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# Zanzibar president mourning late Kibaki

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has extended state condolences to his Kenyan counterpart Uhuru Kenyatta following the death of the country's third phase president, Mwai Kibaki. The late Kibaki will be remembered for his great efforts in strengthening the economy and democracy of Kenya, he stated, in the wake of the death of the third phase president at the age of 90. President Kenyatta confirmed his death in a televised address early yesterday, affirming that the former president took his last breath on Thursday night. In his condolences, Dr Mwinyi said he received the information with shock and great sorrow, noting that Zanzibaris will be with the Kenyan people in prayer during mourning. "The government of Zanzibar and people join Kenyans in this moment where the past national leader has passed away," he said, wishing the late Kibaki eternal rest. President Kenyatta announced that the nation will be in mourning up to the sunset of the day of his interment, with flags flown at half-mast. The flag will be flown at half-mast at State House and all Kenyan diplomatic missions, public buildings and grounds, military bases and Kenyan naval vessels.

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# Cushion civil servants from price hikes - MPs

By Felister Peter, Dodoma



Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Kawala (L), HIV/AIDS coordinator at the Tanzania Police Health Unit, all ready for a Covid-19 vaccine administered moments later by a fellow police officer. This was during the launch of a vaccination campaign targeting the coronavirus disease. It was held at Dar es Salaam's Kilwa Road Police Barracks hospital yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

PARLIAMENTARIANS yesterday urged the government to consider a salary increase in the 2022/2023 financial year to improve the welfare of workers.

Debating 851bn/- budget estimates for the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) for the next financial year, the lawmakers said that a pay rise is relevant amid surging price increases.

Rashid Shangazi (Mlalo) said salary increase is vital for the development of individuals and the country at large.

He said it was high time the government increased civil servants' salaries as they had not been adjusted for around six years, while the cost of living is high for people in low income brackets, declaring that the 41.6trn/- estimates would be adequate to insert public servants' pay rise.

Jane Jerry (Special Seats) said with the rising cost of living, the government should increase salaries for public servants, expressing optimism that President Samia Suluhu Hassan will take action to realize expectations she raised during the International Workers Day last year.

Cecilia Paresso (Special Seats-Chadema) said that civil servants deserve a better working environment and improved welfare, underlining that the promotion of civil servants should be done more frequently.

Saasisha Mafue (Hai) asked the government to consider increasing civil servants' salaries for them to be able to address the rising cost of living.

In her May Day speech last year President Samia announced a reduction in Pay as You Earn (PAYE) charged on salaries by one per cent and scrapped other charges that impinge on the hiring of employees especially in the private sector.

She outlined factors for the government's failure to raise workers' salaries, including the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic which has slowed the country's economic growth from 6.9 per cent to 4.7 per cent.

MPs expressed confidence that the president will take the country to greater heights in relation to good governance and adherence to the rule of law.

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# CAG: NHC not observing Kawe city project accord

By Guardian Reporter

THE Controller and Auditor General (CAG) has identified shortcomings in the development of a commercial centre and satellite city at Kawe, a northern suburb of Dar es Salaam.

CAG Charles Kichere says in his 2020/2021 annual report that the government as the seller and Al Ghurair Investment as the buyer entered into a contract for the sale of plots 697, 709 and 711/1. The transaction price was \$6.5m, with the company seeking to invest in

a five-star hotel, a conference center, shops, offices and luxury homes, but up to the time of the audit the buyer had paid only \$2.05m.

On March 29, 2012, the National Housing Corporation (NHC) entered into a memorandum of understanding with Al Ghurair

Investment LLC to implement a 50 to 50 percent joint venture, in the Kawe Investment Project.

The NHC took steps to form a spe-

# Minister suspends four over dam saga

## Contractor to be arrested to await further proceedings

By Guardian Reporter

WATER minister Jumaa Aweso has ordered the suspension of four officials over delays in construction of a dam at Kwankambala in Handeni District, Tanga Region. A ministerial statement stated yesterday that the decision was reached in the wake of

a tour he made in the district on April 12 where he was informed that the contractor for the project had been paid 602m/- (around 33 per cent of the total envisaged cost) but the job was just 20 per cent done. Video footages of the visit which went viral on social media showed the minister

grilling some officials on why they approved payments while the job was evidently shoddy. The company given the task, namely Civil Loth Enterprises Ltd, removed operating materials from the site despite the contract being extended, the minister was told, and thus directed a review of the

contract as well as suspending four officials, pending investigations. Those suspended Hamisi Matungulu - a supervisor with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) at the ministry's headquarters, Jimmy Mwanyakunga - an accountant at Ruwasa, Amos Mtwewe who is quality control

manager, and Zam Mlimira - the head of procurement at Ruwasa. He similarly directed that the permanent secretary form a committee to investigate causes of the delays, with the contractor facing arrest while further steps are put into motion, the statement added.



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# CAG: NHC is not observing agreement on Dar's Kawe City project

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cial operating company, Uptown Kawe Properties Ltd registered on June 10, 2014, to run the project, with shareholding in the company was agreed to be parity between Al Ghurair and NHC, with the signing of a joint venture accord.

"My audit of the Kawe project implementation progress revealed shortcomings that required government oversight. These shortcomings include non-payment of property purchase costs in accordance with the signed agreement.

"NHC was required to pay \$ 3.25m as part of its 50 per cent ownership and AGI Ghurair Investment LLC would end up paying the remaining \$1.2m, but I found out that by November 2021 both parties had not paid the money," he said.

