (T) LIMITED.....1ST RESPONDENT  
ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY .....2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)


TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) the 2nd respondent herein in complaints No. GA.71/135/337 dated 30 August, 2021 and delivered on 15th September, 2021 in respect of supplementary bill amounting to 26,535,568 issued by the appellant against the 1st respondent being revenue recovery following 1st respondent meter inspection in which the 2nd respondent held that the supplementary bill was not justifiable and proceeded to quash the same.

The appellant contends, among other things, that the 2nd respondent grossly erred in law in holding that slowness of the meter did not occasion loss to the appellant and that supplementary bill was unjustified. Thus, the Appellant prays that all the proceedings, decision and Order of Ewura be quashed and set aside with cost.


BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest in the outcome of this appeal may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

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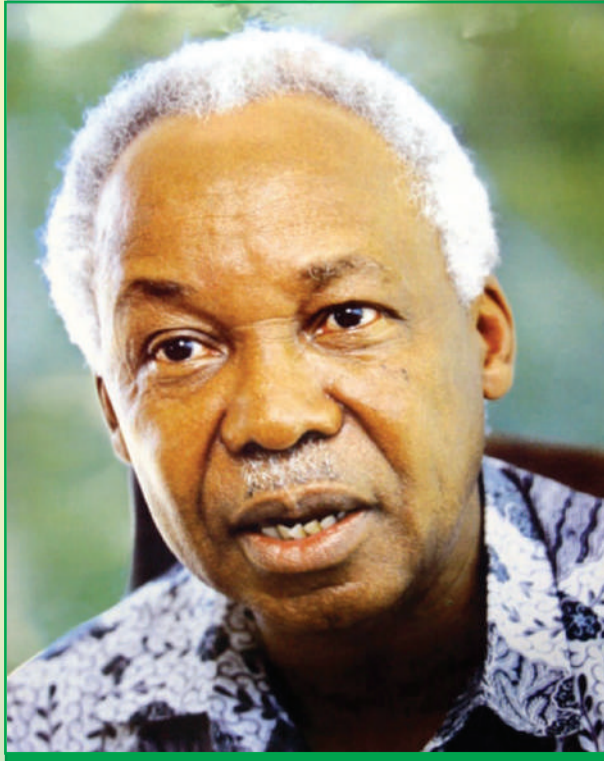
COMMEMORATION OF **22** YEARS  
OF THE LATE FATHER OF THE NATION  
**MWALIMU JULIUS KAMBARAGE NYERERE**

The Board, Management and Staff of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), join Her Excellency, The President of United Republic of Tanzania Hon. **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and all Tanzanians to commemorate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Anniversary of Father of the Nation,  
Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

*TASAF continues to support Government initiatives geared at reducing poverty to the vulnerable poor as strongly advocated by Mwalimu Nyerere*

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Julius Kambarage Nyerere  
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## Algeria starts producing anti-COVID-19 vaccines

By Guardian Reporter

ALGERIA has commenced production of anti-COVID-19 vaccines aiming to produce one million doses this month.

According to a statement issued by the Algerian Embassy in Dar es Salaam, the vaccine is produced by the Algerian Pharmaceutical company SAIDAL Group in cooperation with the Chinese firm Sinovac.

The statement said that the Algerian Prime Minister Aïmene Benabderrahmane, who attended the launch of the production process at a factory in the eastern city of Constantine last Wednesday, called it a 'big achievement', saying the production line would pave the way for the production of other vaccines.

"The planned production is estimated at one million doses in October, 3 million doses in December and more than 5.3 million does from

January 2022," read a statement from the Algeria embassy in Tanzania.

The statement showed that the production capacity could be increased if necessary to reach 200 million doses per year. The SAIDAL Group is the only one to obtain the licence to produce the vaccine in Africa.

It noted that the Algerian authorities intend to export the vaccine to African countries in the framework of "Africa Vac" initiative. "In this regard, a delegation from African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-Africa) plans to visit Algeria from October 13 to 16 so as to acquire the Algerian CoronaVac vaccine," the statement explained.

Algeria, the biggest African nation by population, announced this month a campaign to vaccinate some 70 percent of its 44 million population by the end of the year.



Manyara regional administrative secretary Caroline Mthapula (R) pictured at Magugu in Babati District yesterday receiving a delegation of women heading for the venue of Village Woman's Day celebrations. Photo: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson

## Government dishes out 20.5bn/- as loans to youth to engage in gainful activities

By Guardian Correspondent, Chato

THE government has provided 20.5bn/- to district councils to be dished out as loans to the youth to enable them engage themselves in economic development activities instead of indulging in marijuana smoking or use of other illicit drugs.

The remarks were made here yesterday by Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination, Parliament, Labour, Employment and People with Disabilities.)

Katambi said in order to fight the use of illicit drugs among the youth, the government has set aside the money as loans to the youth to start economic activities for income generation.

He said the rampant indulgence in illicit drugs use in the society has adverse effects to the society itself and the government in general.

"Always the youth are a pillar of the nation...the society and the government depend more on them in development than any other groups, it does not please anyone to see the youth become dependent...the government has therefore decided to dish out huge funds

of money to enable the youth employ themselves rather than idling at street corners," Katambi said.

Despite concerted efforts by the government in fighting the use of illicit drugs, the youth continues to indulge in the vice inconsiderate to the adverse effects therefrom, including mental incapacitation, unwanted pregnancies, loss of memory and sexually transmitted diseases.

Other effects include heart diseases, Tuberculosis, stroke, lack of sleep, cancer and eventual death.

Dr Peter Mfisi, Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) Commissioner for Prevention and Treatment told this paper that the use of marijuana is a huge push among the youth to inject themselves thinking it reduces depression.

"Despite existing challenges, we continue to educate the society, control the trafficking of illicit drugs and provide treatment to some who have been affected by drugs use," said Dr Mfisi.

2020 statistics show that a total of 169,269 who were mentally affected were treated at various hospitals in the country of who 31,969 were women and 137,300 men.

## Z'bar, Comoro vow to strengthen historical ties

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi says Zanzibar is ready to continue historical ties and cooperation with Comoro especially in the development sectors including trade.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks yesterday at Zanzibar State House when he met with and held talks with Comorian ambassador in Tanzania Dr Ahamada El Badoi Mohamed Fakh.

During the talks Dr Mwinyi told Amb Fakh that the brotherly relations between the two sides should act as impetus for Zanzibar and Comoro traders to strengthen the trade sectors.

He assured the envoy that the Zanzibar government and its people will continue strengthening the historical ties for the interest of the two countries.

For his part, Ambassador Fakh told President Mwinyi on the need to revert to the old tradition that allowed traders from both parts to conduct business on the other's nation.

He also told President Mwinyi on his country's intention to implement the Treaty Agreement between Zanzibar and Comoro during the preceding Zanzibar administration and conveyed his appreciation about services accorded to Comorians living in Tanzania, including health, education and other services.

Meanwhile, Dr Mwinyi met and held discussions with the Namibian ambassador to Tanzania, Lebbius Tangeni who went to the Zanzibar state House for introduction.

In the discussions they both stressed on the need for joint cooperation especially in the economic development sector, including industries, trade, investment and relations between Zanzibar and Namibian municipalities.

Ambassador Tangeni told President Mwinyi about his deliberate efforts he has begun to take to meet with Zanzibar regional and municipal officials to have in place relations with their Namibian counterparts.

Ambassador Tangeni said apart from that intention, he also aims to meet with Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) officials, to have joint cooperation with the Namibian business community.

He also said historic ties between Namibia and Tanzania were initiated by leaders of both nations during independence struggle days and need strengthening.

For his part, President Mwinyi told Ambassador Tangeni about his government's vision on the Blue

## NFRA records food stock amounting to 123,635 tonnes in August 2021

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

The National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) recorded food stock amounting to 123,635 tonnes in August 2021 according to the latest figures released by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

According to the latest BoT Monthly Economic Review for September 2021, NFRA purchased 16,250.57 tonnes of maize to replenish their stocks.

"The food stock consisted of maize grain, paddy and sorghum," the report noted.

NFRA in April this year embarked on a strategy to purchase crops from farmers so that they could be reserved to guarantee national food security in case of reported food shortage.

NFRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Milton Milos announced that the agency purchased three types of food crops namely maize, rice and millet from farmers.

"We decided to purchase three cash crops so as to strengthen the food reserve in case of a shortage so as to boost our stock but we already had sufficient stocks," he said.

He noted that the agency had succeeded in reserving grains for a number of years while observing quality standards, which made Tanzanians to enjoy quality food released by the agency.

Meanwhile BoT has reported that wholesale prices of selected food crops in different parts of the country were relatively low in August 2021, as compared to the same period last year due to adequate food supply in the market as a result of good weather in the 2020/2021 season.

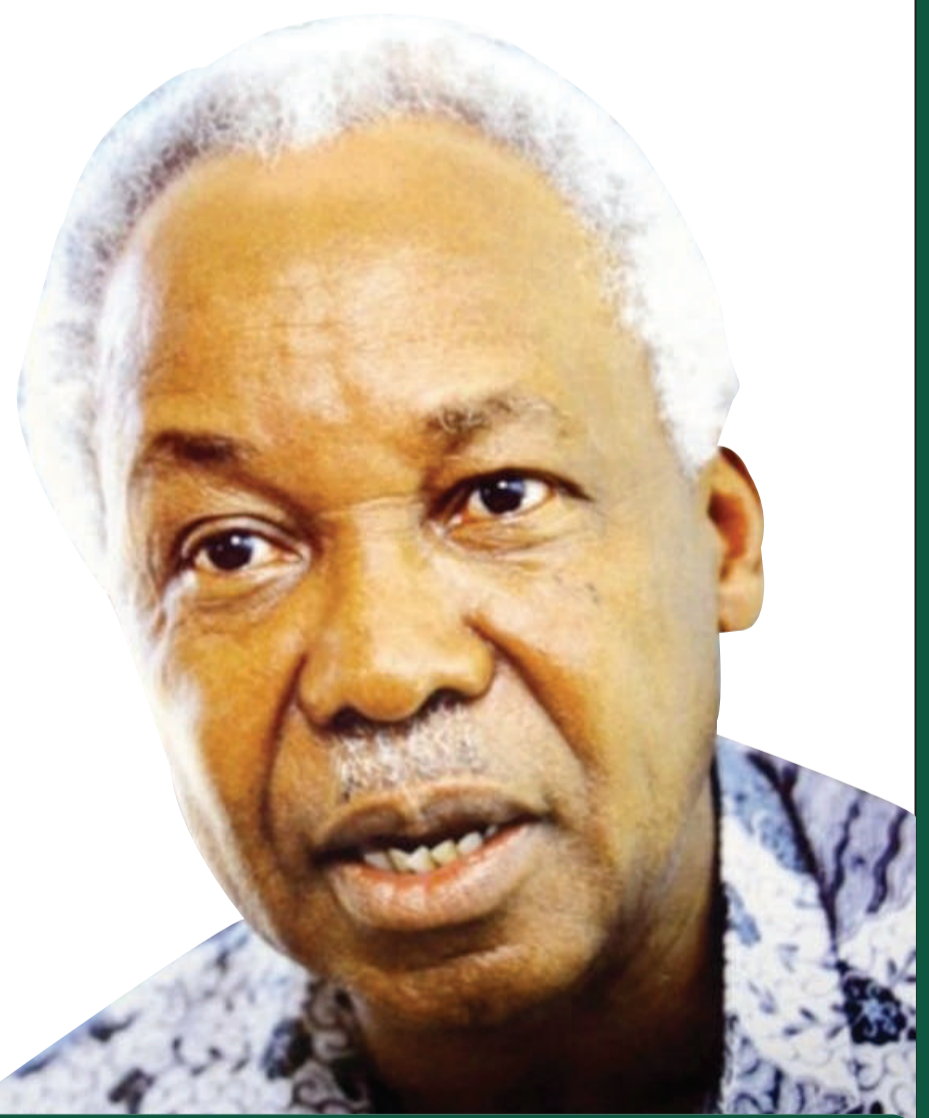
According to the report, the general wholesale food prices for food crops were low save millet

"On month-to-month basis, the prices of selected food crops increased save for round potatoes as the marketing season of most food crops approached the end," according to the Central Bank.



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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WIGGINS SPARES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Wiggins spares and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01322	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WIGGINS SPARES TO GGML

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01322)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Ability to supply OEM – Wiggins Parts	20%
Warranty terms clearly stipulated	20%
Dealership proof clearly indicated	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM - NYAMULILIMA PROJECT AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
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Evidence of Office Location and Technical Capability	10%
Cathexis Registered Member	10%
Approved supplier and installer of Axis Surveillance systems	10%
Capable installer of Facial Recognition system integrated to Cathexis	15%
Approved Supplier and Installer of Gallagher Power fencing equipment	5%
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Canara Bank Tanzania Plc managing director Balaji Rao (2nd-L) and Dar es Salaam City Council education officer Sipora Tenga (2nd-R) cut the ribbon at the handing-over of more than 100 desks and other education materials to the city's Kisutu Primary School on Friday. Looking on are CBT general manager (operations) John Charles (L) and Kisutu ward education officer Renalda Macha. Photo: Correspondent Zuweni Shame

### Canara Bank Tanzania donates desks and materials worth more than 10mil/- to Kisutu primary school

By Correspondent Zuweni Shame

CANARA Bank Tanzania has donated desks and various school materials worth more than 10m/- to Kisutu primary school in Dar es Salaam to compliment the government's efforts and support provision of quality education.

Speaking shortly after handing over the aid, Canara bank managing director Balaji Rao said the donation will increase studying morale among the pupils as well boost performance in examinations.

He said that the bank understands the value of education in building the future generation of the nation because education provided to children determines their future lives.

Rao said that teachers have been entrusted with their roles but

the degree of their effectiveness and efficiency teaching has direct relationship with performance of the students.

"We understand the school performance is contributed by various factors but mostly are teachers, students themselves, teaching facilities as well as teaching environments. Therefore, we have decided to take this initiative to support the government with school facilities so that they can have better performance in their studies" Rao said.



He added: "In schools, that is where we get academicians like lawyers, doctors, members of parliaments and presidents. Hence having teaching facilities like desks will make many of them. We believe these desks will enhance student's academic performance and have a better future."

Education Officer, Dar es Salaam city council, SiporaTenga urged other institutions to support the education sector by providing various educational facilities in schools so that students can learn well and in a good environment without any difficulties.

Canara bank general manager of operations, John Charles said that the 100 desks will help a number of children to stay in comfortable environments and thus concentrate on studies.


Kisutu primary school head teacher, Elizabeth Masawe commended the support saying that the 100 donated desks will accommodate 300 pupils.

Masawe said the school is facing various challenges but most of them are desks, hence the aid is helpful for the pupils to study in a friendly environment.

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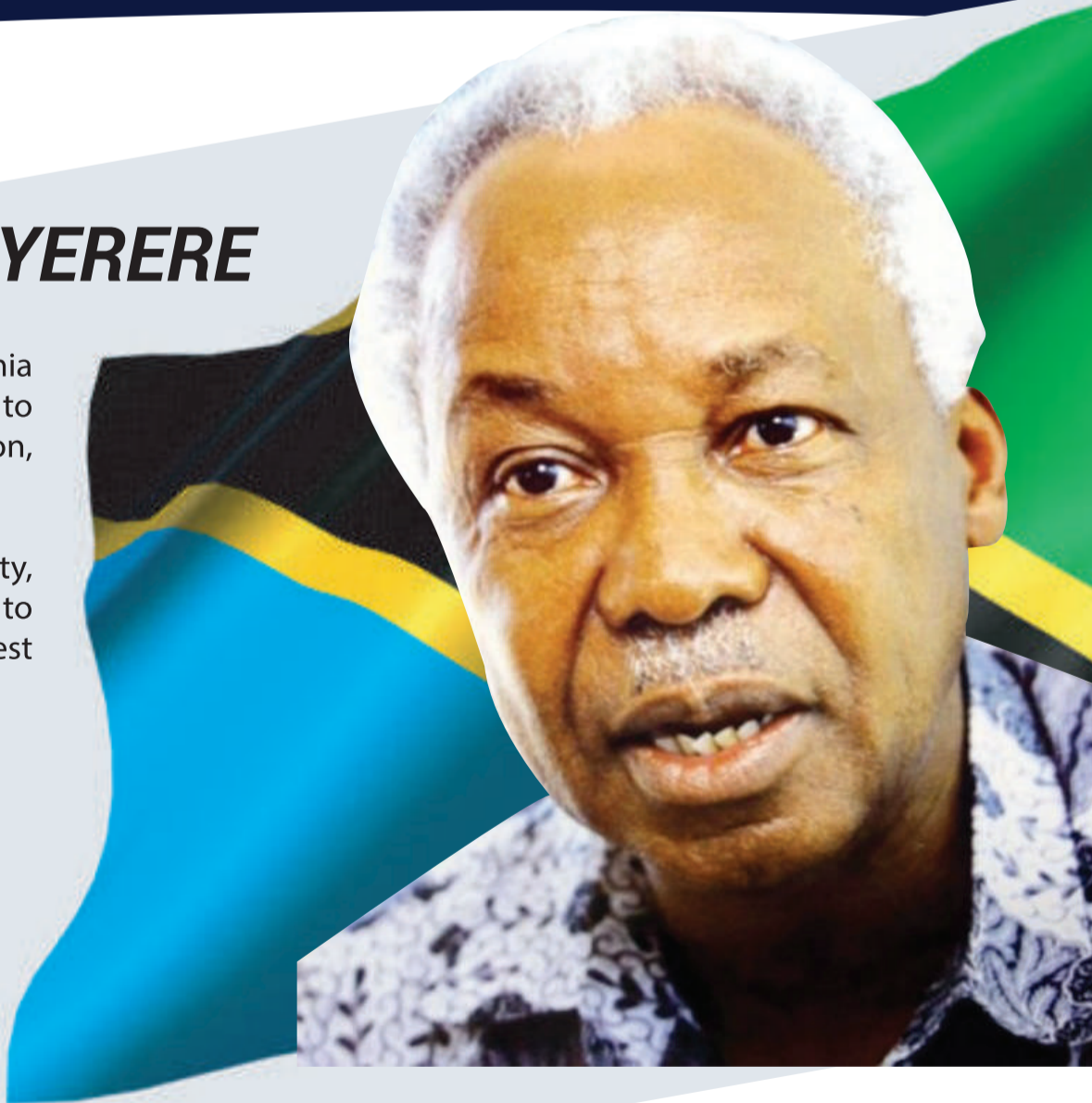
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Mwalimu, the great son of Africa, will best be remembered through his integrity, abilities and ambition to liberate Africa from colonialism as well as his readiness to work with people of different cultural backgrounds, to achieve what was the best foundation for a stable and peaceful Nation.

