



## National Pg 3 RC calls for priority of farmers' needs



## National Pg 4 Firm urged to invest in pharmaceuticals



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Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan lays a shield and an arrow at the foot of Heroes Monument during yesterday's commemoration of National Heroes Day held at a national level in Dodoma city. Photo: State House

# VP appeals for Africa human capital, credit solutions fast

By Henry Mwangonde

REGIONAL and multilateral financial institutions need to devise innovative financing solutions in support of Africa's drive to accelerate human capital development, Vice President Dr Phillip Mpango has appealed.

Opening the technical session of the Africa human capital summit, he said that these institutions need to deliver home grown solutions to challenges facing most African countries.

Experts need to focus on how best the private sector could be motivated to actively collaborate with governments as co-sponsors and co-producers of quality human capital, he stated.

"Human capital investment is long term in nature and thus requires low-cost financing with long-term maturity," he declared.

The private sector is a key beneficiary of human capital development efforts and therefore its participation in the effort is vital, the veteran planning economist noted.

Training institutions, being key players in human capital development, "can and should help the continent bolster local capacities to efficiently manage and exploit our natural resource endowment," he explained.

It is ironic that the continent spends large amounts of money to import knowledge for harnessing its own natural resource wealth, he remarked, urging that African training institutions should reposition themselves and collaborate to produce home grown solutions to Africa's challenges.

He aired the view that Tanzania has made significant strides in human capital development, with scaled up financing for education from 17.9 percent of the total

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# 'Peace vital in vision of Heroes Day event'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MAINTAINING peace, solidarity and unity is essential in positively remembering national heroes who laid down their lives for visions central to the existing tranquillity in the country, President Samia Suluhu Hassan declared yesterday.

Gracing the National Heroes Day ceremonies, she appealed to Tanzanians to shun efforts of any person or groups of people aimed at dividing the country, affirming that Tanzania is one and it will never be carved up.

No development can be achieved in a war-torn nation, she reminded the rally, urging members of the public to work at guarding national cohesion.

She laid the foundation stone for a heroes' monument in the government quarter of the

city, as Heroes Day was held at the grounds for the first-time.

The monument will be one of the tallest in the region, she said, asking the Treasury to release needed funds on time as construction is pursued.

Leased with the overall design of the work, he said that when completed the grounds will have international level restaurants, conference chambers and greenery for people to relax and have fun.

"But the biggest thing is that it will have the tallest tower in Africa," she said, asking the Prime Minister's Office to closely supervise construction work, to ensure all infrastructure is completed in time and with no the desired quality standards.

Presiding over Heroes Day last year, the

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# US, Z'bar launch mosquito bed nets replacement drive

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

A TOTAL of 248,000 insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) are being distributed across 53 shehias in Zanzibar, a new milestone in the fight against malaria.

Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, the Health minister, said at the launch event yesterday that the remaining shehias will receive their replacement nets next year.

The replacement campaign is being conducted under a 'profound sleep' tag, with the whole exercise funded by the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), working under the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

It has a working partnership with the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Programme (ZAMEP) where a flagship project, 'Breakthrough Action' provided the platform to design the 'profound sleep' campaign, he said.

The drive focuses on ensuring that households are registering for ITNs, that they collect bed nets that people in homes are sleeping under such nets, he said.

"This campaign shows our commitment to assist in the take up of this effective strategy," he said, expressing gratitude to USAID and partner agencies for their invaluable

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening the ministerial level meeting preceding the two-day African Heads of State Summit on Human Capital to run under the theme: "Accelerating Africa's Economic Growth: Boosting Youth Productivity by Improving Learning and Skills." Photo: VPO

# LHRC: Criminal justice reforms can start now

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

IMPLEMENTING recommendations on criminal justice reform which do not need expenditure of funds or amending any laws ought to be done right away, a key civic group has demanded.

Dr Anna Henga, executive director at the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) issued this appeal at a press conference

within LHRC premises in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

She said there are identifiable areas which can propel implementation of major recommendations of the Criminal Justice Commission, citing matters that need no new funding or specific legislation as capable of being taken up rapidly.

"Our second point is that stakeholders in criminal justice, working with government

agencies, should stress on different sectors of society the importance of obeying the law without coercion to avoid unnecessary conflicts with state organs," said Dr Henga.

Institutions touched by the commission's recommendations need to prepare a task plan on how to implement recommendations that touch those institutions, she emphasised.

Equally, there is need for a mechanism to assess the way various government agencies take up the commission's implementation, meanwhile as the government needs to table a bill in the next session of the legislature for amendment of laws for which improvement has been

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Delegates to the two-day African Heads of State Summit on Human Capital to run under the theme: "Accelerating Africa's Economic Growth: Boosting Youth Productivity by Improving Learning and Skills" follow address Vice President Dr Philip Mpango made at the ministerial meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: VPO

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budget in 2019/2020 to 18.9 percent in 2021/2022. The figure approaches the 20 percent level agreed target for 2030, he affirmed.

Budget amounts for health, agriculture (food security and nutrition) have also significantly increased, he said, laying emphasis on the need to expand outreach and efficiency of social services delivery.

Tanzania has over the past two years focused on improvement of hard and soft infrastructure, including construction and

renovation of classrooms, healthcare facilities; installation of telemedicine hubs, X-ray facilities and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for all regional hospitals; improved teaching ability and healthcare workers' training, he stated.

Tanzania has also rolled out a countrywide social safety net programme under the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) and financial inclusion programmes to support access to social services, he elaborated.

Significant investment has been

made on financial inclusion, he said, citing digital infrastructure and interoperability of various digital systems and services.

These in turn contributed to wider coverage of branchless banking and mobile money services and led to financial inclusion increase from 65 percent of the adult population in 2017 to 73 percent in 2023, he pointed out.

Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said Tanzania has made tremendous steps in accelerating human capital outcomes,

yielding positive outcomes like empowering the youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

"We have aligned technical and vocational education and training programs with the needs of industries, creating an integrated pathway from education to employment, and we are designing programs that will prepare graduates at all levels, even dropouts to seize opportunities and contribute meaningfully to the workforce," he emphasized.



Wenceslaus Fungamtama (C), Tanzania Commercial Bank's Director of Treasury, cuts the ribbon at the weekend to launch latrines built by the bank at Kikelelwa Primary School in Rombo District. Third right is Rombo District Council primary education officer Alice Makule. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TFRA urges manufacturers to produce quality fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) board of directors has instructed owners of fertiliser factories in the country to produce quality fertiliser of acceptable standards to avoid complaints from farmers.

Thobias Mwesiga, TFRA board chairman issued the directives Monday this week at a joint TFRA board and management meeting that discussed matters to mobilise

fertiliser production in the country's various regions.

Mwesiga said investors should be ready to be inspected by TFRA from time to time to make sure that only quality fertiliser enters the market.

He added that frequent TFRA inspection of fertiliser factories will be sustainable and aims in reminding investors to abide by quality standards of their products.

"You should get used to the frequent inspection, as we shall

be doing that tirelessly because we want to see your manufacture quality fertiliser," he said.

In regard to production, Mwesiga called on local fertiliser manufacturers to abide by the quality standards of their products before releasing them into consumers.

He said for the locally produced fertiliser to be sold within and outside the country it has to be covered with certificates certifying its quality from Tanzania Bureau

of standards (TBS), as well as certificates from other authorities.

Hadija Jabir, TFRA board member called on investors to look into how they can assist farmers to identify soil fertility before using their fertiliser to ensure they use the right fertiliser for the soil fertility in their farms.

She also appealed to them not to shy away from reporting challenges they face in their production activities saying both the TFRA board and management can provide better solutions to various challenges.

Joseph Charles, TFRA director of internal fertiliser production, said the government spent 700bn/- to import fertiliser to satisfy farmers' needs countrywide.

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president directed the prime minister and the city regional commissioner to find open space where a monument for the nation's heroes will be built.

The monument had to be suitable and reflect the status of Dodoma city as the country's capital, she said, noting that Mashujaa Grounds annually holding Heroes Day commemorations were insufficient for the purpose, owing to the growth of the city.

In a brief speech at the event yesterday, the president expressed satisfaction with ongoing construction work, with other activities including the laying of wreaths by leaders in memory of heroes.

The day was also marked around the country, where people engaged in tree planting and cleanliness activities in line with the pivotal environmental theme that has characterised national days since 2015 in particular.

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recommended, she further noted.

The director took up the issue of abolition of the death penalty, saying it is another area where justice stakeholders have been advising the government. "Capital punishment should be abolished, she reiterated, underlining the commission's observation that death is a cruel punishment that degrades human beings and is at acute variance with human rights.

LHRC recommends that if a person is liable to be sentenced to death, and if three years pass without the president assenting that the person be hanged, then the

punishment should be considered to have been commuted to life imprisonment, she declared.

Back in January, President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the commission on the criminal justice system headed by Mohamed Othman Chande, retired chief justice, to look into how to improve institutions charged with criminal justice delivery.

The commission made lengthy interviews with current and former heads of the police force, the Prisons Department, and public prosecution services, presenting its report, and recommendations to the president six months after it was formed.

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contributions. "Together, we are confident that this collective effort will lead us closer to a malaria-free Zanzibar," he declared.

Digital registration and issuance procedures are in place to enable people to register their households and receive the right number of treated bed nets, he affirmed.

USAID funded the Digital Square project, described as a global partnership initiative to coordinate investments into smart, scalable health technology solutions, designing a mechanism making ITNs more accessible, he said.

It also reduces delays in distribution and ensures that more people benefit from ITNs supplies, he elaborated.

New research in Zanzibar shows that while people are less worried

about getting malaria, barriers such as discomfort, difficulty in breathing and itching or rashes still hinder consistent ITN usage.

Social and behavior change initiatives, such as the 'profound sleep' campaign, play a key role in addressing these challenges and bringing about significant, long term, positive changes in the various communities, he said.

Anna Hoffman, the USAID country health office acting director, said the campaign embodies the agency's dedication to malaria elimination in Zanzibar.

"The United States remains committed to helping move toward a malaria-free future in Zanzibar, and we urge Zanzibaris to ensure they receive their ITNs and sleep under them every night," she emphasized.

## Land wrangles to be incorporated in Mama Samia Legal Aid campaign

By Guardian Correspondent, Madaba

LAND disputes have been incorporated in the ongoing Mama Samia Legal Aid Services campaign in Madaba District, Ruvuma Region.

The residents in the district have expressed their thanks to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for remembering people in the low bracket by ensuring they receive their rights.

This was revealed on Monday by Blastus Kahemela, State Attorney from the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs as he addressed members of the public at a meeting held at Kipingo village in Madaba District.

Kahemela said in the campaign they have received various complaints, but many were in regard to land conflicts.

He said that through the Mama Samia Legal Aid Services campaign they are staging various meetings in some rural and urban areas including schools in Madaba District.

He named other complaints received as including harassment based on gender from government officials at lower levels.

He said they have been meeting with various groups through meetings as well man to man to address various complaints received.

Kahemela said the aim of the campaign is to reach those targeted, especially those in need of legal services but have the ability to pay for lawyers.

He added that the campaign continues in all districts of Ruvuma Region and will last for two weeks.

He said in regard to schools, they have received complaints from students who receive severe punishment than that legally allowed.

Kahemela said in the campaign, they are accompanied by community development officers, legal experts, and land officers, officials from private legal organisations and police officers from the Police Gender Desk.

Bosco Mapunda, resident of Kipingo village thanked President Samia for remembering poor people to make sure they receive their rights that had been suppressed, and added that many of them have been losing cases in courts for failing to hire lawyers.

The Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign has been launched in Dodoma, Shinyanga, Manyara and Ruvuma regions and will proceed in phases to all regions of Tanzania both Mainland and Zanzibar.

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Seedco extension officer Justine Makanyilo (R) pictured in Mbeya city yesterday briefing visitors, most presumably farmers, at the company's pavilion at the ongoing Yara Kilimo Expo. The agency is a pan-African seed firm out to feed business developing certified seed species including hybrid maize, wheat, soya bean, beans, rice, potatoes, sorghum, cotton and vegetables. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mbeya RC calls for farmers' needs to boost agro reforms

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA regional commissioner, Juma Homera, has called for priority of farmers' needs and welfare so that the country could hasten its desired goals in the agricultural reforms' agenda.

RC Homera underscored farmers' campaign to make the sector profitable to a majority of the people and contribute significantly to Tanzania's GDP.

The RC spoke yesterday during the official opening of a farmers' town hall meeting in Mbeya city organised by fertiliser manufacture and distributor, Yara Tanzania. Over 400 farmers drawn from the food rich southern highlands attended the meeting.

The farmers' forum is part of the Yara Kilimo Expo that kicked off at the 'Nanenan' grounds on Monday and brings together a wider range of players in the sector to discuss challenges and opportunities for the reforms agenda being championed by the government. It specifically tackled the promotion of strategic food and cash crops in the southern highlands.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe is today expected to officiate a high-level symposium during the expo where experts will delve more deeply into the future of the agri-sector value stream and the issues that would likely shape the direction of the transformation agenda.

RC Homera commended Yara Tanzania for putting the smallholder farmers' empowerment at the centre of its activities. "Today's meeting of farmers from surrounding regions is testimony to Yara's cognisance of your importance, and have therefore brought you to the centre of the discussions to have your say," said Homera.

The RC who was flanked by Yara Tanzania managing director Winstone Odhiambo and the director of crop development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Enock Nyasebwa, among other officials

and guests, said the government acknowledges that farmers remained key to its plans to make Tanzania the fulcrum of food production in Africa.

"I want to therefore thank Yara for their efforts to uplift the farmer. And as representative of the government, let me say that we will give Yara the necessary support it needed to speed up the reforms through its quality fertiliser products and agronomic services across the republic," said Homera, noting that the recently opened Yara Farmers Knowledge Centre at Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) will be invaluable to the agri-reform campaign.

Odhiambo said it is Yara's belief that empowered smallholder farmers would be key for the country to attain food sufficiency and raise millions of people out of poverty through higher farm level productivity and job creation in the sector's value chain.

"As Yara, we are playing our part by producing different and high-quality fertilizers and other blended crop nutrients that significantly raises yields and thus farmers' income. Our approach encompassed soil health solutions, sustainable farming and industrialisation, environmental protection and mitigating climate challenge."

Odhiambo said Yara Kilimo Expo which will be an annual event was an added value proposition from the company to enhance public-private partnerships and support the government's economic development agenda through the agricultural sector which holds the largest potential for millions of Tanzanians to prosper.

During the farmers' meeting, expert panelists drawn from different fields took the farmers through detailed reports and findings, as well as engaged them in open discussions about their own perspectives and expectations of the agricultural transformation agenda.

## Villagers appeal for government intervention to remain in reserve

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

RESIDENTS of Sita village in Shinyanga District who have invaded areas of Nindo Forest Reserve in the district have appealed to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to let them stay in the reserve claiming that the area allocated to them was small and there are already villagers living in the reserve..

The 27,446 hectare Nindo Forest Reserve in Shinyanga District was officially recognised by GN No. 10

of 1958, but after villagers invaded and settled in it, only 10,969 hectares has remained, and the government decided to allocate further 3,726 hectares with now only 7,243 hectares remaining for conservation.

The residents made their appeal on Monday at a public meeting that had only one agenda - to ask President Samia to let them continue settling in the reserve area.

Pete Buhemba, one of the villagers, said they are thankful to President Samia for caring for them by allocating land areas in

the Reserve for them to settle, but that the area is small as there are already many people living in it and fear for the eruption of land conflicts owing to its small size.

Another villager, Silvester Shimbolya said if the area allocated to them had no settlers already, it would have been sufficient to them and would have lived in peace, but now they fear for their security as they will be forced to live among other villagers they found.

For his part, the chairman of Lyamidati village, Dotto Mende said residents of the six villages number more than 1,000 and some

of the households have between 120 to 30 people and added that their main fear is to miss land for farming as their lives depend on agriculture.

Recently Lucas Nyambala, head of conservation from Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) for Western Zone said the government had endorsed that not all villagers were to be removed from all areas of Nindo forest Reserve, but should be given the 3,726 hectares.

The six villages involved include Ng'homango, Mwabundala, Lyamidati, Kadoto, Mwajiji and Buzinza,



### Disposal of Assets, Scrap and Obsolete Items – August 2023

Ekaterra Tea Tanzania Ltd is seeking to dispose various assets (Plant Equipment, Engines, Generators and Vehicles), Scrap (Metal & other Scrap) and Obsolete Items (Spares – Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Tea Harvesting Machines etc.) located within the ekaterra Plantations and Tea factories in Mufindi & Njombe Regions of Tanzania.

These items are being sold on an **as-is where-is basis** and can be viewed between **Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August 2023** between 8am and 5pm only. **Contact: T: +255 (26) 276 50 05/27 65 016 M: +255 (0) 753 451 000**

#### Conditions of Sale

- The assets, scrap and Obsolete items are in various locations or stores and the prospective buyer will arrange for the safe collection of the items. For Scrap, the bidder must have the necessary licenses as required by law.
- All interested bidders must visit the various locations to verify the conditions of items as offered.
- During the viewing, bidders will be provided with the detailed list of items. The bidder must indicate the bid price against the items they would like to purchase. This will be submitted as their bid.
- A bid Fee of TZS 30,000 is applicable per Bidder and must be paid to the company account details below. The proof of payment must be submitted together with the sealed bid documents.

#### Bank Account Details:

**CRDB**  
**Account Name: Ekaterra Tea Tanzania Limited, Mufindi.**  
**Account Number (TZS): 0150350175101, CORUTZTZX**

- Interested Buyers should submit their bids together with the proof of payment of the bid fees in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Disposal of Assets, Scrap and Obsolete Items – August**" and addressed to:

**Attn: Procurement Manager**

*The bids should be delivered and placed in the Tender Box either at:*

ekaterra Tea Tanzania Ltd Head Office reception, P. O. Box 40, Mufindi, Tanzania	ekaterra Tea Tanzania Ltd Dar es Salaam Office, P.O. Box 4955, Mlimani City Office Park, Office Building No.4 Unit 402, Sam Nujoma Road, Ubungu, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
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**The deadline for submission of bids is 5:00pm on 11th of August 2023.**

- The items must be collected by the successful bidders within the period indicated in the award letter and during working hours as defined above subject to ekaterra Tea Tanzania Ltd receiving full payment
- The company reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without giving reasons for the decision taken.

Only successful bidders will be contacted.

**Ekaterra Tea Tanzania Ltd, Procurement Department.**



### TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC)

#### CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTE FROM POTENTIAL INVESTORS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AT KIMANDOLU IN ARUSHA MUNICIPALITY

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), has allocated 47,324 square metres of land for investment in commercial building and tourism infrastructure development opportunity at Kimandolu, Arusha municipality.

Kimandolu is located approximately 5 kilometers from Arusha City centre, accessible through old Moshi tarmac road and it is situated alongside the old Moshi Road. With ideal tourism climatic conditions, high demand of commercial building infrastructure and tourism facilities, Kimandolu is well positioned to serve the growing demand of tourist hotel beds, residential apartment and office accommodation demand-supply gap in the Northern tourist/ Commercial circuit

Through the Tanzania's five years strategic development plan initiative, commercial developers stand to gain from complimentary investments opportunities by private investors in infrastructure and tourism sector. Tanzania Investment Act, 2022 mandates TIC to identify investment sites, estates or land together with associated facilities of any sites, estates or land for the purposes of facilitating investors and investments in general. Further, the title deed of the Kimandolu site is secured by TIC from the Ministry of land and human settlements and the whole land is under TIC land bank.

TIC is now inviting Concept Notes from Investors/ Developers who are interested to invest in commercial complex and tourism investment to submit their concept notes to invest and develop Kimandolu TIC site.

The investment site is available at -Plot No. 144/2/1 Block "GG" situated at Kimandolu in Arusha Municipality with 47,324 square metres

The preliminary evaluation criteria for the Concept Notes are as follows:

- Quality of the concept note and proposed project/investment;
- Alignment to national priorities: Vision 2025 and the 5-year Development Plan;
- Evidence of current financial capacity for the prospective investor;
- Investor track record or experience in undertaking similar projects; and
- Project proposal indicating the following;

Project scope, implementation timelines during establishment and operations, investment capital breakdown, evidence of sufficient funding for the project, projected financial statements, project economic benefits to the surrounding community and the Government at large including jobs created and government revenues;

Successful developer shall upon payment of statutory government land fees, be granted a long-term lease on "as is, where is" basis that will feature specific project agreed development conditions, timelines and the developer shall arrange financing for the project without providing recourse to land unless the project development has attained 60% of the TIC approved total investment cost as per Certificate of Incentives. The proposal should therefore indicate lease rental fee to the land lord.

The Developer, for the performance of its obligations during the Implementation (Phase I) and Operation (Phase II) periods shall provide an irrevocable and unconditional performance guarantee from a reputable Bank for a sum to be agreed between TIC and the Developer.

The deadline for Concept Note submission shall be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 02:00PM (EAT)**. The hard copy of the proposal should be submitted to;

**Executive Director,**  
**Tanzania Investment Centre (Head Office)**  
**Shaaban Robert Street, 9A & B**  
**P.O Box 938, Dar es Salaam,**  
**Tanzania.**

**Please note that,** late submissions will not be accepted.

The Proposal must be clearly marked: **Concept Note for commercial complex and tourism infrastructure at TIC Kimandolu Arusha Site.**

**Further enquiry should be communicated by E-mail on info@tic.go.tz**





## Reference: PAET001/EOI-NEW WELLS/2023 - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) AND REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) FOR DRILLING LONG LEAD ITEMS (LLIs) FOR NEW WELLS.

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo Plant in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to supply the following services to the Songosongo Island Gas Field.
- This call for EOI and RFQ signifies the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process which will commence from the date of this notice. The Contract for these works shall be for the duration of the 2024 New Wells Drilling Programme (mid/late 2024).
- The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company which can supply the following LLI equipment/services (scope of work) to Company location in Tanzania:

- OCTG Tubulars:** Range 3 (12m) lengths, including ancillary items such as float equipment, pup joints and crossovers commonly used in oil & gas well drilling operations. Expected sizes required are:
  - 30" OD 1" WT X52 conductor, plain end joints
  - 20" OD 106 - 129 ppf, X-56 casing joints c/w MT pin x box quick-makeup connections and anti-rotational features.
  - 13 3/8" OD. 88 ppf L80 casing joints c/w BTC (API buttress) or Premium (gas tight) pin x box threaded connections.
  - 9 5/8" OD. 40 - 47 ppf L80 casing joints c/w Premium (gas tight) pin x box threaded connections.
  - 7" OD. 23 - 29 ppf L80 casing joints c/w Premium (gas tight) pin x box threaded connections.
  - 4 1/2" OD. 12.6 ppf 13Cr L80 tubing joints c/w Premium (gas tight) pin x box threaded connections.
  - All GOODS shall be unused and shall meet the requirements of API 5CT, API 5L, API 5CR, API RP 5A3 specification and other API standards as may be applicable.
  - Recent Inspection Certification (threads, visual & API drift) must be provided.
  - Original mill certification and manufacturing source for pipe and threading facilities must be provided.
  - All tubulars must be supplied with closed end protectors, threads and connector profiles shall be preserved using an appropriate rust inhibitor.
  - Tubulars shall be slung and bundled in accordance with industry standards with all Chrome Tubulars suitably racked (Wine-Racks) with necessary protective crates and bumper rings.

- Wellheads & Xmas Trees:** 5,000psi rated surface equipment (flanged or spool type) complete with ancillary compatible equipment (pressure gauges, valves, nipples plug, API gaskets and stud sets etc) as well as supporting services, documentation, and personnel for installation at the wellsite:
  - SECTION A - CASING HEAD ASSEMBLY, CASING HEAD ASSY, C-22, 20" SOW BTM PREP X 21.1/4-2K FLG TOP W/ TWO 2 LPO.
  - SECTION B - CASING SPOOL ASSEMBLY, CASING SPOOL ASSY, 13.3/8" SGL FS BTM PREP, 21.1/4-2K FLG BTM X 13 5/8-3K FLG TOP W/ TWO 2 1/16-3K STDD OUT.
  - SECTION C - TUBING SPOOL ASSEMBLY 2 TUBING HEAD ASSYS, 9.5/8 SGL FS BTM PREP, 13.5/8-3K FLG BTM X 11-5K FLG TOP W/ TWO 2 1/16-5K STDD OUT. PSL2
  - SECTION D - TUBING HEAD ADAPTER ASSY, 11-5K FLG BTM X 4 1/16" 5K STDD TOP C/w 4 CONTROL LINES FOR SSSV. PSL2
  - Xmas Tree Assy 4-1/16" 5 K Flanged (Manual - LMV SWAB PWV, Kill / FSC - UMW, PWV ) CC, U PSL2 c/w Lift Cap, R39 ring gaskets, 0-5K psi pressure gauges and needle valves and stud sets.
  - All equipment shall be new and shall meet the requirements of API 6A and other API standards as may be applicable.
  - The equipment shall be fully factory acceptance tested in accordance with API and agreed procedures and be subjected to a programme of integration and interfacing tests to prove components and equipment function-ability and interchangeability.
  - Experienced personnel familiar with onshore installations of equipment and where applicable qualified to international standards.