The CAG cites another shortcoming as delay in the preparation of the Kawe project master plan, where by May 19, 2015, Uptown Kawe Properties Ltd signed a contract with Phils International FCZ consulting firm for preparing a comprehensive Kawe project development plan. The work was expected to be completed within six months.

"I found out that as of June 30, 2021, the consulting company had completed only two of the five stages of developing the comprehensive plan," he said, citing another defect as the construction dispute in Plot No. 711/1 of the project.

The NHC took steps to develop the compound, including two 'Golden Premier Plaza' projects for 71bn/- and the 'Seven Eleven' building priced at 105bn/-, altogether billed to take up 176bn/-, the report noted.

Still, due to financial constraints, the development of these projects was suspended for more than two years; and by 30 June 2021, the completion rate of the 'Golden Premier Plaza' project had reached 43 percent and 'Seven Eleven' work stood at 35 percent, with NHC having spent 57.98bn/-.

"I also noticed that the development of plot No. 711/1 which is part of the Kawe project plots was carried out without the involvement of the Kawe project partner, Al Ghurair Investment LLC, which led to a dispute between the top partners, and how to operate Uptown Ltd.

"I also noticed that the development of plot number 711/1 was done before the completion of the ambitious Kawe project development plan," he stated, airing the view that the delay in implementing the Kawe project was withholding NHC capital that could be invested in other profitable projects.

"Delays also increase project costs by continuing to increase equipment costs and other penalties related to development delays," he cautioned, noting that construction work on plot number 711/1 could lead to legal action against NHC. The crisis could affect the future of NHC ownership of the Kawe project, he pointed out.

"I urge the NHC to involve the government in finding a better way to resolve issues that are delaying the completion of the Kawe project," he added.



Capt (rtd) George Huruma Mkuchika (L), Minister of State in the President's Office (Special Duties), engages in a hearty exchange of greetings with Kongwa legislator and immediate past National Assembly Speaker Job Yustino Ndugai (R, foreground) during one of yesterday's sessions of the House's ongoing Budget meeting in Dodoma city. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Zanzibar president mourning late Kibaki

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"All public officials authorised to have flags on their motorcades--including the president, deputy president, chief justice and diplomats - will not be allowed to fly the national flag on their official motorcade from Friday until Kibaki is buried," the

notification said. The former president will be given a state funeral with full military honours and protocols, the president stated, as Kenyans reflected on Kibaki's leadership, where he ushered in economic reforms and a new constitution. He struggled to tackle widespread corruption, observers noted.

Announcing Kibaki's death, the president recalled his long public service, including being a member of parliament for five decades. "Kibaki was a quintessential patriot whose legacy of civic responsibility will continue to inspire generations of Kenyans long into our future," he said in his nationwide address.

Musalia Mudavadi, who is backing Deputy President William Ruto in the presidential contest, said that Kibaki stood firmly and laid the foundation for the economic fruits that Kenya is experiencing today. Moses Wetangula, who served as minister in Kibaki's cabinet, recalled that Kibaki

had also tried to bring peace to regional hotspots. "As his foreign minister, I ran many missions to stabilize Somalia and other pockets of instability including Congo," he stated.

Kenyan peacekeepers are still serving in southern Somalia despite the country being subjected to periodic terrorist attacks for the campaign against the hardline Al Shabaab group linked with Al Qaeda.



This is the current state of a section of what is meant to develop into a modern commuter bus stand at Mwenge in Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipality but whose construction has stalled for quite some time now. Correspondent Miraji Msala captured the scene yesterday.

## Cushion civil servants from price hikes - MPs

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Kirumbe Ng'enda (Kigoma Urban) said that in her one year in office President Samia has managed to promote the rule of law and good governance, demonstrating adherence to principles of good governance. This was illustrated by her setting free people detained for a long time, including religious leaders, politicians and businessmen, he said, urging the government to reinstate orientation seminars for presidential appointees for effectiveness in the pursuit of delivery of government targets.

Ng'enda was of the view that orientation seminars for senior government officials and presidential appointees will fast track implementation of development projects, as the training fosters the development of individuals and elaboration of tasks at the national level. Ali Kasinge (Kilwa South) called for speedy issuance of pensions for retired members of the civil service, expressing concern on delays by pension funds to process pensions for those who have served the country for a long time.

Hamis Tabasamu (Sengerema), commended the government for its continued efforts to improve service delivery, while urging for a review of the scheme of service for District Administrative Officers (DASs) and divisional officers. Despite the fact that DAS and division officer cadres serve under the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), their responsibilities are located with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments," he stated.

Establishing clinics for handling concerns of retired members of the civil service at regional and district level would also help to sort out difficulties, he added.

## 'Rice warehouse costing 677m/- remains idle since 2017'

By Guardian Reporter

A warehouse for storing rice costing 677.42m/- in Mahiga Village, Kwimba District, Mwanza Region has been abandoned since May 7 2017, the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) has found out.

CAG, Charles Kichere says cited this in his 2020/21 Audit Report tabled in Parliament in Dodoma last week that became open to public scrutiny.

He says the warehouse project was financed by MIVAR at a cost of 617.42m/- and that in 2018 it was installed with a rice milling plant costing 60m/- hence the project's total investment cost was 677.43m/-.

He adds that the aim of the project was to facilitate rice storage for sale at market prices to boost up income to the Council's as well as the community.



**In my opinion, the government directive to suspend the construction of a modern market for Tarime occasioned a loss of 900m/- that could have been collected from the old market**

"The project's high cost notwithstanding, I also discovered the warehouse infrastructures were aban-

doned for a very long period of time due to lack of electricity for running the rice mill.