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## The right to food is a human right

FOOD is any substance consumed to provide nutritional support for an organism. Food is usually of plant, animal or fungal origin, and contains essential nutrients, such as carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, or minerals. The substance is ingested by an organism and assimilated by the organism's cells to provide energy, maintain life, or stimulate growth.

Different species of animals have different feeding behaviours that satisfy the needs of their unique metabolisms, often evolved to fill a specific ecological niche within specific geographical contexts.

Omnivorous humans are highly adaptable and have adapted to obtain food in many different ecosystems. Historically, humans secured food through two main methods: hunting and gathering and agriculture. As agricultural technologies increased, humans settled into agriculture lifestyles with diets shaped by the agriculture opportunities in their geography. Geographic and cultural differences has led to creation of numerous cuisines and culinary arts, including a wide array of ingredients, herbs, spices, techniques, and dishes. As cultures have mixed through forces like international trade and globalization, ingredients have become more widely available beyond their geographic and cultural origins, creating a cosmopolitan exchange of different

food traditions and practices.

Today, the majority of the food energy required by the ever-increasing population of the world is supplied by the industrial food industry, which produces food with intensive agriculture and distributes it through complex food processing and food distribution systems. This system of conventional agriculture relies heavily on fossil fuels, which means that the food and agricultural system is one of the major contributors to climate change, accountable for as much as 37 per cent of total greenhouse gas emissions. Addressing the carbon intensity of the food system and food waste are important mitigation measures in the global response to climate change.

The food system has significant impacts on a wide range of other social and political issues including: sustainability, biological diversity, economics, population growth, water supply, and access to food. The right to food is a human right derived from the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), recognizing the "right to an adequate standard of living, including adequate food", as well as the "fundamental right to be free from hunger". Because of these fundamental rights, food security is often a priority international policy activity; for example Sustainable Development Goal 2 "Zero hunger" is meant to eliminate hunger by 2030.

## Agriculture is Africa's engine for growth

FOOD is any substance consumed to provide nutritional support for an organism. It can be raw, processed or formulated and is consumed orally by animals for growth, health or pleasure. Food is mainly composed of water, lipids, proteins and carbohydrates. Minerals (e.g salts) and organic substances (e.g vitamins) can also be found in food.

Food can be classified in various ways, either by related content or by how the food is processed. The number and composition of food groups can vary. Most systems include four basic groups that describe their origin and relative nutritional function: Vegetables and fruit, cereals and bread, dairy, and meat. Studies that look into diet quality often group food into whole grains/cereals, refined grains/cereals, vegetables, fruits, nuts, legumes, eggs, dairy products, fish, red meat, processed meat, and sugar-sweetened beverages. The Food and Agriculture Organisation and World Health Organisation use a system with nineteen food classifications: cereals, roots, pulses and nuts, milk, eggs, fish and shellfish, meat, insects, vegetables, fruits, fats and oils, sweets and sugars, spices and condiments, beverages, foods for nutritional uses, food additives, composite dishes and savoury snacks.

Most food has its origin in plants. Some food is obtained directly from plants; but even animals that are used as food sources are raised by feeding them food derived from plants.

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World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on 16 October to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with hunger and food security, including the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. WFP received the Nobel Prize in Peace for 2020 for their efforts to combat hunger, contribute to peace in conflict areas, and for playing a leading role in stopping the use of hunger in the form of a weapon for war and conflict.

World Food Day (WFD) was established by FAO's member countries at the Organization's 20th General Conference in November 1979. The Hungarian Delegation, led by the former Hungarian Minister of Agriculture and Food Dr. Pál Romány, played an active role at the 20th Session of the FAO Conference and suggested the idea of celebrating the WFD worldwide. It has since been observed every year in more than 150 countries, raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger.

Since 1981, World Food Day has adopted a different theme each year in order to highlight areas needed for action and provide a common focus. FAO issued World Food Day medals each year to commemorate and promote the anniversary.

Most of the themes revolve around agriculture because only investment in agriculture - together with support for education and health - will turn this situation around. The bulk of that investment will have to come from the private sector, with public investment playing a crucial role, especially in view of its facilitating and stimulating effect on private investment.

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By Azu Ishiekwene

EVEN by the most gracious of accounts, this Nigerian child is stunted, a problem offspring.

Instead of waiting to hear what President Muhammadu Buhari would say on October 1, when I know it would be the same tepid stuff from the last six years, I invited a number of Nigerians between 25 and 35, to share their visions of the shape of things to come and what consequential role they think they may play in bringing about that future.

This is the time of year when we moan about everything wrong with Nigeria. Quite often, we do so not necessarily from a place of spite but out of frustration and hopelessness.

It's true that the life of a nation is not necessarily measured in biological age. But most might agree that if potential, that hackneyed word so often ascribed to Nigeria, was a child, it should have come of age at 61.

Yet, even by the most gracious of accounts, this Nigerian child is stunted, a problem offspring not only to its parents, but also an enigma, if not a source of perplexity, to its friends and neighbours.

I've been reading two books in the last few weeks set on the eve of the celebration of Nigeria's milestone independence anniversaries. Both are anguished collections lamenting the country's unfinished greatness and highlighting a dream deferred.

Nigeria at fifty, edited by Attahiru Jega and Jacqueline W. Farris, and Remaking Nigeria: Sixty years sixty voices, edited by Chido Onumah, are wide-ranging and extraordinary reflections on the country's odyssey. They were published 10 years apart, but you'll hardly notice the difference in tone or resonance.

If you changed a few names, places and dates, the essays would still read like the story of the hopes, frustrations and missed opportunities told a million times on the eve of every independence anniversary in at least the last 50 years or more.

Even the October 1 speeches once so full of promise and highfalutin phrases have lost every pretence to substance and quality. They have become a yearly rehearsal of empty boasts and microphone chewing - a hollow ritual.

Once, Independence Day speeches inspired hope. In 1960, for example, Prime Minister Tafawa Balewa said at the dawn of independence that after the long, harrowing wait, with nation after nation overtaking Nigeria, he was sure that "Nigeria now stands well-built upon firm foundations."

The speeches also made you laugh; like when President Shehu Shagari spent the bulk of his October 1 speech reminding us that colonialists' oppression was still

## What they said about another 60 years

prevalent, when his political rivals at home were still seething that his own electoral victory that year was stolen!

The speeches sometimes depressed you, too. Like President Goodluck Jonathan trying in his speech to excuse MEND from the horrific October 1 bombing at Eagle Square. But now, even depression is a golden era. The speeches mean nothing, stirring only the worst of emotions - indifference.

This year, I thought there was no use treading the beaten path. Perhaps we could use fresh voices from folks who might still be here in another 50 or 60 years, just to get a sense of the future they see, the future they hope for, and what they're doing to bring it about.

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"The current government structure does not allow for equal participation and allocation of resources. In essence, power is highly centralised and it creates a general sense of disbelief and disenfranchisement. The challenges that Nigeria would face in the next 50 years are highly dependent on how we handle these foundational issues."

Keep in mind also, that in about three weeks, it would be exactly one year since the #EndSARS protests. That event signalled the anguished cry by young people against police brutality, poor governance and lack of accountability.

I thought this might be a good time to set aside the old, broken record, and to hear the voices of another generation, before they spill onto the streets in violent rage.

I asked them four questions: (1) Where do you think Nigeria would be 50-60 years from now? (2) Do you think you have a consequential role to play in it? (3) How? (4) What is the single biggest threat facing Nigeria today and how can we deal with it?

The answers are a breath of fresh air, a far more uplifting - and certainly thought-provoking - collection than anything you can find in the yearly potpourri of warmed-over October 1 speeches.

Elizabeth, a 33-year-old development professional and social justice enthusiast, said:

"I think Nigeria will experience a lot advancement and automation in the next 50-60 years. However, a lot of people will be left behind and there'll be a huge gap between the haves and the have nots."

"The informal sector and communities at the last mile will have a huge influence on how we do business. For example, I feel they will affect language and the mode of doing business. The formal language may switch from English to Pidgin English, and the concept of suit-and-tie may be history."

"Talking about history, there'll be a lot of distorted facts and people may hardly use the past to determine the future and just go with the flow."

"As for how, that's a broad question. But I'm confident I have a consequential role to play. The place to start is not to be part of the problem I see but the solution. Whatever I do, no matter how insignificant it looks (positive or negative), has a larger role to play in the scheme of things."

"What's the single biggest threat facing Nigeria and how can we deal with it? The system is broken to the core. People have mounted several levels of corrupt values in the bid to survive. I would propose focusing on the family as the smallest unit of socialisation, as if the country was made up of only people from my family. I'm just here hoping that one day, evil will destroy itself."

Nengi, a 25-year-old interested in Human Resources, social issues and psychology, said:

"The challenges we face as a nation are not bound by time. Nigeria has a vast number of ethnic groups sharing various boundaries. This creates a challenge in uniting these ethnic groups and developing a sense of belief in national unity."

"The current government structure does not allow for equal participation and allocation of resources. In essence, power is highly centralised and it creates a general sense of disbelief and disenfranchisement. The challenges that Nigeria would face in the next 50 years are highly dependent on how we handle these foundational issues."

"Without proper dialogue, restructuring, and good representation, Nigeria will face the same issues of insecurity, poverty, and a declining economy. Historically, the Nigerian government does not seem to learn from the past, putting us in a very difficult position of recurring issues. On this note, there will be some progress, but still very similar problems."

"Where Nigeria would be 50-60 years from now? Our current reality indicates that there are several projected pathways, some of which spell doom. However, as the eternal optimist I am, I believe that changes to our governance structure will ensure that Nigeria remains a unified entity. I project that within 50 years, Nigeria will regain its status as Africa's powerhouse."

"Do I think I have a consequential

role to play in solving the problems? Yes, I do. I believe in ripple effects and that collective efforts begin with individual actions in various fields, irrespective of background (ethnic, religious etc.).

"We all have a social responsibility in standing up against bad governance and having the right discussions with people, educating those less exposed and enlightening them on social issues."

"The single biggest threat facing Nigeria is corruption and this is because the system gives room for gross mismanagement. A lot of state-owned resources are not being controlled and managed by the right stakeholders."

"Corruption is not peculiar to Nigeria as popularly believed. The system gives room for financial crimes because of lack of proper checks and balances. The greatest weapon against corruption is proper restructuring of the governmental system, decentralising power and giving more room for inclusion."

Aisha Ibrahim Ata, 29: "It's very hard for me to predict the next 50-60 years. Technology might drive growth in certain aspects of the nation. However, this growth may not be significant if the very fundamental challenges of the country remain unsolved."

"But I believe I have a role to play. By carrying out my responsibilities honestly and to the best of my capacity, I believe in the power of the individual. If every Nigerian is able to carry out their duties (be it carpentry, banking, teaching, governance etc.) in the best way possible, it will collectively result in significant changes in the country."

"Insecurity is the biggest problem. The most effective solution to this challenge will be strong government intervention. But on the individual level, the best we can do is be watchful in our neighbourhood and communities."

Adekunle Adewumi, 30, Lawyer and Bridge Policy fellow:

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"Nigeria will benefit from some truth and reconciliation process."

My guess is that in 50-60 years, if Nigeria is saved, it would not be difficult to see from these reflections, who was the true salvation army.



# Mwalimu Julius Nyerere: Who among our leaders can emulate his lifestyle?

By Hilal K. Sued



IN 56 days we will be celebrating our 60th independence anniversary.

It never ceases to amaze me and I always ask myself: why Almighty God should elect to be so sparing with His production of good people as leaders of the African continent?

I mean leaders with lustrous qualities instead of dozens of brigands whose main pre-occupation after attaining power is to enrich themselves, their families, allies and friends.

With the volume of corruption in the political systems of many African countries and the mercilessness with which its resources have been plundered and the people impoverished, there is absolutely no reason for guessing why Africa remains so poor amidst so much wealth.

Its resources have been plundered by the very people who were elected by their citizens (or those they didn't elect) to govern them.

The Kiswahili saying "Penye miti hapana wajenzi" (literary translation: a place with abundance of trees is usually bereft of builders) is undeniably fitting here. After endowing the continent with vast natural resources, He apparently handed it to the 'Mafioso' to lead it. For, why should He deliver only a handful of radiant leaders - about one or two in a handful of countries and after about 50 years or so?

Mwalimu Julius Kambage Nyerere was one such endowment. He was lionised by the liberal left of the world for his impassioned advocacy of his style of African socialism, but mauled by his critics as a pompous autocrat, whose idealism failed to deliver prosperity to his people.

To his credit, Nyerere stepped down peacefully and voluntarily, long before it became fashionable - though painfully - for Africa's self-appointed life presidents to subject themselves to the verdict of their people in multi-party elections.

Granted that as a human being he had many failings, but he is at least remembered for having provided a moral leadership for Tanzania, and indeed Africa, since the time the continent was taking its first shaky steps after independence.

As we today commemorate 22 years of his departure, and nearly two months to 60 years from the night he proudly stood

at the National Stadium (now renamed Uhuru Stadium) to take the salute as the Union Jack was being lowered and the new Tanganyika flag of green black and gold raised, let's take a moment to reflect what Mwalimu meant for Tanzania.

Yes, moral leadership. That is what Tanzania has been lacking and I personally foresaw the signs for this almost three decades ago when I first visited Mwalimu's Msasani residence in 1992. It was the time I was working as a reporter-cum-editorial assistant with The Family Mirror, a fortnightly hothead in English that rarely remained on newsstands for more than a couple of hours after landing.

The paper was among the first to hit the streets - three years after the government liberalized the media. I was among reporters who attended a press conference Mwalimu called to speak his mind about the (in)famous 'Tanganyika Debate' tabled in parliament by legislators who had formed the G55 group.

After registering our names at the main gate, we walked along the worn-out tarred driveway towards the one-storey building standing in

the distance. I noticed that the lawns on either side of the driveway were screaming for a mower, but above all, the whole place looked desolate and had an eerie atmosphere.

Well, after all, residences for presidents are not places for hectic activity, let alone this one whose occupant was in the seventh year of retirement. But uncut grass?

As we approached the building, I was struck by its modest appearance. At first I thought it was the servant's or administration block and that the real residence was behind it. But that was Mwalimu's Msasani residence built under a mortgage.

It could have been any building in Magomeni or Mwananyamala areas that one comes across and hardly needing a second glance.

The light-green walls were surely in need of paint, some of the windows had their mosquito netting torn, and louvres were broken or missing in some places. As we entered the hall, the dusty terrazzo floor greeted us and I asked myself, is this really the residence of one of Africa's greatest sons? I'm not finished yet.

We were ushered into a veranda overlooking the garden and the Indian Ocean in the distance. From the photographs I used to see in the Daily News and Uhuru newspapers, this is the place where Mwalimu, as President, used to meet and chat with world leaders and other dignitaries.

His famous rocking chair was at one corner with its back facing the ocean, and a couple of deep sofas with wide wooden armrests - for the visitors - on either side of it. Was Mwalimu suffering from thalassophobia? - the morbid fear of the sea? Else I could not reason why he hated sitting while facing the sea.

The condition of these pieces of furniture showed that they had seen better days. The leather seat of the rocking chair needed replacement while its woodwork, and that of the sofas would have done with another coat of polish. Well, was it probably because he was no longer the Head of State? That fewer and fewer world dignitaries were visiting his residence?

After we were seated, with some us missing the chairs, Mwalimu came down from the stairs in the company of his long-serving secretary, the late Joan Wickens, an English lady, then in her advanced years, and another male aide.

We stood up, all of us shook his hand - it was my first time ever to do so - and waved us to sit down, with many missing chairs. As the press

conference progressed, most of the time my mind was elsewhere - trying to figure out how could this truly famous man - a giant of the African independence struggle, a man who retained his worldwide moral authority even after his vision of rural socialism faltered - live in such undemanding surroundings?

Besides, his way of living must have been like that during his entire presidency and it explains a lot on why he towered over many other African leaders (if not the entire world) when it comes to questions of morality and unostentatious personal habits. How can a human being elect to be so repugnant to lavish living? For, it was there all the time, at the snap of his fingers.

As I was half listening to Mwalimu's tirades at the G55 for wanting to "break the Union" saying they could only do so over his dead body, anger was building inside me, directed to government leaders, those he had handed the leadership reins seven years earlier.

Why did they allow him to live in the neglected surroundings? I very much doubt that he preferred it that way himself, because I couldn't picture him chasing away a group of workmen sent for repairs or men delivering new furniture.

The next day, the front page leads of many newspapers were on the issue of the condition of Mwalimu's Msasani house and not on what he said about the G55 debate. That must

have surprised him as well.

A few weeks later, on assignment from my editor Anthony Ngaiza, I revisited Mwalimu's residence for a response from Mama Wickens to our query on whether or not Mwalimu had any objections to the decision by the Dar es Salaam City authorities - then under the mayorship of Kitwana Kondo - to rename the historic Pugu Road after him namely Julius Kambage Nyerere Road.

She said "Yes, Mwalimu objected, at least not when he is still alive."

However, the City Fathers simply removed the "Mwalimu Julius Kambage" from the name plates. Sure, he was not the only Nyerere born into this world. It remained Nyerere Road.

During that brief visit, I also saw workmen doing renovations to the house, painting it over, replacing louvres etc etc. So they heard the screams from the newspapers!

But that was perhaps the first and last time the renovations were made to the residence till his death on October 14, 1999.

Many mourners who went to the residence recounted upsetting tales on the wanting condition of the residence.

As more people gathered for the funeral, workmen were busy painting walls, replacing curtains and fixing broken water pipes.

That was Mwalimu. Who among the leaders in the continent can emulate his lifestyle?

By Dr Dalaly Kafumu

## Mwalimu Nyerere: Remembering a true pan Africanist

TODAY, the 14th October 2021, we celebrate the 22nd Nyerere Day to tribute a life well lived of a true pan-African and Father of the African liberation.

As can be traced down the memory lane of pan-Africanism in the African continent, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere emerged as a leading force in the emancipation of the African Continent from the colonial bondage and spear-headed the formation of what would have been the United States of Africa. This is vivid from what Mwalimu Nyerere said at the founding conference of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in his speech delivered on the 21st May 1963 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as chronicled hereunder to commemorate this day.