- Completion Equipment:** 5,000psi rated downhole equipment to be used with a 4 1/2" OD 12.6 ppf 13Cr L80 tubing string w/ premium connections:
  - Sub-Surface safety valve - tubing retrievable with non-elastomeric / metal to metal flapper valve sealing system. The Valve should be control line operated using hydraulic pressure and be self-equalizing.
  - Safety Valve Control Line - encapsulated and connect to the Safety Valve with suitable fittings, minimum OD 1/4" to be used in conjunction with NAS 1638 Class 6 control fluid.
  - Permanent Downhole Gauge with tubing ported gauge mandrel and encapsulated control line.
  - Cross Coupling clamps for control lines.
  - Production Packer - hydraulic set w/minimum of 2,500 psi differential pressure and a tensile and compressive load of 50,000 lbf, minimum standard of ISO14310 V0 and Internal cut or Mill-out to release. Should be able to retrieve the entire upper completion (packer and tail pipe) in a single trip.
  - Flow Couplings - to protect the tubing from flow erosion.
  - Landing nipple profiles - 3.812" for the tubing retrievable sub surface safety valve (TRSCSSV) and compatible profiles (e.g., 3.75" and 3.625" etc.) deeper in the tubing below the packer. Minimum pressure rating 3,500 psi.
  - Slickline Conveyed Plug Systems - isolation plugs / locks to provide temporary barriers in the upper completion during the installation phase. Nipple profile and slick type systems (for above/below the packer), minimum pressure rating 3,500 psi.
  - Retrievable Gauge / Instrument Hanger - to hang off slickline gauges. The gauge hanger will require a flow path across its annulus and should not incorporate a packing element.
  - Perforated Joint - to ensure unrestricted flow from the reservoir after the gauges being installed into the tailpipe.
  - All equipment shall be new and shall meet the requirements of API 14A, API 14B and other API standards as may be applicable.
  - Experienced personnel familiar with onshore installations of equipment and where applicable qualified to international standards.

- Liner Hanger equipment:** to hang 7" 23 - 29 ppf L80 casing c/w premium pin x box connections inside 9 5/8" 40-47 ppf L80 casing. Including but not limited to:
  - integral packer system rated to at least 100% of the 7" burst rating.
  - hanger capacity > dry weight of 500m of 7" liner + 3,000 psi testing pressure.
  - minimum 6 m PBR suitable for future tieback of 7" to surface.
  - contingency tieback packer system should the integral packer fail to test (rated to the same as the primary).
  - burst and collapse rating of the liner body to at least 100% of the 7" liner.
  - minimum circulation rate = 6 bpm.
  - hydraulic setting mechanism, capable of rotation while running and during cementation.
  - Conventional float equipment is required for this liner size.
  - Landing Collar c/w ball seat, catcher sub and drop ball - pin down x box up.
  - Pump Down Plug for 5" OD drill pipe (as applicable) to seat on profile of liner wiper plug.
  - Setting Sleeve c/w sized tie back extension.
  - Tandem polish mill (consisting of polish & top dress mill) c/w appropriate 4" drill-pipe connections (TBC).
  - Complete set of surface & downhole tools to run, set, circulate, and cement the specified liner equipment in a single trip.
  - Top Drive cementing heads w/indicator flag and designed for two plug system.
  - Inspection certificates for all rental equipment should be available for the equipment prior to shipment.
  - Experienced personnel familiar with onshore installations of equipment and where applicable qualified to international standards.

- Potential Suppliers must have:
  - Prior experience of oilfield drilling and completion activities.
  - Recognized Quality Assurance management system (ISO certified) from the manufacturer.
- Potential suppliers must indicate clearly whether they can supply part or all services, and that they are willing, capable, experienced, and competent to offer and manage the abovementioned services; failure to indicate clearly so may result in disqualification from the bid list.
- Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency, relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following: -
  - Registration as a Local Supplier and Service Provider with EWURA for Tanzanian companies.
  - Proven technical capability.
  - Proof of relevant experience in supply of related items.
  - Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, applicable quality assurance documents, data sheets etc.).
  - Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings for Tanzania registered Companies and USD and Euro for International Companies. Payment should indicate clearly costs in each area of the scope of work. Potential suppliers are to be aware of the Tanzanian tax requirements including Withholding Tax, Value Added Taxes (VAT) etc. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.
  - Proof of registration with the local authorities and valid business permits with relevant authorities.
  - Proof of financial capability. Provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years.

**Note:** Potential suppliers may be requested to submit further information prior to being included in any final Bid List.

- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.
- Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information by writing to the address below or e-mail to Peter Sololo (e-mail address: peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com) with a copy to Rehema Shija (e-mail: rshija@panafricanenergy.com).

**All responses to be sent to the following address before Friday, 18th August 2023 at 2pm.**

**PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Telephone: +255 22 292 3307.**

**Attn: Rehema Shija, Procurement, Contracts & LC Compliance Manager.**

# Tanzania invites global firm to invest in pharmaceuticals

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has invited a global pharmaceutical company-Viatris to invest in a local factory producing antiretroviral (ARVs).

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Dr Grace Magembe said that yesterday in Australia after holding talks with Prashant Deshpande the Viatris head of sub-Saharan Africa.

According to the ministry statement, discussion was held at the 12th IAS conference on HIV science, taking place in Brisbane, Australia, from 23 to 26 July 2023.

Dr Magembe said that the Viatris managing director has promised to come to the country to conduct a feasibility study before starting implementation.

"Larger factories investment such as Viatris will enable Tanzania to access equipment and medicine and medical supplies at affordable

prices and increase employment opportunities. This will enable the Tanzania government to have a sustainable strategy in response to the fight against HIV/Aids," she added.

She also insisted on the importance of investment opportunities for the company to collaborate with the Tanzania government in producing, diagnosing and treating non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cancers, kidney and overweight.

Dr Magembe said further that the move will help to reduce NCD and its effects on the community including people living with HIV.

The IAS conference on HIV science is the world's most influential meeting on HIV research and its applications.

This biennial conference presents the critical advances in basic, clinical and operational HIV

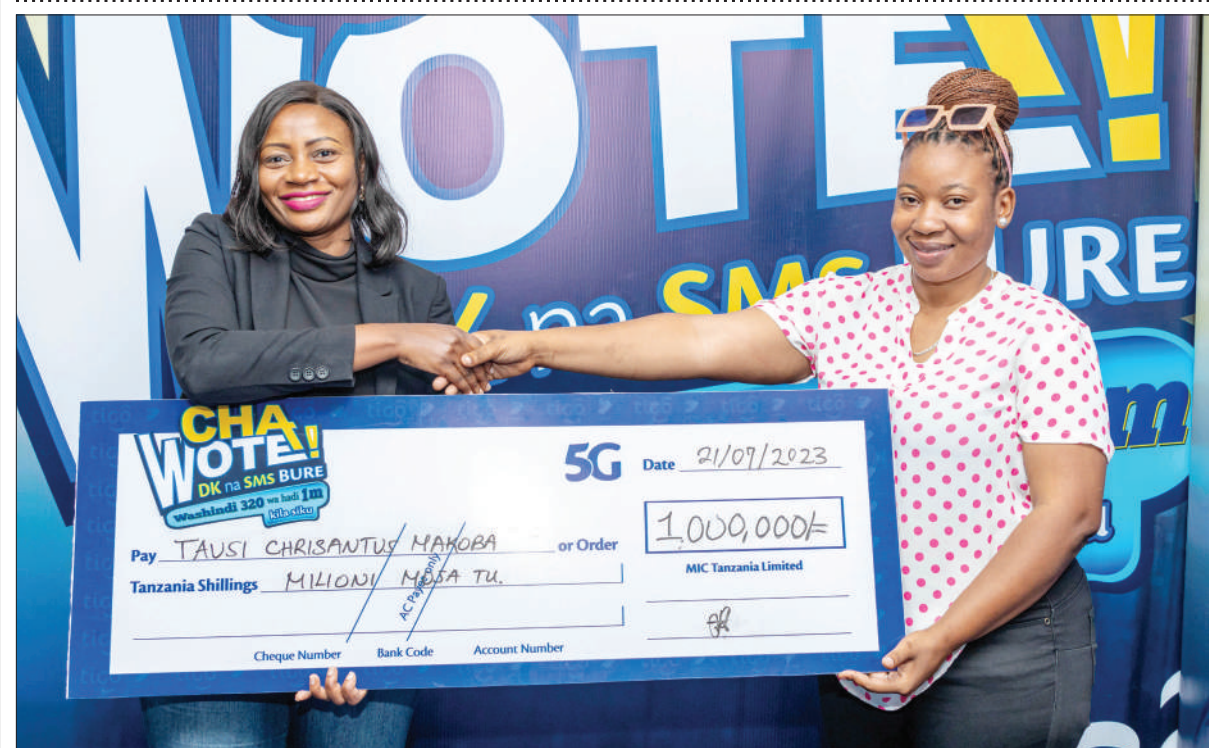
research that move science into policy and practice.

Through its open and inclusive programme, the meeting sets the gold standard of HIV science, featuring highly diverse and cutting-edge research.

Adult HIV prevalence in Tanzania is estimated at 4.5 per cent (UNAIDS 2021), with regional HIV prevalence ranging from 0.5 per cent (Zanzibar) to 11.4 percent (Njombe).

Tanzania has a generalized HIV epidemic but there are also concentrated sub-epidemics among key populations. Women and girls continue to be disproportionately affected compared to men, with adolescent girls and young women accounting for 80 per cent of all new HIV infections.

Viatris is the world's largest supplier by volume of antiretroviral (ARVs), the primary treatment for HIV/Aids, in low- and lower-middle-income countries.



Mary Rutta (L), Tigo Pesa's high value customer manager, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 1m/- to Tausi Makoba of the city's Makongo Juu suburb for emerging a winner of the firm's promotion dubbed 'Cha Wote'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Irish harpist breaks world record for highest concert on Mount Kilimanjaro

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Moshi

IRISH harpist, Siobhan Brady has managed to strum the strings for 18 minutes at the highest point on the African Continent, the Uhuru Summit of Kilimanjaro, according to the reports from the Kilimanjaro National Park.

She played an assortment of songs, including local Kiswahili tunes as well as the summit highlight number, which is Ed Sheeran's 'Little Bird', at Uhuru Peak on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

All of the highest concert teams with the exception of one 'Stephen' managed to reach the highest point of the Kibo peak and hit notes from there.

Siobhan Brady, a harpist from Limerick, could have just broken her own world record in dragging her Scottish harp to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro and playing a close to twenty-minute concert at the 19,000 feet elevation.

She previously set the record of strumming the harp strings at 16,000 feet height of the Singla Pass

# RSF claims hundreds of army troops joined ranks in Darfur

Ed Daein

THE Rapid Support Forces (RSF) announced that an army force of 15 officers and 527 soldiers of the 20th Division in Ed Daein, capital of East Darfur, joined its ranks. The paramilitary organisation said it "warmly welcomed these honourable men".

In a statement on social media, the RSF said in that the accession came in response to a call by the East Darfur RSF commander on army soldiers to support the RSF.

"In a significant step toward halting the coup attempt

in Little Kashmir's Himalayas in the year 2018.

It seems she has just broken the Guinness World Record on Kilimanjaro, July 25.

Siobhan was accompanied by a team, which included her own father, Sean Brady and a person with cystic fibrosis and CF Advocate with Cystic Fibrosis Ireland, Caroline Heffernan from Galway.

In her team there was also Pat Falvey, a mountaineer and lead climber and the Highest Concert Orchestra.

The entourage started their Kilimanjaro hike using the Machame route on Thursday, July 20, 2023 managing to scale the summit on July 25, where they played music from the roof of Africa.

Just like her previous outing, this Kilimanjaro record was specially broken in aid of those living with cystic fibrosis.

In fact all funds raised for the climbing are going to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

Mount Kilimanjaro's music programme for the highest concert included the Kiswahili

number 'Ahsante Tanzania,' which translates as "Thank You Tanzania," forming one of the local tunes on her set list.

The Tanzanian song was strangely requested by an Irish composer Anne-Marie O'Farrell.

The other song is of course Ed Sheeran's Little Bird.

Little Bird is said to be connected to Caroline Heffernan, a patient advocate at Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

Heffernan came along with Siobhan's team to Tanzania and scaled Kili as well.

She explains that the Ed Sheeran song, 'Little Bird' was a tribute to the late Triona Priestley, a lady who died from cystic fibrosis in 2014.

Caroline Heffernan met Triona Priestley's mother, who told her that when her daughter was being hospitalised she wrote several letters to pop star Ed Sheeran.

One day, Ed Sheeran made a direct call to Triona while she was at the hospital and sang to her the song 'Little Bird.'

'Little Bird' was Triona's favourite song, but as soon as Sheeran finished singing it, the doctor announced that she was dead.

consist of a loyal clan of Islamist supporters of ousted dictator Al Bashir. A common knowledge that RSF Commander Lt Gen Mohamed 'Hemedti' Dagalo has used to frame himself as a fighter for democracy against dictatorial Islamists (referred to as kezan in Sudanese slang).

Given the fact that his RSF were set up by the Al Bashir regime and deployed to commit genocide in Darfur, such framing attempts have been called hypocritical by many Sudanese. Hemedti's reputation at home and abroad is "dreadful" at the moment, as the International Crisis Group (ICG) explained in their most recent analysis of the Sudan conflict.

AGENCIES





ABC BROS employees flip through a KIKI information kit on career opportunities at yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of a journal focusing on education for young people in Tanzania. The event was sponsored by the Dutch Embassy. From left: designer Maximilian Kitula, acting KIKI director Alphonse Marealle, launch guest Mary Ramadhan, KIKI marketing director Bizila Baraka and distribution officer Venance Nyungu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM-based marketing and communications firm- ABC Bros has launched Kijana Info Kit (KIKI), a groundbreaking initiative aimed at addressing the challenges of youth unemployment in Tanzania.

Alphonse Marealle, ABC Bros advertising and marketing officer described KIKI as one-stop platform that will provide Tanzanian youth access vital information on job opportunities, entrepreneurship training skills, financial support, success stories, small business start-ups, scholarship programmes and agricultural opportunities.

He said that the kit makes youth have access to other resources tailored to their needs such as parenting skills, because our youth are the parents of tomorrow and they need to be equipped with the necessary tools to overcome the challenges of being a parent.

"This transformative concept will be delivered through a monthly printed special youth magazine countrywide, online edition through [www.kikimagazine.co.tz](http://www.kikimagazine.co.tz) that will include the magazine read, upcoming events that are relevant to the youth, as well as provide an opportunity for the youth to join

## Dar firm launches Kijana Info Kit to address youths' unemployment

the team by sharing stories with us, ensuring wide accessibility and engagement for everyone," he said.

According to him, KIKI will also have a TV show that will be airing every week, this show will be showcasing different interviews with different musicians, actors and actresses, influencers and anyone that can have a positive impact on the youth in motivating them to grow and never give up as well as making the youth of today become future role models.

"We recognize the immense potential of Tanzanian youth in driving economic growth and development," Marealle said, noting: "KIKI aims to unlock this potential by empowering young individuals with relevant information, inspiration, and support to turn their interests, passions, and skills into meaningful employment."

Marealle said: "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Embassy of the Netherlands for their generous financial support in making the Kijana Info Kit (KIKI) a reality. Their contribution has played a pivotal role in empowering Tanzanian youth and providing them with access to crucial information and opportunities."

To ensure the credibility and accuracy of KIKI, ABC Bros will conduct thorough research, collaborate with reputable organizations and experts, fact-check all information, and use credible sources. The magazine will feature high-quality content that is engaging, informative, and relevant to the target audience. By actively seeking feedback and continuously improving, KIKI aims to be the go-to resource for Tanzanian youth.

The distribution strategy for KIKI includes partnerships with existing news distribution channels, education institutions, local hubs, Universities, saloons and innovation centers. The digital version will be accessible through our KIKI website, social media platforms, and email subscriptions. Social media promotions, including short inspirational videos and interviews, will drive conversations and raise awareness about youth opportunities, obstacles, advice and solutions to overcome these obstacles.

By Guardian Reporter,

Mbinga

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has said the government will make sure it removes challenges facing farmers in the new farming season including providing subsidised fertilisers near to their farms.

Dr Mpango made the remarks as he spoke to residents of Mbinga District during his visit in Ruvuma Region and added that the region is famous in food production in the country.

He called on the Ministry of Agriculture to make sure farm inputs are readily available to farmers on time.

He urged residents in the region to stop the habit of selling all their food stocks, saying storage of food is essential for food security and that this should begin at household's level.

The Vice President also called on Tanzanians to engage in constructive politics to speed up development, adding that the use of hate speech can retard the country's socio-economic development.

He commended residents in Ruvuma Region for their good implementation of development projects and called on them to take care of various infrastructure in the health, education and water sectors.

## Govt to ensure farmers get subsidised fertiliser

For his part, Anthony Mavunde, Deputy Agriculture Minister said in order to boost coffee farming in Mbinga District, the government plans to assess debts of all cooperative societies including primary cooperatives aimed at enabling farmers to buy farm inputs on time.

Mavunde said that farmers will get subsidised fertilisers, calling on them to take care of their secret codes to keep off challenges facing them.



**LEGAL SERVICES FACILITY**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Legal Services Facility (LSF) is a registered non-government Organization (NGO) with Registration No. 00NGO/R2/00011. The LSF is equipping organizations which are providing legal aid and paralegal services in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. The LSF advocates for inclusive access to justice, including supporting individuals to claim their rights, redress grievances and protect their fundamental human rights.

The LSF's overall goal is to increase access to justice through a legal empowerment approach, in particular for women and girls.

NO.	POSITION	JOB PURPOSE	MINIMUM QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE
1	Administrative Officer	The Administrative Officer on a daily basis will ensure smooth running of the front office, manages all forms of office communications (mail, telephone, fax etc.) support administration activities and pursue any other related activities under supervision of HR & Admin Manager.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum education requirement is Degree in Business Administration or equivalent.</li> <li>At least two years' experience in administrative, secretarial, receptionist or clerical support.</li> <li>Computer skills and knowledge of relevant software</li> <li>Knowledge of operation of standard office equipment.</li> <li>Knowledge of clerical and administrative procedures and systems such as filing and record keeping</li> <li>Knowledge of principles and practices of basic office management</li> </ul>

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: If you are Tanzanian and qualified for the above post, please apply through <https://lsftz.org/jobs/>. The application deadline is Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

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## CCM calls on qualified contractors to country's development projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE ruling CCM in Mbeya Region has called upon various public institutions in the region to make sure they hire qualified contractors to ensure the projects they implement are of high standard and last long.

The party has also cautioned the institutions that hire unqualified contractors, saying steps will be taken against their officials including terminating the contracts.

Members of Mbeya Region CCM Political Committee issued the caution here on Monday during their inspection visit of various development projects in Mbeya District as part of similar visits to all districts in the region.

Dr Stephen Mwakajumilo, Mbeya Region CCM chairman named the public institutions cautioned as including TANROADS, TARURA and RUWASA.

Mwakajumilo said there has been a long time problem regarding some contractors hired by these institutions implementing projects below standards that cease working after only a short time there by making huge losses to the government.

He said during their visit in Chunya District they discovered that water pipes of low quality were used for the Matwiga dam water project which saw many residents without water supply due to pipe frequent bursts.

He said CCM will make sure such contractors are removed from the region as well as taking legal measures against public officials involved.

Mwakajumilo said some of such projects are often taken in intimacy between contractors and some unfaithful public officials.

Ndele Mwaselala, member of the party's National Executive

Committee from Mbeya Region said the government is improving various roads in rural areas in order to open up economic opportunities.

He said the 16.7kms Inyala-Simambwe road will help people in Tembela and Inyala wards to transport their crops to markets.

For her part, the chairperson of CCM Women Wing (UWT) in Mbeya Region, Edna Mwaigomole advised the contractor building the road to improve the stretches.

Mbeya Rural Member of Parliament, Oran Njeza said the road is among roads that are essential production of various crops.

He said the road is the first one constructed at tarmac level in his constituency and appealed to party leaders to team up with him in order to seek more funds for the infrastructure.

For his part, Mbeya District Commissioner, Beno Malisa said that according to contract, the project is expected to be completed in October, this year.




**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**RESEARCHER - AGRONOMY**  
**IITA-TZ-2023 - IRRI-012 -NRS- BAGAMOYO**

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) invites applications for the position of **Researcher - Agronomy**.

**Background:** The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a nonprofit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural research (CGIAR) Consortium.

The **Researcher Agronomy** will Facilitate the planning, designing and implementation of routine field, greenhouse and laboratory trials, data collection and analysis, and other research activities of projects on Rice production improvement and responses to abiotic stresses in Tanzania focusing on the development of improved climate resilient rice varieties, production systems. Training farmers, technicians and extension officers. Constantly communicate with internal and external project partners and collaborators to exchange conceptual ideas and to effectively gather feedback and research-related requirements for the advancement of the projects. Consolidate, evaluate and analyze research data gathered from trials, and draft reports and presentations.

**Duty Station:** The position will be based at BAGAMOYO

**Qualifications and experience**

- Master of Science in Agriculture with minimum 2 years post graduate work experience from which at least 1 year in rice research/development

**Skills and knowledge mandatory**

- Has proven technical proficiency in conducting research experiments and field trials
- Has strong experience in research field, greenhouse and laboratory experiments management (layout, irrigation, fertilization, pest and disease monitoring)
- Has experience in statistical analysis and report preparation
- Has strong oral and written communication skills
- Has strong analytical skills

**Preferred**

- Has strong technical experience in guiding farmers, technicians and extension officers
- Has experience in phenotyping and assessing rice responses to different abiotic stresses and in plant physiology and/or genetics

**Responsibilities**

- Purpose**
  - Undertake and supervise phenotyping of rice germplasm under different abiotic stresses, both in controlled environment facilities and in the field
  - Facilitate the planning, designing and implementation of the routine trials, data analysis and other research activities of projects on rice crop improvement in Tanzania focusing on the development of improved climate resilient varieties, production systems and on training farmers, technicians, students, and extension officers.
  - Contribute to the development and execution of research projects including selection of adequate research tools and equipment, verification of suggested methodologies and protocols, and accurate data collection, analyses and drafting of reports and manuscripts.
  - Oversee maintenance of the research areas, research fields, technical equipment and supervise fields staff
- Engagement**
  - Constantly communicate with internal and external project partners and collaborators to exchange conceptual ideas and to effectively gather feedback and research-related requirements for the advancement of research projects.
  - Provide assistance and guidelines to internal and external stakeholders considering efficient implementation of the projects.
  - Constantly monitor, evaluate and provide recommendations to improve research and training activities/tasks performed by Research Technicians and contract workers in order to maintain smooth conduct of field and greenhouse trials as well as to foster a productive working environment.
  - Coordinate with required IRRI services and suppliers and with project partners from national research institutions and universities, to ensure smooth implantation of experiments and proper data collection, analyses and reporting.
- Delivery**
  - Consolidate, evaluate, and analyze research data gathered from the project trials.
  - Evaluate, validate and contribute to the interpretation of results, writing of reports, manuscripts for publications as well as presentations/posters for national and international conferences.
  - Prepare and submit updated research outputs to the supervisor in a timely manner.
  - Supervise and lead the maintenance of accurate data recording and updating of databases for efficient storage and retrieval of information.

**Work Condition and environment**

- Requires work in field/screenhouse/greenhouse/laboratory
- May require occasional travel within Tanzania and to other countries

**General information:**

The duration of contract for the position is three years. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

**Applications:** Applications including curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge - Coca-Cola Road, Mikoche Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to [IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org](mailto:IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org)

Applicants are requested to please indicate the **reference number for the position** as indicated on the heading of the announcement in your application as well as on the subject of your email if sending by email. If sending by post or hand delivery, please indicate the reference number on your application as well as on the left-hand side of your envelope. Please note that any applications without the reference number indicated will be automatically disqualified.