"During interrogation, it was explained that the project's feasibility studies were carried out by involving several stakeholders including TANESCO via a letter Ref MZA/KDC/M.20/5/58 of 18/07/2017 to assist community development initiatives in rural areas.

"The Council decided to put the project at Mahiga area in order to add value to the Irrigation scheme whose crops production was large.

"I have misgivings with the condition of the infrastructures of the rice warehouse. It is obvious that remaining idle for a long period of time, it value will depreciate through wear and tear.

"I call upon the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government to regard the lack of elec-

tricity at the warehouse as an issue of emergency needing prompt action to enable the warehouse and the mill to operate," says CAG Kichere.

In his Report, he also discovered 900m/- loss of revenue due to the demolition of the Tarime Market.

He says the market is among strategic projects endorsed by the Finance and Planning ministry in FY 2018/19.

He says the agreement for the implementation of the project was signed on February 5 2019 by the Permanent Secretary of the finance ministry and a team from Tarime Town Council led by the Mara Region's Secretariat.

Following the agreement, the old market was demolished to pave way for the building of the new market.

CASG says May 14 2019 the Council entered into agreement - No. LGA/165/2018/2019/S/02 valued at 8.07bn/-.

However, he adds, before the start

of the project, the government suspended all strategic projects in selected local councils whose implementation had not started including Tarime Market project.

"Going through revenue records, I discovered that the Council had an average revenue collection of 300m/- per year from the old market that was demolished, or 900m/- in the period of three years.

"On interrogation, Council officials explained that n300m/- has been allocated in the Council's Budget for 2021/22 and the tender process for the construction of the old market has started.

"In my opinion, the government directive to suspend the construction of a modern market for Tarime occasioned a loss of 900m/- that could have been collected from the old market," said CAG Kichere.





Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa speaks at iftar hosted at Chamwino District's Buigiri centre of the Anglican Church's Diocese of Central Tanganyika on Thursday for children with special needs. Photo: PMO

## Government to distribute motorcycles to ward executive officers countrywide

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Innocent Bashungwa said the government will in the 2023/2024 financial year purchase and distribute motorcycles to ward executive officers (WEOs) countrywide to facilitate their operations.

"We value the contribution of our officers at ward level; we will do the same as what was done to agricultural extension officers. The payment is mandatory, it has to be disbursed on time," he stated.

Bashungwa directed the District Executive Directors (DEDs) to ensure timely payment of a 100,000/- monthly allowances to the WEOs. He urged directors to find ways to pay the money without forcing the officers to travel to their offices.

According to him, the government values petty traders and that it has better plans to ensure they operate their businesses smoothly. He said that construction of 71bn/- Machingas open complex along Bahi road in Dodoma city is a pilot, and that similar structures will be constructed in other cities such as Dar es Salaam, Tanga,

Mwanza, Mbeya, and Arusha.

Bashungwa said efforts are ongoing to construct houses for primary and secondary school teachers especially those working on remoteness areas. He said the plan is to allocate funds for construct the houses in each of the national budgets.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labor, Employment, Youth and the Disabled) Prof Joyce Ndalichako said that from 2018 to March 2022, the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) paid a total of 6.91trn/- in retirement benefits, adding that the government pays pensions amounting to 58.75bn/- each month.

"There are some civil servants who started working in 1999 and they were not contributing to the public service pension's scheme, the government then decided to consider them for pension payments. Hence the delays as they data were not included in the previous payment system." Said Prof Ndalichako.

On verification of retirees, the minister directed PSSSF and National Social Security Fund (NSSF) to ensure the exercise is conducted in a perfect manner that would not require the retirees to travel long distances to the fund's headquarters.

## Govt to conduct nationwide assessment on reserved areas

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is conducting nationwide assessment on all the reserved areas, especially forests reserves to see those that can be returned to village land, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Ndugange told the lawmakers that the government was aware of such areas that no longer qualify to be reserve areas, thus the need to take audit for future land use.

Dr Dugange made the statement in response a supplementary question by the Bunda Rural MP, Mwita Getere (CCM) who had wanted to know what the government doing to ensure that forest reserves that have lost the purpose are returned into village land.

The deputy minister added that some of the said areas are entangled in serious conflicts between villagers and conservation authorities but soon decision shall be made.

Earlier, while raising the main question on behalf of the Geita Rural MP, Joseph Musukuma (CCM); the lawmaker had wanted if the government returns some 8,000 hectares of Rwanda forest reserve in Geita to village land use.

"When shall the government return the land to Geita Rural village land since the reserve forest has outlasted the purpose of being a reserved area?" posed the lawmaker.

In response, the deputy minister said the Ruande forest reserve, established through G.N number 106 of 1956 has a total of 15,550 hectares of forestland under management of Geita district council.

He explained that the forest reserve has been invaded by residents of the surrounding 13 villages who are carrying out farming activities in it.

Dugange told the parliament that the government received request from some two villages of Kagu and Kakubilo, to be given a portion of the forest for farming activities.

"The government is going through the applications and soon a decision will be reached" said the deputy minister.

He noted that a team of eight ministries has traversed through 975 villages between October 05 and 20, 2021 doing a commendable job in solving land disputes and that the team had provided good feedback on the decision by the cabinet on August 07, 2021, prior to the working tour of the villages.

## Minister: State plans to revamp irrigation schemes countrywide

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to revamp all the irrigation schemes across the country in the 2022/2023 financial year with the aim of boosting agricultural production.

In so doing the ministry of agriculture has prioritized budget for that purpose in the new financial year to boost irrigation farming, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde (pictured) made the statement in response to a question asked by Special Seats MP, Riha Kabati (CCM) who had sought to know when the government would look for solutions on challenges facing irrigation farming projects of Mkoga and Kitwiru in Iringa region which she said had stalled.