"This conference has been faced with one task; it is the task of finding a common denominator, which will guide us in our determination to rid our continent of the remaining vestiges of colonialism and in our determination to see an Africa speaking with the same voice. The eyes of Africa and the world are turned upon this conference. They are anxiously waiting for its outcome. Some are praying for its failure; others are praying for its success. We did not come here to discover whether we all want a free Africa.

Even the greatest enemies of African unity know that the one thing on which there can be no doubt that the whole of Africa speaks with one sincere voice, it is our desire to see an Africa completely freed from foreign domination and racialism. We came here to find out what we should all do now in order to bring about the final liberation of Africa.

We did not come here to discover whether we want African unity. Again even our enemies know that we sincerely desire unity. It is their fear of the consequences to them of complete African unity, which makes them emphasize our differences and hope - wishfully - that these differences will make it impossible for Africa to unite. No, we did not come here to find out whether we desire unity. We came here to find out our common denominator in our approach to African unity.

I do not propose to bother you by stating why Africa should be free and why Africa should be united; why Africa should unite in achieving its freedom and free in achieving its unity. You're Imperial Majesty and those of my brothers who have spoken before me have stated that case much better than I can. It has been even better stated by the suffering of our people; by the blood which our people have shed and are still shedding at the hands of their oppressors; it has been better stated by the millions of our people who died in the slave raids organised all over Africa by those powers whose prestige was built upon

the humiliation of Africa; it is still stated by those monuments of European, American and (let's say it) Asian glory, which to us are symbols of humiliation and oppression. I repeat then, that I do not propose to bother you with reasons, why Africa should be free, and why Africa should be united.

We came here simply to discover our common denominator, in our approach to freedom and unity. Because of the good fortune that I have had to speak last I can honestly say that we have discovered this common denominator. In our approach to the final liberation of Africa, we are all agreed without a single exception that the time for more words is gone; that this is time for action; that the time for allowing our brethren to struggle unaided is gone; that from now on our brethren in non-independent Africa should be helped by independent Africa.

In order to complete this picture of unanimity let me add Tanganyika's voice then. I ask you to look at the map of Africa. You will immediately realise why in a very real and special sense we in Tanganyika, as indeed our brethren in the Congo cannot be comfortable or complacent in our freedom as long as our neighbours to the south are not free.

At present, not because of any greater dedication to the freedom of Africa, but because of our proximity to non-independent Africa, we are already making a humble contribution to the liberation of Southern Africa, but we are prepared to do

more. In particular, we are prepared to support the proposal made by our brother, President Sekou Toure, that one per cent of our national budget should be set aside for the purpose of liberating non-free Africa. I want to assure our gallant brother from Algeria, Brother Ben Bella that we are prepared to die a little for the final removal of the humiliation of colonialism from the face of Africa.

In our search for a common approach to unity the way the United States of America came into being has often been mentioned as an example open to us to follow. But let me say in this connection, that the United States of America did not come into being by the signing of the American Constitution. This was rather the culmination of a common endeavour by thirteen colonial countries. The real unity was forged and sealed by the Declaration of Independence and by a comradeship in arms for the achievement of that independence.

Let us not avoid that task now facing us by waiting until Africa is under one Government. I ask Your Imperial Majesty and my brothers assembled here that we collectively should now view the continued occupation of Africa by any foreign power with the same gravity and in the same seriousness as each one of us would have viewed the occupation by a foreign power of a part of the country that he has the privilege and the honour to lead. We can no longer go on saying that Angola is not free

or Mozambique is not free, etc., and that we are helping Angolans or Mozambicans to free themselves. Such statements are hiding the truth. The real humiliating truth is that Africa is not free; and therefore it is Africa which should take the necessary collective measures to free Africa. This is the clear and serious message that should go from here to the Security Council of the United Nations.

In our approach to unity we have also discovered a common denominator. We have all repeated our dedication to the achievement of a fully united Africa. But we have all said in effect that just as African independence has been a process, African unity is about to be a process. There is not going to be a God who will bring about African unity by merely willing unity and saying 'Let there be Unity'. It is not in the nature of human action that the will and the fulfilment should be simultaneous. That is not in our power that is only in the power of the Gods. In human action, there is an inevitable progress between the will to do and the fulfilment of that action.

What is required is that immediately after the will, the first step should be taken - I repeat then that African unity cannot come by divine will, "Let there be unity". And none of us is prepared in the name of unity to invite a Napoleon to come and bring about such unity by conquest. We are therefore left with only one method of bringing about African unity. That meth-

od is the method of free agreement. That is why at the beginning of this speech I said our task is to discover how to bring about our freedom in unity and our unity in freedom. This means that at any given point we must discover our highest common denominator.

Having discovered that highest common denominator our duty is to take it without waiting till tomorrow. We have, I believe, reached such an agreement here for the initial step to be taken. I believe that one can pick upon any proposal made by our brother President Senghor as such an example of common denominator. Taking the various proposals already made our Foreign Ministers are now drawing that common denominator in the form of a Charter. There will be some who will say that this Charter does not go far enough or is not revolutionary enough. This may be so. But what is going far enough. No good mason would complain that his first brick did not go far enough. He knows that a first brick will go as far as it can go and will go no farther. He will go on laying brick after brick before edifice is complete.

And what is being revolutionary? A true revolutionary is not an unrealistic dreamer. A true revolutionary is one who analyses any given situation with scientific objectivity and acts accordingly. This is what this conference has been doing. Examining realistically what it is that we have in common in our approach to unity and then act accordingly. The enemies of

Africa are now praying. They are praying for the failure of this conference. The people of Africa are also praying. They are praying for the triumph of pan-Africanism over narrow nationalism and regionalism. They are specially praying for the triumph of an all-embracing Africa Charter over a Monrovia or Casablanca.

It is unnecessary for me to prophesy that is shall not be recorded in history that, "but for the stubbornness and non-cooperation of Tanganyika the Addis Ababa conference would have been a success". Our National Motto is "Uhuru na Umoja" (freedom and unity). Our national anthem is "God blesses Africa". Finally, let me say this:

We reciprocate the good wishes and prayers of the friends of Africa wherever they may be. To those enemies of Africa who will want to belittle the significance of this Conference by saying that it did not achieve very much we ought to send this challenge. That if when the nations of the world reassemble at the United Nations, they will approach the problems of the world in the same spirit of goodwill and co-operation as the nations of Africa assembled have approached their African problems here, the human race, like the African people, shall have taken an immense step towards universal brotherhood."



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ACTIVATED CARBON 550KG BAGS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring activated carbon 550kg and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this reagent as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01306	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ACTIVATED CARBON 550KG BAGS TO GGML

Specification:

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS	UNIT OF MEASURE	MIN.VALUE
Humidity	%	≤ 3
Ash Content	%	≤ 2
Hardness	%	> 99
AARL Rolling Bottle Attrition	%	
AARL Platelets	%	≤ 3
D50	mm	2.2 - 2.6
CTC Value	%	≥ 62
Particle Size Distribution		
Retained Upper Sieve	%	
Between Both Sieves	%	≥ 96
Through Lower Sieve	%	

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01306)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of registration with GCLA (Government Chief Laboratory Authority) to import, transport and store Activated Carbon	15%
Material Safety Data Sheet for Activated Carbon (Technical Data)	15%
Details of the approach to be adopted to ensure that Activated Carbon supply to Geita Gold Mine will not be disrupted.	15%
Details of transportation and logistics chain for the supply of Activated Carbon to Geita Gold Mine	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01306) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [Tenders@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:Tenders@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 27<sup>TH</sup> October 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PIPES SCHEDULE 40, 2 INCHES, 6 INCHES & 8 INCHES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01317	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PIPES SCHEDULE 40, 2 INCHES, 6 INCHES & 8 INCHES TO GGML

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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Company Profile	1.54%
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01317)</b>	<b>60%</b>
PROOF OF SUPPLY OF PIPE, METALLIC: MATERIAL: MILD STEEL; NOMINAL PIPE SIZE DESIGNATION: 50 MM; WALL THICKNESS: 3.91 MM; SCHEDULE: 40; LENGTH: 6 M; COLOR: BLACK	20%
PROOF OF SUPPLY OF PIPE, METALLIC: MATERIAL: MILD STEEL; NOMINAL PIPE SIZE DESIGNATION: 150 MM; WALL THICKNESS: 7.11 MM; SCHEDULE: 40; LENGTH: 6 M; COLOR: BLACK	20%
PROOF OF SUPPLY OF PIPE, METALLIC: MATERIAL: MILD STEEL; NOMINAL PIPE SIZE DESIGNATION: 200 MM; WALL THICKNESS: 8.17 MM; SCHEDULE: 40; LENGTH: 6 M; COLOR: BLACK	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# 10 years of ups, downs of LSF's efforts to create a just society

By Guardian Reporter

THE Legal Services Facility (LSF) is marking 10 years since its establishment, a decade during which millions of ordinary Tanzanians especially women have had increased opportunities to understand and access their social and economic rights like never before.

To ensure that LSF's primary goal of universal access to justice across Tanzania is attained, it established a mechanism through which every ordinary citizen, many of whom don't have readily available access to legal aid services, is able to enjoy this fundamental right.

It is important to understand that across the country essentially women and girls are at a more severe disadvantage in regard to accessing everyday rights compared to their male counterparts, and to address this inequality LSF initiated its Access to Justice Program which places women and girls squarely at its core.

LSF's access to justice program has a 4As approach which is intent on making quality legal aid services Affordable provided by acceptable community-based paralegals who are available in all districts of the country to ensure increased levels of accessibility of legal aid services.

To ensure implementation of this approach LSF in partnership with the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) and the Law School of Tanzania enabled the training and equipping of more than 4,500 paralegals on both the mainland and Zanzibar.

In every district, 25 individuals who fit minimum set criteria, including being good citizens, were identified and trained for the purpose of providing legal aid services on a voluntary basis.

The individuals were required to organize themselves and form a non-profit organization that is fully registered and operational at the district level.

Furthermore, LSF established within its value chain regional mentor organizations, which are commonly referred to as just "RMOs", whose core function was to oversee and guide the work of paralegals in every district.

Through these RMOs LSF strengthened the functional capacity of paralegals through on-the-job training in financial management, program implementation, monitoring and evaluation, resource mobilization, and branding and communication for the purpose of improving the quality of service delivery.

Additional focus was



LSF chief executive officer, Lulu Ng'wanakilala speaks at one of the facility's activities

put on institutional strengthening ensuring structures and systems were in place and all 183 paralegal organizations are fully registered and compliant with rules and regulations for NGOs.

Through skills and basic knowledge of the law, they acquired paralegals have continued to extend legal aid services under the auspices of their own registered organizations to a large number of people country-wide to whom legal aid services had been out of reach.

Most RMOs can trace their relationships with LSF to the early years of its establishment when they implemented projects that effectively contributed to the accomplishment of LSF's broader objectives which centre on there being an environment in which access to justice is available to everyone in the country without discrimination.

These past relationships were instrumental in the second phase of the Access to Justice Program which began in 2016 and ended in 2020 which

amongst other things witnessed numerous innovative approaches devised by RMOs and co-implemented with paralegal organizations to expand the provision of legal aid services.

"Our role means that we must work extra hard to achieve the results we set our organization and equally the paralegal organizations under our care. In a region as vast as Shinyanga, it always means going the extra mile to maintain the standards LSF expects of us but we also have our own organizational vision that we need to work towards realizing.

"In a nutshell being part of the Access to Justice Program is an important opportunity to test and apply our mettle", says John Shija who is the Program Manager at Paralegal Centre Shinyanga (PACESHI), the local RMO.

The most unique factor of the Access to Justice Program is that these crucial services are available free of charge and have over these 10 years benefitted women, men, girls, and boys alike.

By not requiring beneficiaries to pay for these services LSF has effectively broadened their perimeter and naturally allowed many ordinary Tanzanians especially those at the grassroots level of rural communities to access them more easily.

Statistics from 2016 to 2020 reports show that of people reached with legal aid 56% were women and 44% men, while of those reached through legal aid 55% were women and 45% were men indicating that although the program has a special focus on women, men are also reached and benefit from it.

A paralegal with PazaSauti Foundation (PASAFU) in Rufiji District, Coast Region Siri Liwawa says: "The people we serve are at the bottom of the economic ladder and have been denied easy access to these services for as long as anyone can remember; allowing them to pursue their rights with the need to worry about where to find money to pay for the services is a very helpful undertaking.

"We work in our communities as volunteers and even though challenges abound we do everything we can to continue providing these vital services".

This fact means that paralegals are probably among the most dedicated Tanzanians especially taking into consideration the direct circumstances they encounter in their daily work routines.

From long distances, they must cover attending to beneficiaries to sometimes hostile environments brought about by individuals who perceive the course of justice to be detrimental to their ill interests. Threats and even attacks on them are not uncommon.

As LSF's slogan says succinctly, "Everyday Justice for Everyday Problems", this is precisely what every paralegal wakes up every morning and sets out to accomplish.

The fact that the bulk of Tanzanians which are found in rural communities don't have unhindered access to justice compared to their urban counterparts provided ample ground for reflection.

Problems such as land disputes, inheritance disputes, gender-based violence, child neglect, child pregnancy, and female genital mutilation constitute the biggest share of cases that paralegals address on a routine basis.

LSF's 2020 annual report shows that more than 6.4 million people were reached through legal education provided by paralegals, while 68% of cases that paralegals attended to were resolved successfully.

Against such a backdrop one can clearly appreciate the vitality of these individuals in communities across the country where they act as a sure lifeline to hundreds of thousands of people who find themselves trapped in legal snags.

"We attend to all sorts of issues that our communities grapple with and when you take in the broader picture it is very fair to say that the legal services we provide empower even those that initially believed they had no hope.

"We are part of our communities and as such we have the duty to ensure justice is enjoyed by everyone. It is necessary to assert that the many skills we possess and use every day are the result of regular capacity enhancement we receive from our mentor organization which includes project implementation, reporting, project monitoring and results as well as financial management", explains Japhet Lazaro of Kibondo Paralegal Foundation (KIPAFU) in Kigoma.

To aid and facilitate the reach of legal aid services, paralegals also take advantage of available means to connect with people in their districts and these include public meetings, school sessions with students, public events such as bonanzas, visits to health centres where large numbers of women can be reached and radio programs that feature general legal awareness and question-and-answer sessions.

The HakiYangu mobile application that was launched this year has also provided an additional platform through which anyone anywhere can access a paralegal and benefit from legal education or legal aid.

It is important to highlight the fact that while paralegals cannot legally carry out the functions of lawyers, RMOs on the other hand can have lawyers in their staff rosters and these have been instrumental in ensuring cases that require legal redress beyond the scope of paralegals are referred to the RMO office.

This arrangement has in essence boosted paralegals' confidence in handling disputes knowing that in any case a beneficiary will be readily assisted at a higher level whenever a need arises.

In recognizing the contributions of both RMOs and paralegals during this noble 10-year journey, it is not misplaced to say with confidence that LSF's Access to Justice Program becomes more relevant every day as more and more ordinary Tanzanians discover their rights use them to improve their livelihoods.

# Exim Bank hosts dinner event for its clients in Iringa

By Guardian

Correspondent, Iringa

EXIM Bank Tanzania, over the weekend organized a special dinner event for its customers in Iringa region to provide an opportunity to discuss business opportunities, growth plans and services offered by the bank in the region.

Speaking at the event, which was attended by various stakeholders of the bank, including government officials, businessmen, small and large, as well as employees of the bank, Exim Bank Chief Executive Officer, Jaffari Matundu said, through the event they also aimed to provide opportunities among the customers, so that they can get to know each other and open up the scope of doing business together.

"As well as appreciating the way our customers have been with us to achieve the growth and quality of our services, this event provides an opportunity for our customers to also get to know each other and thus open the door to opportunities between them," said Matundu.

He said the economic situation in the region offers great growth oppor-



Exim Bank CEO Jaffari Matundu (C) greets one of the bank's customers in Iringa region during a special dinner event organized by the lender for its customers in the region to provide an opportunity to discuss business opportunities, growth plans and services offered by the bank in the region. With him are Exim Bank's Head of Retail Service, Andrew Lyimo (L) and the bank's Iringa branch manager Michael Richard (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

tunities for the bank and that is why it is committed to serving large, small and medium customers to bring prosperity to key sectors of the region including trade, agriculture and livestock.

"Statistics show that Iringa Region has continued to build a strong and sustainable economy, and therefore efficiency in the financial system is one of the most impor-

tant and fundamental requirements for economic growth and development in general. Exim Bank is committed to ensuring that we achieve this together," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga, Iringa District Administrative Secretary Ephraim Kyando, in addition to congratulating the bank for its excellent services

in the region asked the bank's management to look at how to expand more in the region by adding more branches in various districts of the region so that its services can benefit many citizens of the region.

"Personally, I have been very impressed with how Exim Bank can provide its services, including loans to its customers, without any inconvenience in

repaying the relevant loans ... this means that you are focused on providing your services and that is what helps you avoid conflicts with your customers ... congratulations," he said.

Earlier speaking at the event, Exim Bank's Head of Retail Service, Andrew Lyimo said the bank was more committed to improving service delivery systems and

procedures to meet the real needs of customers and the market, increasing the professionalism and competence of employees as well as investing in modern technology that will enable them to reach more customers, more easily, wherever they are and thus eliminate the need to visit the bank's branches when they are in need of services.

"By understanding the


most important aspects of customers' lives - their personal economies - Exim is positioned to support customers' financial needs through a dedicated relationship-led service, allowing customers to invest their wealth while enjoying the best wealth management and financial services. Exim Bank also hosted this dinner as an opportunity to hear feedback from our customers to help provide them with best client experience possible," he said.

Expressing gratitude on

behalf of other customers of the bank, Atu Jonas as well as expressing satisfaction with the bank's services asked the bank to expand its reach in the region so that its services can reach other citizens in the region, especially traders and farmers in need of better banking services.

Since its inception in 1997 the bank has expanded locally and abroad where so far the bank has successfully opened its branches in Uganda, Ethiopia, Comoros and Djibouti

**MEMORIAL**



**Elishiisa E. Mmari (Makileo)**

It is difficult to believe that one year has passed since you left us in this world on the 13th October 2020. However, your memories will live with us for as long as we live. Your affection and teachings will continue to define who we are, and we will love you forever. You are deeply missed by your husband Eliapenda Telekia Mmari; children; daughters-in-law; grandchildren; great grandchildren; relatives, friends, and neighbours.