**Closing date:** Two weeks from the date of advertisement appearing in the newspaper. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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## PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	(Amounts in million shillings)	
	30 June 2023	31 March 2023
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	4,775	5,617
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	8,070	5,885
3 Investment in government securities	-	-
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	226	808
5 Cheques and items for clearing	22	69
6 Inter branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank loans receivable	200	200
10 Investment in other securities	-	-
Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	52,875	50,434
12 Other assets	8,499	8,643
13 Equity investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, plant and equipment (net)	788	773
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>75,455</b>	<b>72,429</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	700	500
18 Customer deposits	57,130	54,614
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,020	821
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Inter branch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	2,108	2,028
27 Other liabilities	6,057	6,604
28 Borrowings	-	-
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>67,014</b>	<b>64,567</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>8,441</b>	<b>7,863</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	40,000	40,000
32 Deposits for shares	-	-
33 Retained Earnings	(32,537)	(32,537)
34 Profit/(Loss) account	978	401
35 Regulatory Reserve	-	0
36 Minority interest	-	-
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>8,441</b>	<b>7,863</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	495	369
39 Non performing loans & advances	4,782	5,444
40 Allowances for probable losses	4,783	5,260
41 Other non performing assets	64	64
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders' funds to total assets	11.19%	10.86%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	8.29%	9.77%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	99.70%	101.05%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	70.07%	69.63%
(v) Earning assets to total assets	70.34%	69.91%
(vi) Deposits growth	4.93%	3.16%
(vii) Assets growth	4.18%	3.26%

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED ON 30 JUNE 2023

	(Amounts in million shillings)					
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Statutory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Deposit for shares Total
<b>Current period up to 30 June 2023</b>						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	40,000	-	(32,537)	-	-	7,463
Profit for the period	-	-	978	-	-	978
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(31,559)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,441</b>
<b>Previous Year up to 31 December 2022</b>						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	40,000	-	(33,813)	229	-	6,416
Profit for the year	-	-	1,047	-	-	1,047
Transfer to Statutory Reserve	-	-	229	(229)	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(32,537)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,463</b>

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Profit before tax +237% June 2023: TZS 1,085 Million June 2022: TZS 322 Million	Return on average ordinary Shareholders' funds +168% June 2023: 25.71% June 2022: 9.59%	Interest Income +27% June 2023: TZS 12,006 Million June 2022: TZS 9,420 Million
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Loans and advances to customers +20% June 2023: TZS 52,875 Million June 2022: TZS 44,204 Million	Total assets +16% June 2023: TZS 75,455 Million June 2022: TZS 65,238 Million	Customer Deposits +20% June 2023: TZS 57,130 Million June 2022: TZS 47,620 Million	Shareholders' Funds +26% June 2023: TZS 8,441 Million June 2022: TZS 6,714 Million
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## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	(Amounts in million shillings)			
	Current Quarter ended 30 June 2023	Comparative Quarter ended 30 June 2022	Current Year Cumulative 30 June 2023	Comparative Year Cumulative 30 June 2022
1 Interest income	6,134	4,885	12,006	9,421
2 Interest expense	(1,185)	(797)	(2,384)	(1,453)
<b>3 Net interest income</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>4,088</b>	<b>9,622</b>	<b>7,968</b>
4 Bad debts written-off	-	0	-	-
5 Impairment losses on loans and advances	(310)	(660)	(775)	(1,270)
<b>6 Non-interest income:</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>1,991</b>
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/(losses)	33	11	58	24
6.2 Fees and commissions	368	361	719	634
6.3 Dividend income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other operating income	725	691	1,615	1,332
<b>7 Non-interest expenses</b>	<b>(5,251)</b>	<b>(3,955)</b>	<b>(10,149)</b>	<b>(8,366)</b>
7.1 Salaries and benefits	(3,085)	(2,667)	(6,232)	(5,374)
7.2 Fees and commission	(145)	(137)	(274)	(267)
7.3 Other operating expense	(2,022)	(1,152)	3,842.30	(2,725)
<b>8 Operating income/(loss)</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>322</b>
9 Income tax provision	65	(24)	(107)	(24)
<b>10 Net profit/(loss) after income tax</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>288</b>
13 Number of employees	392	401	392	401
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	58	51	49	15
15 Number of branches	8	8	8	8
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on average total assets	3.11%	3.23%	2.67%	0.97%
(ii) Return on average ordinary shareholders' funds	28.12%	31.82%	24.56%	9.39%
(iii) Non interest expense to gross income	72.34%	66.49%	70.49%	73.31%
(iv) Net interest income to average earning assets	37.87%	38.46%	37.96%	39.11%

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED ON 30 JUNE 2023

	(Amounts in million shillings)			
	Current Quarter 30 June 2023	Previous Quarter 31 March 2023	Cumulative Current Year 30 June 2023	Comparative year Cumulative 30 June 2022
<b>I: Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
Net (loss)/profit before tax	513	572	1,085	322
Adjustments for:				
- Impairment charges and Amortization/depreciation charges	737	894	1,631	1,808
- net change in loans and advances	(2,751)	(3,352)	(6,104)	(6,952)
- gain/(loss) on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
- net change in deposits	2,716	1,686	4,402	5,190
- net change in short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
Negotiable Securities	-	-	-	-
- net change in other liabilities	(266)	137	(129)	(748)
- net change in other assets	610	(366)	244	(45)
- tax paid	(390)	(75)	(465)	(146)
- others Net change in SMR	(86)	(58)	(145)	(27)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>(563)</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>(842)</b>
<b>II: Cash flow from investing activities:</b>				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(157)	(43)	(200)	(81)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	6	-	6	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue grant	(2)	(17)	(20)	(34)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(153)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(214)</b>	<b>(116)</b>
<b>III: Cash from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Lease payments	(302)	(225)	(527)	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(302)</b>	<b>(225)</b>	<b>(527)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>IV: Cash and cash equivalents:</b>				
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	627	(848)	(221)	(958)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year	9,429	10,277	10,277	9,575
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year</b>	<b>10,056</b>	<b>9,429</b>	<b>10,056</b>	<b>8,618</b>

Signed by: Julius J. Ruwaichi	Signed	Chief Executive Officer	Date: 24 July 2023
Signed by: Tajinder Singh	Signed	Chief Financial Officer	Date: 24 July 2023
Signed by: Catherine Temu	Signed	Head of Internal Audit	Date: 24 July 2023
We the undersigned Directors attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2016 and they present a true and fair view.			
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## MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

DESCRIPTION	CHARGE/FEE	
	TZS	USD
<b>ACCESS RAHISI, NORMAL SAVINGS, RAHISI CAA, ELIMU, AND KIKUNDI ACCOUNT(RAHISI ACCOUNT)</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	10,000.00	-
Monthly service fees	2,000.00	-
Cash withdrawal over counter up to 10M	3,000.00	-
Cash withdrawal over counter >10M	10,000	-
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	-
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	-
New ATM card issuance	10,000.00	-
ATM card renewal or replacement	15,000.00	-
Replacement of the PIN	10,000.00	-
Standing order Internal	2,000.00	-
Standing order External	12,980.00	-
Dormant account fee	FREE	-
Interbank transfer	10,000.00	-
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Closure of account	20,000.00	-
<b>NUFAIKA TRANSACTIONAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	50,000.00	25.00
Monthly service fees	6,000.00	3.00
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	10.00
New ATM card issuance	15,000.00	N/A
Fees per ATM withdrawal	2,000.00	N/A
Interbank transfer	10,000.00	4.20
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
ATM mini statement	1,000.00	N/A
Standing order Internal	2,000.00	1.00
Standing order External	12,980.00	12.98
Dormant account fee	FREE	FREE
Reactivation of Dormant account	FREE	FREE
Letter of recommendation and certificate of balance	50,000.00	23.00
<b>NORMAL CURRENT ACCOUNT (NUFAIKA ACCOUNTS)</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	100,000.00	50.00
Monthly service fees	6,000.00	3.00
Cash withdrawal over counter up to 10M	3,000.00	0.18%
Cash withdrawal over counter >10M	10,000	10
Fees per ATM withdrawal	2,000.00	N/A
ATM mini statement	1,000.00	N/A
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	10.00
Cheque book 25 leaves	20,000.00	10.00
Cheque book 50 leaves	35,000.00	15.00
Dishonored cheque	30,000.00	30.00
Bankers Cheque	50,000.00	FREE
Stop payment	30,000.00	30.00
Standing order Internal	2,000.00	1.00
Standing order External	12,980.00	12.98
Balance enquiry	1,000.00	1.00
New ATM card issuance	15,000.00	N/A
ATM card renewal or replacement	15,000.00	N/A
Interbank transfer	10,000.00	4.20
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Dormant account fee	FREE	FREE
Reactivation of Dormant account	FREE	FREE
Letter of recommendation and certificate of balance	50,000.00	23.00
<b>SPECIAL ACCESS NUFAIKA ACCOUNT</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	100,000.00	50.00
Monthly service fees	60,000.00	50.00
Minimum monthly turnover	20,000,000.00	10,000.00
Cash withdrawal over counter	FREE	0.18%
Fees per ATM withdrawal	2,000.00	N/A
ATM mini statement	1,000.00	N/A
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	10.00
Cheque book 25 leaves	20,000.00	10.00
Cheque book 50 leaves	35,000.00	15.00
Dishonored cheque	30,000.00	30.00
Bankers Cheque	50,000.00	FREE
Stop payment	30,000.00	30.00
Standing order Internal	2,000.00	1.00
Standing order External	12,980.00	12.98
Balance enquiry	1,000.00	1.00
New ATM card issuance	15,000.00	N/A
ATM card renewal or replacement	15,000.00	N/A
Interbank transfer	FREE	FREE
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Dormant account fee	5,000.00	5.00
Reactivation of Dormant account	FREE	FREE
Letter of recommendation and certificate of balance	50,000.00	23.00
<b>MIKAKATI SAVING ACCOUNTS</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	20,000.00	20.00
monthly service fees	FREE	FREE
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	10.00
Cash withdrawal over counter	FREE PER MONTH	1 FREE PER MONTH
Subsequent Cash withdrawal over counter	20,000.00	20.00
Dormant account fee	FREE	FREE
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Account closure	12,000.00	5.00
<b>MIKAKATI PLUS SAVING ACCOUNTS</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	10,000.00	-
monthly service fees	FREE	-
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	-
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	-
Cash withdrawal over counter	FREE PER MONTH	-
Subsequent Cash withdrawal over counter	5,000.00	-
Dormant account fee	FREE	-
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Account closure	12,000.00	-
<b>KIKUNDI SAVING ACCOUNT</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	10,000.00	-
monthly service fees	FREE	-
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	-
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	-
Cash withdrawal over counter	3,000.00	-
Subsequent Cash withdrawal over counter	3,000	-
Dormant account fee	FREE	-
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Account closure	FREE	-
<b>BARAKA JUNIOR ACCOUNT</b>		
Required minimum opening balance	-	-
monthly service fees	FREE	FREE
Bank statement 1free per month	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	10.00
Cash withdrawal over counter	FREE	FREE
Subsequent Cash withdrawal over counter	FREE	FREE
Dormant account fee	FREE	FREE
International transfer	\$ 55	55.00
Account closure	FREE	FREE

TERM DEPOSIT RATES 2023		
Amount		
5,000,000 - 500,000,000		
> 500,000,000		
<b>AGENCY BANKING</b>		
	To Govt	Old Customer Fee
<b>Withdrawal (TZS) (agents) Range</b>		
1 - 2,999	10	710
3,000 - 3,999	14	711
4,000 - 4,999	27	719
5,000 - 6,999	54	739
7,000 - 9,999	56	770
10,000 - 14,999	102	788
15,000 - 19,999	195	924
20,000 - 29,999	306	1,127
30,000 - 39,999	306	1,372
40,000 - 49,999	351	2,672
50,000 - 99,999	419	2,770
100,000 - 100,000	573	3,050
100,001 - 199,999	707	3,435
200,000 - 200,000	707	3,771
200,001 - 299,999	821	5,271
300,000 - 300,000	821	5,558
300,001 - 399,999	838	6,558
400,000 - 499,999	838	6,950
500,000 - 599,999	982	7,950
600,000 - 699,999	1,245	8,370
700,000 - 750,000	1,532	9,140
750,001 - 799,999	1,700	9,980
800,000 - 899,999	1,700	10,470
900,000 - 1,000,000	1,500	11,970
1,000,001 - 3,000,000	1,776	12,264
3,000,001 - 5,000,000	1,875	13,230
	2,000	13,580
<b>Deposit (TZS) (agents) Range</b>		
0 - 10,000	100	
10,001 - 20,000	150	
20,001 - 50,000	200	
50,001 - 100,000	350	
100,001 - 150,000	550	
150,001 - 200,000	700	
200,001 - 250,000	850	
250,001 - 300,000	900	
300,001 - 500,000	1,100	
500,001 - 750,000	1,200	
750,001 - 3,000,000	1,800	
<b>MOBILE BANKING</b>		
<b>Withdrawal - Bank to Wallet (TZS)</b>		
100-2,999	To Govt	Old Customer Fee
3,000-3,999	14	500
4,000-4,999	27	500
5,000-6,999	54	500
7,000-9,999	56	500
10,000-14,999	102	500
15,000-19,999	195	500
20,000-29,999	306	500
30,000-39,999	351	500
40,000-49,999	419	500
50,000-99,999	573	500
100,000-100,000	707	1,000
100,001-199,999	707	2,000
200,000-250,000	821	2,000
250,001-299,999	821	3,000
300,000-399,999	838	3,000
400,000-499,999	982	3,000
500,000-599,999	1,245	3,000
600,000-699,999	1,532	3,000
700,000-750,000	1,700	3,000
750,001-799,999	1,700	4,000
800,000-899,999	1,500	4,000
900,000-1,000,000	1,776	4,000
1,000,001-3,000,000	1,875	4,000
3,000,001-5,000,000	2,000	4,000
<b>Deposit (TZS) (Wallet to Bank)</b>		
0 - 50,000	To Govt	Old Customer Fee
50,001 - 100,000	-	FREE
100,001 - 250,000	-	FREE
250,001 - 750,000	-	FREE
750,001 - 3,000,000	-	FREE
<b>Air-time top-up</b>		
Utility payments		
Balance inquiry		
Mini-statement		
Full account statement request		
Cheque book request		
<b>AMBT internal transfers (same account holder)</b>		
1 - 999	Old Customer Fee	To AMBT
1,000 - 1,999	10	FREE
2,000 - 2,999	11	FREE
3,000 - 3,999	19	FREE
4,000 - 4,999	39	FREE
5,000 - 6,999	70	FREE
7,000 - 9,999	88	FREE
10,000 - 14,999	224	FREE
15,000 - 19,999	427	FREE
20,000 - 29,999	672	FREE
30,000 - 39,999	770	FREE
40,000 - 49,999	1,050	FREE
50,000 - 99,999	1,435	FREE
100,000 - 199,999	1,771	FREE
200,000 - 299,999	2,058	FREE
300,000 - 399,999	2,450	FREE
400,000 - 499,999	2,870	FREE
500,000 - 599,999	3,640	FREE
600,000 - 699,999	4,480	FREE
700,000 - 799,999	4,970	FREE
800,000 - 899,999	5,264	FREE
900,000 - 1,000,000	6,230	FREE
1,000,001 - 3,000,000	6,580	FREE
<b>AMBT internal outgoing transfers (other account holder)</b>		
1 - 2,999	To Govt	Old Customer Fee
3,000 - 3,999	10	510
4,000 - 4,999	27	519
5,000 - 6,999	54	539
7,000 - 9,999	56	570
10,000 - 14,999	102	588
15,000 - 19,999	195	724
20,000 - 29,999	306	927
30,000 - 39,999	351	1,172
40,000 - 49,999	419	1,270
50,000 - 99,999	573	1,550
100,000 - 199,999	707	1,935
200,000 - 299,999	821	2,271
300,000 - 399,999	838	2,558
400,000 - 499,999	982	2,950
500,000 - 599,999	1,245	3,370
600,000 - 699,999	1,532	4,140
700,000 - 799,999	1,700	4,980
800,000 - 899,999	1,500	5,470
900,000 - 1,000,000	1,776	5,784
1,000,001 - 3,000,000	1,875	6,730
3,000,001 - 5,000,000	2,000	7,080
<b>FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION</b>		
Telegraphic Transfer - Normal Customer (SWIFT)	TZS	USD
TISS- Normal Customer	55.00	55.00
TISS-Staff	10,000.00	4.20
LOAN PRODUCT LENDING RATES	TZS	USD
MICRO LOANS (Rahisi Loans) TZS 500,000 to 10,000,000	from 66% to 72%	N/A
MICRO LOANS TZS 10,000,001 to 35,000,000	from 46.8% to 60%	N/A
AGRO LOANS TZS 500,001 to 50,000,000	from 49.2% to 74.4%	N/A
SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 200,000,000	from 26.4% to 33.6%	N/A
Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits	20.40%	N/A
<b>Loan Processing Fee</b>		
MICRO LOANS (Rahisi Loans) TZS 500,000 to 10,000,000	TZS	USD
MICRO LOANS TZS 10,000,001 to 50,000,000	3.40%	N/A
AGRO LOANS TZS 500,001 to 50,000,000	3.40%	N/A
SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 200,000,000	3.70%	N/A
Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits	2.90%	N/A
Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits	1.50%	N/A
<b>Application Fee</b>		
MICRO LOANS (Rahisi Loans) TZS 500,000 to 10,000,000	TZS	USD
MICRO LOANS TZS 10,000,001 to 50,000,000	20,000.00	N/A
AGRO LOANS TZS 500,001 to 50,000,000	20,000.00	N/A
SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 200,000,000	20,000.00	N/A
Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits	20,000.00	N/A
<b>Insurance Fee</b>		
MICRO LOANS (Rahisi Loans) TZS 500,000 to 10,000,000	TZS	USD
MICRO LOANS TZS 10,000,001 to 50,000,000	1.5%	N/A
AGRO LOANS TZS 500,001 to 50,000,000	1.5%	N/A
SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 150,000,000	1.5%	N/A
Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits	1.5%	N/A



## Human capital summit has to get to basics to succeed

As it is usually the case, a wide ranging gathering of ministerial experts from each vital sector across Africa had a working session to arrive at technical positions and options of formulating resolutions for the summit the following day. The issue is to zero on the most effective formula that can enlist a workable engagement on the part of participating countries. How human capital, and chiefly the youth can participate in Africa's development agenda is at issue.

For once, the summit and the plenary session prior to it are absolutely affixed to the idea that population is capital, which can only be grasped as necessary communications effort, to give value to the phenomenon. Ordinarily capital is something handy for another kind of pursuit, for instance youths are capital if they are in villages tending cattle, working on farms and raising children. In cities with little to do they are a burden on parents, neighbourhoods and capital for disgruntled politicians - lifting their imagination about things being better.

If wishes were horses this would be an ideal moment where the future of Africa, as it is synonymous with the future of its youth, a gathering comprising more than 30 Heads of State would be the right place to conclude the matter. Yet as it is habitually the case, the conference is likely to be governed by a distribution paradigm, of how the world can agree on how to enable the youth stand up on their own, by doing something like production. It isn't evident what they will be doing is needed in the market; banks

would lend to someone to produce it, now.

The reason why the summit is being called is that this situation (that no one is going to the banks to seek capital for the produce the youth would provide the labour). In that sense the conference is meant to convince global bilateral donors and multilateral lenders to finance (or rather fund) projects for the youth to have something to do. An overriding global distribution paradigm tells the summit preparatory sessions that when this is done, it will provide the capital (rightfully so this time) for Africa to grow faster than at present, itself in doubt.

A summit of NGO activists on the state of the youth would scarcely be different. Heads of state need to focus on basic issues, especially land, credit, budgetary and tax matters. There is lack of synchrony between land and banks, and the more Africa resists altering customary land titles the poorer it becomes. People can borrow cash, start projects and put the youth to work if they can buy the land, but governments seek money to enable the youths to start work, to produce for a saturated market, sunk in poverty, and thus being ready to lose the start up capital.

The youth fail because the markets aren't free enough, dynamic enough, to absorb them. Africa wants to invest in human capital and engender policies which show considerable promise for development, and thus for the youth. That goes back to increasing agro-sector budgets, but the problem is too vast to be solved that way. It needs a revolution in real demand so that the youths can be put to agriculture, industry or services.

## Wanted: Bold and creative policies for African continent to industrialise

THE Economist Intelligence Unit, a British business research group, reckons that Africa accounted for more than 3 per cent of global manufacturing output in the 1970s, but this percentage has since halved. It warns that Africa's manufacturing industry is likely to remain small throughout the remainder of this decade.

Industrialisation has been a campaign promise across the African continent, with its acknowledged ability to bring prosperity, new jobs and better incomes for all. Yet the continent is less industrialised today than it was four decades ago.

In fact, the contribution of Africa's manufacturing sector to the continent's gross domestic product actually declined from 12 per cent in 1980 to 11 per cent in 2013, where it has remained stagnant over the past few years, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

At no point in recent history have calls for Africa to industrialise been stronger than they have been lately. Across the continent, industrialisation is arguably the most talked about subject among policymakers. So why has action on the ground failed to move the needle on this important development marker?

High commodity prices triggered by China's seemingly insatiable appetite for natural resources have fueled rapid economic growth in Africa since the 1990s. Many thought the boom would revive Africa's waning manufacturing industry. Yet to the dismay of analysts, it failed to live up to expectations. Instead of using the windfall to set up or stimulate manufacturing industries, African countries—with a few exceptions—wasted the money on non-productive expenditures. Ghana and Zambia, for instance, used profits from the commodity bonanza to solve short-term domestic problems, such as by increasing salaries for civil servants.

Now falling commodity prices

and a cooling Chinese economy have conspired to expose the myth of the "Africa Rising" story line. The International Monetary Fund estimates that growth in 2016 fell below 4 per cent, which The Economist, a UK-based publication, warns will lead many to fret that a harmful old pattern of commodity-driven boom and bust in Africa is about to repeat itself.

Had African leaders heeded advice from experts and pumped profits from the commodity boom into stimulating manufacturing companies, the results could have been different. So what are the options for Africa over the next few years? This was the question policymakers and economic experts wrestled with in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, early this year at the launch of "Economic Report on Africa 2016: Greening Africa's Industrialisation," published by the ECA. Their conclusion was unanimous: the only viable option is to industrialise.

During the discussions that ensued, experts agreed that one of the main reasons for Africa's slow industrialization is that its leaders have failed to pursue bold economic policies out of fear of antagonizing donors. As it were, the strongest criticism of this policy vacuum came not from the debate in Addis Ababa, but from the op-ed pages of The Financial Times, a British daily.

"Africa stands on the cusp of a lost opportunity because its leaders—and those who assess its progress in London, Paris and Washington—are wrongly fixated on the rise and fall of GDP and foreign investment flows, mostly into resource extraction industries and modern shopping malls," said Kingsley Moghalu, a former deputy governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. In a forcefully argued op-ed, he implored African countries to "reject the misleading notion that they can join the West by becoming post-industrial societies without having first been industrial ones."