The deputy minister said the 750 hectors Cherehani Mkoga project and that of Kitwiru with 100 hectares both in Iringa municipality were facing different challenges, among them



dilapidated irrigation infrastructures which were constructed long time ago as well as infrastructures that were affected by floods.

Mavunde told the parliament that through the Irrigation Development Fund the government was continuing with its efforts to look for sources of funding from development partners so as to accomplish different ongoing

projects countrywide including the Mkoga and Kitwiru projects in Iringa region.

Agriculture in Tanzania consumes over 90 percent of water with most of it using inefficient gravity open canal and flooding or basin technologies. These methods lead to up to 45 percent water losses, thus a need for irrigation farming.

According to Mavunde the government was highly prioritizing irrigation farming in the country which he said was better placed to revolutionising the country in terms of food security.

The deputy minister said the government was equally reviewing all irrigation projects countrywide to identify those which had stalled so as to put up measures that would see them operating to expectations.

In the next fiscal year, Mavunde said that the government plans to increase the budget for the National Irrigation Commission so that it can discharge its duties efficiently.



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### JOB OPPORTUNITY - ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE OFFICER

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#### Background:

The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) receives funding for research and training activities in Tanzania, including funding through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs).

UCSF is recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as an Accounting and Finance Officer for our Dar es Salaam office. This is a full-time position with a contract through 29th September 2022 and the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position reports to the Finance and Operations Manager and is expected to start 1 June 2022.

#### Main duties and responsibilities:

The incumbent will be responsible for providing accounting, procurement, payroll and general administration support to programs and projects supported by Global Programs Tanzania. She/he will collaborate with the San Francisco-based Global Programs Operations team to support finance-related activities needs.

Under the supervision of the Finance and Operations Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for the following:

#### Accounting:

- Record and update the register to track payments daily.
- Prepare documentation daily on DocuSign, for approvals.
- Request statements and tax invoices monthly from creditors and perform creditor reconciliations.
- Maintain company petty cash daily.
- Process invoices and prepare payment vouchers and advances while ensuring completeness, accuracy, reasonability and validity.
- Review travel and other advance requests daily and close out the advances monthly.
- Work with HR to coordinate payroll processing and related remittances.
- Input accounting data into the financial management system.
- Review bank account activity daily and generate reconciliations monthly.
- Work with the Finance and Operations Manager to generate monthly financial statements as well as other statements and reports as requested.
- Maintain finance and accounting files for the office.
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- Review all purchase requisitions.
- Verify that all approvals are received, and that purchase conforms to US government funding regulations.
- Support and monitor maintenance of vendor agreements, asset register and inventory of office supplies.

#### Budgeting:

- Participate in budget preparation and cash flow projections.
- Generate budget performance reports and variance reports monthly and on request.

#### Operations:

- Develop and maintain files and reports for inter-office use as required.
- Provide information and assistance to staff as required.
- Assist Finance and Operations Manager with various duties and special assignments.

#### Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting from any recognized institution.
- 3-5 years' experience in accounting, preferably in non-profit and/or PEPFAR organizations.
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**NOTE:** Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.



## World Vision launches essay contest for primary schools across Tanzania

By Correspondent Adela Madyane, Kigoma

WORLD Vision Tanzania yesterday launched an essay competition for primary schools in 12 regions in efforts aimed to provide space for children to air their voices and recommendations that will help fight early marriages and teen pregnancy in the country.

The organisation decided to choose early marriage and teenage pregnancy following huge increase of girls who fail to fulfill their dreams due to early marriages and pregnancies.

Speaking at the event Vincent Kasuga acting manager of World Vision Tanzania said 100,000 pupils from standard five to seven are expected to participate in the competition from school level, 5440 from ward level within 544 primary schools countrywide and that they will organize effectively with the support from local government authorities.

He said, according to United Nations (UN) statistics, Tanzania is among the countries with early pregnancy and early marriage challenges whereas in 2020, three girls out of ten get married before 18 years.

Acting regional education officer David Mwa-

malasi said the issue of school dropout due to different reasons including pregnancy is critical in Kigoma Region whereby in 2020/21, a total of 6123 girls dropped from primary school where 200 girls left due to pregnancy.

He said in 2022 for the period of January to February, 28 children have left school.

Tracing back on the education meeting on March 7, 2022, he said among the raised reasons for the challenge is lack of food to children at school, a reason that makes children suffer from hunger and thus falling into traps of strange people who tend to help them and end up establishing love affairs with them.

"We have tried to reduce the rate of school dropout within the region whereby in 2020 about 8000 pupils dropped school and in 2021 only 6123, we will keep struggling to make sure we rescue the situation by 50 percent during this year," Mwamali said.

Kigoma District Commissioner Easter Mahawe said most affected pupils are of standard six and standard seven and urged religious leaders to continue reminding parents on proper care and issues of morals as currently the society has no fear of God as a result of endless violence acts.



Alpha Ambokile (in black), Kibaha manager of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa), pictured at Boko Mmemela in Coast Region yesterday briefing Mkalambati local government leaders on plans to supply potable tap water to the area. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Telecom unveils new smartphone in country's market outlets

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Mobile Tanzania has partnered with Vivo Mobile Tanzania to unveil the Vivo Y01 a mid-end smartphone in the country's market outlets.

Speaking during the product launch Tigo's device support specialist, Blass Abdon said: "We're excited to partner

with Vivo Mobile Tanzania to introduce the Vivo Y01, a mid-end smartphone that will accelerate digital inclusion in the country. The phone is available in all Tigo shops across the country from today."