We thank all those who shared the grief with us until our beloved mother was laid to rest on the 17th of October 2020.

A memorial service will be held at 7.00 am on Sunday the 5th of December 2021 at Lawate Lutheran Parish, Siha district.  
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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELBOW SCHEDULE 40, 2INCHES & 6INCHES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring elbow schedule 40, 2 inches & 6 inches and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit their Expression of Interest for the supply of these elbows as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01318	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELBOW SCHEDULE 40, 2 INCHES & 6 INCHES TO GGML

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01318)</b>	<b>60%</b>
PROOF OF SUPPLY OF ELBOW, PIPE: SIZE: 50 MM; CONNECTION TYPE: WELD ON; DEGREE: 90 DEG; SCHEDULE: 40; COLOR: BLACK	30%
PROOF OF SUPPLY OF ELBOW, PIPE: SIZE: 150 MM; CONNECTION TYPE: WELD ON; DEGREE: 90 DEG; SCHEDULE: 40; COLOR: BLACK	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01318) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 27<sup>TH</sup> October 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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# What place for democracy in teaching and learning?

BY DR NIPAEEL MRUTU

If you ask students in public secondary schools in Tanzania to define democracy, they will probably say it is 'the government of the people by the people' - and they would be right.

However, in this article, I reflect on the development of a democratic citizen relating to oneself and others - an ethical, political and educational relationship pervading all aspects of everyday life.

Democracy, just like charity, begins at home. It is at home that we begin to learn how to interact in a democratic manner, our family members being our teachers.

When we engage children early on in decision making, we send a message that it is important to involve others in matters that affect them.

For example, involving children in designing a home menu would provide them the space to exercise not only their right to choose and the freedom to express their thoughts.

It would also give them an avenue where they would learn that one's idea will either be rejected or accepted.

When an idea is accepted, it is because the one who communicated the idea had done his/her research on the matter and thus was convincing.

In this simple activity children learn to be good listeners and to weigh options and make good decisions.

They would also learn that an idea that a person has and considers to be viable will not always be accepted by everyone else because people have different perspectives.

They would further learn that individuals do not only express

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personal preferences but that they also make collective choices for the common good.

There are many more examples, including the drafting of schedules for daily house chores before and after school. These are activities like making their bed, cleaning utensils after meals, washing their school uniform, time for revision and/or homework, play time, screen time and daily devotionals.

In drafting these timetables, children sit with their parents or caregivers and engage in discussions until they amicably reach an agreement on the importance of each activity and how much time to allot to each activity.

As they participate in planning and carrying out the house chores, they learn that where there are rights (right to education, to play, to food, shelter, clothing, etc.) there are also responsibilities - and that it is the responsibility of every person to preserve and take good care of

their surroundings.

Adults have the responsibility of consciously providing friendly or accommodative space at home where children are moulded to become democratic citizens.

Children can be groomed to be dictators when parents and/or caregivers practise authoritarian parenting by issuing orders or commands with no room for children to politely question or even ask for clarification where necessary.

Adults ought to maximise opportunities for sharing, exchanging and negotiating perspectives and opinions.

Moulding democratic citizens also calls for the existence of democratic schools where educators provide a learning environment which respects diversity, recognizes and accommodates multiple perspectives, and welcomes curiosity, uncertainty and participation.

In our school environment we need to do away with authoritarian leadership where the teacher is the sole custodian of knowledge and children are perceived to be in the process of "developing" and thus have nothing much to offer.

Authoritarian leadership and parenting have the potential of moulding undemocratic leaders who do not want to appreciate the fact that there is more than one answer to most questions - that there are many ways of viewing and understanding the world.

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Zaheer Fakir, a lead coordinator for finance for the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change.

## African governments want climate finance to hit \$1.3tn by 2030

ADDIS ABABA

African nations believe financing to help developing countries deal with climate change should be scaled up more than tenfold to \$1.3tn per year by 2030, a key African climate negotiator told Reuters. Such an amount would mark a dramatic increase from the current goal of \$100bn annually that developed nations have struggled to meet.

Zaheer Fakir, a lead coordinator for finance for the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change, said the new goal had been formally adopted by African environment ministers in September and would be suggested by African nations at COP26, the UN climate conference kicking off on 31 October in Glasgow, Scotland.

Developed nations with historical responsibility for climate-warming emissions have currently committed to channel \$100bn per year in climate finance to vulnerable countries by 2020, and up until 2025. The issue is set to be high on the agenda at COP26 after they likely fell short of that target.

Discussions around what climate finance should look like post-2025 should start now, Fakir said, adding that the \$100bn commitment was first set in 2009 and not based on the needs of developing countries.

"The point we are trying to make is that we need a climate finance figure that is ambitious, that is based on science and based on needs," he said, adding it should also be balanced between funding for both mitigating climate change and adapting to it.

Developing nations are an essential part of global ambitions to achieve "net zero" emissions, including among their number nine out of the 20 biggest carbon dioxide emitters. Such countries also include those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change such as floods and heatwaves.

Without the promised support, many poorer nations say they cannot take more aggressive action to cut planet-heating emissions or adapt to a warmer world and rich nations are under pressure to step up their contributions.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) estimated in September that in 2019, the latest year for which figures were available, donor governments channelled just short of \$80bn in climate finance to vulnerable countries, including private investments they had mobilised.

They had likely missed the 2020 deadline to reach \$100bn, OECD secretary-general Mathias Cormann said. Fakir said Africa's proposed target envisioned at least \$100bn per year in public contributions from developed countries, including those channelled via development banks or dedicated climate funds, with the rest made up of private investments mobilised by the donor countries.

## CRDB's heavy investment in customer feedback infrastructure paying off

By The Banker Reporter

FOR Maria Nambeye, a resident of Izumbwe village in Mbeya Rural district getting her suggestions across to CRDB Bank Plc's headquarters for possible action was an uphill task until recently. Nambeye's main challenge is that she lives some 60 kilometres away from the nearest bank branch and owns a feature phone.

"It has not been easy to present feedback or make suggestions as I had to travel to Mbalizi where the nearest bank branch is located to meet the manager," the retired primary school teacher stated.

Among her suggestion is that the country's leading bank should provide crop and livestock insurance cover for rural farming families to protect them against risks. This week, 'the bank that listens,' seems to have heard Nambeye's request by introducing a feedback platform for feature phones. She can text her message to number 15089 and get instant response from the bank's attendants.

"This SMS feedback services is tailor made for all our customers especially the majority rural folks who have no access to internet of a smartphone," said the Bank's Head of Customer Experience, Yolanda Uriyo said during the SMS feedback service launch.

"As has been the custom annually, during this customer service week we will be interacting with customers to thank them for the good support that they give us," she said adding that with the latest text messaging innovation more customer feedback is expected.

CRDB Bank which already has several innovative systems of getting customer feedback and suggestions as a means to



CRDB's head of customer experience, Yolanda Uriyo (2nd R) briefing Kikwajuni house of representatives member, Nasoro Salum Ali (L) how a short text messages customer feedback services works on a laptop during the launch last week in Zanzibar. Centre is the bank's chief operating officer, Bruce Mwile. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

improve customer experience, wants to get aboard all of its clients regardless of where they are based.

"With this last SMS feedback services, we are sure that almost everyone is onboard as the journey continues," she said while noting that in April last year, a digitised platform through the bank's QR Scanner and QR Code feedback system were launched.

"With introduction of the digital platform to get customer feedback, we have seen an increase in the number of feedback received," Uriyo added while promising CRDB Bank customers that the bank values their feedback hence wants everyone onboard. Since the launch of the digital feedback platform, more than 1,500 feedback messages have been received from clients based both within the country and abroad.

Uriyo further noted that the market's largest bank by net as-

set value and service outlets, has a modern call in centre to handle customers' inquiries and enable them give feedback. "There is a toll free number which customers from anywhere can use to send suggestions and complaints 24 hours a day and seven days a week to talk to our operators," she stated saying the centre has also recorded a number of positive developments.

She explained that all such feed-

back mechanism are put in place by the bank to ensure that none of its customers and the general public seeking information regarding its products and services are left unattended.

Uriyo's arguments were backed by the bank's Chief Operations Officer, Bruce Mwile who said, that since the introduction of the digitized system of getting feedback from customers, there has been efficient and conven-

ent interactions.

"As you all know, our bank is led by a slogan which states, 'the bank that listens' hence value customer feedback regarding our products and services very much," Mwile said adding that when customers give feedback which necessitates changes, the management effects such changes to improve efficiency.

He said the bank which is one of the largest in the market derives its success story from customer support hence every suggestion made by the group is carefully evaluated and decision made if such an opinion guarantees better services. "With introduction of the digital platform to get customer feedback, we have seen an increase in the number of messages received," he added.

In recent years, CRDB Bank has invested heavily in digital systems, resulting in improved operational efficiency and customer experience due to the ease of access to services through digital platforms. Among the bank's outstanding digital outlets include Sim-Banking, Internet Banking, SimAccount, thousands of CRDB Wakalas, Point of Sale merchants and ATMs.

## SA earns over half of investment banking fees in sub-Saharan Africa

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa generated 58% of all sub-Saharan fees during the first nine months of 2021, out of an estimated \$387.5m worth of investment banking fees generated in the region. The country also earned 23% from deals in the financial sector.

This is according to the Refinitiv Sub-Saharan African investment banking analysis for the first nine months of 2021 report. The report found that in the region, while debt capital markets underwriting fees increased 148% to \$117.8m, the highest year-to-date period since the report began in 2000, fees from equity capital markets underwriting, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) advisory and syndicated lending all declined from the first nine months of 2020. Equity fees declined 17% to \$50.7m, while syndicated lending fees declined 4% to \$148.2m.

Advisory fees earned in the region from completed M&A transactions reached \$70.8m, down three percent from last year to the lowest first nine-month total since 2013. Standard Chartered earned the most investment banking fees in the region during the first nine months of 2021, a total of \$33.1m or an 8.5% share of the total fee pool.

Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Boosted by the \$44.1bn Naspers/Prosus share swap in May, the

value of announced M&A transactions with any sub-Saharan African involvement reached \$78.3bn during the first nine months of 2021. This is more than four-times the value recorded during the same period last year and the highest first nine-month total since our records began in 1980.

The number of deals increased four percent from last year to a three-year high of 584. M&A involving a sub-Saharan African target reached \$61.8bn, again lifted by the share swap to an all-time record first nine-month total, while the number of deals increased eight percent over last year.

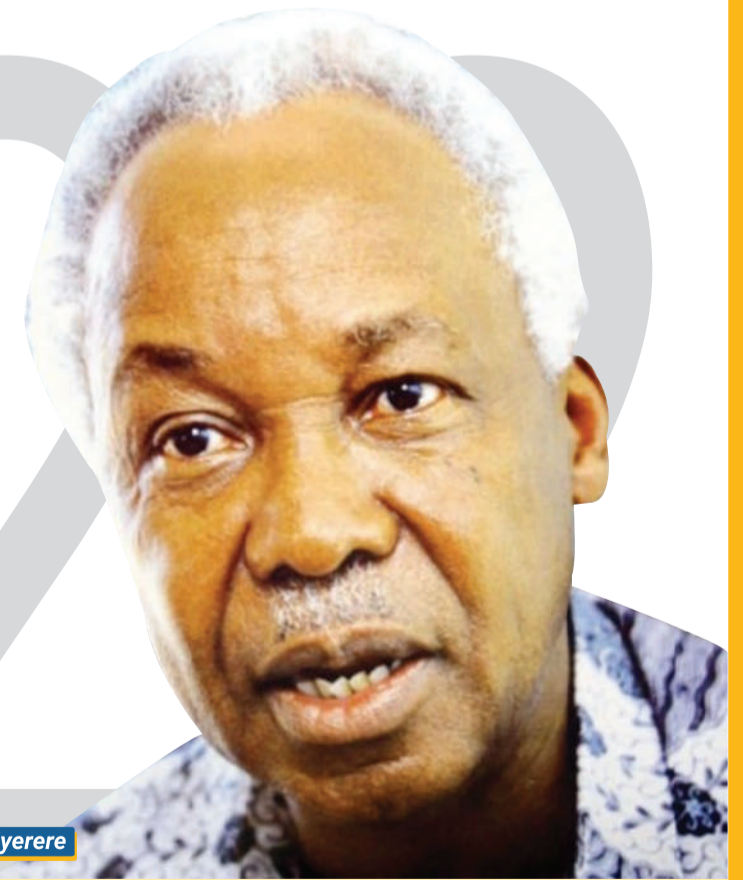
Inbound deals, involving an acquirer outside of sub-Saharan Africa, increased 86% to \$9.6bn, while sub-Saharan African outbound M&A more than doubled to \$11.5bn. With advisory work on deals worth a combined 52.1bn, Morgan Stanley held the top spot in the financial advisor ranking for deals with any sub-Saharan African involvement during the first nine months of 2021.

Sub-Saharan African equity and equity-related issuance reached \$971.2m during the third quarter of 2021, the highest quarterly total in more than two years. Despite the strong third quarter, total proceeds raised during the first nine months of 2021 was down 42% from last year at \$1.2bn, the lowest first nine-month total since 2005.



## THE COMMEMORATIONS OF 22 YEARS OF THE DEATH OF FATHER OF THE NATION THE LATE MWALIMU JULIUS KAMBARAGE NYERERE

# 22 YEARS 1999-2021



The late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION (NHC) join hands with the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Hon. Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan and all Tanzanians to commemorate 22 years of Father of the Nation, the Late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

Mwalimu, a true son of Africa, will best be remembered through his integrity, his ability as a political orator and organizer, and his readiness to work with different groupings, to achieve what was best for a stable, peaceful nation.

# Women entrepreneurs and civil society urged to use social media productively

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

**D**UE to intense market competition globally, women have been advised to use social media and other modern technology outlets to advertise their goods and services.

Facilitator of a Tanzania Gender Networking Program's women in business meeting held last week in Dar es Salaam, Sadaka Gandhi said women who own businesses or companies which provide service or produce goods, need to invest in promotion and advertising.

"Generally speaking, advertising or posting on internet is an easy and inexpensive way to reach more people with our goods and services. Women should make use of the social media by discussing business ideas and promoting their products and services," Gandhi said.

She told hundreds of women from the civil society and private sector that in the globalised world, social media provide the best outlets for entrepreneurs to exploit. Gandhi also told her peers that the web also contains vital information on how people can run their businesses successful plus online classes offered by experts.

"On the internet is where someone can find answers to the issue you want to know, so what you need to focus on is obviously proper use of the internet rather than putting things that cannot assist you to move forward," she advised.

She further noted that in the world of today, doing business digitally is also convenient as consumers are



TGNP facilitator of a business women and civil society leaders' meeting held in Dar es Salaam last week, Sadaka Gandhi making a presentation. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika.

located anywhere in the world. "We need to start thinking about selling to the world market and not only confine ourselves to the domestic market," the TGNP Facilitator urged.

## Social media groups have challenges

One of the participants, Dr Dinna Mbaga said there are many challenges in the use of social networks, and that there is need for business women to know them and find solutions to avoid being short-changed.

"Some of the adults see social media as a luxury while many others who are overwhelmed by family responsibilities, don't have time use the internet and thus miss out on business opportunities," Dr Mbaga said.

Mbaga's observation was backed by Adelina Muluge from Voice for Women with Disabilities Institute of Tanzania, who noted that some married women who are prohibited by their

spouse to use the internet, need to change by convincing them.

"It's about time for more sensitization to be given to spouses on the importance of using the internet and social media in doing business bearing in mind that the world has now become a village," Muluge said.

## Opportunities on social media

Another participant of the TGNP meeting, Hellen Bulugu, said it is important to have most businesses operated digitally currently due to the fact that, markets are unlimited. "What is needed is to focus on the proper use of the internet by not posting products and services that we are selling," Bulugu said while warning those who think that use of the internet is a luxury.

She said explained that proper use of YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and other social

media platforms can help businesses grow rapidly but also help build capacity of entrepreneurs as they interact with experts located anywhere in the world.

"The biggest problem lies in choosing what to post on the internet, but now that we've learned, it's clear we can take a step forward with our business," she stated.

Online trading According to Lilian Mmari from Haki Elimu, doing business online is more than just photographing and posting products online. "You need to focus on creating and promoting your good and services to the market first by showing them the value and quality of such things," Mmari suggested.

She gave an example of a clothing vendor who needs to prepare a video or write an article about the styles available, colours and the various models on offer," she said. "Online business is enormous industry globally currently which we need to join," Mmari noted.

In remarks at the meeting, TGNP's senior official, Joyce Mkina said the internet and social media allows women to easily be connected on a single platform where they can share knowledge and skills on online business potential.

"In this discussion, we have identified various weaknesses that can be discussed and get solutions through a single platform," Mkina said while noting that through such a social network, members can also sensitise each other on other issues such as registration of businesses, taxation and access to credit facilities to invest in expanding such businesses.

## Why Kigali traders are turning away from mobile money payment

KIGALI

Traders have expressed dissatisfaction with the approach to the commission imposed for payments received through momo-pay codes with some declining to accept payment through the avenue.

MoMo-pay is a popular payment mode in Rwanda owned by Mobile Money Rwanda Ltd, an MTN Rwanda's FinTech subsidiary. Doing Business has learnt that a number of merchants have stopped accepting the payment mode in their businesses due to 'losses' incurred.

The complaints come just after Mobile Money Rwanda on September 1, started charging merchants and businesses a 0.5 per cent commission on payment received through the popular payment mode. However, merchants were not impressed with the development which has led some to prefer using cash in hand which does not require transaction charge. The charge against merchants by Mobile Money Rwanda Ltd had seen a section of traders transfer the cost to clients while others decided to only receive cash.

Claire Uwizeza, a merchant in Kigali City Market, told Doing Business that before these charges, they were happy to use a cashless system because there were no losses like those incurred nowadays. "This payment option was okay before the new charges. Now we issue the receipt/invoice of the amount we don't earn and this has put us into 'losses' she said.

She explained that they are required to issue an EBM receipt and they have to pay taxes on the amount quoted on EBM yet the income generated is less than that due to MTN charges. "We bear those losses by ourselves because both clients and Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) don't care about it (commission)," she said.