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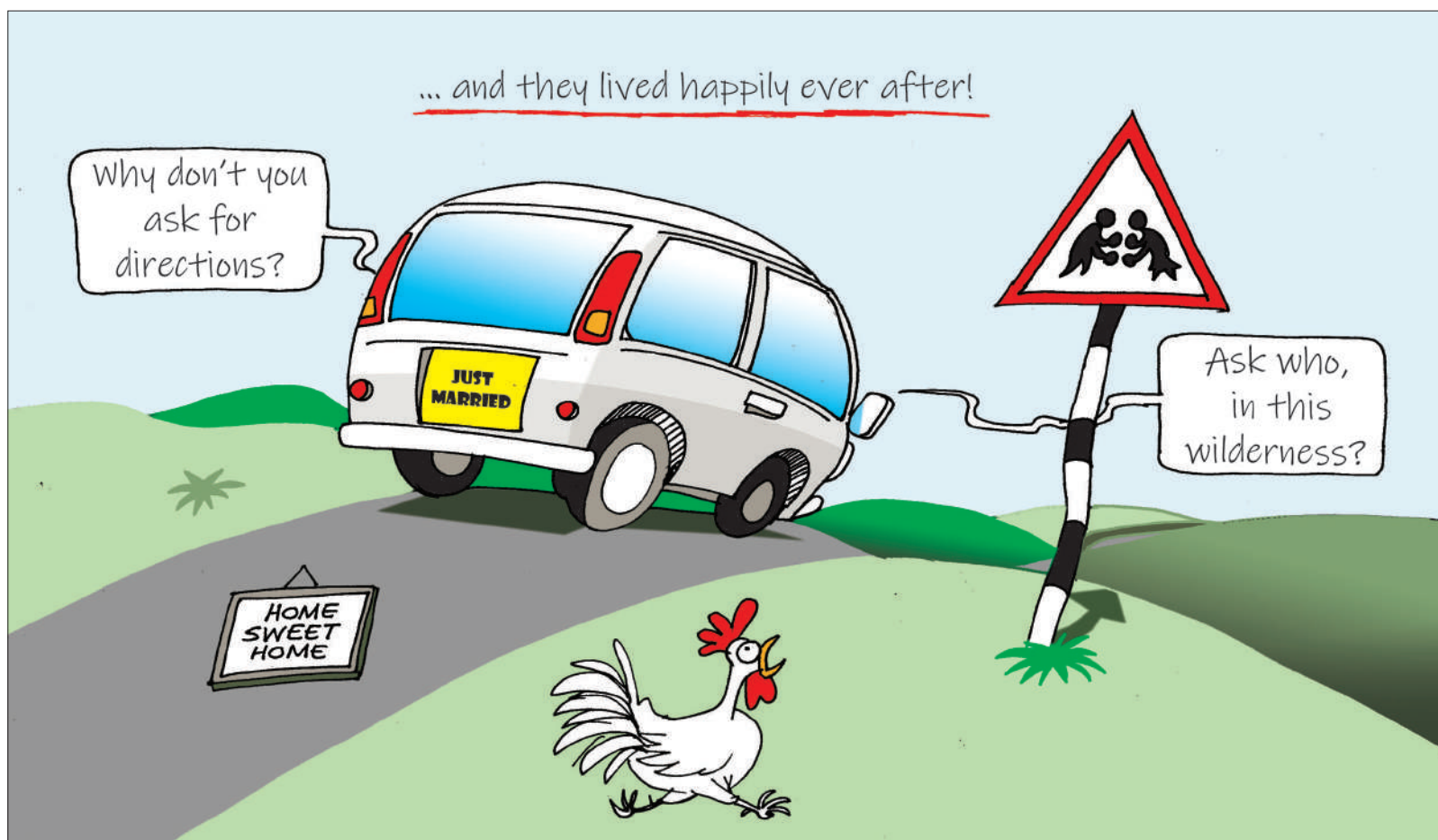
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IN 2015, almost all heads of government in the world committed to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including universal health coverage (UHC). This was consistent with the World Health Organization's commitment to Health for All.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed most countries' under-investment in public healthcare provisioning and other weaknesses. Clearly, health system reforms and appropriate financing are needed to improve populations' wellbeing.

Instead of helping, more profit-seeking investments and market 'solutions' in recent decades have undermined UHC. Health markets the world over rarely provide healthcare for all well. Instead, they have increased costs and charges, limiting access. Worse, public funds are being diverted to support profits, rather than patients.

Health inequalities growing. Recent decades have seen healthcare in many developing countries trending towards a perceived two-tier system - a higher quality private sector, and lower quality public services. Many doctors, especially specialists, have been leaving public service for much more lucrative private practice.

This 'brain drain' has worsened already deteriorating public service quality, increasing waiting times. Hence, more of those with means have been turning to private facilities. As private medical charges are high in developing countries, many who can afford private health insurance, buy it.

If unchecked, the gap - in charges and quality - between private and public health services will grow, increasing disparities between haves and have-nots. Social solidarity

By Special Correspondent

Africa's rapid population growth, increasing economic activities, and ever-expanding urbanisation have resulted in unprecedented augmenting of waste materials.

Subsequently, this has led to expanding risky waste material sites because the waste pollution from these sites has reached a state of emergency across the African continent.

However, for the African Union's Agenda 2063: "The Africa We Want", Africa needs to pursue sustainable waste management approaches to ensure the appropriate preservation of the environment and curb possible further pollution. Thus, pursuing sustainable waste management approaches will ensure the realisation of AU's Agenda 2063, Goal 7, which aspires for environmentally sustainable and

## Improving healthcare for all in Africa

implies cross-subsidization in health financing - with the healthy financing the ill, and the rich subsidizing the poor. Social solidarity also enables universal coverage and equitable access.

Better healthcare for all. Most governments need to strengthen public provisioning of comprehensive health protection with adequate financing. Meanwhile, healthcare costs have gone up due to more ill health, the rising costs of new medical technologies, privatization and less public procurement.

Everyone - nations as well as families - faces more unexpected health threats, worsened by rising catastrophic and other medical expenses, more economic vulnerability, greater income insecurity, declining public provisioning, and costlier coping strategies.

'Premature' death, disability and illness have meant losing billions of years of healthy life, largely due to preventable non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Although they cause many health losses, relatively little public health spending goes to NCD prevention.

Spending and outcomes. Most countries, including in the developing world, have seen rising healthcare spending. But there is no direct relationship between health expenditure and wellbeing. Hence, more spending does not ensure better outcomes, whereas appropriate public healthcare provisioning does.

Although health spending has been rising in many developing countries, it has generally remained low in relation to income. Government health services were already facing fiscal constraints before the pandemic. To cope with COVID-19, public health expenditure in many middle-income countries

spiked.

Chronic underinvestment in public services has undermined healthcare overall. Many underfunded systems have nonetheless improved health conditions, reducing morbidity and mortality. Decent health outcomes, despite relatively low health spending, imply greater public expenditure 'cost-effectiveness' or efficiency.

Nonetheless, much more could be achieved with better policies, increased spending and more appropriate priorities. Thus, reducing child and maternal mortality, besides improving sanitation and water supplies, have significantly raised life expectancy in developing countries.

Improving policy. To enhance wellbeing, health systems must better protect people from current and future threats and challenges. Better public healthcare financing - with absolutely and relatively more, but also more appropriate funding - seems most important.

Developing country governments are often fed off-repeated, but doubtful claims that current government healthcare spending is too high, and health insurance is necessary to fill the funding gap. Instead, official revenue should mainly fund health budgets to ensure efficiency and equity.

Health promotion should involve more preventive efforts. By mainly focusing on curative interventions, most government spending and policy priorities neglect determinants of wellbeing, including inequities. Some WHO recommended policies deemed most cost-effective target tobacco products, harmful alcohol use and unhealthy diets.

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## Africa and its increasing waste collection!

climate-resilient economies within African communities.

It has been projected that by 2050, the volume of waste will triple from 174 million tonnes per year as of 2016 to approximately 516 million tonnes per year across the Africa continent.

However, Africa's average waste collection rate is approximately 55% of all the existing waste materials. Notably, more than 90% of Africa's waste is disposed of at uncontrolled dumpsites and landfills, often followed by open burning. Most importantly, 19 of the world's 50 biggest dumpsites are found in Africa and are mostly located in Sub-Saharan Africa. By composition, an average of approximately 13% of municipal solid waste generated in Africa is plastic, and 57% constitute

organic waste.

The bulk of organic waste is currently being dumped in landfills. However, organic waste could provide significant socio-economic opportunities for African countries.

The emergence of recycling across the African continent is characterised by poverty, unemployment, and socio-economic needs driven by public and private sector design. For example, approximately 70-80% of the municipal solid waste generated in Africa is recyclable.

However, only 4% of municipal solid waste is currently recycled. Furthermore, informal waste pickers actively recover valuable resources from the waste at minimal compensation to municipalities and private sector companies. This means that approximately half of the

waste material generated in Africa remains uncollected within Africa's cities and towns, where it remains dumped on sidewalks, open fields, stormwater drains, and rivers.

Notably, the primary causes of inadequate waste disposal and management in Africa include weak strategic, institutional, and organisational structures. This is perpetrated by limited skills that are essential to waste material management; inadequate budgets; feeble legislation and lack of enforcement necessary for waste management; low public awareness, increasing corruption and conflict leading to political instability; and the lack of political will among several governments to deal with waste material disposal and management.





## Publication of financial statements

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### Absa Bank Tanzania Limited condensed statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 (Amount in million shillings)

A. ASSETS	Current Quarter 30-Jun-23	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-23
1. Cash	35,484	30,435
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	126,125	81,885
3. Investment in Government Securities	268,241	239,936
4. Balances with other Banks and financial Institution	72,665	161,781
5. Cheques and items for clearing	215	328
6. Inter branch Float Items	-	-
7. Bills negotiated	-	-
8. Customers' liabilities for acceptances	42,649	32,520
9. Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10. Investment in other Securities	3,000	3,000
11. Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	698,279	656,279
12. Other Assets	38,648	34,087
13. Equity Investments	-	-
14. Underwriting accounts	-	-
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	22,586	22,511
<b>16. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,307,894</b>	<b>1,262,762</b>
B: LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from Other Banks and financial Institutions	20,727	81,168
18. Customer Deposits	969,667	878,172
19. Cash Letter of Credit	19,013	31,454
20. Special Deposits	-	-
21. Payment orders/Transfers payable	-	-
22. Bankers Cheques and Draft Issued	72	62
23. Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	12,654	7,389
24. Acceptances Outstanding	42,649	32,520
25. Interbranch Float Items	-	-
26. Unearned income and Other deferred charges	2,755	2,547
27. Other liabilities	24,875	27,238
28. Borrowings	22,237	22,248
<b>29. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,114,651</b>	<b>1,082,798</b>
<b>30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>193,243</b>	<b>179,964</b>
C.SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up share capital	98,722	98,722
32. Capital Reserves	76	76
33. Retained Earnings	30,711	30,711
34. Profit/( Loss) Account	23,366	9,244
35. Other Capital accounts	40,367	41,211
36. Minority Interest	-	-
<b>37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>193,243</b>	<b>179,964</b>
38. Contingent Liabilities	128,149	123,749
39. Non performing loans & advances	42,621	44,070
40. Allowance for probable losses	34,428	34,151
41. Other non performing assets	-	-
D.SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Fund to total assets	15.0%	14.7%
(ii) Non performing loans & advances to total gross loans	5.8%	6.4%
(iii) Gross loans advances to total deposits	77.2%	80.7%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	54.3%	53.5%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	80.8%	86.3%
(vi) Deposits Growth	8.69%	13.38%
(vii) Assets growth	3.57%	6.16%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 (Amount in million shillings)

	SHARE CAPITAL	SHARE PREMIUM	RETAINED EARNINGS	REGULATORY RESERVE	GENERAL PROVISION RESERVE	OTHERS	TOTAL
<b>Balance as at the beginning of the year (1-Jan-23)</b>	128722	76	30712	-	-	12299	171809
Profit for the year	-	-	23366	-	-	-	23366
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	(1931)	(1931)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period (30-Jun-23)</b>	<b>128,722</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>54078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10367</b>	<b>193244</b>
<b>Previous Year</b>							
<b>Balance as at the beginning of the year (1-Jan-22)</b>	128721	76	8176	-	-	5167	142141
Profit for the year	-	-	12526	-	-	-	12526
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	9840	9840
Transactions with owners	(0)	-	-	-	-	-	(0)
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the previous period (30-Jun-22)</b>	<b>128,722</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15007</b>	<b>164507</b>

### SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Obedi Laiser</b> Managing Director	.....	Date July 26, 2023
<b>Bernard Tesha</b> Acting Chief Financial Officer	.....	Date July 26, 2023
<b>George Binde</b> Chief Internal Auditor	.....	Date July 26, 2023

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Paul Makanza</b> Chairman	.....	Date July 26, 2023
<b>Richard Magongo</b> Director	.....	Date July 26, 2023

### Condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2023 (Amount in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30-JUN-23	Comparative Quarter 30-JUN-22	Current Year Cumulative 30-JUN-23	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-JUN-22
1. Interest Income	29,175	22,363	56,687	43,912
2. Interest expense	(5,472)	(4,362)	(10,967)	(8,292)
<b>3. Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>23,704</b>	<b>18,001</b>	<b>45,720</b>	<b>35,620</b>
4. Bad debts written off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(2,930)	(3,073)	(6,262)	(4,829)
<b>6. Non Interest Income</b>	<b>21,643</b>	<b>17,163</b>	<b>38,123</b>	<b>29,009</b>
6.1 Foreign currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss). "	15,564	11,340	25,519	17,479
6.2 Fees and Commissions	6,139	5,754	12,457	11,488
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	(59)	69	148	42
<b>7. Non-Interest Expenses</b>	<b>(22,196)</b>	<b>(21,516)</b>	<b>(44,861)</b>	<b>(41,847)</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(12,414)	(12,033)	(24,763)	(22,522)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(2,165)	(1,675)	(4,476)	(3,429)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(7,616)	(7,809)	(15,622)	(15,896)
<b>8. Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>20,221</b>	<b>10,575</b>	<b>32,720</b>	<b>17,953</b>
9. Income Tax provision	(6,099)	(3,204)	(9,353)	(5,427)
<b>10. Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>14,122</b>	<b>7,371</b>	<b>23,366</b>	<b>12,526</b>
11. Other Comprehensive Income (itemize)	(843)	4,047	(1,931)	9,840
<b>12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>13,279</b>	<b>11,418</b>	<b>23,366</b>	<b>22,366</b>
13. Number of employees	501	465	501	465
14. Basic Earnings Per Share	14.3	7.5	23.7	12.7
15. Number of Branches	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
i) Return on Average Total Assets	4.4%	2.6%	3.6%	2.2%
ii) Return on Average Shareholder's Fund	36.7%	24.0%	31.5%	20.4%
iii) Non interest Expense to Gross Income	48.9%	61.2%	53.5%	64.7%
iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	9.0%	7.6%	8.7%	7.6%

### Condensed statement of cash flow for the quarter ended 30 June 2023 (Amount in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30-JUN-23	Comparative Quarter 31-MAR-23	Current Year Cumulative 30-JUN-23	Comparative year Cumulative 30-JUN-22
<b>I. Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
<b>Net income/(Loss)</b>	<b>20,221</b>	<b>12,498</b>	<b>32,720</b>	<b>17,953</b>
<b>Adjustment for non Cash items;</b>				
- Impairment/Amortisation	44,930	4,946	9,436	8,305
- Net changes in Loans and Advances	(44,930)	(54,781)	(99,712)	(107,500)
- Gains/Losses Sale of Assets	5	-	5	(42)
- Net changes in Deposits	18,613	57,654	76,267	158,481
- Net change in short term negotiable Securities	(29,149)	(42,709)	(71,858)	(15,617)
- Net change in other Liabilities	8,855	5,829	14,684	15,520
- Net change in other Assets	(15,250)	(15,565)	(30,815)	(13,653)
- Tax Paid	(1,050)	(1,050)	(2,100)	(1,080)
- Other (Net change in SMR)	(7,549)	(849)	(8,399)	(5,529)
<b>Net cash (used)/provided in operating activities</b>	<b>(45,744)</b>	<b>(34028)</b>	<b>(79,772)</b>	<b>56,837</b>
<b>II: Cash flow from investing activities</b>				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(1,080)	(1,422)	(2,502)	(866)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	42
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Other (specify)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash (used)/provided in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,080)</b>	<b>(1,422)</b>	<b>(2,502)</b>	<b>(823)</b>
<b>III. Cash flow from Financing activities</b>				
Repayment of Long-term Debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
Net Change In Other Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others (Lease payment)	(664)	(579)	(1,243)	(1,081)
<b>Net cash used / provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(664)</b>	<b>(579)</b>	<b>(1,243)</b>	<b>(1,081)</b>
<b>IV. Cash and cash equivalents</b>				
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(47,489)</b>	<b>(36,029)</b>	<b>(83,518)</b>	<b>(54,932)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year	222,470	258,499	258,499	120,698
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year</b>	<b>174,981</b>	<b>222,470</b>	<b>174,981</b>	<b>175,630</b>



# Pharma giant's TB drug decision welcome but not all developing countries benefit

By Ed Holt

**I**N a surprise move, pharma giant Johnson and Johnson (J&J) has agreed not to enforce some of its patents on a lifesaving TB drug, making generic versions available in many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Although on the WHO's list of essential medicines and a cornerstone of much TB treatment, bedaquiline had not been available in many countries in part because of its high cost.

A deal agreed between J&J and the Stop TB Partnership will allow the latter to procure and supply generic bedaquiline to 44 low- and middle-income countries through its Global Drug Facility (GDF). It is expected the price at which these countries will then be able to buy the drug under the deal will be significantly lower than currently, and some experts have suggested it may also reduce the price of the drug for those countries not covered in the deal.

But patient advocacy groups say that while it is good news that many countries will now get the drug more cheaply, there remain some serious problems with the new deal as countries with some of the highest TB burdens in the world

are excluded. They are also unhappy that it does not address the enforcement of secondary patents the company has on altered formulations of the drug, which are in place in scores of LMICs until 2027.

Critics have called on J&J to declare it will not enforce any secondary patents on bedaquiline in any country with a high burden of TB and withdraw and abandon all pending secondary patent applications for this lifesaving drug.

"We hope this deal will help drive down the price of this drug for all countries. But it doesn't go far enough. What would have been best would have been for J&J to abandon and withdraw all the secondary patents it holds or has applied for everywhere," Lindsay McKenna, TB Project Co-Director at the Treatment Action Group (TAG), told IPS.

Advocacy organisations have for years been pressing J&J to reduce the price of bedaquiline.

First approved in 2012, it was the first new TB drug in over 40 years and was hailed as revolutionary in the fight against drug-resistant TB, cutting out the need to use often very toxic, intravenously administered drugs. Its use in patient regimens also produced vastly improved treatment outcomes.

But its high cost - initially USD900 per course even in low-income countries - meant that it was available to relatively few people in many low- and middle-income countries, which have some of the highest TB burdens in the world.

Its price has now come down but remains too high in the eyes of many experts.

According to global health charity Medicins Sans Frontières (MSF), J&J currently prices the drug at USD1.50/day for an adult treatment (USD272/six months). But with scale-up and unrestricted generic competition, it says the price of bedaquiline could get closer to USD0.50 per day.

This would make a huge difference to cash-strapped TB programmes in poorer countries.

"Any penny that can be saved [on bedaquiline] and which can be spent on something else related to TB, such as case identification, is of massive importance, especially in countries with high TB burdens," Christophe Perrin, TB advocacy pharmacist at MSF, told IPS.

But even if the deal does bring the price down to that level, some of the countries which would benefit from purchasing the drug at a lower price will not be able to as they have been excluded from it.

Nine countries in the Eastern European and Central Asian region, which have some of the highest TB burdens in the world, are not covered by the deal because of an exclusive supply agreement J&J has with a Russian pharma firm.

"This deal is beneficial for those countries which can access it, but why are some countries excluded? Those that are excluded have some of the highest TB burdens in the world. It's a real worry," said Perrin.

The exclusion has infuriated senior health officials in some of the excluded countries. In a rare instance of its kind, the national tuberculosis (TB) programme (NTP) of Belarus sent an open letter to J&J demanding urgent action to improve equitable access to bedaquiline in Belarus, and all other countries with a high burden of TB.

"It is completely unfair that we will be excluded from this deal," Dr Alena Skrahina, Deputy National TB Programme Manager, Belarus, told IPS.



Another high-burden country that will not be able to take advantage is South Africa. The country's national procurement rules mean that it obtains bedaquiline directly from J&J.

Doctors and patient activists involved in the country's fight against TB say South Africa's inclusion in the deal would have been a huge boon to its efforts against the disease.

"Any money that can be saved could be used to expand diagnosis, public awareness, and use shorter TB treatment regimens, which is what we are looking to do here. Almost 95% of our patients are receiving bedaquiline, so a reduction in the price could have a massive effect. It would definitely benefit South Africa if it was included in this deal," Dr Priashni Subrayen, TB technical director at the Johannesburg-based healthcare organisation Aurum Institute, told IPS.

Brenda Waning, head of the GDF, told IPS the deal was a good one for LMICs, but could also theoretically benefit countries not covered by it. It is widely expected that the competitive tenders in the deal will push the global price of the drug down as well.

"The deal is special in that usually when a company like J&J gives out licences it does so to a supplier, but this deal allows for multiple competitive buyers. We are expecting the price of bedaquiline to go down, although we won't know by how much until the tenders happen. But a lower price is not the only benefit for countries. It will also mean more suppliers - the last thing you want to be doing is relying on a single supplier for a drug so there will be greater supply security - and whenever you have a price decrease, that frees up money which can be used for other things [to fight TB]," she said.

"We think the access price [for other countries] may come down through these tenders, so these countries could, theoretically, get it at a lower price than previously," she added.

But even if that does happen, it will not be enough for critics who say J&J must abandon secondary patents it holds, or has applied for, in any country.

Unlike primary patents, which protect a completely new chemical entity, secondary patents cover modifications of, medical uses, and dose regimes of the new compound, among others. Critics argue they form part of a practice of "evergreening" which extends companies' monopolies on existing products and, crucially, makes it difficult for generic manufacturers to enter the market with a generic drug after the original patent has expired.

J&J has secondary patents for bedaquiline in 44 countries which are not due to expire until 2027, but under the new deal with StopTB, those countries will now be able to obtain a generic version of the drug.

But they remain in place in those states - "if J&J were to suddenly pull out of this deal, these countries would be back to square one," noted Perrin - and the company continues to actively pursue their implementation elsewhere.

Phumeza Tisile, a South African TB survivor who lost her hearing because of side effects of treatment with older generation TB drugs, said J&J, and other pharma companies, should immediately withdraw secondary patents and commit to not applying for them anywhere in future.

"This provides affordable medicine to people who need the drug [and] helps people get generic versions of the relevant medicine at a very low cost," she told IPS.

Pharmaceutical firms often argue that secondary patents are necessary to recoup the often very high costs associated with bringing a novel drug to the market and invest in the production of other new medicines.

J&J did not respond when contacted by IPS, but in a statement made as news of the deal broker last week, the company denied its patents had prevented people from accessing its drug and that the most significant barrier to treatment access for patients was the millions of undiagnosed TB cases every year.

Tisile, who works for advocacy group TB Proof, dis-

missed such claims, saying secondary patents may be denying people the drugs which they need to stop them dying.

"It's greed," she said. "Pharma companies make medicines to help people, but it never made sense to me that they make this medication so out of reach to people who actually need the medication the most, for them, it's only profits. "This then can be very dangerous to millions of people who need the medication to survive. In this case, it should be patients before profits," she said.

Others pointed out that the development of many new drugs is often funded by taxpayers - one study found that public investment into bedaquiline's development was as much as five times that of J&J.

"It's not a good faith argument to say that secondary patents are needed for a company to benefit from its investment in a drug. You could flip that round and say that the public needs to benefit from the investment they made into a drug," said McKenna.

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Dr Abhijit Bhattacharya, MS, Central Hospital Kalla, Eastern Coalfields Ltd., assesses an x-ray of a TB patient. Credit: ILO





Concrete barriers that are not yet operational but are intended to separate Manguzi and Mozambique as an anti-crime barrier. By 2020, only 166m of the wall had been constructed, even though R48m was paid to the contractor. The amount should have covered the cost of installing 3km of border wall. The SIU is investigating. (Photo: Supplied)

## Concrete wall to help crackdown on SA, Mozambique border crime

By Celani Sikhakhane

THE fight against cross-border crime on the troubled KwaZulu-Natal/Mozambique border has been intensified with the partial construction of a high concrete barricade and the deployment of over 140 police officers.

At an imbizo on Monday in Mhlabayalingana, Police Minister Bheki Cele announced the arrest of notorious criminals who were terrorising communities in the far north of KZN and were involved in hijacking vehicles in various parts of the province.

Brigadier Madlela Gwebu Mashamba, brought from Cape Town in March, has been instrumental in the arrest of 103 criminals to date. KZN Premier Nomusa MaDube Ncube introduced the plan to use New Jersey Barrier elements to build a high concrete wall spanning eight kilometres, aimed at curbing the rampant carjacking crimes in the area.

The community of Mhlabayalingana has suffered significantly from ruthless border crimes, leading to the loss of many crime fighters in the region.

The carjackings have become so severe that vehicles are even being hijacked from police stations, clinics, and hospitals, leading to protests by the people who suspect collusion between some police officers and criminals. The new concrete wall is part of the authorities' efforts to crack down on this

dangerous and persistent issue.

Meanwhile, Mozambique will repatriate over 30 foreigners who are currently serving prison sentences in the country, according to a report in Monday's issue of the Maputo daily "Notícias".

Among the prisoners are citizens from Nigeria, Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa and Bolivia, jailed for international drug trafficking. "15 prisoners, between 20 and 60 years of age, are detained at Machava Maximum Security Prison and others are locked up in the Ndavela Female Penitentiary", said Bertha Zitha, a judge on the Maputo Provincial Court.

According to Zitha, the Maputo Provincial Court has already repatriated two Venezuelan nationals, using Mozambican funds.

"However, many prisoners do not wait for our procedures, and they end up paying for the journey with their own money. After being returned to their country of origin, the individuals can only enter Mozambique again after 10 years", the judge said.

She added that repatriation only happens after the prisoners have served at least half of their sentences.

"This measure started when a group of foreign inmates claimed conditional release after serving half of the sentence", Zitha said, adding that the repatriation happens in coordination with the National Migration Service.