"We're steadfast in our aim to accelerate smartphone penetration in the country while ensuring that custom-

ers enjoy the best digital experience via the ultra-fast 4G+ network which is the largest in the country, we're giving away FREE 66GB internet data for the whole year to all customers who purchase the Vivo Y01 smartphone," said Abdon.

"The Vivo Y01 is definitely changing the competition in the smartphone

mobile market, it is gathering momentum and it is definitely not slowing down. We will continue to work hard to ensure that we keep our customers at the forefront of communication in Tanzania. We are committed to keeping you ahead by providing you with the latest technologies along with reliable and superior designs,"

said Shadya Amiry, the Vivo Y01 communications Specialist.

The Vivo Y01 is a thinner and lighter Smartphone compared to other high-end smartphones at the same price range, our phone has the following three key features—a large battery (5000 mAh) with high capacity to keep charge for more than 2 days, a

large screen size of 6.51 inch to scroll less view more and large storage capacity of 32gb.

With new arrangement any customer who will buy Vivo Y01 from Tigo shops or Vivo shops across the country will be granted a free welcome pack from Tigo which contains 66GB of free Internet for the whole year.

## TCB provides 22.3billion/- to 6,327 women countrywide during 2020/21 Financial Year

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) through the women's window provided 22.3bn/- to about 6,327 women in the country during the 2020/21 Financial Year in efforts to widen the capital base in different entrepreneurship projects for women.

Deputy Minister for Trade, Industries and Investment, Exaud Kigahe told the National Assembly yesterday that the government has been consistently empowering women economically through the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC).

"The government introduced the council in order to help citizens especially the special groups with a view to reduce various economic challenges by obtaining concessional loans," he said.

Kigahe was responding to a question posed by Special Seats legislator, Ester Midimu (CCM) who had wanted to know the government's plan to widen base for obtaining capital for women entrepreneurs, apart from the loans that women were getting from the 10per cent loans ought to be provided by local government authorities (LGAs).

RALG provides 10 percent

loans targeting special groups in the ratio of 4percent (women), 4percent (youth) and 2percent goes to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

In his response, Kigahe said that the government established the Tanzania Women's Bank (TWB) specifically to help the country in empowering women. However, he added, in improving service delivery the responsibilities of TWB were transferred to the TPB.

Therefore, Kigahe said, TPB through the women window has continuously been providing loans to women, and, during the 2020/21 financial year, 6,327 women received loans amounting to 22.3bn/-.

In her supplementary question, Midimu requested the government to look on the possibilities of reducing the 10percent interest rate charged to women groups that take loans from LGAs insisting that women were doing great in servicing their loans timely.

The Special Seats lawmaker further wanted the government to look on the possibility of increasing the lending rate of 10percent in all special groups to 15percent in the ration of 7percent (women), 5percent (youth) and 3percent (PWDs).



Tanga Press Club vice chairman Burhan Yakub (L) makes remarks at a media stakeholders meeting on media ethics and freedom of expression held in Tanga city yesterday. He is with Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa (2nd-L), the club's chairperson, Lulu George (2nd-R), and Tanga regional information officer Jamali Zuberi. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Assenga

## RCs tasked to ensure all schools plant shade and fruit trees - govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Mvomero

REGIONAL Commissioners have been tasked to ensure that all schools plant shade and fruit trees according to their environment to fulfill the President Samia Suluhu Hassan's promise she made at the World Environment Summit.

During the summit President Samia pledged that Tanzania will ensure to grow 1.5 billion trees, with each region planting 1.5 million trees annually.

Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG), David Silinde made the call when handing over green flag to the ecological primary and secondary schools in the country.

Silinde (pictured) said that the President Samia's move is meant to ensure that environment conservation is adhered



"By planting shade and fruit trees in schools, teachers must use this opportunity to ensure that they're planted in line with the local environment," the deputy minister said.

He called on Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG), which oversees the Eco School International Programme, to focus on promoting tree planting in arid areas such as Lindi, Mtwara, Shinyanga, Dodoma and Singida regions and promised the government would support them.

"And these 15 schools that performed well and were given flags, 13 primary and two secondary schools in Morogoro and Iringa regions, should make sure they plant trees and protect the environment," he said.

He also lauded the government for providing extra 40bn/- in the next financial year for building new special secondary schools for girls, after the current year building ten schools in ten regions in the country.

He noted that the intention to do so is to ensure

that each region has a special secondary school with form one to six for women where each school costs 4bn/- to complete.

TFCG Executive Director, Charles Meshack noted the global eco-school program, which includes 104 countries around the world, 59,000 schools, 1.4million teachers, more than 20 million students and the country includes 124 schools and four teacher training colleges.

Eco-schools programme was officially introduced at Lusanga primary school in 2016 with the support from the Danish Government through the Danish outdoor council (DOC) and is being executed by TFCG.

The main goal of the programme was to improve the school environment, establishing micro-projects to overcome various challenges facing the school, income, improve academic performance as the eco-school programme motto says "Eco-School is a school that cares environment for sustainable development."



## RUWASA - Kibaha outlines plans to supply water to Kigogo village

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

RURAL Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) in Kibaha District, Coast Region has outlined plans to supply water to Kigogo village to save the lives of people who are using water directly from the Ruvu River.

RUWASA manager in the district Eng. Debora Kanyika explained that there is currently a major project being implemented in Kimaramisale village with two neighborhoods including Kigogo.

Eng. Debora said the water project in the village started in January 2022 and is expected to be completed in July this year at a cost of 498,709,539.89/- Covid-19 funds.