Marcel Ngenzi, a businessman in town explained how they are charged. "Let's say a client pays me Rwf 5000, when I receive a MoMo message or check my balance it is Rwf 4975 due to the commission deducted," he said.

Adding that they count Rwf25 as 'a loss' because the more the transactions are made, the bigger the expense which is not factored in during the payment of taxes. Gisele Umurerwa, who worked at a gas station before Covid-19 outbreak, told this publication that this time MoMo pay approach to charging users has made it somewhat unideal for users.

"I used to work in a gas station before Covid-19 outbreak which had a MoMo pay code payment option and back then we usually paid while withdrawing, not as a commission," she said. Doing Business spoke to other different merchants such as supermarkets, gas stations, clinics as well as small business owners who also raised the same issues.

The telco has earlier defended the move arguing that before the Covid-19 outbreak, the fee was at 1 per cent before it was scrapped as part of measures to support uptake during the covid-19 pandemic. However, the merchants who used it before covid-19 insisted that the one per cent was charged only as a transaction fee for withdrawing the money from MoMo Pay account.

This platform was introduced in 2018 as the platform that enables the telecom's Mobile Money subscribers to pay for goods and services using their mobile wallets and since then it has also become more popular after covid-19 broke out in Rwanda last year. By press time MTN Mobile Money had not yet responded to our inquiries.

# Tigo team up with Samsung to foster digital uptake in market

By The Banker Reporter

THE latest version of a foldable Samsung Galaxy smartphone has been introduced in the local market thanks to a partnership forged between Tigo Tanzania and Samsung Electronics.

Tigo's Device Manager, Mkuomba Myonga and Samsung Tanzania Manager, Suleiman Mohamed said in Dar es Salaam during the launch of Samsung Galaxy Z Fold3 and ZFlip3, that the partnership is part of advancing adoption of fourth generation (4G) technology.

"To us as Tigo it is an important milestone to partners with one

of the world's leading electronics manufacturing brand," said Myonga saying Samsung's endorsement means that the telco is the best in the market.

Myonga stated that Samsung's latest smartphones are high grade gadgets which local consumers will find appealing because of improved technology used which beats peers in the crowded market of 4G devices.

"Our policy has always been to speed up adoption of digital communication by bringing the consumers notable global brand names such as Samsung," he added while stressing that in order to facilitate communication,

the two smartphones come with complementary 96 gigabytes lasting a whole year.

Backing Myonga's observation, Samsung Tanzania's Mohammed said introduction of the latest smartphone models by the South Korean manufacturer is meant to allow Tanzanians join the world of high tech digital communication.

"The world of telecommunication is undergoing rapid transformation due to investments being done by manufacturers in technology and innovation," Mohammed said while noting that Samsung is a world leader in smartphone manufacturing and that the Galaxy ZFlip3 and ZFold3 are



Samsung Galaxy ZFlip3 and ZFold3 on display.

latest models released globally this year.

"With use of artificial intelligence camera, it is possible to virtually communicate with friends and relatives wherever they are in the world," he added while inviting the public to sample the two handsets to appreciate the technology used.

# NCBA Group bucks trend with six new branches

NAIROBI

NCBA Group plans to open new branches, raising its count from 78 branches to 84 by year-end, bucking a trend of banking hall closures as lenders shift to digital platforms.

The bank, which shut 14 of its branches in Kenya last year due to the disruption caused by Covid-19, said yesterday its decision is informed by the need "to get closer to" its customers. "We are planning on doubling our network," managing director John Gachora told the Business Daily. Lenders including StanChart, Stanbic, Equity and SBM Bank Kenya have shut several branches headlining the shift to digital banking in place of the traditional brick-and-mortar.

According to Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) governor Patrick Njoroge, 96 percent of transactions happen outside the bank branches. This is up from 91 percent before the Covid-19 pandemic struck. This as many lenders roll out digital banking platforms, which have in turn cut the need for customers to visit

brick-and-mortar outlets for services such as the opening of accounts, balance inquiry and settling bills.

But Mr Gachora defended the bank's plan saying it will enable it to capture new markets and increase proximity to its customers through brick-and-mortar. "We believe given our size, the spread of our customers and the value we bring, we have to get closer to our customers and our target," he said.

"We are also expanding our product offering to capture new markets." The rise of digital banking has allowed lenders to reach customers directly, reducing the need for physical locations in a move that has also led to massive job losses among clerical staff.

Equity Group CEO James Mwangi told the Business Daily earlier that the bank has witnessed a surge in high-value transactions on digital channels, which has for long been a preserve of branch transactions.

"The silver lining for us was to use Covid-19 as the tailwind to push more customers to digital banking. Many may never go back to brick-and-

mortar banking," said Mr Mwangi. "Big transactions are now moving out of banking halls to digital transactions."

Banks have also attributed the digitisation push to the Covid-19 disruptions that hurt customer traffic in banking halls. NCBA was the third bank by assets in 2019 after the merger of the former NIC Group and CBA Group but has since been relegated to fourth place with Sh542.59 billion assets as of June 30.

The lender said earlier the marriage had left the new outfit with branch overlaps while in some instances, the outlets faced each other across the streets prompting the earlier branch closures. Mr Gachora said yesterday the latest branch expansion plan coincides with new hires. "We have been hiring branch staff and have also promoted a lot of our staff," he said.

The digital shift has in turn cut the number of staff who were previously needed to offer the services at various bank branches. NCBA last year spent Sh742 million on the Voluntary Early Retirement programme that saw the exit of 130 employees.



NCBA Group managing director John Gachora during an investor briefing of the half-year to June results on August 30, 2021.

# Absa Tanzania's digital banking head commends BoT on Covid-19 measures

By The Banker Reporter

**M**EASURES taken by Bank of Tanzania during the onset of the coronavirus last year such as increasing the daily transaction limit from 3m/- to 5m/- helped the public and financial institutions navigate past the pandemic.

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited's Head of Customer Experience and Digital Banking, Samuel Mkuyu said in Dar es Salaam this week during Absa Group's sponsored inaugural Africa Banking Conference that the central bank as custodian of the country's monetary policy, continued to strongly support financial inclusion via digital banking.

Mkuyu said the decision to raise MNOs daily balance from 5m/- to 10m/- also encouraged the use of digital payment platforms for transactions. "Additionally, the Bank of Tanzania has also invested in an instant payment system that will enhance the compatibility of digital financial services among payment service providers to make the transaction cost effective and secure," Mkuyu added.

He pointed out that the Covid-19 outbreak and BoT's actions thus accelerated the adoption of digital banking by consumers in the market. The Absa Tanzania Head of Customer Experience and Digital Banking further noted that the trend is the same in all markets that the bank operates in Africa.

"Digital banking services continue to expand, driven by convenience, increasing financial inclusion and mobile penetration rate. Local banks have quickly capitalised on alternative chan-



Absa Bank Tanzania's head of customer experience and digital banking, Samuel Mkuyu.

nels such as mobile and internet banking, smart ATMs, contactless Point of Sale transactions and virtual assistance," he said.

Themed, 'Re-imagining banking in Africa in a post-Covid-19 world,' the Absa Group organised conference also had experts conceding that banks across the African continent remained profitable and capital ratios stayed comfortably above minimum regulatory requirements against the backdrop of the pandemic.

Furthermore, Absa Bank Tanzania's financial performance in the first six months of 2021, indicates a recovery as economies re-open and vaccination rates pick up. "This has strengthened the accessibility of banking and related services, and further helped to cater to the needs of customers without any physical interactions or branch visitations," Mkuyu added.

He was seconding the views of two Absa officials who had earlier written on the findings of the conference, namely Timothy Wambu,

CFA, Head of Equity Research, Absa Kenya; and Khayelihle Mthembu, Equity Analyst, South Africa Banks Research, Absa Corporate and Investment Banking.

"Another major trend observed in post Covid-19 in Tanzania is that of mobile network operators and financial technology partnerships with local commercial banks to deliver multiple solutions with the aim of improving financial diversification and inclusion," he added.

Giving examples like Absa Tanzania's partnership with Tigo Tanzania and Jumia to deliver a microlending solution dubbed TigoNivushe. Bank of Africa has also partnered with Tigo Tanzania to launch a mobile money savings product called TigoPesaKibubu. "These trends are allowing banks to optimise their physical infrastructure and cost-to-serve," Mkuyu noted.

The curtain-raising banking conference starred keynote address delivered by the Central Bank of Kenya Governor, Dr Patrick Njoroge, who 'on a positive note' said that, "The drive towards digitization that had started before the pandemic has been the saving grace not just in financial services but also in the health, entertainment, retail, education and hospitality sectors."

The conference featured robust panel discussions graced by eminent and distinguished speakers and strong representation of corporate and institutional investors. Overall, the experts summarized that, Covid-19 brought substantial disruption in bank operational and financial performance.

Under lockdown restrictions, banks had to close branches and send employees to work from home. Earnings reduced significantly as banks raised forward-looking impairment provision under IFRS 9 and regulators advised banks to halt

dividend payments to conserve capital in the face of uncertainty.

The experts point out that the factors key to the current recovery scenario in the banking sector in Africa are two: First, is loan accommodations and other borrower relief measures carried out by the regulators and governments; and Second is enhanced levels of digitization which, with movement restrictions and social distancing measures, forced customers to use alternative banking channels such as mobile and internet platforms.

"The digital banking revolution is gaining traction, for several years, banks have had to reinvent themselves to keep up with the changing competitive landscape and customer behaviours," said Khayelihle Mthembu, who is an Equity Analyst at Absa Corporate and Investment Banking.

Mthembu gave an example of how banks had, between 2000 and 2010, internal bias, making huge investments on system changes in support of product-focused innovation. "Over the last decade, we saw banks transition to an external bias, focusing on client experience and undertaking huge investments on large-scale transformation in support of digitization," he said.

Elsewhere in Africa, the resonant narrative in the banking sector in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, is that of recovery. Closer to home across the border in Kenya, the year 2021 was a year of recovery with banks reporting significant earnings growth so far (IH2IA), primarily from the release of credit loss reserves, noted Timothy Wambu, CFA, Head of Equity Research at Absa Bank Kenya.

## IMF lowers growth estimate as global economy faces 'hobbled recovery'

WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund lowered its growth forecast for the global economy this year, which is now set for a "hobbled" recovery, owing to weakening momentum as result of Covid-19 outbreaks, uneven access to vaccines, supply chain disruptions and risks from rising inflation.

The fund revised down growth in 2021 to 5.9 per cent from its 6 per cent estimate in July, while keeping its 2022 projection unchanged at 4.9 per cent. "The global recovery continues but the momentum has weakened, hobbled by the pandemic," said Gita Gopinath, the IMF's chief economist.

"Pandemic outbreaks in critical links of global supply chains have resulted in longer-than-expected supply disruptions, further feeding inflation in many countries. Overall, risks to economic prospects have increased, and policy trade-offs have become more complex."

The fund's revision reflects the effects of supply disruptions on advanced economies, which cramped their growth projections. In contrast, projections for some commodity exporters have been upgraded as a result of higher energy prices. The world economy could sustain as much as \$5.3 trillion in losses over the next five years if the pandemic has a prolonged effect, the fund said.

Advanced economies are now set to grow by 5.2 per cent this year, compared with an earlier 5.6 per cent estimate. The US, the biggest of the group and world's largest economy, is forecast to expand 6 per cent instead of a previous 7 per cent estimate. The country's economy is now estimated to have shrunk 3.5 per cent last year.

Germany, Europe's largest economy, is set to expand 3.1 per cent. France the euro area's second-largest economy is forecast to grow 6.3 per cent. Japan, the world's third-largest economy, which ended its Covid-19 state of emergency on October 1, is projected to grow 2.4 per cent this year after shrinking 4.6 per cent in 2020. The UK, the world's fifth-largest economy, is expected to expand 6.8 per cent in 2021 after shrinking 9.8 per cent last year.

Persistent divergence and uneven economic recovery across countries is "dangerous" and "remains a major concern", Ms Gopinath said. Emerging market and developing economies are now projected to grow 6.4 per cent this year, with China and India hitting 8 per cent and 9.5 per cent, respectively.

The Middle East and Central Asia are forecast to grow 4.1 per cent after shrinking 2.8 per cent in 2020. Saudi Arabia, the Arab world's largest economy, is forecast to grow 2.8 per cent instead of a previous 2.4 per cent estimate after shrinking 4.1 per cent last year. The kingdom, the world's largest exporter of oil has benefited from the rally of crude prices that have hit a three-year high. Oil prices are up about 60 per cent since the start of the year.

Futures prices point to oil prices averaging \$65.7 per barrel in 2021, 59 per cent higher than the 2020 average and are expected to fall to \$56.3 in 2026, according to the fund. "Market tightness is expected to continue in line with the International Energy Agency's oil demand recovery projections. Risks to oil prices are balanced in the near term," it said. Low income and developing countries are projected to expand 3 per cent, a downgrade from a previous 3.9 per cent forecast. LDCs saw their economies grow 0.1 per cent in 2020.

Advanced economies are expected to regain their pre-pandemic growth momentum in 2022 and exceed it by 0.9 per cent in 2024, according to the fund. However, emerging market and developing economies (excluding China) are expected to remain 5.5 per cent below the pre-pandemic forecast in 2024.



Gita Gopinath, the IMF's chief economist.

## Music streamers turn to telcos to make Africa pay

JOHANNESBURG

Africa, with its internationally recognised musical talent - and growing mobile phone use - is central to Swedish music streamer Spotify's plans to extend its reach to a billion customers.

As African artists such as Nigeria's Burna Boy and South Africa's Black Coffee are streamed across the world, the continent was seen as an obvious choice and is the home to more than a third of the company's 85 new markets.

The problem is payment on a continent where many people are more likely to have a mobile phone than a bank account. That means Spotify's first task as it implements a plan announced in February to almost double its footprint is to win over the telecom companies that often equate to banks.

Phiona Okumu, Spotify's head of music for Sub-Saharan Africa, told Reuters the company secured "alternative payment methods," namely M-Pesa, when it moved into Kenya in February. Owned by Kenya's biggest telecoms operator, Safaricom, M-Pesa is used to send money, save, borrow and make payments for goods and services.

"A lot of African countries are unbanked so that means they don't use credit cards and this is very true for a



Phiona Okumu, Spotify's head of music for Sub-Saharan Africa.

lot of east African (countries) and in Kenya you use M-Pesa for the most part," Okumu said.

Elsewhere in Africa, Spotify is seeking other collaborators. "We are having conversations with the right partners to ensure that we are providing solutions to payment problems that several African consumers face in different parts of the continent," Okumu said.

Chasing the mobile money Irene Kopfen, a Spotify premium user based in Kenya, said she prefers M-Pesa rather than bank cards because she

thinks mobile money has made music more accessible. "Most of us have access to our phones, but not many of us have cards, or bank accounts," the 31-year-old told Reuters.

Costs associated with opening bank accounts, the distance to financial institutions and the difficulty in meeting "Know Your Customers" requirements because of inadequate proof of address have added to the appeal of using phones to pay.

"The past few years have seen an emphasis on shifting towards expansion of innovative

banking services through mobile technology to capture lower income segments and the unbanked," a spokesperson for South Africa's Absa bank said in an emailed statement.

By 2020, sub-Saharan Africa had 548 million mobile money accounts, up 12% from 2019 - more than any other region in the world, mobile industry body GSMA said. That has provided banking access in a continent where about 43% of sub-Saharan Africans over the age of 15 had a bank account in 2017, according to the World Bank, which has not provided any more recent data.

### Win, win

Spotify's local rivals, such as Kenya-based and Danish-listed Mdundo and Nigeria headquartered Boomplay have also started to build ties with mobile operators. Such partnerships are based on telco providers selling music bundles that give customers access to a streaming company's premium service and exclusively-curated music mixes. The collaboration can benefit both sides by boosting revenue and helping to increase subscribers, but for the streaming companies it is all-but essential.

## Crypto trading is thriving in Africa's biggest economy

ABUJA

Nigerian art dealer Ebuka Joseph started using cryptocurrencies last year when business ground to a halt due to Covid-19. Now he is hooked even though the financial authorities disapprove.

"Crypto just allows me to transact freely and within minutes we are done with our transactions," the 28-year-old said in an interview from a friend's studio in Lagos where he displays his works. Nigeria's Central Bank barred local banks from working with

cryptocurrencies in February, warning of "severe regulatory sanctions" and freezing accounts of firms it says are using them. But Joseph's appetite for crypto, like many in Nigeria - Africa's biggest economy measured by GDP - has only increased.

For people like him, the clampdown has highlighted the benefits of using currencies outside the central bank's control, and Nigeria remains the largest market for cryptocurrency trading platforms like Paxful. Nigerians are turning to crypto for business,

to protect their savings as the naira loses value, and to send payments abroad because it is often hard to obtain US dollars, experts and users said.

In March, just after the central bank ban, the dollar volume of cryptocurrencies sent from Nigeria rose to US\$132-million, up 17% from the previous month, research firm Chainalysis said. Transactions in June were 25% above the same month last year.

'Absolutely skyrocketed' Sly Megida, another artist using crypto

to sell his work, said his buyers worldwide readily accept the use of digital currencies and they have also protected his finances. "The naira is digressing and we are trying to keep the value of the art," he said, calling crypto "the currency where people don't think that I am paying too much or too less."

The Paxful peer-to-peer platform that Joseph uses experienced a 57% rise in trading volume in Nigeria in the year to June, while user numbers surged 83%. Exchange Yellowcard, which has adopted the peer-

to-peer model in Nigeria since February, said that use "has continued to absolutely skyrocket."

Both Paxful, which has opened an office in Abuja to lobby the government to change its attitude to crypto, and Yellowcard said Nigerians generally turn to crypto for business rather than speculation. Chainalysis, in a report last month on African crypto, said the central bank ban locked most Nigerians out of traditional crypto exchanges, so many shifted to a peer-to-peer system.

## WORLD

# ICJ rejects Kenya's territorial claim in Somalia border case

By Bloomberg

THE International Court of Justice rejected Kenya's territorial claims in a maritime border dispute with Somalia, in a ruling that may inflame tensions between the nations eyeing the area's oil and gas reserves.

The ruling read by Judge Joan Donoghue on Tuesday was largely in favor of Somalia, with the Hague-based court saying that there isn't a boundary agreement between the nations as earlier claimed by Kenya.