## AFF develops manual on forest planning, management in Africa

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE African Forest Forum (AFF) has developed training guidelines for forest planning and management in Africa to guide capacity building efforts aimed at equipping stakeholders with better knowledge, skills and best practices for effective forest planning and forest management activities.

Prof. Suzana Augustino, AFF chairperson said yesterday when speaking at a five-day regional training workshop on for-

est planning and management in various forest types in Eastern and Southern Africa.

"In order to improve the supply of ecosystem goods and services and eventually raise the contribution of the forest sector to human wellbeing, climate resilient economic growth, and healthy ecosystems in the African continent," she explained.

According to Prof. Suzana, the guidelines are timely given that in the past decade, several global environmental issues have emerged that have a significant bearing on

forestry in Africa and the global developmental landscape has witnessed increased attention by the international community on the effects of environmental deterioration that has contributed to climate change, land degradation, biodiversity loss and emergence of new diseases.

Prof. Godwin Kowero, AFF executive secretary said that forests, whether natural or planted, take time, usually a long time before they reach the level of maturity to be harvested for the intended products.

"During such a period many things can happen that could influence the forest condition, and therefore the intended products users want to make from the harvested trees.

"Such happenings could include wildfires, droughts, floods, changes in consumer preferences, policies and regulations that could impinge on the forest practice, entry into the sector of new actors and products, among others," he said.

Prof. Kowero says the necessity to address such uncertainties and risks makes forest planning

extremely critical activity forest owners and managers should undertake because the forest plans will therefore address a wide range of prevailing and anticipated economic, environmental, and social-cultural issues that could affect the forests.

"Globally, there are many policies, multilateral environmental agreements, and initiatives, including the SDGs, various forestry related conventions, global forest goals, forest products standards, that our countries identify with that have implications on the way

we develop, manage, and use forest resources. At the pan-African level there are similar agreements and initiatives like Agenda 2063," he explained, adding that,

"The African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFRIIOO) and Sustainable Forest Management Framework for Africa, and at sub-regional level there are several forest policies and strategies implemented by the regional economic communities while national level we have forest policies and strategies, macroeconomic policies, and practices, including cash budgets."



Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Dr Anna Henga briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the centre's recommendations with respect to the Criminal Justice Commission's report presented to President Samia Suluhu Hassan recently. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## Energy firm hits record in fuel sells this month

By Guardian Reporter

OIL marketing company- Puma Energy Tanzania has hit a record in fuel sales this month whereas it sold 30 million liters of diesel and petrol until yesterday.

Fatma Abdallah, the company's Chief Executive Officer attributed the situation to increased demand for petroleum products. She said the company sold 30 million liters of diesel and petrol in the same period last year.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam, the CEO assured Tanzanians that there is enough fuel stock.

She said: "We are expecting to sell more than 50 million liters of fuel by the end of this month. We sell our oil to large and small customers. We are expecting to receive more fuel when the vessels arrive at the port of Dar es Salaam," she said, adding they will receive 16 million liters before the end of July.

Fatma said the company will receive more than 60 million liters of diesel and petrol in August, insisting that they are working closely with the government to ensure there is enough fuel stock in the country.

"The only challenge we are facing is shortage of US Dollars. We call upon the government to see how it can help us because access to the foreign currency is a problem," she stated, noting the US Dollars are important to enable them to import fuel.

Meanwhile, Energy Minister, January Makamba assured Tanzanian and stakeholders including Puma Energy Tanzania that the government is aware of the challenge and that it is working to address the raised concerns.

Last week, the Director General of the Energy and Water Utility Regulatory Authority (EWURA) James Andilile directed the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), suppliers and owners of oil storage facilities to operate for 24 hours to ensure stable distribution of fuel countrywide.

Andilile said the reported fuel shortage in some parts of the country was caused by owners of oil storage facilities and distributors' failure to reach some points on time.

He urged them to make sure that their off-loading and distribution systems are set accordingly for sellers to get the products timely.

## Zanzibar leader pledges more support to legal aid providers

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has pledged to provide more support for legal aid services in the country.

Speaking at the climax of the Legal Aid Service week over the weekend in the Indian Ocean archipelago, Dr Mwinyi said that in response to the service providers' complaints over the difficult working environment.

He stated: "We will look at the best temporary means to address your operational challenges pending the long-term measures."

He promised to support legal aid service providers with office supplies and transport to ease their operations, vowing that review of the 2017 Legal Aid Service Policy and the Legal Aid Service Act, 2018 to create conducive environment for provision of legal aid services, especially for the poor who can hardly afford the cost of legal services.

Dr Mwinyi also said that he'll provide for establish-

ment of the legal aid service fund, through which funding will be availed to make the services sustainable and highly productive to the society, tasking the members of the public to work closely with legal aid service providers, ordering all government employees to provide the required support.

He cited legal aid services as the backbone of dispensing justice, with the service providers serving as a critical link for availability of legal services especially for the poor, people with disability and other special groups.

He also lauded the President's Office, Constitutional, Legal Affairs, Public Service and Good Governance as well as all stakeholders in legal aid services for the great job they are doing to ensure justice prevails in the community.

According to him, the office efficiently manages and coordinates the service provision in close collaboration with other stakeholders.

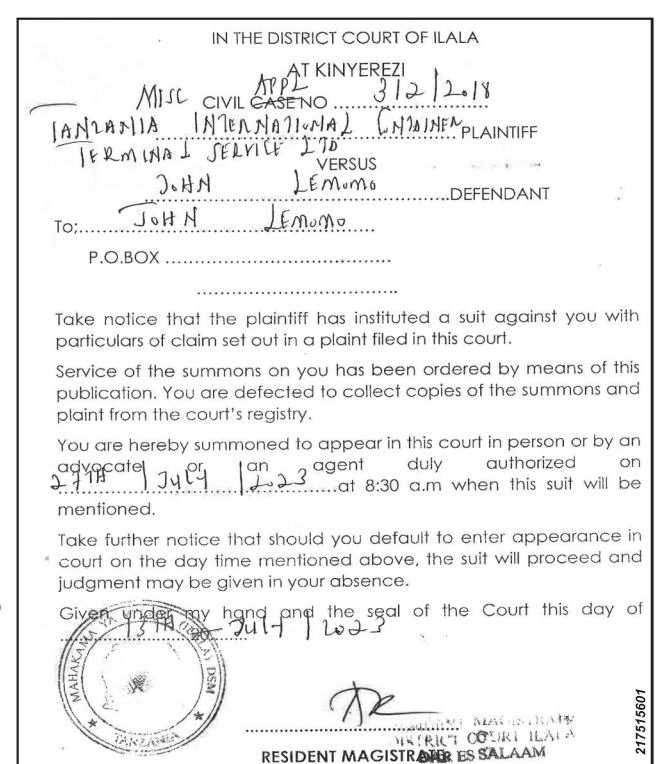
"Despite the great achievements we have registered, we still have the obligation to manage the ser-

vices and ensure they are provided as per existing laws and regulations," he said.

The week-long celebrations involved different activities and stakeholders visited various places, including prisons and police stations.



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## PBZ registers cumulative net profit of 26.4bn/- in H1

By Guardian Reporter

PEOPLE'S Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ) has recorded a cumulative net profit of 26.4bn/- during the first half of this year, compared with 14.9bn/- recorded during the first half of last year, thanks to increase of both interest and non-interest incomes.

Basic earnings per share also went up to 165.15/- in the first half of this year, compared to 93.45/- recorded during the comparative period. The bank has paid up share capital amounting to 31,000 as at the end of June this year.

On quarterly basis, the bank, which operates in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, offering both conventional and sharia compliant banking services,

net profit more than doubled to 14.3bn/- during the second quarter of this year, compared to 6.64bn/- recorded during comparative quarter of last year.

According to unaudited financial statements net interest income jumped to 47.5bn/- during the first six months of this year, compared to 32.5bn/-, while on quarterly basis, the numbers of the same income stream went up to 24.7bn/- compared with 16.4bn/-.

Non-interest income increased 17.6bn/- during the first half of this year, compared to 14.2bn/- in HI, 2022 due to more than doubled fees and commissions, increase of foreign exchange dealing and transaction gains, amid decrease of other operating income.

Fees and commission jumped to



PBZ's Wete branch in Pemba

14.5bn/- during the first half of this year, compared with 6.4bn/- recorded during similar period of last year, while foreign exchange dealing and transaction amounted to 2.3bn/- against 1.9bn/- respectively.

The statement shows non-interest expenses increased to 27.2bn/- during the first half of this year, compared with 24.3bn/- in HI, 2022 due to increase of salaries and benefits, fees and commission and other

operating expenses.

The statement shows that the bank had also managed to grow its balance sheet, as total assets grew by 20 percent to 1.8trn/- during the second quarter of this year, compared with 1.5trn/-.

The increase was due to more than doubled balance with Bank of Tanzania (BOT), increase in investment in government debt instruments, balance with other banks and financial institutions, lending and other assets.

Balance with BOT more than doubled to 195.2bn/- during the second quarter of this year, compared with 77.6bn/- recorded during the first half of this year, while balance with other banks and financial institutions went up to 178.2bn/- compared with 104.9bn/- respectively.

The balance sheet also shows that the bank's lending portfolio hit 932.5bn/- during the quarter ended in June, 2023, compared with 866.2bn/- during the first quarter of this year ended in March, while investments in government debt instruments were up to 378.8bn/- compared with 68.5bn/- respectively.

The statement shows the bank's on-performing loans to total gross loans went down to 2.66 percent, far below the regulatory benchmark of 5 percent, compared with 3.14 percent recorded at the end of the first quarter of this year, which indicates efficient credit management.

The bank's capital, according to the statement reached 166bn/- during the second quarter, higher than 158.9bn/- recorded during the first quarter of this year.

## DSE indices open the week in green with foreign investors shares sellout

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) indices started the week on positive trends with foreign investors' shares sellout activity.

The market report shows Tanzania Share Index (TSI), which measures the performance of locally listed companies slightly gained by 0.12 points, after closing at

4,102.08 points, following the appreciation of NICO share price by 1.04 percent.

The appreciation of NICO share price also resulted into the increase of Banks, Finance & Investment Index (BI) by 0.39 points, after closing at 3,932.45 points on Monday.

The DSE all-share index (DSEI) also increased by 2.11 points after closing at 1,815.45 points on Monday, following

the increase of East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price by 0.76 percent, Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) by 0.65 percent and NICO.

The market report shows a total turnover of 1.5bn/- was recorded following the transactions of 3,213,644 shares traded in 65 deals.

Top mover was CRDB Bank Plc, which recorded the transaction of 3,194,759 shares, in

both block trade and normal trade, valued 1.4bn/- on 47 deals, of which 3,121,845 shares were sold through block trade pre-arranged market board.

According to the report, foreign investors sold shares valued 693.5mn/-, which was 45.72 percent of total value of shares sold, which were bought by local investors, who are currently dominating the buying activity in the current quarter.

Second top mover was DCB Commercial Bank Plc (DBC), which recorded the transaction of 8,380 shares valued 1.17mn/- traded in one deal at a price of 140/- per share, followed by NMB Bank Plc, which recorded the transaction of 5,853 shares valued 20.48mn/- traded in nine deals at a weighted average price of 3,500 per share.

NICO counter recorded the transaction of 4,052 shares val-

ued 1.96mn/- traded in three deals at a price of 485/- per share.

During last week, the total market capitalization decreased by 1.23 percent to 15.12trn/-, indicating decrease in the overall value of the market due to slight decrease of share prices.

The domestic market capitalization also decreased by 0.15 percent to 10.82trn/-, suggest-

ing decrease in the value of domestic listed companies.

Both All share Index and the Tanzania Share Index decreased by 1.23 percent and 0.15 percent, respectively.

The changes were primarily driven by decrease in prices of cross-listed shares and a fall in domestic counter prices, according to the weekly market report by Exodus Advisory, brokers and member of DSE.

## Uchumi Commercial Bank earns 562mn/- net profit in six months

By Guardian Reporter

UCHUMI Commercial Bank (UCB) earned a net profit of 562mn/- during the first six months of this year, compared to 426mn/- recorded during similar period of last year, thanks to increase of interest and non-interest incomes as well as other incomes earned during three months from April to June.

The bank's unaudited financial statement for the second quarter of this year shows net interest income amounted to 2.2bn/- during the first half of this year, compared with 2.07bn/- during similar period of last year, while interest expenses decreased to 783mn/- compared to 814mn/- respectively.

Non-interest income increased to 717mn/- compared to 499mn/- respectively due to increase in fees and commission and foreign exchange dealing and transactions. However, non-interest expenses went up to 2.2bn/- compared with 2.05bn/- due to other operating expenses.

Operating profit increased to 730mn/- during the first half of

this year, compared to 516mn/- while income tax provision amounted to 168mn/- compared with 90mn/- respectively.

Number of employees remained flat at 49 during the reported period, while number of branches also remained unchanged at two.

According to unaudited financial statement, total assets reached 50.2bn/- during the second quarter of this year, compared to 48.5bn/- during the first quarter of this year due to increased lending, other assets, amid decreased cash, balance with BOT and balance with other banks and financial institutions.

The bank's lending to various sectors of the economy increased to 35.7bn/- during the second quarter, compared with 32.6bn/- during the first quarter of this year, while total liabilities amounted to 37.7bn/- against 36.3bn/- respectively, which translated into a capital of 12.5bn/- in Q2, 2023 from 12bn/- in Q1, 2023.

The statement shows the bank recorded the lowest non-interest income of 4.95 percent during

the second quarter of this year, lower than regulatory benchmark of 5 percent, compared with 7.48 percent recorded during the first quarter of this year.

NPL provision slowed to 1.8bn/- during the second quarter from 2.4bn/- in the first quarter, this year.



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LONDON

OIL prices were steady on Tuesday, hovering near three-month highs as signs of tighter supplies and pledges by Chinese authorities to shore up the world's second-biggest economy lifted sentiment, while weaker Western economic data weighed.

Brent futures were down 4 cents, or 0.05 percent, at \$82.70 a barrel by 0823 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was stable at \$78.74.

The crude benchmarks are on track for their fifth weekly gain in a row, with supplies expected to tighten due to output cuts from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies.

Earlier-loading Brent contracts are selling above later loadings, a price structure known as backwardation indicating traders see tight supply, with the six-month spread near a two-and-a-half month high.

## Oil prices steady near 3-month highs



Industry data on US crude inventories is expected at around 2030 GMT. Four analysts polled by Reuters estimated on average that crude inventories fell by about 2 million barrels in the week to July 21. [EIA/S]

In China, the world's second-largest economy and second-biggest oil consumer, leaders pledged to step up economic policy support.

Business activity in the euro zone shrank more than expected in July, a survey showed.

In the US, business activity slowed to a five-month low in July, a closely watched survey showed, but falling input prices and slower hiring indicate the Federal Reserve could be making progress on its bid to reduce inflation.

Sending a bearish signal, a 110,000 barrel-per-day unit at the

huge U.S. refinery in Baton Rouge will be shut for up to four weeks, sources said.

Investors have priced in quarter-point hikes from the Fed and European Central Bank this week, so the focus will be on what Fed Chair Jerome Powell and ECB President Christine Lagarde say about future rate increases. [MKTS/GLOB]



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# SBL spends 12bn/-on millet farming project in Handeni

By Guardian Correspondent

It would have sounded routine merely saying that Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), one of the largest breweries in Tanzania, concluded its fiscal year 2022/2023 this June on a high or optimistic note.

However, it is on record that the 12 months in question saw the brewer spend a whopping 12 billion/- on Tanzanian communities through the purchase of grains.

While that was came to appreciable engagement with the larger society, it is also reported that SBL is now embarking on engaging more smallholder farmers

to provide it with raw materials through an initiative in Handeni District, Tanga Region.

Under the initiative, the brewer has engaged and registered farmers to ensure that they start cultivating millet which the firm will then buy for use in the production of its various brands of beverages.

With the millet farming project in Handeni District, which is slated for implementation next year, SBL will have a total of eight regions from which it will be collecting its raw materials, the coverage of projects having expanded further to Mbeya and Bukoba as well.

Currently, the brewer sources

its raw materials from seven regions: Arusha, Dodoma, Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Singida and Shinyanga.

We have it on good authority that, as part of initial preparations for the project, farmers in Handeni have started to register to take full part in the much-anticipated project.

It has been further learnt that 658 acres (just over 266 hectares) of land has been allocated for the project - which will include demonstration farms.

The project is expected to benefit Handeni farmers while placing top priority to women and youths. It is primarily meant to further cement SBL's commit-

ment to increasing collection of its raw materials from smallholder farmers to 85 per cent of overall requirements for the coming year.

Data from the firm show that this would be equivalent to 13,000 tonnes, as against the current 70 per cent - equivalent to 11,000 tonnes.

SBL's investment in smallholder farmers is part of the brewer's key pillar known as 'Grain to Glass'. In implementing the initiative, the firm works closely with smallholder farmers by sourcing raw materials from the latter and by empowering them economically.

"We have this far engaged a to-

tal of 400 farmers across seven regions where we already have a database of farmers we support and work with," reports SBL communication and sustainability manager Rispa Hatibu.

She elaborates: "For instance, in the just-concluded financial year we have sourced a total of 11,000 tonnes of our overall raw material needs from smallholder farmers within the seven regions already in our database. This is an increment by 70 per cent rise compared to the 65 per cent sourced from them the previous fiscal year."

Speaking of the anticipated millet farming project in Handeni District, Hatibu said

the brewer has been working closely with District Agricultural Officer Yibarila Kamele in identifying prospective areas for the project as well as registering smallholder farmers from across the district for involvement in the anticipated millet farming project.

For his part, Kamele noted: "Initially, we had planned that the farmers start the (millet) cultivation this year. But we feared that this season wouldn't give us the best results."

He added: "Accordingly, I recommended that the implementation of the project start early next year, as that would also give the farmers enough chance to

prepare their farms properly for the project."

Hatibu meanwhile further noted that the brewer would be all the happier increasing its reach of smallholder farmers from the current 400 to 700 by 2025, "which will entail covering more regions, including Kagera, Mbeya and Tanga."

Notably, thanks to SBL's Grain to Glass pillar, the brewer's investments in smallholder farmers entails providing farmers with quality seeds as well equipping them with technical skills to enable them to practise agriculture more efficiently, profitably sustainably.

# Airtel, CRDB partnering to ease school fees payments

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to continuously innovate solutions that add value to their customers, Airtel Tanzania and CRDB Bank have launched yet another convenient payment service for all their customers.

Through a partnership, customers can now pay school fees directly from Airtel money to the respective school.

The service is available for all schools that are banked with CRDB Bank and are issuing control numbers to their parents to enable school fees payments.

Airtel Money and CRDB bank has now fully integrated their platforms to enable parents pay school fees using control numbers provided at the school.

Parents and guardians can now pay school fees conveniently from anywhere, anytime without spending time in long

queues at the bank.

Speaking during the press launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday Airtel Money director Andrew Rugamba said "Using Airtel money, parents and guardians can now pay school fees for their children conveniently. Payment may be full amount or part payment as desired by the parent. Today, over 150 schools are using the CRDB school fees platforms, and these range from primary schools, secondary schools, and institutes of higher learning. All parents should request for the control number for their child's school fees from the school and use this to conveniently pay school fees throughout the year."

"The school fees payment service demonstrate how Airtel Tanzania is dedicated to simplifying payments for its customers in a very affordable manner, while rolling out its digital inclusion strategy, in

line with the national agenda of achieving universal financial inclusion", said Rugamba.

He further elucidated that, for pay school fees option, Airtel customers should dial \*150\*60#, selects 5- Lipa billi; then selects 7- Lipa ada; followed by clicking CRDB benki; then add the control number issued by the school; then enter amount, and confirm the payment.

"Airtel money will continue to provide innovative solutions to Airtel money customers, through partnerships with reputable organisations such as CRDB, that provide value and convenience to our customers," Rugamba noted.

On his part, the head of consumer banking, CRDB Bank Stephen Adili said "as the bank that listens to customers, we saw the need to connect with Airtel which is among the largest telecommunication Company in the



Head of consumer banking, CRDB Bank, Stephen Adili (right), addresses journalists at the launch of the Airtel and CRDB bank joint digital school fees payment service in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on the left are; Airtel Tanzania Public Relations Manager, Jackson Mmbando and Airtel Money director, Andrew Rugamba. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

country to bring a solution of its kind in the matter of digital payment for Tanzanians".

"Today paying school fees through our bank's special control

number will help both Airtel and CRDB bank customers to save time, bring about security- and convenience when paying schools fees. It is our hope that this partnership also

supports sixth phase government agenda of Digital inclusive economy to ensure that financial services become measier and reach more people," he added.

# Russell Bedford announces new Tanzanian member

LONDON

PROFESSIONAL services network, Russell Bedford International, has announced the appointment of Globe Accountancy Services as its new member firm in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Established in 1985 and later restructured as Globe Accountancy Services in 2013, the firm is a partnership of certified public accountants

based Dar es Salaam, the largest city and financial hub of Tanzania.

With three equity partners, supported by a team of professional and administrative staff, the firm provides professional services to the public and private sectors and NGOs, with a strong focus on audit assignments.

Globe Accountancy Services has extensive experience in the fields of financial auditing,

value for money auditing, procurement audits, accounting, tax consultancy, financial and management consultancy, company liquidations, trusteeships, and company registration services.

The firm is registered with the Tanzanian National Board of Accountants and Auditors as a practicing firm of Certified Public Accountants; it is recognised by the National Audit Office, Tanzania for un-



Globe Accountancy Services partner Method Anatoli Kashonda

dertaking audit assignments in the public sector and is authorised by the Bank of Tanzania to provide auditing services to financial institutions.

Speaking about the appointment, Russell Bedford CEO, Stephen Hamlet, said: "It is my pleasure to welcome Globe Accountancy Services as our new member firm in Tanzania. The firm's wide range of services brings a further boost to the network's

capabilities in the African region and offers considerable benefit to clients of our global members who require support in Tanzania."

Globe Accountancy Services partner, Method Anatoli Kashonda, added: "We are delighted to join Russell Bedford International as the network's member in Tanzania. We are confident that by joining this prestigious global network, we will immediately enhance

the breadth of services we can offer to our clients who are seeking international partnerships and support."

Russell Bedford global board director for EMEA, Ricardo Garcia-Nieto Serratos, added: "I look forward to connecting with our new colleagues and explore the many competitive advantages for both them and us as members of the Russell Bedford network."

# Ndegwa family buys an extra NCBA stake

NAIROBI

THE Philip Ndegwa family raised its shareholding in tier-one lender NCBA by 8.25 million shares with a current market value of Sh315.6 million in the first half of this year, deepening their position as the biggest stakeholders in the bank ahead of the Jomo Kenyatta family.

Latest regulatory filings show that the Ndegwa family, through their investment vehicle First Chartered Securities, held 246.15 million shares in the bank as at July 10 - valued at Sh9.41 billion - up from 237.9 million units at the end of December 2022.

This has seen their stake in the lender through the vehicle rise to 14.94 percent from 14.44 percent at the end of last year, with the stake held by the Kenyattas through Enke Investments Limited remaining unchanged at 13.2 percent or 217.49 million units valued at Sh8.32 billion presently.

The Ndegwas' addition to their stake has coincided with a period of gains for the NCBA share at the stock market, where it has outperformed all the other banking stocks over a 12-month period. The counter has recorded a gain of about 60 percent in the period, closing at Sh38.25 per unit on Monday.

The Ndegwas have been bullish on NCBA for decades, investing substantial capital starting

from NIC Group and CBA Group, which were merged in September 2019 to create the Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed financier.

The rise in stake in the first half of this year follows on from the purchase of an additional 31.6 million shares in the lender in the year ended December 2022, which is worth Sh1.2 billion at the bank's current trading share price.

The Ndegwas' increased investment in NCBA also comes as the bank's performance has improved in the wake of the merger which allowed it to build scale in a market where size is a key determinant of the industry's profit distribution.

The bank's earnings, profitability metrics, dividend payouts and market value have all improved, benefitting long-term investors including former shareholders of NIC Group who were allocated a combined 47 percent ownership in the merged entity.

NCBA now has a market value of Sh63 billion compared to the Sh17.7 billion that NIC held in the year ended December 2018 - its last full year of operations before the merger.

In the first quarter of this year, NCBA's net profit rose by 48.5 percent to Sh5.1 billion, from Sh3.4 billion in the corresponding quarter in 2022.

The lender's loan book expanded to Sh287.2 billion from Sh243.9 billion, while its holding of government securities jumped to Sh207.1 billion from Sh194.7 billion.





# US Federal Reserve to resume rate hikes after June pause

WASHINGTON

AFTER taking a breather in June, the Federal Reserve is all but assured to raise interest rates by another 0.25 percent this week with Fed Chair Jay Powell (pictured) expected to leave the door open to additional rate hikes later this year.