"Through the Kimaramisale Village Water Project, RUWASA will deliver services to Kigogo village to alleviate the current suffering of the people who lack water and are forced to use the water of the Ruvu River," Eng Debora said, adding that currently the construction of a 50,000liter water tank has reached a good stage now and construction is underway.

Eng. Debora said the construction of eight boreholes has been completed and is in the process of being completed, with construction of a mechanical house underway.

According to her, the current obstacle they are facing in the implementation of the project is the rains which sometimes cause contractors to stop with implementation of the project due to road conditions.

When the water project in Kigogo village is accomplished, it will remove the current barrier of people relying on water in the Ruvu River where it was recently reported that six people have been eaten by crocodiles at different times when they went to fetch water.



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Aloyce Kikoi, a corporate social responsibility specialist with NMB Bank Plc, speaks on the importance of financial education during earlier this week's working visit to Kasulu District's Nkundutsi Secondary School - one of the institutions to have received support from bank. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

## CAG: Number of tourist arrivals down in 2020/21

NUMBER of tourist arrivals dropped drastically in 2020/21 where the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) received a total of 511,801 tourists compared to the 1.08 million in 2019/20, according to a report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

In the 2020/21 audit report presented in the parliament last week, CAG Charles Kichere said collections in the tourism sector also went down drastically from 250.97bn/- collected by TANAPA in the year 2019/20 compared to 56.98bn/- collected in 2020/21.

He said that the tourism sector was affected much by the impacts brought

by the Covid-19 pandemic which erupted in 2020.

According to data from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the tourism sector contributes 17.5 percent in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) while also injecting 25 percent of foreign currency.

He said restrictions posed by various nations during the Covid-19 caused a lot of challenges in various sectors and their development.

"Some measures included imposing travel restrictions, quarantine, closing borders or restrictions for passen-

gers entering the country, the need to test for Covid-19 at airports and other checkpoints and many other measures. All these affected the whole industry," he said.

CAG Kichere said such practices significantly affected the movement of people traveling to various parts of the world, including Tanzania.

He said the situation shows a decrease of 193.99bn/- in revenue (77 percent) and drop of 565,589 tourists (52 percent) compared to the previous year.

The CAG further said the Ngorongoro

Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) during that period collected 31.42bn/- from 191,614 tourists while in 2019/20 it collected 143.52bn/- from 609,984 tourists.

The situation shows a decrease of 112. bn/- in revenue at the NCAA (78 percent) and 418,370 tourists (69 percent) in 2020/21 compared to the previous year.

"One of the major effects of Covid-19 pandemic is the decline in the number of tourists visiting national parks and the impact on the tourism industry," he noted.

CAG Kichere urged the government to take robust measures to ensure that health and safety services are given priority in national parks so as to boost tourist confidence.

"These measures should include the availability of adequate sanitation facilities and temporary centres for the isolation of people who will be diagnosed with Covid-19 symptoms," he added.

The CAG also said he had found that there was a delay in establishing a special area for rhino tourism in Serengeti National Park.

He explained that the government

through the Serengeti National Park planned to introduce a special rhino tourism area which was expected to be opened in August 2021.

"The Serengeti National Park has three specialized areas for rhinos which are Moru, Nyamalumbwa and Ndsiata. These areas have other tourist attractions such as Lake Magadi, 'Msumi Stone' and ornaments of the Maasai community," he said.

He added: "My audit found that there were rhino tourism guidelines and fees set for rhino tourism. However, until I completed my audit in November 2021, the special rhino tourism area was yet to be established due to a number of challenges."



In progress on Wednesday is yet another weekly seminar organised by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP), the focus being on ways to boost healthcare for expectant women. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

## Health expert hints on sexually abused victims and policies

IN a move to ensure that victims of sexual abuse are favoured, there was need to mend some country laws so as to save lives associated with unsafe abortion resulting from sexually abused young girls and women.

A health expert and Country Director of Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) Vadamancha Chandrashekar hinted this in Dar es Salaam during an evening Iftar organized by Marie Stopes Tanzania to the Muslim community.

The event brought together their customers from various organizations including banks, corporate companies, insurance firms, the media, telecommunication companies, pharmaceutical industries and many others.

Chandrashekar however noted that despite Tanzania laws restricting abortion, there were some clause that allows such a service to be carried out when the life of the pregnant mother was at risk. "So, it is not entirely true to say that Tanzania restricts abortion because the country is a signatory to the Maputo protocol," he said when responding to a question from our reporter.

The Maputo Protocol provides a comprehensive set of human rights for African women, including their rights to dignity, rights to protect their reproductive health by authorizing medical abortion in cases of sexual assault, rape and incest.

He noted however for the need to ensure that

some laws, policies are mended to ensure that sexually abused victims are favoured and do not proceed into having unsafe abortions which put their lives at risk.

"I think there is need to look at these policies especially with regards to sexually abused victims so that they do not end up going to unsafe abortion, he said and adding even that...issue to do with society beliefs, traditions are also crucial to be put into consideration," he said.

According to him, it was important for young girls in primary schools to be taught sexual reproductive health (SRH), lessons, noting however that such lessons need to consider the girls' age.

In today's world, he said young girls have access to various sources of information from various channels including the social media and so it was important for these young girls to get information from the right source.

"We also need to ensure that the information given to them goes hand in hand with their age and experiences they encounter with regards to their body change," he said.

He pointed out that young girls from the age of 8 to 10 years may be taught on personal hygiene and later menstrual hygiene as they reach the ages of 12 to 15 and as they reach the maturity age in secondary schools and the university level, be taught on

delaying pregnancy.

"Parent and teachers usually do not talk to their young girls about sexual reproductive health, if this information can be disseminated to girls at their appropriate age, it is likely to make a huge difference in their lives," he said.