Kenya rejected the judgment, President Uhuru Kenyatta said in a statement following the ruling. The nation's foreign ministry had on Oct 8 signaled it wouldn't accept a ruling by the court because it had withdrawn its recognition of the institution's compulsory jurisdiction. It warned that whatever the outcome, the ruling

will have "profound" security and economic ramifications in the region.

"The decision embodies a perpetuation of the ICJ's jurisdictional overreach," according to the statement. Kenyatta said the ruling will strain relations between the countries and urged the international community to pursue a negotiated settlement.

The controversial case opened in 2014 when Somalia challenged a 2009 accord that set its Indian Ocean maritime border along latitudinal lines, with Kenya claiming ownership of a 150,000 square-kilometer zone potentially rich in hydrocarbons and fish. International energy companies including Anadarko Petroleum Corp, TotalEnergies SE and Eni SpA have shown interest in exploring in the area.

The ICJ adjusted the maritime boundary, moving a chunk of territory that Kenya claimed



In this file photo taken on Mar 15, 2021, Kenyan coastal fishermen fly black flags on their fishing dhows with the message "Save Lamu Waters" as they take part in a demonstration demanding to be heard in a legal dispute between Kenya and Somalia over a maritime demarcation in the Indian Ocean, at Lamu island in the touristic archipelago in Lamu county. AFP

to Somalia. The new line established "achieves an equitable solution," the court said. The judges also rejected Somalia's allegation that Kenya violated its international obligations by its conduct in the disputed area, including resource exploration activities.

Somalia has succeeded in regaining its seas through struggle and sacrifice, Information Minister Osman Dubbe said on Twitter.

Somalia wants to tap the resources to help rebuild its economy following decades of civil war and an ongoing conflict with al-Qaeda linked insurgents, and amid the threat from swarms of locusts on its farmlands. Kenya, East Africa's largest economy, is struggling to boost revenue and to fund an infrastructure development program while keeping its debt under

control.

The Hague-based court's ruling heightens security concerns. Kenya and Somalia have for several years collaborated in the fight against the al-Shabaab insurgents responsible for terrorist incidents in both countries, including a raid on Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall in 2013 that killed at least 67 people.

A breakdown in cooperation because of the border dispute could embolden the militant group.

"The political stakes of this case are sky-high in both countries," said Meron Elias, horn of Africa researcher at the International Crisis Group. "There is a risk the Court's decision could be followed by a further slide in the relationship between Somalia and Kenya."

Agencies

## Chinese president attends COP15 leaders' summit

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping attended and addressed the leaders' summit of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity via video link in Beijing and called on the international community to enhance cooperation, build consensus and pool strength to build a community of all life on Earth.

Noting that biodiversity makes Earth full of vigor and vitality, and lays the foundation for human survival and development, Xi said protecting biodiversity helps protect Earth, our common homeland, and contributes to humanity's sustainable development.

The Kunming conference will work for the conclusion of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and identify targets and pathways for global biodiversity protection in the future, Xi said.

He stressed the need to respect Nature, follow Nature's laws, protect Nature, and build a homeland of harmonious coexistence between man and Nature.

"A sound ecology and environment is not just a natural asset, but also an economic asset, and it affects the potential and momentum of economic and social development," Xi

said, calling for speeding up efforts to foster a green way of development and securing a win-win of economic growth and environmental protection.

Noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has cast a shadow over global development, Xi said developing countries in the face of the dual tasks of economic recovery and environmental protection "need help and support all the more."

"We need to strengthen solidarity to overcome difficulties and let people across countries benefit more and in a fairer way from development outcomes and a sound environment," Xi said.

"We are living in an era both fraught with challenges and full of hopes," Xi said. "For the sake of our common future, we need to join hands and start a new journey of high-quality development for humanity."

The development of ecological civilization should be taken as a guide to coordinate the relationship between man and Nature, Xi stressed, adding that human activities need to be kept within the limits of the ecology and environment, and holistic conservation and systematic governance of mountains, rivers, forests, farmlands, lakes, grasslands and deserts need to be carried out.

Xi urged efforts to let green transition drive people's ef-



Chinese President Xi Jinping

orts to facilitate global sustainable development.

"We need to build a green, low-carbon and circular economic system, translate ecological strengths into development strengths, and bring out the great benefit that green mountains and clear waters can offer. We also need to step up green international cooperation and share the fruits of green development among all countries," said the president.

Stressing the need to better people's well-being to promote social equity and justice, Xi called for pursuing win-win results in environmental protection, economic development, job creation, poverty alleviation and other endeavors, and increase the sense of fulfillment, happiness and security of people in all countries.

"We shall take international law as the basis to uphold a

fair and equitable international governance system," Xi said, adding that people need to practice true multilateralism, and effectively honor and implement international rules.

He also said that the new environmental protection targets people set need to be ambitious on the one hand and pragmatic and balanced on the other.

Noting China has made remarkable progress in building an ecological civilization, Xi said China will continue to advance ecological progress, stay committed to implementing the new development philosophy emphasizing innovative, coordinated, green and open development for all, and build a beautiful China.

Xi announced China's initiative to establish the Kunming Biodiversity Fund and take the lead by investing 1.5 billion yuan (about 233 million U.S. dollars) to support biodiversity protection in developing countries.

China calls on and welcomes all parties to make contributions to the fund, Xi said.

Pointing out that China is moving faster to establish a protected areas system with national parks as the mainstay, Xi said areas with the greatest importance to the natural ecosystem, and with

the most unique natural landscapes, the most valuable natural heritage and the greatest biodiversity reserve will be included in the national parks system over time.

To achieve its carbon peak and neutrality targets, China will release implementation plans for peaking carbon dioxide emissions in key areas and sectors as well as a series of supporting measures, the president said.

The country will also put in place a "1+N" policy framework for carbon peak and carbon neutrality, he said.

China will continue to readjust its industrial structure and energy mix, vigorously develop renewable energy, and make faster progress in planning and developing large wind power and photovoltaic bases in sandy areas, rocky areas and deserts, Xi said.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, French President Emmanuel Macron, Costa Rican President Carlos Alvarado, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov, Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape and Britain's Prince Charles also attended the summit via video.

Xinhua

## Putin considers efficiency of energy production most important factor in economic growth

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has sent greetings to the participants of the Russian Energy Week International Forum, which takes place in Moscow on October 13-15. The telegram was published on the Kremlin's website on Wednesday.

"The efficiency of energy production and consumption is the most important factor in the growth of national economies and has a significant impact on people's quality of life. Many countries have already adopted policies to accelerate the development of clean energy technologies," President said.

He also noted that the forum would particularly focus on the possibility of developing green energy based on renewable sources and the transition to new, more environmentally friendly fuels. The forum



venue will once again play host to representatives of government agencies, major companies and the expert community from Russia and abroad, Putin added.

"There are a number of issues related to current trends on the global energy market on the agenda, including efforts to improve the industry's infrastruc-

ture and introduce cutting-edge digital technologies," the president emphasized.

Putin expects the events of the Russian Energy Week to allow its participants to learn more about the achievements of the country's fuel and energy sector, and their initiatives to be put into practice.

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## Qatar witnesses the First Legislative Elections in its history

THE first historical direct elections for the Legislative Council in the State of Qatar held on October 2, 2021. Qatari people elected their representative for Al Shura Council among 248 candidates with 28 women, to run for 30 seats from over all 45 seats, as well as 15 seats that appointed by the H.H./ Tamim Bin Hamad AL Thani Amir of the State of Qatar.

The percentage of the voters have witnessed 63.5% according to Qatar News Agency. "It's a new achievement that added to our State thanks for those who participated" Khalid Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Qatari Prime Minister tweeted.

The Qatari Minister of justice Masoud Bin Mohammed Al Ameri praised the organization and election atmosphere as well as the percentage of the voters saying that the election consider a huge turning point in legislative work in Qatar through enlarge the participation of the popular.

Some analysts believe that the legislative election that Qatar recently witnessed indicates a great transition in enlarging the participation in decision making, "the country goes through the right path and the decision makers wish to achieve political participation" assistant prof/ Lousiano Zakara from the Department of Gulf Policies in Qatar University asserted.

Mr. Abdulla Ghanim Al Banali Al Mouhandi, chief editor of "Al Raya" Qatari Newspaper described the first election as establishing a new stage in Qatari citizen participating in public matters, and contributing in progressing the country, adding that Qatari leaders are concerned with Strengthen and participating of people in decision making to make the elected Council a true representative to the people willing.

The candidate Aisha Hamam Al-Jassem, 59 years, who ran in the elections in Al-Markhiya town in Doha, urged Qatari women to participate and express what they believe in as well as vote for strong candidates in the future: "This is an opportunity for the first time in Qatar that allows women to participate in politics she added.

It is worth noting that the elected Qatari Shura Council is considered an advisory and legislative body that oversees the State's general policies, the Government budgets, and its competencies include proposing laws and passing the budget.

Qatar is considered one of the pioneering countries in establishing its legislative authority on the basis of the Shura system, in the leadership of the State approval or even rejection of some laws and other matters that are presented to it, in addition to the Shura Council's research and proposal of policies related to the outcome and interests of the people, including inviting Ministers and Officials to talk about matters, whether it is related to social or cultural fields.

The Qatari Shura Council has a long history, during its career has gained membership in many counterpart councils and international parliaments, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Arab Parliament, the Union of Councils of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Arab Parliamentary Union, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, the Association of Senates and Shura Councils as well as similar councils in Africa and the Arab world.

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## Britain looking to ink more AUKUS-style pacts

LONDON

THE United Kingdom will start an international charm offensive with the aim of resetting foreign and trade policies and forging more security and technology pacts, Reuters has reported.

It said Foreign Secretary Liz Truss wants to strike deals that are similar to the three-way AUKUS pact that London inked recently with Australia and the United States.

The Financial Times said Truss plans to start by visiting capital cities in European Union nations, with the goal of improving diplomatic ties.

The Financial Times said Foreign and Commonwealth Office insiders with knowledge of her plans said she will focus her attention on countries in regions that have the biggest impact on the UK's security and commercial interests.

The Daily Express newspaper said Truss, who was made foreign secretary in a Cabinet reshuffle on Sept 15, is particularly interested in building stronger relations with smaller states.

NAIROBI

TWO senior United Nations officials have been recalled from Ethiopia after audio recordings containing criticism of senior UN officials was released online, according to a letter and a UN Population Fund (UNFPA) spokesperson.

In the recordings, two women who say they work for the UN in Ethiopia but do not give their names tell a freelance journalist that some top UN officials globally sympathize with forces from the northern Tigray region that are fighting Ethiopia's government.

Reuters heard the women's

## UN officials recalled from Ethiopia over audio recordings

comments after the recordings were released online but could not independently verify the authenticity of the recordings.

In a letter dated Oct 11, the head of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said a staff member had been recalled to headquarters and put on administrative leave pending an investigation into the recordings.

"The opinions attributed in the audio recordings to the staff member do not correspond to IOM's principles and values," IOM Director General

Antonio Vitorino wrote in the letter, seen by Reuters on Tuesday.

In his letter, Vitorino did not name the person who had been recalled. Two UN staff members in Addis Ababa identified one of the women in the recording as Maureen Achieng, the IOM's chief representative in Ethiopia.

Asked whether the person recalled to headquarters was Achieng, an IOM spokesperson said they could not confirm the name of any staff.

Achieng and the journal-

ist could not immediately be reached for comment.

Two UN officials based in East Africa identified Denia Gayle, the UN Population Fund's country representative in Ethiopia, as the other voice in the recording.

A UNFPA spokesperson said its representative to Ethiopia had been called back to New York for further discussions. The spokesperson did not provide a name.

Gayle did not respond to requests for comment sent by email and on Twitter late on

Tuesday.

"Senior management is deeply concerned and this matter is currently being dealt with in line with our internal rules and regulations," the spokesperson said.

"All UNFPA staff are bound by the United Nations standards of independence and neutrality, which are vital to our work delivering for all the people we serve - no matter who or where they are," the spokesperson added.

The UN says Ethiopia's government is preventing aid

from reaching hundreds of thousands of people experiencing famine in Tigray, where war has made nearly 7 million people dependent on food aid. The government denies it is blocking aid.

Ethiopia last month decided to expel seven senior UN officials, accusing them of meddling in internal affairs.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's spokesperson, Bileney Seyoum, criticized IOM on Twitter on Tuesday. She said Achieng - whom she referred to by linking to Achieng's veri-

fied Twitter account - had told "the unvarnished truth on institutional bias with the UN system".

War broke out in November 2020 between the Ethiopian government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the political party that controls Tigray.

In the recordings, the two women say - without citing evidence - that World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is among the UN officials who sympathize with Tigrayan forces. Tedros, who is Tigrayan, has repeatedly denied taking sides in the conflict.

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# China's armed forces play key roles in UN peacekeeping operations

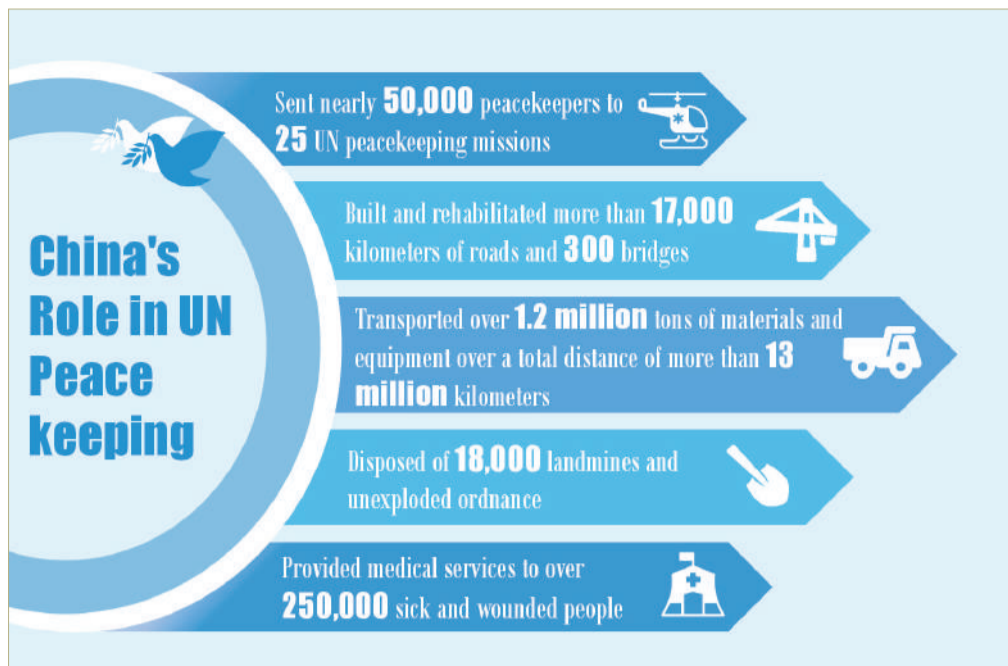
By Du Yifei

**A**FTER a material escort team under attack from unidentified armed men asked for backup, a white Mi-171 helicopter with "UN" painted on it immediately carried a rapid response team to the scene of the attack. Upon arrival, eight soldiers in blue helmets simultaneously slid down ropes from the helicopter and cooperated with the material team to fight fiercely against the attackers.

The above-described scenes were part of the recently concluded multinational peacekeeping drill, "Shared Destiny-2021," held by the Chinese military from Sept. 6 to 15 at a training base of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Ground Force.

More than 1,000 troops from China, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Thailand participated in the international peacekeeping live exercise held for the first time by the Chinese military.

Focusing on tasks including armed escort, protection of civilians, and response to violent and terrorist attacks, the multinational live drill on peacekeeping held amid the raging COVID-19 pandemic fully demonstrated China's determination to support and contribute to the United Nations' peacekeeping



operations (UNPKOs) and further enhanced the exchanges, mutual trust and pragmatic cooperation between the country and its neighbors.

As a critical element and key force in UN peacekeeping, China has unwaveringly supported the UNPKOs all along and exerted itself to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and safeguard world peace, and regional security and stability.

In 1990, China's armed forces officially joined the UNPKOs. Today, China ranks first among the permanent members of the

UN Security Council in terms of the number of peacekeepers dispatched and is the second largest contributor to both peacekeeping assessment and UN membership fees.

China's armed forces have sent nearly 50,000 peacekeepers to 25 UN peacekeeping missions, among whom 16 sacrificed their lives for the cause of world peace.

China has also carried out exchanges and cooperation with more than 90 countries and over 10 international and regional organizations on peace-

keeping to constantly improve the peacekeeping capacity of its armed forces.

While contributing to a safe and stable environment for countries and regions in conflict, China's armed forces also actively participate in medical support and health care, humanitarian assistance, environmental protection, improving lives, and social reconstruction, among other endeavors, trying to provide more public services for local people during the UNPKOs.

Over the past more than 30

years, China's armed forces have built and rehabilitated more than 17,000 kilometers of roads and over 300 bridges, disposed of more than 18,000 landmines and unexploded ordnance, transported over 1.2 million tons of materials and equipment over a total distance of more than 13 million kilometers.

In addition, they have performed a large number of engineering tasks, including leveling ground, renovating airports, assembling prefabricated houses, and building defense works, and provided medical services to over 250,000 sick and wounded people.

In the past over three decades, Chinese peacekeeping troops have sown seeds of peace and hope in more than 20 countries and regions, including Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, Sudan, Lebanon, Cyprus, South Sudan, and Mali.

In Sudan's Darfur, which is located on the edge of a desert and one of the regions afflicted by the world's most severe water shortages, engineer units of the Chinese UN peacekeeping force dug 14 wells after surmounting numerous difficulties, effectively alleviating the scarcity of drinking water for locals.

In the SOS Children's Village in Bukavu, the DRC, members



Chinese peacekeepers slide down ropes from a helicopter during the task of armed escort at a multinational peacekeeping drill code-named "Shared Destiny-2021" held from Sept. 6 to 15 in China. (Photo/Website of the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of China)

of the medical units of the Chinese UN peacekeeping force not only provide medical services for local children and teach them knowledge about disease prevention, but buy stationery, basketballs, and articles for daily use for them. Touched by the love and care from the units, children in the village called the female members their Chinese

mothers. Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, an engineer unit of the Chinese UN peacekeeping force completed the construction of a bridge over the Sopo River in South Sudan to the highest quality standards, adding an important transport route to the country suffering from severe food crises.

## China celebrates 50th anniversary of restoration of lawful seat in UN

By Chen Xu

**T**HIS year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), as well as the 50th anniversary of the restoration of China's legitimate rights in the UN.