A 0.25 percent rate hike would mark the central bank's 11th rate hike in nearly a year and a half and take its benchmark interest rate – the fed funds rate – to a range of 5.25 percent-5.50 percent, a 22-year high.

The Fed's two-day policy meeting will kick off on Tuesday, with the central bank expected to announce its monetary policy decision at 2:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday. A press conference with Powell will begin 30 minutes later.

Data from the CME Group shows traders assigning a 99.8 percent chance of the Fed raising rates by 0.25 percent on Wednesday.

Unlike the Fed's June announcement, this week's decision will not be accompanied by updated economic projections from central bank officials. Those forecasts last month suggested two more rate hikes would be needed in 2023 to bring inflation back to the Fed's 2% target.

Fed officials in recent weeks have reiterated forecasts that this week's rate move will be the beginning of a two-step process to bring rates to their peak.

"Since the June meeting, with another month of data to evaluate lending conditions, I am more confident that the banking turmoil is not going to result in a significant problem for the economy, and I see no reason why the first of two hikes should not occur at our meeting later this month," Fed governor Chris Waller said in a speech on July 13.

Powell also recently made the case for more rate hikes based on the latest economic data.

"If you look at the data over the last quarter, what you see is stronger than expected growth, a tighter than expected labor market, and higher than expected inflation," Powell said during a panel discussion in Portugal at the end of June. "So that tells us that although policy is restrictive, it may not be restrictive enough and it has not been restricted for long enough."

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell attends a meeting at the Spain's Central Bank in Madrid, Spain, Thursday, June 29, 2023. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell says the central bank may have to tighten its oversight of the American financial system after the failure of three large U.S. banks this spring. (AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

"At this point, it is important for the FOMC to follow through on the signal we sent in June," Dallas Fed President Lorie Logan said in a July 6 speech. Logan is a voting member of the FOMC this year.

San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly also said she advocates two more hikes this year.

"I was in favor of slowing the pace off tightening, but



also realizing that we're likely to need a couple more rate hikes over the course of this year to bring inflation down," Daly said during a conversation at the Brookings Institution in Washington earlier this month. "The risks of doing too little outweigh risk of doing too much, but that gap is getting narrower."

Wall Street's mixed outlook Some Wall Street economists, however, expect that Wednesday will mark the end of the Fed's aggressive rate hiking cycle which began in March 2022.

"A run of softer inflation readings over the next few months will convince the FOMC to scrap plans for further tightening be-

yond that, with the Fed's next move likely to be a rate cut next year," Andrew Hunter, deputy chief US economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a note last week.

Earlier this month, inflation data showed consumer prices in June rose at the slowest pace since March 2021 with headline CPI rising 3 percent. On a "core" basis – which strips out the costs of food and gas – inflation rose 4.8 percent over the prior year. The Fed targets 2 percent inflation.

"Core" PCE, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, showed prices rose 4.6 percent over the prior year in May. June PCE data is due out at the end of this week.

Luke Tilley, chief economist at Wilmington Trust, told Yahoo Finance he also sees July marking the end of the Fed's rate hiking campaign. Tilley pointed to inflation that has declined – and in his view will likely come in below the Fed's forecasts in the coming months – with falling rents dragging inflation down sharply in the final quarter of the year.

Given these dynamics, Tilley thinks this week's rate hike will be a step too far.

"I think that the current rate should be the peak," Tilley said. "I actually think that they've sort of gone a little bit more than they needed to."

In contrast, the economics team at Bank of America Global Research led by Michael Gapen expects the Fed to follow its current forecast, raising rates this week and once more before the end of the year even though Powell is likely to downplay the future during his press conference.

"Even though we expect the Fed to retain upward bias to its policy rate path, Powell won't have much to say in the way of how much, if any, and when any additional policy rate hikes may take place," the firm wrote in a client note last week.

"Our view is that the Fed will lift its policy rate by 25bp in September for the last hike of the cycle, but we cannot rule out that the hike comes at the November or December meeting."

## China state banks sell dollars to prop up yuan, sources say

SHANGHAI/BEIJING

CHINA'S major state-owned banks were seen selling US dollars to buy yuan in both onshore and offshore spot markets in early Asian trade on Tuesday, three people with direct knowledge of the matter said, moves aimed at supporting the Chinese currency.

China's state banks usually trade on behalf of the central bank in the country's foreign exchange market, but they could also trade on their own behalf.

The dollar sales come after China's top leaders pledged on Monday to step up policy support for the economy amid a tortuous post-COVID-19 recovery, focusing on boosting domestic demand and signalling more stimulus steps.

Polymakers also said China will keep the yuan exchange rate basically stable at reasonable and balanced levels, and vowed to invigorate the capital market and restore investor confidence.

"It is interesting that the Politburo mentioned FX stability in the conference, for the first time in recent years," analysts at HSBC said in a note.

"This means that smoothing yuan depreciation pressure may become more of a policy priority from now on. This is in line with the People's Bank of China's (PBOC) further tightening of FX policy recently."

China's monetary authorities have ramped up efforts recently to defend a weakening currency. Last week, regulators relaxed rules to allow companies to borrow more overseas while the PBOC has been persistently setting daily midpoint guidance rate firmer than market projections.

The onshore yuan strengthened more than 0.6 percent to a high of 7.141 per dollar and was fetching 7.1541 as of 0314 GMT. It is still down 3.5 percent against the greenback so far this year – one of the worst performing Asian currencies.

Its offshore counterpart followed the strengthening trend and surged to a week high of 7.1475 before being last traded at 7.1542.



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ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
<b>TUESDAY 25 July</b>			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	14:00	Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	14:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
6:00	HABARI	14:55	Habari za saa
6:40	Kumekucha	15:00	Meza huru
7:30	HABARI	16:30	Watoto wetu
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	17:00	Music: The Base
8:55	Habari za saa	18:00	Jiji Letu
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	18:15	Igizo: Mzenge
9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon	18:30	Jarida la wanawake
10:00	Jajina	19:00	Kipindi maalum: BOT
10:25	Habari za saa	19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
10:55	Chetu ni chetu	20:00	Habari
11:00	Habari za saa	21:05	Abu Yako
11:35	Igizo: Mzenge	21:10	Kipindi maalum: Tanesco
11:55	Habari za saa	21:35	Ripoti maalum
12:00	Al Jazeera	22:30	Soap: Uzalo
12:30	Ajya ya jamaa	23:00	Habari
12:55	Habari za saa	23:30	Music: The Base
13:00	Ripoti maalum	00:30	Al Jazeera
13:35	Shikabamba	<b>THURSDAY 27 July</b>	
14:00	Habari za saa	5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo
14:15	Igizo rpt: Slay Queen	5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
14:55	Habari za saa	6:00	HABARI
15:00	Meza Huru	6:40	Kumekucha
16:30	Watoto wetu	7:30	HABARI
17:00	Music: The Base	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
18:00	Jiji Letu	8:55	Habari za saa
18:20	Kipindi Maalum: Siku ya mashujaa	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon	9:30	Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon
20:00	Habari	9:55	Habari za saa
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba	10:00	Watoto wetu
21:30	Chetu ni chetu	10:30	Shamba lulu
22:30	Soap: Uzalo	10:55	Habari za saa
23:30	Music: The Base	11:00	Ripoti maalum rpt
00:30	Al Jazeera	11:55	Habari za saa
<b>WEDNESDAY 26 July</b>			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	12:00	Al Jazeera
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	12:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt
6:00	HABARI	12:55	Habari za saa
6:40	Kumekucha	13:00	Kipindi maalum: NSSF
7:30	HABARI	13:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	14:00	Shamsham za pwani rpt
8:55	Habari za saa	14:15	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	14:55	Habari za saa
9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon	15:00	Meza huru
9:55	Habari za saa	16:30	Watoto wetu
10:00	Watoto wetu	17:00	The Base
10:25	Jungu kuu rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
10:55	Habari za saa	18:15	Mapeshi
11:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt	18:30	Jajina
11:55	Habari za saa	19:00	Usafiri Wako
12:00	Al Jazeera	19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
12:30	DWTV Afrimax rpt	20:00	Habari
12:55	Habari za saa	21:05	Mapeshi
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt	21:15	Jajina
13:55	Habari za saa	21:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
		22:00	Habari
		22:30	Music: The Base
		00:30	Al Jazeera
		<b>FRIDAY 28 July</b>	
		5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo
		5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
		6:00	HABARI
		6:40	Kumekucha
		7:30	HABARI
		8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
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		9:30	Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon
		9:55	Habari za saa
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		11:00	Ripoti maalum rpt
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		12:00	Al Jazeera
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		16:30	Watoto wetu
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		21:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
		22:00	Habari
		22:30	Music: The Base
		00:30	Al Jazeera
		<b>SATURDAY 29 July</b>	
		5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
		6:00	HABARI
		6:40	Kumekucha
		7:00	Habari
		8:00	Al Jazeera
		9:00	Watoto wetu
		10:00	Kipindi maalum: FAO
		10:05	Shika Bamba 5
		10:35	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
		11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
		11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
		12:50	Art and Lifestyle
		13:50	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
		14:50	Igizo: Mzenge
		16:10	Igizo: Slay Queen
		17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
		18:00	Jiji Letu
		18:15	ITV Top 10 rpt
		19:00	Jungu Kuu
		19:30	Shika Bamba
		20:00	Habari
		21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
		21:15	Igizo: Slay Queen
		21:40	Art and Lifestyle
		22:10	ITV Top 10
		22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
		23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt
		00:30	Al Jazeera
		<b>SUNDAY 30 July</b>	
		5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
		6:00	HABARI
		6:40	Kumekucha
		7:00	Habari
		8:00	Al Jazeera
		9:00	Watoto wetu
		10:00	Kipindi maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
		10:05	Shika Bamba 5
		10:35	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
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		11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
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		22:10	ITV Top 10
		22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
		23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt
		00:30	Al Jazeera
		<b>MONDAY 31 July</b>	
		5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
		6:00	HABARI
		6:40	Kumekucha
		7:00	Habari
		8:00	Al Jazeera
		9:00	Watoto wetu
		10:00	Kipindi maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
		10:05	Shika Bamba 5
		10:35	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
		11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
		11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
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		22:10	ITV Top 10
		22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
		23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt
		00:30	Al Jazeera
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		06:00	Al Jazeera
		07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
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		11:30	Al Jazeera
		11:30	Business edition
		12:00	Out and About
		12:30	Our earth
		13:00	Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt
		14:00	Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
		16:00	Tomorrow Today
		16:30	EcoAfrica
		17:00	Dw News Africa rpt
		17:30	Meza huru
		19:00	The Decor rpt
		19:30	Shamba lulu
		20:00	Innovation Rpt
		20:45	The Monday Agenda
		21:30	Capital Prime News
		00:00	Kipima Joto
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		06:00	Al Jazeera
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## WORLD

## Hundreds more own trademarks to new Twitter name 'X'

BILLIONAIRE Elon Musk's decision to rebrand Twitter as X could be complicated legally: companies including Meta and Microsoft already have intellectual property rights to the same letter.

X is so widely used and cited in trademarks that it is a candidate for legal challenges - and the company formerly known as Twitter could face its own issues defending its X brand in the future.

"There's a 100 percent chance that Twitter is going to get sued over this by somebody," said trademark attorney Josh Gerben, who said he counted nearly 900 active US trademark registrations that already cover the letter X in a wide range of industries.

Musk renamed social media network

Twitter as X on Monday and unveiled a new logo for the social media platform, a stylized black-and-white version of the letter.

Owners of trademarks - which protect things like brand names, logos and slogans that identify sources of goods - can claim infringement if other branding would cause consumer confusion. Remedies range from monetary damages to blocking use.

Microsoft since 2003 has owned an X trademark related to communications about its Xbox video-game system. Meta Platforms - whose Threads platform is a new Twitter rival - owns a federal trademark registered in 2019 covering a blue-and-white letter "X" for fields including



software and social media.

Meta and Microsoft likely would not sue unless they feel threatened that Twitter's X encroaches on brand equity they built in the letter, Gerben said.

The three companies did not respond to requests for comment. Meta itself drew intellectual property challenges when it changed its name from Facebook. It faces trademark lawsuits filed last year by investment firm Metacapital and virtual-reality company MetaX, and settled another over its new infinity-symbol logo.

And if Musk succeeds in changing the name, others still could claim 'X' for themselves.

"Given the difficulty in protecting a single letter, especially one as popular commercially as 'X', Twitter's protection is likely to

be confined to very similar graphics to their X logo," said Douglas Masters, a trademark attorney at law firm Loeb & Loeb.

"The logo does not have much distinctive about it, so the protection will be very narrow."

Insider reported earlier that Meta had an X trademark, and lawyer Ed Timberlake tweeted that Microsoft had one as well.

## Even strong Western economies turn into colonies, Russian diplomat says

MOSCOW



EVEN economically strong and developed Western countries have turned into colonies, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Monday.

"Western countries, even strong and developed economies, have become colonies," the diplomat noted, addressing a Russian-African women's forum.

"The most interesting thing is that European Union nations and NATO countries have already become neocolonies. They are economically strong; they have a long history of democratic development, and many have given birth to democratic freedoms in the past.

However, today, they are not just dependent, but they are completely subordinate to the will of their metropolis - that is, the Anglo-Saxon world - in terms of the economy, politics and morality.

However, the world is unwilling to follow the old path, get back on the same old track and repeat the same mistakes," she added.

"We are not only fighting for ourselves; we are fighting for the future of the world, deciding whether it will be a free world or we will return to the colonial past," Zakharova noted.

Still, the diplomat pointed out that Russia and Africa weren't ready to sacrifice freedom for material benefits the way some Western countries did. "Although we appreciate material welfare, there are more important things. Welfare turns against humans when there is no internal freedom, free will, and an understanding of what's good and bad," Zakharova emphasised. **Agencies**

## Network should not be new battlefield for engaging in digital iron curtain, says Wang Yi

JOHANNESBURG

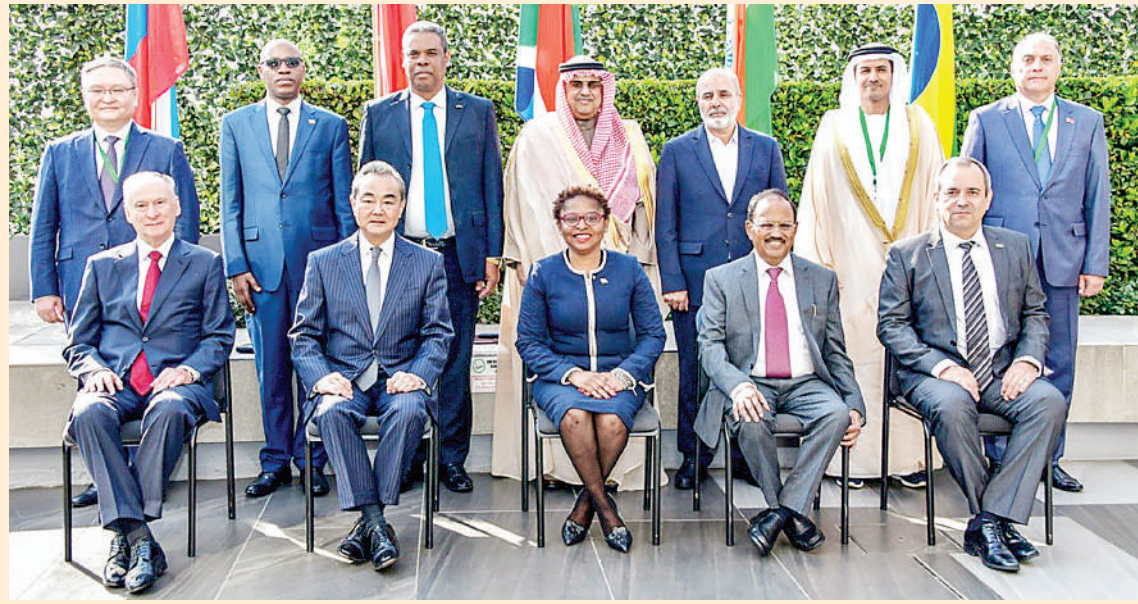
THE network should be a big stage where a hundred flowers bloom, not a new battlefield for engaging in a digital iron curtain, said Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, here on Monday.

Wang, also director of the Office of the CPC Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, made the remarks while attending the 13th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security in Johannesburg, South Africa, which began Monday.

BRICS is an acronym for five emerging economies, including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Wang said that cyber security is an important cornerstone of national security. "In the face of common challenges, we should strengthen strategic communication, clarify the direction of cooperation, and safeguard common interests," he said.

He put forward four suggestions for maintaining network security: Firstly, he called for building a fair and reasonable cyberspace. The future of cyberspace should be jointly created by all countries, and the security of cyberspace should be jointly safeguarded by all countries. It is necessary to practice true multilateralism, support the United Nations in playing a central role in the global governance of cyber-



Wang Yi (2nd L, front), a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the Office of the CPC Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, poses for a photo with the delegates of the 13th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security in Johannesburg, South Africa on Monday. Xinhua

space, fully listen to the legitimate concerns of developing countries, establish fair and reasonable international rules, and improve the democratic and transparent internet governance system.

Secondly, he called for building an open and inclusive cyberspace. The life of the network lies in interconnection, and the core lies in openness.

Cyberspace should be a "big stage" where a variety of flowers bloom, not a "new battlefield" for a digital iron curtain. It is necessary to adhere to fairness and justice,

oppose any form of scientific and technological hegemony and cyber hegemony, and let all parties do their best and get what they need in an open and inclusive cyberspace.

Thirdly, Wang called for building a safe and stable cyberspace. It is necessary to abide by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and respect the network development path and management mode independently chosen by each country, practice the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, advocate the peaceful use of cyberspace, resolutely resist the cyber arms race, oppose attempts to use cyberspace to carry out "color revolutions."

Fourthly, he called for building a vibrant cyberspace, saying it is necessary to coordinate development and security and adhere to "people-oriented" and "intelligence for good" policies to ensure national security and public interests, while seizing digital opportunities, bridging the digital divide, sharing the digital dividend, ensuring openness, security and stability of the global information and communication production and supply chain, to

stimulate the potential and vitality of international cooperation in cyberspace.

Wang Yi also stressed that China attaches great importance to the issue of cyber security by actively participating in global network governance, making China's contribution to maintaining global data and network security. China is willing to strengthen exchanges and deepen cooperation with emerging market countries and developing countries, and make continuous efforts to promote the reform of the global cyber governance system and build a community with a shared future in cyberspace.

The two-day meeting, held under the theme of "Cybersecurity is increasingly becoming a challenge for developing countries," is being attended by Minister in the Presidency of South Africa Khumbuzo Ntshavheni, Chief Adviser of the Presidency of Brazil Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Nikolai Patrushev, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval of India, and representatives of Belarus, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Burundi, the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Cuba and other countries.

All participating parties said that with the rapid development of information and communication technology, the importance of maintaining cyber security has become increasingly prominent. **Xinhua**

## Democratic principles, rule of law remain at centre of Pakistan-US relations -Blinken

WASHINGTON

US Department of State Secretary Antony Blinken and Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had a telephonic conversation yesterday, with the former stressing that democratic principles and respect for the rule of law are at the centre of the US-Pakistan relationship and these values should continue.

"Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke by phone with Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

to reaffirm a productive US-Pakistan partnership," State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller said in a press release. Secretary Blinken stressed that democratic principles and respect for the rule of law are central to the US-Pakistan relationship and these values will continue to guide this partnership forward, the State Department release said.

The democratic values of Pakistan and the condition of the minorities have been a matter of concern as the



Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) also had to step in and launch a fact-finding report on human rights violations, enforced disappearances, economic exclusion, and curbs on press freedom in Balochistan, ARY

News reported last week.

The fact-finding expedition that was carried out in October 2022, the report notes with concern the state's widespread use of enforced disappearances to muzzle dissent, and the extensive presence of paramilitary check-posts, which citizens say has cultivated a climate of fear, particularly in Makran, ARY News reported.

The US Secretary said Pakistani people have suffered tremendously from terrorist

attacks and affirmed the US' commitment to continued partnership with Pakistan on counterterrorism.

Secretary Blinken underscored the US' steadfast commitment to the people of Pakistan, highlighting that the economic success of Pakistan remains a top priority for the United States.

The Secretary noted that the US will continue to engage with Pakistan through technical and development initiatives and through our robust trade and investment

ties.

He also welcomed the International Monetary Fund's approval of a program to support Pakistan and encouraged continued reforms to promote economic recovery and prosperity.

The Secretary and Foreign Minister also discussed the destabilizing effects of Russia's war against Ukraine as well as the United States and Pakistan's shared interest in a peaceful and stable Afghanistan. **ANI**

A national conference on ecological and environmental protection recently held in Beijing received wide attention from international personages.

They hailed China's remarkable achievements made in the building of an ecological civilization, and recognized its firm determination to build a Beautiful China and to keep leading global environment governance on a new journey.

China is the world's largest developing country. The remarkable achievements it has made in ecological civilization construction have inspired the world, contributing Chinese wisdom and solutions to the global ecological civilization construction.

The international community has at-

## Building Beautiful China contributes to global environment governance

tached high importance to China's experiences in building ecological civilization, which calls for both science-based theoretical guidance and unwavering practice.

China has accelerated the green and low-carbon transformation of our development modes, maintained green and low-carbon development as the fundamental solution to ecological and environmental issues, accelerated the formation of green production modes and lifestyles, and laid a green foundation for high-quality development.

Today, the country has established the

world's largest clean power generation system, with the world's largest installed capacity of hydropower, wind power, and solar power.

China focuses on a harmonious coexistence between humanity and nature in planning its development, and is continuously fostering new driving forces and new strengths for development through high-level environmental protection, which sheds light on other countries facing the same tasks of realizing development while protecting the environment.

China keeps up with the times with a global vision. It has assumed its respon-

sibility as a major country, leading in global environment governance.

The country has played an active role in international cooperation. It has deepened its cooperation with other Belt and Road countries and regions on ecological and environmental protection, as well as sustainable development.

China established a South-South cooperation fund on climate change and the Kunming Biodiversity Fund. It also included green development projects in the nine programs of China-Africa cooperation.

Erik Solheim, former executive direc-

tor of the United Nations Environment Programme, noted that the concept of ecological civilization practiced by China mirrors a positive thinking that aims at creating a better world for all.

China's economy and society have entered a stage of high-quality development marked by faster progress in promoting green and low-carbon growth. Its ecological civilization construction is still at a critical phase amid overlapping pressures and heavy burdens.

At the national conference on ecological and environmental protection, Chinese President Xi Jinping systemati-

cally developed strategic plans of building a Beautiful China in an all-round way, which offered fundamental guidance for further strengthening ecological and environmental protection and promoting ecological civilization.

When global environmental governance is still facing various challenges, China is planning its ecological and environmental protection on the new journey from a higher position and with a broader vision and greater endeavors, which will inject new impetus into building a clean and beautiful world and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

People's Daily

## John Kerry on 5-day visit to India

NEW DELHI



UNITED States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry is slated to arrive on a five-day visit to India beginning yesterday, days after returning from China.

During his visit Kerry (pictured) will visit Chennai and Delhi, the US State Department said. In India, Kerry will attend the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers (ECSM) Meeting in Chennai to be held on July 28, the US Department of State said in a statement.

In Delhi, Kerry will meet with senior government officials to advance shared objectives on renewable and clean energy, and climate, the statement read.

"Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry will travel to New Delhi and Chennai, India, July 25-29, to advance shared objectives on climate and clean energy, including mutual efforts to build a platform for investments in renewable energy and storage solutions, support the deployment of zero-emission buses, and diversify clean energy supply chains," the US State Department said.

The third Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting was also under India's G20 Presidency on May 21. The three-day meeting witnessed the participation of 141 delegates from G20 countries and 10 invitee countries. The representatives of 14 international and regional organisations also attended deliberations.

The three priorities outlined for the ECSWG were arresting land degradation, promoting a circular economy and giving impetus to the blue economy. All meetings focused on a specific theme out of these three themes. The third ECSWG focussed on Blue Economy and was supported by two side events - Mega Beach Clean Up Event and the Ocean 20 Dialogue on Day 1 of the meeting.

The primary agenda of the 3rd ECSWG meeting was the detailed discussions on the draft Ministerial Communiqué which entailed constructive discussions and deliberations on priority areas. The meeting ended in a discussion mode on the Communiqué, to be further deliberated upon and refined in the virtual meetings scheduled over the next few weeks, as a run-up to the 4th and final ECSWG meeting to be held in Chennai from July 26-27.

The fourth and final ECSWG meeting would be followed by the ECSM meeting on July 28, which John Kerry would attend.