He acknowledged the government support since the inception of MST in the country some 32 years ago for focusing on sexual reproductive health, family planning and safe abortion saying such collaboration has helped to advance MST services in the country.

"Safe abortions services and sexual reproductive health has saved a lot of lives in Tanzania and we are happy to collaborate with the government and the support we receive in various services that we offer," he said.

## Government to spend 3.033bn/- on construction and rehabilitation of 168 cattle dips in 80 councils

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is to spend a total of 3.033bn/- on construction and rehabilitation of 168 cattle dips in some 80 district council, it has been revealed.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Mashimba Ndaki told the National Assembly yesterday that facilities will be ready by the end of 2021/2022, adding the ongoing works are at advanced stages.

"The will also set-up and renovate several other cattle dips in across the country in effort to help pastoralists and livestock keepers access the service" he said.

The minister was responding to a questions raised by the Singida West MP, Elibariki Kingu (CCM) who had wanted to know when the government would construct cattle dips in Makilawa, Igelansoni, Iyumbu, Ighombwe, Mgunigira and Mwaru wards in Ilungu district.

Minister Ndaki explained that out of the dips under constraints, two have been allocated to Mgunigira and Siuyu wards in the district council.

He said the government was aware of the great demand for cattle dips across the country, adding that it will continue constructing more in the 2022/2023 financial year.

In September, 2021, the minister said Tanzania was facing a shortage of 8,994 plunge dips for cattle, exposing the animals to pests and disease infections.

He told a conference of livestock stakeholders in Dar es Salaam that there were then 2,526 plunge dips across the country which are not enough to cater for the country's 25 million cattle.

Ndaki said about 72 percent of livestock deaths in the country are caused by pests and diseases that can be controlled by dipping them.

The minister said poor livestock dipping services had contributed greatly to increased animal diseases, adding that dipping is the most effective way of controlling ticks on animals.





Up Energy director Anantha Rajagopal (L) makes a presentation a seminar for renewable energy stakeholders, part of the thrust being on the use of improved charcoal stoves, the firm in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Govt appeals to Citibank to fast-track evaluation of Tanzania's credit rating

By Correspondent Benny Mwaipaja, Washington DC

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has called on CitiBank to accelerate the process of evaluating Tanzania's credit rating so as to enable the country to reach out to more international low-cost lending markets.

Dr Nchemba made the call in Washington DC after he met with the bank's management and Mitsubishi Bank of Japan, which also expressed interest in enabling Tanzania to obtain loans that will help implement various development projects in the country.

He said that the government had promised in parliament during the 2021/2022 budget session that Tanzania would be assessed on its ability to borrow and repay debts where he urged Citibank and its partners to complete the work before July this year.

Dr Nchemba said the completion of the exercise will enable the country to access various financial markets around the world and increase investors' confidence to invest in technology and capital in the country.

Zanzibar Minister of State, President's Office, Finance and Planning Saada Mkuya Salum said that their talks with Mitsubishi Bank of Japan

were very successful whereby the bank promised to cooperate with Tanzania by providing soft commercial loans.

She said the loans were aimed at speeding up the implementation of major strategic projects being implemented in the country as well as new projects to be funded so as to accelerate its implementation for the country's development.

Mkuya said Zanzibar was in need of enough funds for the implementation of the blue economy plans as well as the construction of infrastructures that will help accelerate the development of the people including the construction of ports, airports, roads, power supply, strengthening the tourism industry and fisheries issues.

Speaking at the meeting, Citibank chief executive officer Peter Sullivan as well the head of mission of the Mitsubishi Bank of Japan, Christopher Marks, promised to ensure that Tanzania achieves its self-assessment targets but also obtains soft loans to implement various development projects.

Minister Nchemba is leading the Tanzanian delegation to the ongoing winter summits in Washington, DC, where in addition to the regular meetings, the delegation is meeting with various institutions and organizations that are interested in investing in Tanzania.

## Government in talks with two local private fertiliser producers

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

IN efforts to ensure that the availability of fertiliser at affordable price in the country, the government is in talks with two private local producers on how to increase productivity, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde told the lawmakers that there are ongoing discussions between the government and the Min-

jingu Mines and Fertilizers Limited to fine-tune the measures which will facilitate the fertilizer company to increase production from the current 30,000 to 100,000 tonnes of the products every year.

Mavunde said in the august House yesterday when responding to Mbeya Rural MP, Oran Njeza who expressed his dismay over the worrying fertilizer prices which were increasing at an alarming rate. "I would like to know the

government's strategy in stabilizing the prices of fertilizer locally as it increases tremendously in the world market", he said, adding that the situation is not good with Tanzanian farmers.

In his response, the agriculture deputy minister told the National Assembly that during the 2021/22 season, the prices of fertilizer continued rising due to the effects of Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which

have so far contributed to minimal production as well as an increase in raw materials for fertilizer factories.

"Following the ongoing situation, the government has started taking immediate, short and long-term measures to control the hiking of fertilizer prices," said Mavunde.

He named some of the measures as controlling unofficial prices that are orchestrated by unscrupulous business people as well as announcing indica-

tive prices.

Furthermore, the deputy minister said the government continues attracting more investors to put up fertilizer factories in the country in order to reduce the prices of the products.

He said that it was crucial for the government to collaborate with the private sector in efforts to reduce the price of fertilizer in the country.

He gave an example of the ongoing investment by a Bu-

rundi-based company Itracom Fertilizers Limited which is now putting up a mega factory in Dodoma, which upon completion will have the capacity to produce 600,000 tonnes of fertilizer per year.