The country is a founding member of the UN, and the first signatory of the UN Charter. On June 26, 1945, the Chinese delegation, including Dong Biwu, a representative of the CPC, took the lead to sign the document. About nine years later, Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister Zhou Enlai led a Chinese delegation to the Geneva Conference, where he demonstrated the foreign policy of peace and a brand new diplomatic style of the People's Republic of China. Therefore, Geneva is hailed as the birthplace of China's multilateral diplomacy.

To restore China's lawful seat in the UN, the country had made unremitting efforts and written an unforgettable chapter in the diplomatic history of the People's Republic of China.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the 26th UN General Assembly adopted the Resolution 2758 with an overwhelming majority of votes, which decided to restore all the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the UN. It was a new page in the UN history, and marked a new phase of the China-UN relationship.

Over the past 50 years, China has actively shared its views and proposals in the UN, making vibrant voices for its diplomacy, and Chinese leaders have also been frequent speakers on UN podiums.

Since 2012, Chinese President Xi Jinping has delivered multiple important speeches on multilateral platforms including



A health worker of the medical unit of the Chinese peacekeeping forces to Lebanon administers a dose of COVID-19 vaccine to a soldier of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, May 17, 2021. (Photo by Jia Fangwen/People's Daily Online)

the UN, during which he raised a series of new ideas, propositions and initiatives with Chinese characteristics that conformed to international aspiration and the trend of the times, and offered important guidance for carrying forward, practicing and developing multilateralism.

In 2017, he made a historic speech titled Work Together to Build a Community of Shared Future for Mankind at the UN Office in Geneva, which triggered wide and heated response in the international community.

Four years later, he once again charted a course for carrying forward and developing multilateralism with the speech titled Let the Torch of Multilateralism Light up Humanity's Way Forward he delivered at the World Economic Forum Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda.

Over the past 50 years, China has par-

ticipated in the multilateral affairs of the UN in an all-round manner and demonstrated its major country responsibility. The country has joined almost all universal inter-governmental organizations and signed more than 600 international conventions, which continuously improved its position and expanded its influence in the UN and the international community.

China has faithfully fulfilled its WTO accession commitments and constantly improved its level of opening-up to inject impetus into the economic globalization and global growth.

It raised the Belt and Road Initiative, actively promoted South-South Cooperation and North-South dialogue, achieved the poverty alleviation goal set on the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years ahead of schedule, and effectively consolidated and expanded the



Since 2017, the Chinese government has been providing emergency food aid to Somalia to help improve the nutrition intake the children in the country and lower the risk of death, under the framework of the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund. The program has benefited around 390,000 people in the country. (Photo courtesy of the China International Development Cooperation Agency)

results of common development. Besides, the country's active efforts to expand international cooperation on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and build a global community of health for all are also vital for the global response to public health crises.

As a diplomatic envoy and one who practices multilateral diplomacy, I have fortunately experienced and witnessed China's participation in UN affairs.

From the UN Headquarters in New York to the UN Office at Geneva, and from the UN Security Council negotiations to multilateral diplomatic affairs in multiple aspects, including peacekeeping, human rights, global public health, international

peace and arm control, science, sports, labor and trade, I'm seeing the historic changes taking place in the China-UN relationship, and having a deeper understanding of the sacred duties and missions of the frontier multilateral diplomacy.

China will actively carry out multilateral diplomacy, steadfastly practice multilateralism, and firmly safeguard its national interests to achieve newer and greater successes.

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## A major contribution China has made to the world

By He Yin

**"**CHINA always considers its own growth in the context of the common development of all humanity and binds the interests of its people to the common interests of all peoples across the world," said a white paper issued by China's State Council Information Office recently.

The white paper titled "China's Epic Journey from Poverty to Prosperity" expounded on how the realization of moderate prosperity in all respects marks a critical step toward China's national rejuvenation and represents China's contribution to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

The country will continue its efforts to safeguard world peace, contribute to global prosperity, uphold the international order, and provide public goods to the whole world, according to the document.

China cannot develop in isolation from the rest of the world, nor can the world achieve prosperity without China. As the world's most populous and largest developing country, China has contributed significantly to world peace and development by achieving moderate prosperity in all

respects. From 1979 to 2020, the country saw its GDP grow by 9.2 percent on average annually, becoming an important engine of world economic growth. Since 2006, China has been the largest contributor to global economic growth for 15 consecutive years, with an average annual contribution of more than 30 percent.

Foreign media observed that China's brilliant achievements, including the realization of moderate prosperity, signify that the country makes big strides on the path of prosperity and development and that the world can benefit from China's development.

By building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, the country has set an example of poverty reduction for the rest of the world and greatly accelerated global poverty alleviation.

Since the introduction of the reform and opening-up policy in 1978, China has lifted 770 million rural residents living under its current poverty line out of poverty. According to the World Bank's international poverty line, the number of people lifted out of poverty in China accounts for more than 70 percent of the world's total during the same period. China has met the poverty eradication target set in the



Photo shows an expressway passing through farmlands in Xingbin district, Laibin city, south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, July 20, 2021. (Photo by Li Guancai/People's Daily Online)

UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years ahead of schedule.

After realizing the goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, the more than 1.4 billion Chinese people, who account for nearly 20 percent of the world's population, have set out on a new journey toward socialist modernization, which marks an unprecedented transformation and milestone in human history.

By building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and constantly stimulating the driving forces for development, China has provided new opportunities for world development.

China's realization of moderate prosperity in all aspects has benefitted from its continuous efforts to expand opening-up, which has effectively promoted win-win cooperation.

Faced with headwinds against globalization,

China has remained steadfast in upholding its mutually beneficial opening-up policy and building an even more open economy in recent years, trying to break new ground in pursuing all-round opening-up.

By steadily improving its business environment and introducing high-standard policies to facilitate free trade and investment, China has become the largest trading partner of more than 50 countries and regions and one of the top three trading partners of over 120 countries and regions, playing a more significant role in the dynamics of the international economy.

The country, which is opening its doors wider and wider to the rest of the world, provides other countries with more opportunities in markets, investment and growth.

In building a moderately prosperous society,

China has gained new experience of modernization for humanity. Well grasping the laws of economic and social development, the Communist Party of China (CPC) has opened a new and distinctive path to modernization based on China's actual conditions, and created a new model for human progress.

China's modernization - featuring common prosperity, balanced material and cultural progress, harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, and peaceful development - is shared by a huge population. As the world is still on a rocky path to development, China's experience in and approaches to development have not only helped the vast number of developing countries deepen their understanding of state governance and modernization, but also offer a new option for those countries and peoples who are looking for both rapid growth and independence, thus exerting a profound influence on the development of human society.



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Technical Director, Oscar Milambo.

## TFF official opens up on Mbwana Samatta's showing at Taifa Stars

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) Technical Director, Oscar Milambo, has said it is true that senior national squad 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta, was not in good form when the squad featured in African qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup.

Milambo revealed that they knew it for a long time believing it would come to an end.

The statement comes just days after the attacker, who plays for Belgian club Royal Antwerp on loan, showed stellar showing in the African qualifiers' match against Benin, held in Benin, which culminated with 'Taifa Stars' cruising to a vital 1-0 victory.

Milambo said Samatta was not at his level since he left Belgium and moved to England where he did not have a good stint at Aston Villa and the situation deprived him of the joy of doing his job well.

The official noted: "In 'Taifa Stars' recent fixtures, skipper Mbwana Samatta was not playing at his top level, we were understanding the reasons, he had not settled down since leaving Belgium and landing in England."

"He did not stay in an environment that would give him comfort to do his job happily, but soon he is back to his best and we have seen what he is showing at Taifa Stars," Milambo revealed.

At the same time, Milambo said they

were pleased with Simon Msuva's level of progress and praised midfielder Dismas Novatus' efforts, disclosing the footballer has shown a high level since he was included in the national team squad.

The 1-0 win over Benin has witnessed Taifa Stars' coach Kim Poulsen breaking the team's record of success in the qualifiers.

The record is the squad's ability to collect the highest number of points in the group stage, which is the second stage of the World Cup qualifiers before the final round, which allows five national sides to represent Africa in the World Cup, a prestigious football showpiece.

In another development, the TFF Technical Director said they are planning to enable senior national team coach Kim Poulsen to have a good time preparing the team before playing DR Congo and Madagascar to seek qualification for the last round.

In the previous African qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup, Taifa Stars, under Kim Poulsen, ended with a total of six points to stay third in Group C which as well consisted of Morocco, Ivory Coast, and the Gambia.

Tanzania started with a 2-0 away win over Ivory Coast, came out on top with a 2-1 win at home against the Gambia and a third match saw the team against all odds trounce Morocco 3-1 win at home.

## 'Twende Butiama' race cyclists reach Butiama today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 70 local cyclists are expected to reach Butiama, Musoma today and take part in various activities which are held annually to celebrate the life of the Father of the Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

The riders from various parts of the country will reach Mwitongo Village in Butiama and will among other activities donate desks to three schools in the area.

Gabriel Landa, who is one of the founders of the tour, known as 'Twende Butiama', and race director, thanked GSM Group and other companies for donating 152 desks.

The leader revealed: "We are expected to reach Butiama tomorrow (Today). We thank all companies and

organizations who have made this trip successful."

"While in Butiama will donate various items to schools in the area," he said.

During the last edition, the riders held talks with Chief Japhet Wanzagi on how to promote cycling.

"It is a sport which the late Mwalimu Nyerere loved. They moreover discussed how to turn the Twende Butiama tour into an international event, they also visited the Mwalimu Nyerere Museum," he said.

In last year's 'Twende Butiama' race, a total of 73 riders managed to reach Mwitongo Village.

The tour was sponsored by SAS Logistics, Usangu Logistics, Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), and other companies and organizations.

## There is no problem giving out bonuses for league matches

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AS soon as this season's NBC Premier League's fixture between Dodoma Jiji FC and Simba SC ended at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma, an advisor to Simba SC's Board of Directors, Crescentius Magori, issued a complaint on why do regional leaders give out bonuses to his outfit's opponents in the top flight so that the latter put stiff opposition to Simba.

Ali Salum Hapi, Mara Regional Commissioner, had presented 10m/- to the region's side, Biashara United, when the squad notched a 0-0 draw with Simba SC.

Anthony Mavunde, Dodoma Member of Parliament, also made a big promise to Dodoma Jiji FC players if they could either beat Simba or register a draw.

Is Simba SC experiencing sabotage? Is this style right? Magori was complaining that his outfit was being bullied.

I do not see a problem in Simba SC facing tough matches. Maybe the problem will come when the players of the opposing teams are committing dangerous fouls on Simba players.

Otherwise, there is no problem for Simba to be put into tough battles, and there is no problem for the likes of Mavunde to give money to their regions' outfits' players to contain Simba.

It is also possible that this money comes from the people supporting Yanga but there is still no problem.

Our football is more affected by the money that is sent to players to play below standard. This is dirty money.

The money is handed over to defenders of the opposing team and their goalkeeper to play below standard and, in the end, have their sides concede defeat.

Money that also goes to referees to officiate below standard should



Dodoma Jiji FC forward, Omary Kanyoro (L), battles for possession with Simba SC midfielder, Mzamiru Yassin, as the two sides faced off in this season's NBC Premier League fixture which took place in Dodoma recently. Dodoma Jiji FC lost 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

too fall in the category.

If footballers are given money to put better showing, I do not see a problem. I see no reason for a team to complain.

I think former Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Paul Makonda, once offered KMC FC 20m/- after the team recorded a draw with Yanga.

Makonda is an avid Simba SC fan. That money was equivalent to Hapi's and here I think is not a problem.

There are a lot of comments on Simba SC taking on opponents who give their all against the former.

First of all, Simba is a four-time top-flight champion. Defeating them is a huge statement, but Simba beating Biashara United is not news.

Many players have been receiving praises for beating Simba. This has been happening since last season.

We saw players like those turning out for

Prisons declare war on their Simba counterparts.

One of them was Prisons' veteran fullback Benjamin Asukile. For them, the match against Simba is a battle.

Within these very seasons, in which Simba has been the best, it still failed to get good results against city rivals Yanga.

The Jangwani Street outfit concentrates more on this type of match. As a result, Yanga notches good results.

Simba should expect to be overwhelmed because it is better than most opponents. It is the life of a great team around the world.

The basic thing is for the referee to follow all 17 rules of the game of football.

For example, the red card shown to Dodoma Jiji FC attacker, Anwar Jabir, for elbowing Simba SC defender Kennedy Juma was correct.

It is a punishment that cost Dodoma Jiji FC a lot after having contained

Simba for most of the clash, before conceding a goal.

In France, the outfit with the most pressure is PSG because it is the best and has gathered more fans than their other rivals.

At one point PSG midfielder Neymar and his fellow players were complaining about how they were being fouled. They wanted to be protected.

In Germany, the most targeted outfit is Bayern Munich. Each team in the country top-flight comes up with the strongest plan when playing Bayern Munich.

However, Bayern has continued to be the best because the team succeeds in playing on its quality in every match.

In Italy the team that has been most challenged is Juventus. It is normal to feel good about yourself. You cannot be too stressed out if you do not have quality.

But the players of the opposing clubs in NBC

Premier League cannot go easy on Simba SC the same way they do to other squads, that is impossible.

But there are also two things that Simba, Yanga, and Azam FC should look at from now.

Current players want to play for these three big teams. They know that if they show their quality in these matches, they will get a chance to be signed up for a lot of money.

As the NBC Premier League has begun, many players are psychologically okay, because they will not miss salaries.

Azam Media's TV's sponsorship guarantees players of many modest sides in the NBC Premier League earn salaries.

It is time for Premier League's famous sides, Simba, Yanga, and Azam FC, to prove their worth by showcasing stellar performance on the pitch and not relying on easy weak opposition. This will not be healthy for our football.

## Premier League Board reschedules Simba SC vs Polisi Tanzania match

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THIS season's NBC Premier League clash between Simba SC and Polisi Tanzania, which had been scheduled for October 20 at Benjamin Mkap Stadium Dar es Salaam, has been postponed.

The match makes the third round of this season's top flight after the first two matches for each of the competitors had climaxed.

Polisi Tanzania is leading the league after coming out victorious in two fixtures and accumulating six points.

The Kilimanjaro-based outfit got off to a good start, trouncing Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipal Council FC 2-0 in Karatu, Arusha.

In the second match, the law enforcers put solid showing to notch a vital 2-1 win over one of the league big guns, Azam FC, in Kilimanjaro.

Simba SC sits sixth with four points after settling for the draw in one tie and winning one.

The league big guns were held to a 0-0 draw by Mara's Biashara United in Musoma and thereafter post slim 1-0 win over Dodoma Jiji FC in Dodoma.

A statement from the Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) which was made public yesterday stated that the match between Simba SC and Polisi Tanzania will not be played on October 20 as Simba SC is set to battle it out in this season's CAF Champions League first round this weekend.

The Tanzania envoys in the premier continental competition will confront Jwaneng Galaxy of



Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB)'s Chairman Steven Mguto.

Botswana in Gaborone on October 17.

The Simba SC vs Polisi Tanzania tie will as a result take place on October 27 at the same venue, with Simba hosting it.

The reason for the postponement of the top-flight match is said to be Simba facing the challenge of getting transport at the right time back to the country from Botswana, where they will play

the Botswana top-flight champions.

Simba, one of the previous season's CAF Champions League quarterfinalists, is set to travel to Gaborone today.

The squad is the only Tanzanian side in this season's continental competition after compatriots Yanga was knocked out by Nigeria's Rivers United FC in the preliminary round last month.

## Diedhiou fires hat-trick as Senegal, Morocco book final-round places

JOHANNESBURG

FAMARA Diedhiou scored a hat-trick for Senegal as they and Morocco won on Tuesday to become the first nations to secure places in the final African World Cup qualifying round.

Turkey-based Diedhiou overshadowed teammate and Liverpool star Sadio Mane with his treble, which earned Senegal a 3-1 away win over Namibia and maintained a 100 percent Group H record after four rounds.

The first goal from the 28-year-old Alanyaspor forward was cancelled out before half-time by Peter Shalulile, but the Senegalese struck early and late in the second half to ensure maximum points.

Senegal, who beat Namibia 4-1 three days ago, have scored 16 goals in four World Cup qualifiers against the southern African country.

Namibia were forced to stage the fixture in Soweto near Johannesburg because they lack an international-standard stadium.

Togo surprised hosts Congo Brazzaville 2-1 in the same section to rise from last to second, eight points adrift of two-time World Cup qualifiers Senegal.

Substitute Selim Amallah scored twice as Morocco took advantage of playing an away match at home to overwhelm Guinea 4-1 in Rabat.

Ayoub el Kaabi and Sofiane Boufal notched the other Moroccan goals as they chalked up a fourth straight win in Group I, where their rivals have been handicapped by not being able to host qualifiers.

FIFA considers Guinea unsafe after a military coup toppled President Alpha Conde while no stadium in Guinea-Bissau or Sudan, the other two nations in the group, is deemed fit for international football.

Algeria trounced Niger 4-0 in Niamey to stretch an African record unbeaten run to 31 matches and regain first place in Group A from Burkina Faso on goal difference.

- Mahrez triggers rout -

Manchester City winger Riyad Mahrez triggered the rout with a goal midway through the first half. Islam Slimani doubled the lead before half-time.

Niger fell four goals behind within nine minutes of the restart as AC Milan midfielder Ismael Benacer and Baghdad Bounedjah netted.

South Africa clung to a one-point Group G lead over Ghana after both claimed 1-0 victories, over Ethiopia and Zimbabwe respectively.

An early own-goal by captain Getaneh Kebede condemned Ethiopia to defeat in Johannesburg while Arsenal midfielder Thomas Partey scored the match winner in Harare.

A crowd of 2,000 was permitted to watch South Africa -- the first time spectators have attended a sport event in the republic since the coronavirus pandemic struck early last year.

Only fully vaccinated supporters were given access and they had little to cheer as South Africa laboured against opponents who had more possession but were let down by weak finishing.

The other eight places in the play-offs next March will be decided during the final two match-days next month.

Algeria, Tunisia, Nigeria, Mali and Egypt look set to progress while the battles between Ivory Coast and Cameroon and South Africa and Ghana are seen likely to go down to the wire.

Only two points separate surprise leaders Tanzania, Benin and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the other mini-league, where even bottom team Madagascar have a mathematical chance.