Previously, emphasising on India's climate commitments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the country has shown leadership in climate action and achieved its non-fossil installed electric capacity target nine years in advance.

In a video message to the G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting in Goa on Saturday, the Prime Minister said India now plans to achieve 50 percent non-fossil installed capacity by the year 2030.

"No talk about the future, sustainability or growth and development can be complete without energy. It impacts development at all levels, from individuals to nations," the Prime Minister said at the meeting that brought together ministers from the countries in the G20 grouping. **ANI**



## Gantz calls Netanyahu govt 'clear and present danger'

TEL AVIV

FORMER Minister of Defence and a current opposition leader in the Knesset Benny Gantz decried Monday's vote to pass part of the government's controversial judicial reforms, calling it a difficult day in which "the State of Israel lost."



Gantz (pictured) said that a majority in the Knesset wants a compromise agreement on the judicial reforms. But the coalition who want this was, "subdued by extremist members of the Knesset who decided to change our identity card, who want to degenerate us into the abyss of hatred, to divide us, to hate each other." "Those who think they won today will soon find out that it was a grave mistake for all of us," he added.

Gantz also commented on the images from the floor of the Knesset before Monday's vote in which Minister of Defence Yoav Gallant could be seen still trying to reach a compromise at the last minute.

"Anyone who has seen the Minister of Defense begging the Minister of Justice [to compromise]," he said, "understands how much the State of Israel needs a responsible adult at this time. This is not how you run a country - Netanyahu failed and this entire government is a resounding failure."

"In front of us is a clear and immediate danger," added Gantz. "The continuation of predatory legislation - the appointment of political judges, escalation, damage to the gatekeepers and the impeachment of the Attorney General. Hundreds of thousands of patriots across the country, who go out and demonstrate - are the strength, and the majority of the Israeli people who want reform by consensus is our strength in the face of this danger."

ANI

## Rwanda calls for joint efforts to safeguard planet's natural heritage

KIGALI

THERE is a need for collective efforts to safeguard the planet's natural heritage, a senior Rwandan official has said.

"Biodiversity is not a luxury. It is the essence of life itself. It is about time that we humans connect nature and climate together," Rwandan Minister of Environment Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya told delegates at an international conference on Sunday in Kigali, the Rwandan capital.

The July 23-27 International Congress for Conservation Biology is being held under the theme "Future is Now: Sustaining Biodiversity for Today and Tomorrow." "Let us join hands to safeguard our planet's natural heritage and forge a sustainable and resilient future where harmony with nature prevails."

Together, we can make a lasting difference," the minister told the gathering, which drew more than 1,000 people from 93 countries.

Participants, including conservation professionals, researchers, policymakers, and students from around the world, convened to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices in conservation biology, according to the Rwandan Ministry of Environment.

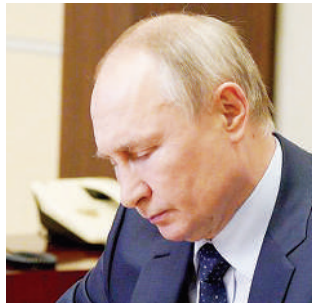
Mwezi Badru Mugerwa, the chair of this year's conference and president of the Society for Conservation Biology, Africa Region, said the forum offered a unique opportunity to host leading conservation scientists and practitioners.

Xinhua

## Putin signs law introducing digital ruble

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has signed a law on the introduction of the digital ruble and the creation of a corresponding electronic platform.



The document is published on the official portal of legal information.

It implies an additional form of the Russian national currency, which will be issued along with existing forms of money. That means that the Russian ruble will have three forms: cash, non-cash and digital.

It will be possible to carry out transactions with the new monetary format using the digital ruble platform - a special information system. Under the law, the Bank of Russia is the operator of the platform.

According to the document, the digital ruble will be used as a means for payments and transfers. The law does not provide for the possibility to open a bank account using digital rubles or to obtain a loan in digital rubles.

Under the law, all persons who are not operators or participants in the digital ruble platform are not allowed to use the phrase "digital ruble platform" or any derivative words and expressions in advertising.

### Inheritance of digital rubles

The document provides for the possibility of bequeathing rights to digital rubles, including through testamentary dispositions. The procedure for issuing such orders will be determined by the Russian government in agreement with the Bank of Russia.

In addition, heirs are given the opportunity to receive digital rubles from the account of the testator to organize his funeral. If there are digital rubles on the account of the testator, the Bank of Russia will be obliged, by order of a notary, to provide them to the heir to pay the relevant expenses.

Agencies

## Texas sued by Biden admin over building water barriers to block migrants crossing border

HOUSTON

THE Joe Biden administration on Monday filed a lawsuit against the state of Texas over deploying water barriers in the Rio Grande aimed to block migrants from crossing into the United States from Mexico.

In the lawsuit, the Department of Justice is asking the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Texas to force the state to remove the existing marine barriers and stop building more in the border river.

The department alleged that Texas and its Republican Governor Greg Abbott violated the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act by building a structure in U.S. water without permission from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The marine barriers "constitute an unauthorized obstruction to the navigable capacity of waters of the United States," according to the lawsuit. "We allege that Texas has flouted federal law by installing a barrier in the Rio Grande without obtaining the required federal authorization," Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta said in a statement.

"This floating barrier poses threats to navigation and public safety and presents humanitarian concerns. Additionally, the presence of the floating barrier has prompted diplomatic protests by Mexico and risks damaging U.S. foreign policy," Gupta continued.

Abbott said earlier on Monday that he would not order the removal of the floating barriers as required by the Justice Department. "Texas will fully utilize our sovereign authority to respond to the border crisis," the governor tweeted.

"The U.S. Constitution grants Texas sovereign authority to protect its borders because the President refuses to enforce federal immigration laws," said Abbott in a letter sent to Biden on Monday in response to the lawsuit.

"Texas will see you in court, Mr. President," the governor announced, highlighting Texas's right to defend its borders. Under the federal law, it's prohibited to create "any obstruction to the navigable capacity of waters of the United States, and ... any structure in such waters without authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers."

In the wake of the end of Title 42 in May, Abbott said his government plans to install a floating water barrier, with the



The screenshot taken from CNN's web streaming shows part of the water barriers deployed by the Texas government in the Rio Grande along the U.S.-Mexico border. (Xinhua)

use of buoys, to deter migrants from crossing the border in heavily trafficked areas of the river.

The first 1,000-foot stretch had been placed by July 7 in Eagle Pass, western Texas, which shares the border with the Mexican city of Piedras Negras.

A canoe and kayaking company based in Texas already filed a lawsuit against the water barrier installation earlier this month.

The governor is facing a separate scrutiny on the treatment of migrants since Texas Department of Public Safety has received

several complaints saying that Texas troopers were told to push back migrants into the Rio Grande and ordered not to give them water in spite of the current cruel heatwave.

The alleged mistreatment has drawn criticism from the White House and a number of Democratic lawmakers, though Abbott's office denied any orders have been given that "would compromise the lives of those attempting to cross the border illegally."

"What you see the governor doing is dangerous and unlawful," White House Press

Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters later on Monday. "The one person that is sowing chaos is Governor Abbott."

That's where he continues to do political stunts in an inhumane way. "The three-term governor has been fiercely slamming Biden's border policy since the first day when the president took office. Xinhua

## Somali city reeling from inflation amid al-Shabab-imposed blockade

MOGADISHU

FOR two weeks, Baidoa, the interim administrative headquarters of Somalia's South-West State, has been under siege amid a blockade of major transport arteries by al-Shabab militants.

The al-Qaida-linked armed group blocked the only major road plying the Somali capital of Mogadishu to Baidoa and the situation has caused a shortage of food and other essential supplies.

The incident occurred after the detention of local teachers by the regional government after they met al-Shabab militants outside Baidoa as the state accused the tutors, including university deans and school principals of being sympathetic to the terrorist network's ideology. In a span of one week, the cost of living has increased, exerting new pressure on ordinary citizens.

Hawa Yarow Issack, a mother of six who runs a small roadside tea shop in Baidoa, urged the local authorities to come up with a lasting solution to the dire economic situation.

"A person like me cannot endure this dire situation for long. Our small-scale businesses rely on road supplies from Mogadishu and if the road blockade continues, our daily bread will evaporate. The government needs to act soon," Yarow said.

Baidoa, a city located in the South-West State of Somalia, hosts an estimated population of 600,000 internally displaced persons, and the al-Shabab set up a blockade, cutting off transport to and from Baidoa, disrupting humanitarian services, threatening the livelihoods of vulnerable civilians.

Residents said the blockade has paralyzed transport and businesses, resulting in price hikes.

Hussein Abdow Alio, another trader who owns a gasoline station in the heart of Baidoa, decried the possibility of



triple inflation in the coming weeks unless there is urgent intervention from the government.

"I used to sell one liter of gasoline for about 1 U.S. dollar, but now it has reached 2.5 dollars per liter. The three-

wheel motorcycle riders and taxi drivers are very worried about the hike in fuel price," Abdow told Xinhua in an interview.

Through a text message to its customers, Baidoa Electric Company said there will

be a change to the 24-hour power supply system in Baidoa caused by insufficient fuel.

"To all Baidoa Electric Company customers, we would like to notify changes made to the supplying hours

of electricity to our consumers. Regarding the shortage of fuel, the operating hours will be from 8 a.m. in the morning to 3 p.m. in the afternoon and also from 6 p.m. evening to 1 a.m., Somali local time, effectively from July 19," the power utility said.

Somali Minister of Livestock, Forestry and Range Hassan Hussein Mohamed said at a recent media briefing that the war against al-Shabab militants will be intensified in the wider Baidoa region.

"There is an ongoing all-out war against al-Shabab. The people of Baidoa should get ready to play their part in eradicating the militants," the official said.

The militants have also blocked a major road in Hudur, the provincial headquarters of the Bakool region in southwestern Somalia, which they have controlled for a decade and where humanitarian aid for vulnerable civilians is always airlifted.

## China's Yunnan sees progress in protecting plant species with extremely small populations

DOES a plant still have value for conservation if there are only a few found surviving in the wild?

For botanists, the answer is definitely yes.

In southwest China's Yunnan province, they seek and protect rare plant species in the wild, introduce and breed the species and then return them to nature. Thanks to more than 10 years of efforts, Yunnan has begun to bear fruit in the protection of plant species with extremely small populations, or PSESP.

The number of wild individuals of magnolia sinica, a species of flowering plant native to the province, has grown to 15,000 from merely six when the species was first discovered.

The Qiaojia pine, or southern laccabark pine, once only had some 30 trees worldwide, but now it has nearly 10,000 seedlings through artificial propagation made by Yunnan.

Besides, Poncirus polyandra endemic to Yunnan, a precious breeding germplasm resource of citrus, had once become extinct in the wild. Now, it has rebuilt its population in its place of origin.

So far, more than 30 such species have been saved from extinction in Yunnan.

Earlier this year, three departments of Yunnan jointly issued a



Photo shows the fruits of Malania oleifera in Guangnan county, southwest China's Yunnan province. File photo

PSESP rescue and protection plan for the period between 2021 and 2030, which included 101 plant species. The plan aims to maintain or increase the populations of all listed species, improve their habitat environment and avoid their extinction, and finally formulate a basically complete rescue and protection system for PSESP.

When the Qiaojia pine was first discovered in the wild in the 1990s, there were only 34 individual plants remained.

In August 2021, a Qiaojia pine grown at Kunming Botanical Garden affiliated to the Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, bore fruits for the first

time. It indicated the preliminary success of the ex-situ conservation of the species. Researchers have waited 12 years for the day.

The protection of plant species always calls for years or even decades of effort and persistence. It takes a long time for ligneous plants to flower and bear fruits after they are relocated for conservation. Magnolia sinica needs 30 years, Acer yangbiense needs eight years, and Quercus sichourensis needs 13 years. Yunnan is one of the global biodiversity hotspots, and a region where wild species are seriously threatened. Rare and endangered plants in the province face common predicaments: narrow distri-

bution, external disturbance, and small numbers of both populations and individuals. Many of them are on the verge of extinction because they are present in a number that's below the minimum viable population.

To save these species, Yunnan proposed the conservation initiative of species with extremely small populations in 2005, and issued a guideline and an emergency action plan for the rescue and protection of those species five years later.

"A species is like a gene pool. PSESP is an extremely valuable gene resource of nature, a potential 'green gold mine,'" said Sun Weibang, researcher with the Kunming Institute of Botany.

Sun, who's the director of a key laboratory for integrative conservation of PSESP under the Kunming Institute of Botany, noted that every species listed as PSESP in Yunnan has a unique protection plan. Based on the features of different species, a comprehensive PSESP protection system has been developed, which covers in-situ conservation, ex-situ conservation, maintenance of germplasm resources, as well as population enhancement, according to Sun.

For more than a decade, Yunnan has implemented over 120 projects of PSESP rescue and protection. So far, the province has set up 30 sites

for PSESP protection, 13 ex-situ conservation bases, and five experimental bases for returning PSESP to nature.

So far, over 100,000 plants of 61 species with extremely small populations have been put under ex-situ conservation. Besides, the province has returned over 30,000 artificially cultivated plants of 16 species with extremely small populations in the wild.

Only through sustainable utilization can PSESP be better protected. Many of these species are of high medicinal and ornamental value, and have great potential for development and utilization.

Malania oleifera, which is rich in nervonic acid, helps the human nervous system absorb nutrition and repair. Thanks to its years of technical research, the Oil Tea Camellia Research Institute of the Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland has lifted the species' survival of transplantation to over 85 percent. Now the institute can cultivate over 2 million seedlings of the species each year.

From basic research to commercialization, Yunnan's Guangnan county is now home to over 1,600 hectares of Malania oleifera, aiming to achieve simultaneous conservation and utilization of the plant.

People's Daily



# SPORT



Female hockey players from Ilala Secondary School (in orange jerseys) face Hockey Queens squad in a 7-a-side showdown's clash at Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park's venue in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Caravans B cricketers step up quest for DC Division B League trophy

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS B cricketers have progressed to the last-eight stage of the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Division B 30 Overs League, having ended second in Group A of the showpiece which saw its round-robin round end recently.

In the Group A tie played at Annadil Burhani oval, Caravans B outfit garnered a comprehensive 75-run victory over Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) B.

Caravans B outfit won the toss, elected to bat, and went on to register 156/10 in 27.4 overs. The top-order performers did all they could to see to it that Caravans B ended with a convincing total.

Openers Abhinlal Vp and Praveen Puthanpurayil had the batting squad getting off to a good start, with the former posting 18 runs and his fellow opener was more menacing as

the cricketer made his way back with 34 runs which included two fours.

Experienced cricketer, Manoj Kumar, had Caravans B seeking to stay in control with his 26 runs, which had the outfit reaching 129 runs in the 22nd over that witnessed the performer making his way back to the crease.

The SKLPSC B's wicketkeeper, Ramesh Dabasiya, curtailed Kumar's resoluteness, performing a catch to dismiss the skipper from Ghanshyam Gondaliya's delivery.

Top-order player Joms Joy had Caravans B keeping on pushing for a better total, having notched 12 runs that included a four.

Caravans B side's quest for an imposing score was, somewhat, weakened in the latter stages as the side's performers made their way back in quick succession.

Nightwatchman, Issa Safari, did his best once he took the crease, recording unbeaten 23 runs which had the Caravans B outfit ending its innings with the triple-digit score.

Niral Hirani had the best bowling figure during the SKLPSC B's bowling stint, having ended his four-over stint with four wickets and giving away 27 runs.

Chasing 157 runs was unexpectedly challenging for SKLPSC B, as the club was, in response, skittled for 81 runs in 20.1 overs.

Low-order batsmen, Ramesh Dabasiya and Gondaliya were so far the SKLPSC B cricketers with two-digit figures in what turned out to be a below-par showing staged by the team.

Dabasiya was the batsman with the most runs having scored 16 runs, his efforts to have SKLPSC stage a fightback were foiled by Caravans B's Jayaraj Malayil that ended the former's spell via leg before wicket.

Gondaliya chipped in with 11 runs and his outfit's score was somewhat boosted by 17 extra runs given away by the Caravans B squad.

The success has had Caravans B outfit garnering second position behind Group A leader, Alaf Aces B, which has also sailed through to the last-eight round.

The round-robin stage had seen the Caravans B outfit notching a victory in three ties and a loss in one, recording a 1.5135 net run rate after posting 475 runs and leaking 428 runs.

## Extremist attacks wounded Paris. Here's why the city turned to the 2024 Olympics to heal

PARIS

FOR the mayor of Paris, the city's journey to next year's Olympic Games included an epiphany born of brutality: the slaughter of 17 people by gunmen acting in the names of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group.

Anne Hidalgo says the 2015 attacks at a provocative satirical newspaper and a kosher Parisian supermarket were "truly fundamental" in steering her to the idea of bringing the Games back to the French capital for the first time since 1924. With the country outraged and hurting from the bloodshed, she saw the Olympics as an opportunity for France to rebound and heal.

"What really scared me at that moment was to hear young people, even children, explain that the terrorists were heroes and that Charlie was guilty of having pushed freedom of expression too far," Hidalgo says, referring to Charlie Hebdo, the newspaper that repeatedly caricatured the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

"I said to myself that things were really, really, really bad, and that we absolutely had to find something that also provides perspective, momentum, to young people, to the country. And the Games can be this unifying moment."

Rarely has that need been more pressing for France, a country that has lurched from crisis to crisis since 2017, when Paris was chosen to host the Games. And seldom have the Olympics been as eagerly anticipated, coming after the global losses and separations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and against the backdrop of war in Ukraine.

The picture-postcard city aims to use its charms to wow audiences, starting with an unprecedented waterborne opening extravaganza on July 26, 2024.

Rioting across France last month, triggered by the fatal police shooting of a teenager in the Paris suburbs, laid bare social, racial and political divides that undercut the image of a confident, can-do France that Games organizers want to project.

Before those six nights of violence, there were also sustained protests this year against President Emmanuel Macron's pension reforms. Taken together, the unrest raised fears of more turbulence during the Games. Also concerning are investigations by French anti-corruption police into the awarding of a small number of Olympic contracts.

Organizers insist they remain on track to deliver safe and inclusive Games that also aim to be greener than ever, in part by using existing or temporary venues instead of building new ones.

With projected spending of 8.8 billion euros (\$9.7 billion), the Games should cost considerably less than Tokyo's \$15.4 billion splurge on the pandemic-delayed 2021 Olympics.

Paris also needs dice to roll its way.

Its Games will be reliant on crowded public transport networks and on transport workers not seizing the golden opportunity to strike for better conditions.

Using Paris monuments as outdoor venues will offer striking visuals. But athletes and spectators could suffer if France endures another of its worsening heat waves.

And the planned opening ceremony for half a million spectators, most watching for free, along the River Seine has eye-popping security needs.

"The image of France is at stake," chief Games organizer Tony Estanguet acknowledged in an exclusive Associated Press interview.

## SPORTS

# TFF can do something, in registering Al Hilal for Mainland Premier League

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THERE are as yet unclear reports that Sudanese top premier league side Al Hilal might be seeking to become part of the Rwanda Premier League owing to current inhospitable conditions back home.

Its proper name is Al Hilal Omdurman, a city on the other side of the Nile River, facing the capital Khartoum, thus basically it is a wing of the capital, and like other professional groups.

There was some explicit report in different directions, one about Al Hilal moving to Rwanda, and another about the coach, Florent Ibenge denying the report that he was moving to Kigali-based APR FC.

Without visiting social media pages, it was not easy to check if the reports about Al Hilal playing in the Rwanda Premier League were merely an offshoot of the APR shift for their head coach.

In a way that could have been a move by APR to obtain his services, which looks somewhat high flung given the fact that a far more endowed club like city giants Young Africans SC (Yanga) failed to retain head coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

The former Yanga coach and Ibenge are comparable in their professional standing, which is otherwise expressed as market value in exclusive Transfer Market terms.

Still, there is a problem with the Sudanese champions as it is entirely out of place to expect a reliable premier league tournament to kick off in Khartoum any time soon, but the coach is still there, and presumably most of the team, which also implies that their sponsors are ready to pursue a premier league challenge if they have some preliminaries okayed, despite that this is somewhat uncommon.

What is regularly done is the club picking a foreign venue for tournament events if their proper city is unsafe, for instance Libyan, and Somali sides in recent years, momentary events. Appearing in another country's league system would be somewhat novel but not out of place.

Were it had not been mooted somewhere as a possible alternative for the giant Sudanese side, possibly no one would come up with that idea, but if some people have already started talking about it, whether in Sudan, Rwanda, or elsewhere, it implies it is something that is already in the air. It is an idea that can be examined not for its pros and cons but rather for its feasibility.



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia.

There are some good starting points for that sort of idea, namely that we are now in a global village where many of us are actual supporters of this or that club in a far-off country, and at times the proximity goes a wee bit too far to show affection.

One day a fairly big group of 'patrons' were watching Manchester City feature in a Premier League clash and, as the young women serving there are at ease with their customers, one of them asked a customer why 'her husband' Foden was not on the line-up!

Those with a traditionalist bent would find that nearly abhorrent but that is soccer.

There are visible cultural reasons why Al Hilal would feel at home in Tanzania, whether in the capital or any big regional center; for once, Rwanda may in diplomatic terms be more inclined to accept a premier league relocation, but it may not be the best choice.

The idea of Al Hilal adding to the top four list of Simba SC, Yanga, 'Al Azam', and Singida Fountain Gate is almost mouth-watering in flavour. By contrast, the Zanzibar league is weaker, and the Rwanda league is relatively so.

When it comes to location, it is easy to find either a spot or two where the side will feel at home in the nearby community, for instance, in the coastal zone, but undoubtedly also in Arusha, as it is multiethnic and accessible from various points in eastern Africa, even from Sudan for that matter.

And admittedly it would add condiments to the premier league to make it even better and competitive, despite that some sort of rule adaptation would be needed regarding continental tournaments the next season.

It is something a bit easier to handle, like having three instead of two slots. All these reasons might not push those in authority to put in feelers in that direction but those in charge of culture and tourism respectively would, if they put the matter to some brainstorming, find it useful in terms of publicity.

There was a time our Foreign Affairs ministry authorities

tried to put in a word on the conflict there but ended with evacuating Tanzanians and some other foreigners stranded there. Indeed this would even be a foreign exchange earner, boosting local tourism.

So from the viewpoint of hypothesis that idea is plausible and worthwhile but it needs some imagination from premier league sides like Simba SC with whom the Omdurman side has a relationship.

The city side can work to build a consensus in the soccer federation so that it can be put across to policymakers, especially if the club sponsors will be able to put their fingers on a business sphere they can with some zeal move to sink in funds.

That would make the prospective stay here of several sponsoring company officials worthwhile, as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) makes several things easier to handle.

## Tanzania's U-19 cricketers lose to Namibia in 2023 ICC U-19 WC Africa Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S U-19 cricketers have opened their campaign in 2023 ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers on the wrong foot, having suffered a 106-run defeat to Namibia at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) on Monday.

The showdown's hosts had earlier shared a point with neighbours Kenya in the first match as the tie was abandoned because of rain.

Namibia U-19 cricketers won the toss and elected to bat in the Monday clash, notching a modest total of 139/10 in the allotted 50 overs.

The batting squad was not that much convincing, much as the opening pair of Johannes Arnoldus De Villiers (13 runs) and Gerhard Johannes Janse Van Rensburg (27 runs) showed elements of resoluteness early on.

Johannes Wilhelm Visagie and Zacheo Rudolf Jansen Van Vuuren chipped in with 10 runs apiece as the Southern African nation's team battled to add runs.

After a drawback that witnessed top-order batsman Frans Hendrik Badenhorst enduring an early exit, Ryan Taylor Moffet took the crease to improve his team's score after recording 19 runs.

Alexander Büsing-Volschenk, slotted in at middle-order, significantly pushed the batting squad's score having posted 39 runs, blasting a boundary and a six during his stay at the crease.

Tanzania U-19 cricket side's bowling unit did all it could to restrict the opponents' score to a modest total after claiming wickets of the rest of the performers.

Shaikh Basha had impressive figures during Tanzania U-19 cricketers' bowling stint, ending his spell with three wickets and giving away five runs in 10 overs.

Augustine Mwamele and Mohamed Simba also played a pivotal role in preventing the Namibia U-19 squad from setting up a challenging target, as the duo



Tanzania's U-19 cricket side's performer bowls against Namibia U-19's side when the two teams took on each other in a 2023 ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers' duel which took place in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Namibia won by 106 runs. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

ended with two wickets apiece.

Mwamele bowled 5.5 overs, giving away 18 runs, and ended with his two wickets, whereas Simba leaked 28 runs in the 7.1 overs he bowled.