A seeded draw will split the 10 group table-toppers into five pairings with the winners of the two-leg ties representing Africa at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

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## Cheering and hugging, fans return to Soweto stadium as restrictions ease

JOHANNESBURG

"WELCOME back," speakers blasted from the entrance of South Africa's main sports stadium in Soweto as excited football fans -- vaccination cards in hand -- arrived for the first time in 18 months.

"Please make sure you sanitise your hands," the metallic voice reminded the 2,000 spectators lucky enough to get their hands on the first tickets sold since coronavirus hit.

The match, a World Cup qualifier between South Africa and Ethiopia, sold out in two hours.

"It has been a long journey, we have all been waiting for this for a long time," said Bafana Bafana supporter Paul Nkosi, 49, in an blue hard hat mounted with a crown of metallic multi-coloured South African miniature flags.

"When I managed to grab a ticket I thought: Jesus, I'm so lucky," he exclaimed, clutching a gold papier-mache trophy, eyes tearing with emotion.

Inside the stadium rules are strict: no booze, no hugging. Keep a seat between your neighbour and a face mask on at all times.

AFP

# De Bruyne, Guardiola views on player burnout are correct: We need a holistic solution

By Gabriele Marcotti Senior Writer, ESPN FC

Last April, Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola sounded the alarm, complaining that UEFA and FIFA were "killing" the players by scheduling too many games with not enough recovery time. "No player can sustain, not just [the] physicality, [but also the] mentality to be ready every day to compete against opponents to win the game."

Earlier this week, Kevin De Bruyne, one of Guardiola's players at City, said he played with two painkilling injections against Italy at Euro 2020 and that "if I'd known beforehand what it would do to my ankle, I wouldn't have played." And last week, FIFPRO, the international players' union, issued their report on player workload.

(Then, on Sunday after losing to Italy in the UEFA Nations League third-place game, Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois reinforced this idea of player exhaustion. "It's just a money game, and we have to be honest about it...for UEFA, it's extra money and it's an extra game because it's on TV. Of course everyone wants to play, but look at how much both teams changed. If the teams had been in the final, there would have been other players playing. This just shows that we play too many games.")

They found, not surprisingly, that many top players are severely overworked. It's not just a question of playing too many games; it's a question of too many minutes in what is defined as the "critical zone" -- two stints of at least 45 minutes on the pitch with less than five



Kevin De Bruyne played with painkilling injections at the Euros. There has to be a better solution to avoid players being worn out due to the grueling club and country schedule. (Agencies)

days rest in between -- when short-term and long-term health are most likely to be impacted. And there are other issues of course, from global travel to off-season breaks that, for many, keep getting shorter.

Speak to top players, coaches, administrators or even Arsene Wenger -- whose biennial World Cup plan, he says, is based on playing fewer, but more meaningful, games -- and it feels like it's the one thing most can agree on, at least in public.

It's a debate that has come to the fore because the International Match Calendar -- the master agreement that governs when football matches, domestic and international, can be played -- expires in 2024. It's football's Y2K (if you're old enough to remember that) and some sort of agreement has to be hammered out, but the problem here is that this is a hugely complicated issue only partly about money and influence, with nobody wanting to take a step back and play fewer matches.

For a start, there's a striking imbalance in the number of matches teams play even in the

same league. Crystal Palace and Manchester City are both English clubs who play in the Premier League, but the former played 40 games (they weren't in Europe and got knocked out early in domestic cups) while the latter played 61 -- an increase of more than 50 percent -- because they reached the Champions League and League Cup finals and the semifinal of the FA Cup.

Would Palace have liked to play more games? Sure. Maybe not 61 like City, but professional athletes generally like to play sports (duh) and, of course, owners like the TV money, exposure and home gates that playing games brings. You'd imagine Palace fans would have enjoyed it too. Going to watch your team play at home in a competitive match is fun, and they only got to do it 19 times. (City fans, meanwhile, did it 28 times.)

And this is Palace we're talking about. At least they're in the Premier League, which means they get to play against a range of coaches and styles, as well as many of the world's best players. The vast majority of teams in European

leagues don't get that. They either only play domestically or, if they qualify for Europe, usually go two-and-out in the qualifying rounds. That's why, incidentally, the idea of reducing the number of clubs in Europe's top leagues to 18 -- of the Big Five leagues, only the Bundesliga has 18 while the rest have 20) remains so unpopular as anything other than a talking point. (It's a bit like trading in your gas-guzzling SUV for a compact car.)

Yes, a Premier League or LaLiga structure with 18 clubs would eliminate four fixtures, offering more rest/recovery time. It would mean more meaningful fixtures (and fewer pointless ones). While the TV deal might shrink a tiny bit, in practice you'd be losing mid-week fixtures, which are generally less lucrative. That would be offset by the fact that you'd be sharing the revenues among fewer clubs. It would also give clubs more time to train and prepare, which might actually make for better games too.

Of course, while it would make a lot of sense, nobody wants to be among the clubs who lose out, so in the end nothing gets done. And most player unions are against this as well, because fewer top-flight teams means fewer jobs.

In fact, the direction of travel is the opposite one, at least in Europe. Just consider the revamped Champions League and its Swiss model which, from 2024, will add four fixtures to every participating club's calendar. After all, the easiest way to boost revenue quickly is simply to get the biggest teams with the biggest stars to play more games.

But back to De

Bruyne, Guardiola and everybody else who feels top players play too many games and it's harmful to their well-being. What do you do? Tell them to suck it up? "Oh, you like living in your gigantic house with the three sports cars? You enjoy the generational wealth you've accumulated and the fame that comes with it? Yeah? Well, playing a few extra games is the price you have to pay for it, so deal with it."

It's a tempting stance for some, but hopefully we can be a bit more enlightened. Nor can we just sit back and rely on sports science to do its thing. Yes, despite the legitimate complaints, ex-pros today lead better, healthier lives than those of yesteryear and perform at a high level for longer. Much of that is due to sports science and medicine, but you can't rely on that bailing you out forever. Players needing painkillers to remain active, or not training properly in-season because they need to play matches, ought to be the exception, not the norm.

We need to be smarter and do better, and the Match Calendar reset offers the opportunity to do this, with a number of solutions that are being explored.

Just as air traffic controllers and truck drivers have limits on the number of hours they can be on the job, maybe some limit can apply to footballers -- perhaps in terms of the time they can spend in the "critical zone" or in providing "mandatory rest periods" at the end of season. Slashing the number of teams (and therefore games) in competitions is probably part of the solution too, though as we've seen, it's difficult.

But maybe there are other, better formats that can be explored.

International football is, obviously, another strand to this. His plan for a biennial World Cup has its flaws, but Wenger is right when he talks about people wanting fewer matches, but more meaningful matches. Meaningful to the players for development, for the fans for entertainment and, yeah, for the member associations at the cash register. Sometimes, less really is more.

And then there's the elephant in the room. Clubs make money from playing games and just about everything is tied to that, whether it's gate receipts, broadcast revenue, prize money, eyeballs that can be turned into sponsorship money or brand-building that can shift merchandise. Clubs need and want money, and when you're in that situation, you can either cut costs or increase revenue or, ideally, both.

Most leagues have some sort of cost control, though they stop short of a salary cap. Yet there are other ways to limit costs, like tying a portion of a player's salary to club revenue (effectively, giving them equity, except you'd call it a bonus). And like we said, while the top players play a ton of games, the vast majority could probably stand to play a few more games. Would they generate as much revenue? No. But they'd generate some revenue, and that too could be part of the answer.

What seems to be clear is that there are many moving parts here. We need a holistic solution, and it can't simply involve the top players and teams in the world playing each other 24/7.

## Hungary fans, Wembley police clash at England's World Cup qualifying game

LONDON

ENGLAND'S 1-1 draw against Hungary at Wembley Stadium in World Cup qualifying was marred by Hungarian supporters clashing with security staff and baton-wielding police inside the ground on Tuesday.

Tensions mounted before kick-off as Hungarian fans jeered England players kneeling in support of the fight against racism. The fans also unfurled a banner that showed a kneeling figure crossed out.

The small section of the stadium housing up to 1,000 Hungary supporters then erupted into violence less than five minutes into the game after a group of fans charged up the concourse and steps to clash with police and stewards.

Supporters were seen throwing punches at police before a sizeable group charged through a narrow tunnel into the main concourse area.

Although the disorder settled down inside a minute, riot police wearing body armour and visors then returned to support Wembley's own

stewarding team.

London's Metropolitan Police said they had taken action after racial abuse of a steward.

"Shortly after the start of tonight's match at Wembley, officers entered the stand to arrest a spectator for a racially aggravated public order offence following comments made towards a steward.

"As the officers made the arrest, minor disorder broke out involving other spectators. Order was quickly restored and there have been no further incidents at this stage."

The disturbance was followed by the release of a green flare by Hungarian fans after Roland Sallai's penalty opener for the visitors on 24 minutes.

England's Football Association stated: "We are aware of an incident in the away section during tonight's FIFA 2022 World Cup Qualifier at Wembley Stadium. We will be investigating and will report the incident to FIFA."

England equalised in the 37th minute when a Phil Foden free kick was flicked on by Tyrone Mings and the ball

was turned in by John Stones from close range.

The rest of the match played out without any other reported incidents.

After the match, Hungary manager Marco Rossi refused to talk about the incidents.

"I don't want to comment on this situation," he said. "It is not my task. Everything I could say could be interpreted in a different way."

Mings said that the players were unfazed at the pre-match jeering and of the anti-kneeling banner.

"We've faced criticism for taking the knee and

we have collectively stood passionately together," the England defender said. "That has carried us as a squad. It doesn't change when people hold banners or disagree."

Stones added that he wasn't aware of the incidents but said: "If they were showing those sort of signs to what we believe in as a team, as a nation, I haven't got anything good to say about them as supporters, them as human beings."

"We respect everyone and feel we have an incredible platform to voice our word and that's what we do before

the game.

"We stand strong together as a team."

Tuesday's events will lead to more scrutiny of the Hungarian supporters and likely sanctions by FIFA. The country's national football federation has already been fined £158,000 and given a stadium ban by football's governing body after disturbances during September's game between the two teams in Budapest.

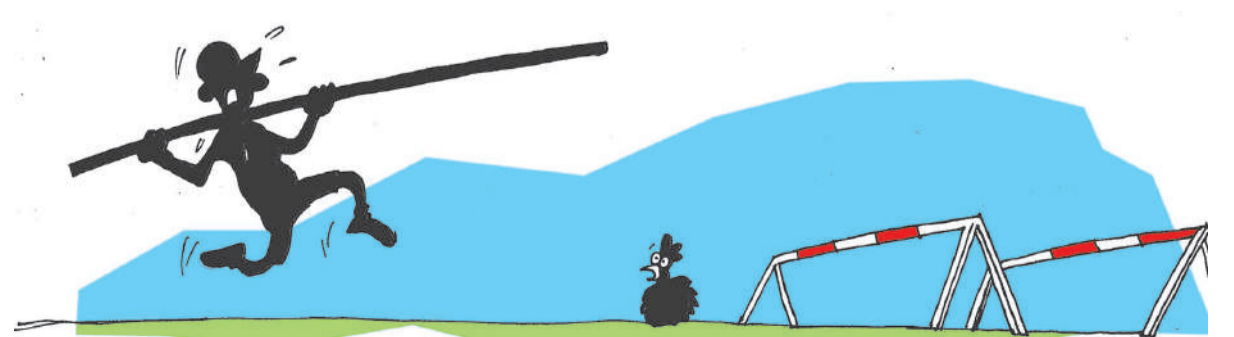
In that match, players were hit with objects thrown from the stands and Black players from England's squad were subjected to racist

abuse.

The Hungarian Football Federation was also fined €100,000 and hit with a three-game stadium ban by UEFA earlier this year after discriminatory behaviour of fans in Budapest during games staged in the Puskas Arena during Euro 2020.

Wembley's ability to control supporters has also been subject of criticism following extensive trouble at the stadium before and during the Euro 2020 final between England and Italy when hundreds of fans charged barriers to gain entry. **ESPN**

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## Azam FC opponents in high spirit ahead of CAF Confederation Cup clash



Azam FC players attend training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and CAF Confederation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**T**ANZANIA'S Azam FC will face Egypt's Pyramids FC in a 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary first-leg clash at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Speaking ahead of the highly-anticipated encounter, Pyramids FC head coach Ehab Galal praised Azam FC but insisted he is confident his side will prevail.

In a club interview with Pyramids FC Media Center, Galal said the technical bench watched several Azam FC matches and got to know the technical and physical quality of their opponents.

He believes Azam FC is a strong and organized team, as he considers it better than

all the other teams that reached this stage after the preliminary round matches.

"The coaching staff watched several matches of the Tanzanian team. They're a very strong and organized team and better than all the other teams that reached this stage from the first preliminary round."

"We will travel next Wednesday, and our goal is to win both games to reach the next, and more difficult stage, the round of 32. And from there continue the journey towards the group stage."

"The team is fully prepared to achieve a positive result in Dar es Sa-

laam, qualify in Cairo, and reach the latter stages of CAF Confederation Cup because the team's goal is to win the continental title," he concluded.

Pyramids FC is set to start its journey in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup for the third consecutive season.

The Egypt outfit has had spectacular runs in the tournament for the past two editions, having reached the final in 2020 and was eliminated in the semi-final last season at the hands of eventual champions, Raja Casablanca of Morocco.

For the trip to Dar es Salaam, Galal has selected a squad of 21 players.

The list is made up of Sherif Ekramy, Mahdy Soliman, Yousef Nader, Ali Gabr, Osama Galal, Ahmed Samy, Mohamed Hamdy, Ahmed Fathy, and Omar Gaber.

E Mayhoub, Ahmed Tawfik, Nabil Dunga, Ibrahim Hassan, Eslam Eissa, Ibrahim Adel, A Smaida, Mahmoud Wadi, and Dodo are the club's other footballers on the trip.

The second leg takes place from October 23, with aggregate winners qualifying to the group stage playoffs, where they face teams relegated from the CAF Champions League second preliminary round.

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## Moshi Khalsa takes on Black Tigers in 2021 Nyerere hockey tourney opener

By Guardian Reporter

HOCKEY players from across Tanzania have again been presented with a chance to showcase their talent in the 10th edition of the Nyerere tournament, slated to begin today and climax on Sunday in Moshi.

Sikh Community of Moshi finances the annual showdown, which is organized by the Committee of Sikh Union Club in conjunction with the Tanzania Hockey Association (THA).

A total of eight outfits have confirmed to take part in the prestigious hockey tournament at the domestic level, THA secretary-general Kaushik Doshi stated.

The THA official pointed out that sides, which have confirmed to participate, are Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF), Black Mambas, Moshi Khalsa, and Kili Vijana.

Arusha Twigas, Zanzibar, Black Tigers, and a guest squad from Mombasa, namely Daikyo Heroes Club, complete the list.

According to Doshi, the sides have been divided into two pools and the top two squads from either pool shall qualify for the semi-finals.

Pool A constitutes Daikyo Heroes Club, Moshi Khalsa, Kili Vijana, and Black Tigers.

The TPDF squad, Arusha Twigas, Zanzibar, and Black Mambas make Pool B.

"Last year the competition did not take place to COVID-19 pandemic and in the 2019 edition, Moshi Khalsa was the showpiece's winners."

The well-drilled Moshi Khalsa posted a 1-0 victory over in a closely-contested final, played in Moshi.

Much as they experienced stiff opposition, the home team managed to seal the top honour with the help of the home supporters.

Doshi revealed: "All of this season's tournament's outfits are looking forward to it and have been undergoing training for this prestigious hockey tournament."

The THA official moreover disclosed that preparations for the event are in place.

Doshi stated the outfits were set to start arriving in Moshi yesterday and the official was adamant all teams eagerly look forward to this tournament.

The THA boss further applauded and appreciated the sponsors, the Sikh Community of Moshi, for their kindness and continuous support for the Nyerere hockey tournament, generously backing the showdown.

The showdown's round-robin clashes are set to take place on Thursday, tomorrow, and ultimately wind up on Saturday morning.

## Simba SC jets off to Botswana to confront Jwaneng Galaxy FC

By correspondents Joseph Mchekadona & Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S representatives in this season's CAF Champions League, Simba SC, depart for Botswana today to face Jwaneng Galaxy FC in the showdown's first round's first leg clash scheduled for Sunday.

Information from the Tanzania champions said an advanced party made up of three officials Abbas Ali, chief cook Samwel Mtundu, and match analyst, Culvin Mavhunga, had arrived in Gaborone early.

The information which was collabo-

rated by Ali, said the aim is to prepare well for the encounter as the club is determined to reach the semi-finals this season.

"As the advanced party we will be in Botswana on Wednesday, we want to arrange and prepare well for the team's arrival, we aim to reach the semi-finals of CAF Champions League this season and in that quest, we are leaving no stone unturned," he noted.

The officials also said the morale in the side's camp is high following the arrival of many players who were with their respective countries national

teams, which were battling it out in African qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup.

"Everything in the camp is going on smoothly and the good thing is that the arrival of players who were with their respective national teams has boosted the morale in the camp," he said.

The team is currently undergoing training at its base Simba Mo Simba Arena, at Bunju in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC leadership and the side's head of the technical bench held a meeting on Wednesday night to plan

strategies for facing their opponents in the continental showpiece's fixture.

Simba, the previous season's CAF Champions League's quarterfinal contenders, take flight heading to Botswana on Thursday.

The outfit's Manager Patrick Rweyemamu said the meeting was chaired by the club's new Chairman of Board of Directors, Salim Abdallah, with one of his strategies happening to be seeing to it the outfit advance to the competition's group stage.

"We had a meeting with our top officials, the main issue was to discuss and plan strategies to ensure we do well in our first game of the CAF Champions League and our colleagues have promised to give us every support to ensure we do as well as we intended," Rweyemamu disclosed.

The manager said their preparations for the game are going well and all players are in good condition including those who were in their respective countries' national teams.

He said the team's hopes of doing well and scaling great heights in the tournament are high due to the players' readiness after training and playing several friendly matches.

The official revealed he believes the preparations have strengthened them and addressed the mistakes they made in some of their previous matches.

"We are ready for the tournament, our preparations are going on well, I'm happy to see even our players like Shomari Kapombe, Erasto Nyoni, and Papy Sakho, who were nursing injuries, have all recovered and have started training with their teammates," he said.



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam early this week to shape up for this season's CAF Champions League's first-round game against Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana, which will be held in Gaborone on October 17. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

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