Chasing modest 140 runs surprisingly turned out to be a challenging task for Tanzania's U-19 cricket side, given it in response was bowled out for mere 33 runs in 19 overs. The Tanzania U-19 squad batting unit was certainly less impressive, as captain Johnson John was the only batsman to have made his way back with a two-digit figure having posted 11 runs.

Nyambo's resoluteness had the Tanzania U-19 side reaching 32 runs when the promising all-rounder was caught by Namibia U-19 squad's Zacheo Rudolf Jansen Van Vuuren from Peter-Daniel Bignaut's delivery in the 17th over.

The chase experienced a drawback early on as openers Hamza Ally and Acrey Pascal made their way back within the opening over, having failed to withstand the Namibia U-19 squad's bowling attack.

Tanzania U-19 side's wickets kept on falling in quick succession as the Namibia U-19 squad's bowling unit went on a rampage, none of the remainder of the former's batsmen had managed to make his way back with a two-digit figure.

Jack Thomas Brassell led the Namibia U-19 squad's bowling onslaught having taken three wickets giving away six runs in five overs. His bowling exploits won him the Player of the Match prize.

He was ably assisted by Bignaut and Morris Gerhardt Kariata, who took two wickets apiece, in keeping the Tanzania U-19 squad's batting unit in check.

The day also witnessed the Sierra Leone U-19 team commanding a nine-wicket win over the Nigeria U-19 squad at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) venue.

The match, which was also a low-scoring affair, saw the Sierra Leone U-19 squad win the toss and elect to bowl, a decision that paid off as the Nigeria U-19 squad was skittled for 73 runs in 27 overs.

Sierra Leone U-19 cricketers, thereafter, easily mounted a successful chase of the modest target of 74 runs, losing only one wicket in 17.5 overs.

Tanzania's U-19 cricketers were on the verge of qualifying for the previous global showpiece played in the West Indies in 2022 after dictating the pace in the Africa Division One Qualifiers that took place in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2021. Unfortunately, they were pipped to that lone berth by Uganda on net run rate (NRR) after the latter bowled the former out for 51 runs in 26.5 overs on the final day of the qualifiers and proceeded to chase down the target within 11 overs to boost their NRR to 2.128.



## Zambia 'up for challenge' of daunting Spain task

AUCKLAND

ZAMBIA captain Barbra Banda insisted Tuesday her team was up to the daunting task of beating Spain to keep their Women's World Cup dream alive despite being without regular goalkeeper Catherine Musonda.

The Copper Queens were smashed 5-0 by a well-oiled Japan in their opening clash and a second defeat today in Auckland could spell doom.

Should they lose and Japan win or draw against Costa Rica, Zambia's campaign will be over.

"Spain is not a pushover team, we are expecting a tough game but we are up for the challenge," said Banda, who plies her trade with Chinese side Shanghai Shengli.

"We've looked into our mistakes from the previous game and we are just hoping to collect the maximum three points. We started with a loss but that doesn't mean that we have to look down on ourselves," she added.

"We have two more games and are still motivated as a team and encouraging each other that we can still go through to the next round."

To stand any chance against Spain, who comfortably beat Costa Rica 3-0 in their tournament opener, Zambia will need to improve in every department, starting with their leaky defence.

They also need to be more creative up front, failing to produce a single clear chance against Japan despite Banda's undoubted ability as a goalscorer.

Adding to their woes, first-choice goalkeeper Musonda will miss the game after being sent off on the dying stages of the Japan clash, with Eunice Sakala set to replace her.

"In the previous game, we got a lot of experience, Japan was very disciplined and I think we have learned something from that," said Banda. "We are just hoping to implement a good mentality."

Zambia are the lowest-ranked team at the 32-nation tournament and boast one of the youngest

squad.

Meanwhile, Japan are eager to take their performance up a notch against Costa Rica on Wednesday and build on their flying start to the Women's World Cup.

They hit the ground running with an impressive 5-0 thrashing of Zambia in Hamilton and want another barn-storming display in Dunedin against the Costa Ricans, who lost their opening game 3-0 to Spain.

Forward Mina Tanaka said the Japanese team was more relaxed after the win but called for them to raise their game and secure another three points to stay on course for the knock-out stages from Group C.

"Compared to the first match, we're less nervous," Tanaka told reporters Tuesday. "I think we could play better."

The Japanese want more rock-solid defending, having stopped Zambia from getting a single shot on target, but Tanaka said it wasn't as easy as it looked.

"The first match was tough. We still got five goals. They got zero shots. We did it as a team and that is wonderful," she said.

The 29-year-old was relieved to get her first goal of the tournament having had two earlier efforts ruled offside, and keen to cause the Costa Ricans a few more problems.

"I'm glad we got the (three) points, but I want to be more relaxed and contribute more to the team," she added.

Japan head coach Futoshi Ikedo hinted he may rotate the side ahead of their final group match against Spain next Monday in Wellington.

He said his team has grown in confidence, agreeing with Tanaka that there was more to come, but warned against complacency.

"I think we are getting used to the World Cup," he said. "I think we could bring out more too, but we don't want to be too complacent. We don't want to let them hit us when we are not looking."

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## US team liberated after winning equal pay battle: Alex Morgan

AUCKLAND

ALEX Morgan said Tuesday her United States team felt liberated after winning their fight for equal pay and can now focus on pursuing an unprecedented third straight Women's World Cup crown.

One of the best-known players in women's football, the 34-year-old hopes that other national teams will also eventually win their own battles for pay parity.

"Any time you take your focus off playing and what your job is, that is distractions that are unnecessary," the forward told reporters in Auckland.

"So not having distractions like having to fight for equal pay and working conditions moving forward, at all, ever again, it feels really good. I hope that will soon be the case for all of the players around the world at international level."

The US team, led by their highest-profile names like Morgan, Megan Rapinoe and Carli Lloyd, filed a complaint several years ago against the US Soccer Federation alleging wage discrimination.

Their fight eventually led to a landmark collective-bargaining deal that was announced in May 2022 and meant the US men's and women's teams would evenly share World Cup prize money.

Prize money from FIFA is not the same for the Women's World Cup as for the men's.

The total prize pot for this year's tournament in Australia and New Zealand is \$152 million, which is triple the figure from four years ago.

The figure for the men's tournament in Qatar last year was \$440 million, with the United States men's team pocketing \$13 million for reaching the last 16.

Numerous other women's national teams are fighting for the same

conditions, with the Canadians threatening to go on strike earlier this year in a row over pay, funding and contractual issues.

- Rerun of 2019 final -

The US team's triumphant campaign at the World Cup in France in 2019 was played out with that off-field battle looming over them.

Chants of "Equal Pay" rang out from the stands after they beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the final.

"Where we were in 2019 to where we are now is almost the same but also couldn't be more different," said Morgan as she and her team prepare to face the Dutch again on Thursday.

"We were fighting a legal battle off the field and trying to also win over the world's hearts and minds and prove ourselves. This time around we don't have to worry about anything off the field."

"That feels really good and we have to do the work each time we step on the field. US Soccer has done a great job in supporting us and that is not the case with a lot of other federations around the world."

Morgan, appearing at her fourth World Cup, had a penalty saved as the USA began their campaign in New Zealand with a 3-0 win over Vietnam on Saturday.

The Netherlands beat Portugal 1-0 in their first outing in Group E, setting up the rerun of the 2019 final nicely.

"We watched the Netherlands the other night and they have a lot of the same players as when we played them four years ago," Morgan added. "They have a little bit of a different formation but still the same personnel and that is important for team chemistry, so we know we have to be at our best."

"This is going to be a very big match-up."

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# Philippines stun New Zealand for historic first World Cup win

WELLINGTON

THE Philippines claimed a historic first World Cup win yesterday as they stunned co-hosts New Zealand 1-0 thanks to a first-half Sarina Bolden header.

New Zealand created a string of second-half chances and had a goal disallowed but the Philippines held on for a famous win in front of 32,357 in Wellington.

It was the Philippines' first victory at either a men's or women's World Cup and blows Group A wide open.

"I can't believe what we have achieved," said tearful midfielder Sara Eggesvik. "It shows that it's possible to do something big."

New Zealand's final group match is against Switzerland on Sunday, the same day the Philippines face Norway.

"It's so heartbreaking for everyone in this team," said New Zealand's Czech coach Jitka Klimkova. "We played to win and it didn't go our way. We were fighting until the end, but it wasn't enough."

On the eve of the game in Wellington, Philippines coach Alen Stajcic had said they wanted to "crash the party" against a New Zealand side on a high after their opening 1-0 win over Norway.

His unfancied team, beaten 2-0 by Switzerland on their World Cup debut, were as good as their word. They scored the only goal after 24 minutes to stun the home crowd.

After New Zealand conceded a free-kick, Bolden out-jumped the home defence to head the ball at home goalkeeper Victoria Esson, who could only watch in horror as her attempted parry looped over her into the net.

This was a better display from the Philippines - ranked 46th in the world, 20 places below New Zealand - compared to their opening defeat to Switzerland.

In contrast, New Zealand showed lit-



Philippines' forward Sarina Bolden scores against co-hosts New Zealand at the

tle of the self-confidence which carried them past Norway for their first World Cup win at the 16th try.

It could have been 2-0 at the break had Philippines forward Katrina Guillou got her shot on target just before the half-time whistle.

Klimkova threw on Celtic midfielder Olivia Chance and veteran Annalie Longo as the Football Ferns created a number of second-half chances.

Hannah Wilkinson went agonisingly close to equalising but her header flew just over the bar.

Her forward partner Jacqui Hand clattered her shot against the post, then had a headed goal disallowed with 20 minutes left after replays showed the ball went out of play in the build-up. With time running out, New Zealand pushed hard for an equaliser, but failed to find their way past the resolute Philippine defence.

Meanwhile, Linda Caicedo was hailed as "from another planet" after the teenager scored in Colombia's 2-0 win over South Korea to open their Women's World Cup campaign on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old Real Madrid striker,

who overcame cancer three years ago, was the beneficiary of a glaring goal-keeping error against a blunt South Korea.

In bright sunshine in Sydney, Catalina Usme scored a penalty for the South Americans on the half-hour before Caicedo got the second nine minutes later.

South Korea coach Colin Bell brought on United States-born attacker Casey Phair as they chased the game in the second half. At 16 years and 26 days, she made history as the youngest Women's World Cup player ever.

But it was all about Caicedo, and one of the best young attackers in women's football has now scored at the Under-17 World Cup, the Under-20 World Cup and the biggest stage of all.

Assistant Angelo Marsiglia, standing in for Colombia coach Nelson Abadia - who was suspended for the game - called Caicedo "extraordinary" and said she "brings a lot of joy to everyone".

"She has been growing extraordinarily and has a very mature level," he said of the teenager. "She did what she had to do and made the difference. She wants the ball, never hides, she's from

another planet, entirely unique."

Colombia move onto three points in Group H with Germany, who thrashed Morocco 6-0 on Monday. Germany and Colombia meet next.

- 'Phair the future' -

The Koreans actually made the better start in front of just over 24,000 spectators.

A goalbound attempt from Tottenham Hotspur's Cho So-hyun from outside the box deflected wide and then Choe Yu-ri should have scored but fired tamely at the goalkeeper.

Colombia have a reputation for being physical, and with strong backing from their noisy and colourful fans, so it proved.

Defender Manuela Vanegas was booked after only 10 minutes as they struggled to get a foothold.

Colombia, known as "the Powerpuff Girls" and making their third appearance at the World Cup, grew into the game and took the lead after their first proper attack.

Defender Shim Seo-yeon blocked a goalbound shot in the box with her hand and Usme stepped up to stroke the resulting penalty into the net past a wrong-footed Yoon Young-geul.

The goal spurred the South Americans on and they led 2-0 six minutes before halftime thanks to a huge error by Yoon.

Caicedo, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at 15 but went on to make a full recovery, took the ball down the left, cut in and from just outside the box struck the ball with her right foot.

It should have been a simple save for Yoon, but the ball squirmed excruciatingly through her hands and into the net. Bell felt that the penalty was harsh.

"The ball was really well struck - that speed, that (close) distance... I don't know where Shim would put her arms (to avoid the ball)."

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## Kobbie Mainoo is causing a buzz at Manchester United

By James Ducker

MENTION Kobbie Mainoo at Manchester United and it is interesting that some will admit the classy young midfielder is precisely the sort of talent they may have lost to Manchester City a few years ago, when the Old Trafford club's academy was in a state of flux.

While City were chucking millions at their academy and vacuuming up the country's best young players in the process, United's famed youth structure, much like the club as a whole, was not in the best of places.

There was recognition of as much and serious efforts and investment made to get the set-up back on track. That Mainoo was not prised away and is now knocking on the first-team door points to some of the academy's improvements.

None of which means Mainoo is destined for the top, but Alejandro Garnacho is no longer the only academy graduate currently being championed by United manager Erik ten Hag.

The buzz around Mainoo is gradually growing louder and anyone who watched this unassuming 18-year-old in action against Arsenal at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Saturday night will understand why United have little interest in loaning him out next season, despite a clamour of interest from Championship and League One clubs.

There are plenty of teenagers who would have been overawed at the prospect of playing in front of 82,000 people at the home of the New York Giants against a midfield comprising Martin Odegaard, Kai Havertz and £105 million man Declan Rice. But Mainoo not only took it all in his stride, he flourished in the spotlight.

Asked to anchor the midfield, with Bruno Fernandes and Mason Mount either side, Mainoo oozed composure as he dropped into the space between centre-halves Raphaël Varane and Lisandro Martínez to collect possession and help United build up from the back. And his creative instincts and vision were evident in the pass that released Fernandes to score United's first goal in the 2-0 win and again when he drove from deep and clipped a pinpoint 30 yard pass in be-



Kobbie Mainoo showed off his maturity and talent during Manchester United's victory over Arsenal in New Jersey. Agencies

hind for Antony to chase.

United are reluctant to draw too much attention to Mainoo. He had been scheduled to appear alongside Varane, Aaron Wan-Bissaka and Diogo Dalot at a commercial event in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where the squad were staying on the first leg of their US tour, but it was ultimately decided that it was better he sit it out. Yet top players know a talent when they see one and Fernandes was not about to downplay Mainoo's promise when asked about him in the wake of the Arsenal game.

"He's a great player," United's new captain said. "He's good on the ball, strong, he can defend and attack. He's still pretty young but we see a bright future for him."

Some United supporters were surprised to see the club sell Zidane Iqbal and Charlie Savage to Utrecht and Reading respectively this summer but that was in part because Mainoo was

already considered ahead of both players in terms of his development. That Mainoo was preferred against Arsenal to Donny van de Beek, who did not play a minute against Mikel Arteta's side, spoke volumes for how highly Ten Hag rates him and his chances next season are likely to improve further should United cash in on Brazil midfielder Fred this summer.

Bryan Robson, the former United captain and England midfielder, likes what he sees. "He's calculated and he's reading the game, doing things in his own time," Robson said. "He closes down really well, receives the ball and changes the pattern of the game, quickens it up when he wants to and he's using his football brain. I'm quite impressed with him."

Mainoo turned 18 only in mid April but he already has a man's physique and, given the intensity and physicality of the Premier League, that is a valu-

able asset when allied with such natural comfort on the ball and high technical ability. It helps that he has always been "playing up" so to speak. He was playing regularly for the under-18s when just 16 and was the second youngest member of the FA Youth Cup winning team last year when United beat Nottingham Forest 3-1.

United's coaches were impressed with the maturity he showed in EFL Trophy games last season when he coped comfortably with the physicality and aggression of League One teams.

It was on a winter training camp to last December, when Ten Hag took a young squad to Cádiz in Spain when most of his senior stars were at the World Cup in Qatar, that the manager got a much closer look at Mainoo. He liked what he saw and was impressed enough to hand the midfielder a surprise first-team debut, against Charlton Athletic in the Carabao Cup, just two months later. Mainoo has not looked back since.

An England Under-19 international, Mainoo was born and raised in Stockport and played for Cheadle and Gatley Juniors before being spotted by United, where he has been since the age of nine. Eligible to play for Ghana, through his father, Mainoo is known to be a regular visitor to the African country given his family heritage there.

One thing that has struck Ten Hag is Mainoo's calm character. United's academy coaches and technical director Darren Fletcher have long been impressed by Mainoo's attitude and application and it is reassuring for the club that he has such a good head on his shoulders. **THE TELEGRAPH**

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

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Simba SC footballers are pictured engaging in drills in Turkey recently as the club has gone for pre-season preparations for 2023/24 showdowns that include Premier League and CAF Champions League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

## Simba SC to host Power Dynamos on Simba Day

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC will play Zambia Premier League champions, Power Dynamos, in an international friendly match to climax the 'Simba Day' festival in Dar es Salaam on August 6.

The game is slated to take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium where Simba SC usually hosts the annual big event.

Among activities slated for the day, Simba SC will have an opportunity to unveil the full squad set to engage in the 2023/24 season.

Simba SC squad, currently engaging in training in Turkey to prepare for the 2023/24 season, will return to Dar es Salaam on August 1, ready for the Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup, CAF Champions League, and Africa Football League.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Simba SC's Media and Communications Manager Ahmed Ally said plans and preparations for 'Simba Day' have already begun.

The official noted: "We have made good signings to reflect our goals for the season to fulfill the goals we have targeted to win all domestic titles and do well internationally."

Before 'Simba Day', the outfit will host 'Simba Week', a week of social activities undertaken by the outfit's members and supporters across Tanzania.

Ally pointed out: "Simba Week" will be launched on July 29 and its climax is on August 6, events include donating blood and doing social activities to clean hospitals, and markets, we will also have a special day for visiting Simba SC's heroes."

"We will launch 'Simba Week' at the Buza Church area (in Dar es Salaam), it will be on August 1 and we will start in the morning... we want to make a big and historic launch," Ally noted.

"On 'Simba Day', we will play against Zambian champion, Power Dynamos, while artists that will perform in front of our fans are 'Tunda Man', 'Meja Kunta' and 'Whozu'," Ally revealed.

"As the days go by we will continue to announce other artists who will be present on the day," Ally disclosed.

In another development, Ally announced the entrance fees for the international friendly pitting Simba SC against Power Dynamos, adding there will be various entertainment activities before the tie.

Ally revealed: "The club needs money but, at the festival, we need more fans, that's why we are looking for sponsors like CRDB to bring money, we care more about the interests of the club."

The official noted that 'Simba Day' tickets are 200, 000/- (Platinum), VIP A - 40, 000/-, VIP B - 30, 000/-, VIP C - 20, 000/-, Orange seats - 10, 000/- and tickets for each of seats found in the rest of the venue - 5, 000/-.

Simba SC has also planned to introduce and recognize all mountain climbers who carried the outfit's new jerseys for the 2023/24 season to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro for the kits' launch.

The climbers will have a chance to be recognized by fans on the festival day.

## CECAFA cancels 2023 Kagame Cup tourney

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) has announced that the 2023 CECAFA Kagame Cup will not take place.

It should be noted that the regional tournament was canceled for a second successive year by the organizers.

Auka Gecheo, CECAFA Executive Director, stated that the competition meant for top teams in the zone has been canceled because of a busy CAF/FIFA calendar.

"It is unfortunate that once again we shall not have this tournament this year, we had hoped to stage the tournament to also help our teams in the region prepare ahead of the CAF competitions which start next month," Gecheo said.

The last CECAFA Kagame Cup was held in Dar es Salaam in 2021 when Uganda's Express FC beat guest outfit, Nyasa Big Bullets FC from Malawi, 1-0 in the final played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on August 14.

Gecheo also made it clear that the CECAFA U-23 Championship that was meant to take place in Ethiopia will now be played in January next year.

"We have made some adjustments to the calendar as we start with the CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship which kicks off in Tanzania on July 25 (yesterday)," the CECAFA Executive Director noted.

He stated that the CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zone Qualifiers will take place in Uganda from August 12-30, while the CECAFA U-15 Boys Championship has been scheduled for November 4-18 in Uganda.

Kenya will host both the CECAFA U-18 Boys Championship from November 25 to December 9, and the Zonal qualifiers for the Pan African Schools Championship will take place later in December.

The CECAFA Club Championship is a football club tournament organized by CECAFA. It has been known as the Kagame Cup since 2002 when Rwanda's President Paul Kagame began sponsoring the competition. It is contested by clubs found within East and Central Africa.

This year's edition was slated to take place in Sudan but the country has been enduring a period of insecurity due to a civil war, which has rendered it unable to host the showdown.

The 2021 Kagame Cup brought together Burundi's Le Messenger Ngozi FC, Atabara FC of South Sudan, Mainland Tanzania's Azam FC and Yanga, Uganda's KCCA FC and Express FC, Zanzibar's KMKM FC, and guest outfit Nyasa Big Bullets FC of Malawi.

Dar es Salaam's venues of Azam Complex Stadium and Benjamin Mkapa Stadium hosted the two-week tournament, which was the 43rd edition of the annual showdown.

The clubs were placed in two groups, with Group A being made up of Express FC, Nyasa Big Bullets FC, Yanga, and Atabara FC.

Azam FC, KMKM FC, Messenger Ngozi FC, and KCCA FC, which took on each other in the round-robin ties at Azam Complex Stadium, made Group B.

Express FC and Big Bullets FC ended in the top two spots in Group A to secure qualification for the semi-finals, the semi-finalists from Group B were Azam FC and KMKM FC.

In the first semi-final, Express FC commanded a 2-1 victory over KMKM FC to book a place in the final, the second semi-final ended with Big Bullets FC cruising to a 4-2 win over Azam FC in a penalty shootout to progress to the final.

The then Ugandan champion, Express FC, ultimately lifted the 2021 Kagame Cup title with a 1-0 win over the guest club, Big Bullets FC.

## Simba SC, Yanga handed tricky fixtures in 2023/24 CAF Champions League

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S football big guns, Simba SC and Yanga, have been handed tricky assignments for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League, as the Confederation of African Football (CAF) announced fixtures for the coming season's inter-club competitions.

The draws for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League and 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup preliminary stages took place in Cairo, Egypt, yesterday to officially kick off the new inter-club season.

Simba SC will begin its campaign in the CAF Champions League by battling it out in the Second Preliminary round.

The round will see the Msimbazi Street club lock horns with the winner of the First Preliminary Round clash between Zambia's Power Dynamos and Namibian club, African Stars.

Yanga will, in contrast, start in the First Preliminary Round of the premier continental club showdown, in which the Jangwani Street-based club will come up against Djibouti Telecom of Djibouti.

Should Yanga bundle the Djibouti outfit out of the round, the former will, in the Second Preliminary round, lock horns with the winner of the First Preliminary Round clash pitting Republic of the Congo's AS Otohó against Sudan's Al Merreikh SC.

Zanzibar's representatives in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League, KMKM, will as well open their campaign in the First Preliminary Round, confronting Ethiopia's football big gun Saint George.

The winner of the tie pitting KMKM against Saint George is set to have a much tougher challenge in the Second Preliminary round, which will see the winner lock horns with the tournament holders, Egyptian football big gun Al Ahly.

The first leg ties of the premier continental club tournament's fixtures have been slated for August 18-19 and the rematches will be played between August 25-26.

Tanzania's envoys in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup, Mainland Tanzania's Azam FC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC, as well as Zanzibar's JKU, will start their campaign in the First Preliminary Round.



Tanzania's Yanga forward, Fiston Mayele (C), negotiates his way past Algeria's USM Alger defenders Saadi Radouani (R), and Adam Alliet when they faced each other in the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final which took place in Dar es Salaam on May 28. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

The round will see Azam FC confront Ethiopia's Bahir Dar Kenema FC, and Singida Fountain Gate FC make their debut with a tie against compatriots, JKU.

The winner of the Azam FC against Bahir Dar Kenema clash is set to confront Tunisia's Club Africain in the Second Preliminary round.

The winner of the match between Singida Fountain Gate FC and JKU will play against Egypt's Future FC in the Second Preliminary round.

The first-leg matches of the First Preliminary Round will be held on August 20 and the rematches have been slated for August 27.

Fifty-four clubs from 42 Member Associations are engaged in this season's To-

talEnergies CAF Champions League, while 52 clubs representing 41 Member Associations will compete in the TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup.

Accordingly, the 10 highest-ranked clubs in the official clubs ranking, shall be exempted from the First Preliminary round.

The remaining teams were divided into the following, highest-ranked teams/less-ranked teams/ non-ranked teams.

Seven pots were created according to the groups and geographical proximity, there were, therefore, three pots of non-ranked teams and four pots of less-ranked teams.

The exempted teams and the highest-ranked teams were distributed geographically in the fixtures.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



This year's edition was slated to take place in Sudan but the country has been enduring a period of insecurity due to a civil war, which has rendered it unable to host the showdown