In January this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa visited the construction site where he backed a plan by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to allow a Burundi-based investor Intracom to build a fertilizer factory in Dodoma demanding

that the plan was appropriate for the development of the country's agriculture sector.

He said the government will oversee the entire construction project to ensure it meets the targets required and subsequently address the shortage of fertilizer among rural farmers.

The Prime Minister expressed optimism that upon the completion of the project Tanzania could end import dependence on fertilizers.



Nipasha newspaper reporter Rahma Suleiman (2nd-L) undergoes malaria screening at Zanzibar's Kidimni Health Centre yesterday. It was during a media tour jointly organised by USAID, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mara RC dissolves funds coordination committee

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

MARA Regional Commissioner Ali Hapi has dissolved the coordination committee of the 5.6bn/- funds issued annually by the mining firm-Barrick North Mara for allegedly failing to supervise well the utilisation of the money.

The funds are issued every year by the firm as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the implementation of various development projects including the construction of dispensaries, health centres, roads, classrooms and water supply in 11 villages surrounding the mine in Tarime District.

He took the decision this week during his meeting with district commissioners and executive directors, officials from the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) and the security and safety committee.

He also halted the release of the 5.6bn/- funds until investigation is conducted on the misuse of the previous funds especially in the projects implemented by money issued in the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

Hapi said initial investigation shows that there was misuse of the funds where

the implemented projects in most areas were below standards.

"I have dissolved the coordination committee CSR funds and I have withheld the issuance of the funds to allow investigation to be conducted in relation to the funds provided by Barrick North Mara mine in the year 2020/21," he said.

According to him, the investigation will evaluate the projects implanted if they met the required standards and those will be found in one way or another engaged to undermine the funds and projects will be subject to severe legal actions.

"We will release the use of 5.6bn/- after having satisfied on which projects the funds will be implemented in a most transparent manner," he said.

Tarime rural MP Mwita Waitara and the district council's chairman Saimon Kles urged the RC to release the 5.6bn/- funds which he had blocked as the situation affects a number of plans and projects that its implementation has delayed and thus hampering development endeavors in the areas especially the communities that were eagerly waiting for the projects.

## WIMA Founder and CEO is named among top female talents in Africa

By Correspondent James Kandoyo

A TANZANIAN founder of Women in Management (WIMA), Naïke Moshi has been announced in the second list of top 100 women CEOs in Africa for 2021.

The announcement was made recently by the Reset Global People in partnership Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) office at the office of President of Ghana and Avance media.

The list features leading African women

CEOs from 2021 African countries heading various organizations that continue to excel under their leadership on the continent and beyond.

Interviewed by The Guardian newspaper, Moshi thanked the organizer for the great honor granted upon her noting that she had never dreamt before.

"I would like to thank the award honored to our institution that came with the initiative to promote and increase visibility for Senior-Level Women in Management," she said.

She said WIMA was established in 2019 purposely to support women in management adding that it has up to date awarded 50 women in 2019, 2021 and 2022 saying that in 2020 there was no award due to Covid-19.

Moshi said in this year's award, women participated from different countries such as Ghana, Nigeria, Jordan, Mozambique, and Dubai, Zimbabwe just to mention the few.

She said the reason behind establishing the WIMA was due to the findings conducted that showed out of 28 companies, only one woman

was at director post.

"We have awarded women in management to recognize their contribution and leadership in the community," she said.

According to her, Tanzanian women should receive the award with two hands to prosper development adding that women should be proud of the President Samia Suluhu Hassan who stands as the icon leader representing other women in management.

Moshi is award-winning founder and CEO of Women in Management Africa (WIMA), an

NGO that aims to increase visibility for women leaders and celebrates their achievements.

Born in 1983, Naïke spent most of her school years in Dar es Salaam then moved to the USA at the age of 18 to join her cousin, who was doing well and making a name for herself.

She expressed that one of the biggest challenges was work/life balance.

She said as a mother of two boys, it could be a challenge to balance work and family as well. I believe this is one of the biggest hindrances women face in their career ladder.



## 300 public relations experts and other stakeholders across Africa to meet in Dar es Salaam next month to promote super professionalism

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 300 public relations experts and other stakeholders from various parts in Africa and abroad are set to meet in Dar es Salaam next month in a conference aimed at promoting professionalism and sectoral cooperation.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, secretary general of the Public Relations Society of Tanzania (PRST) Ndege Makura, said the conference is expected to take place in the city from May 23 to 27 this year, with the aim of raising awareness and strengthening unity within the continent.

He said the conference will also reflect the vision of public relations, provide an opportunity to showcase and advertise tourist attractions and investment so as to stimulate national economic growth.

"The conference will also feature three events including dialogue with university students studying public relations and journalism in general and meeting with both local and foreign academicians," he said.

He added that this is the first meeting to be held in Tanzania which is also expected to be attended by a number of ambassadors representing their countries in Africa. There will also

see participants from Europe and America who have also been confirmed including the President of the International Public Relations Association (IPRA).

Makura said participants will also visit tourism attractions in Zanzibar and other areas.

"We will also have a special day dubbed Tanzania night to showcase Tanzania culture. During the conference also all key public institutions on investment and tourism will be there to market the country's opportunities," he explained.

PRST vice president Mary Kafyone said the association was ready to cooperate with the government in promoting the country's investment opportunities as well as tourist attractions which also supports President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts to reopen the country.

She urged public relations officers from both private and government institutions to participate in the conference and market various investment opportunities available in the country.

"As media and public relations professionals, we have a big role to speak positively about Africa and thus increase the continent's competitiveness globally through various fields, the conference is a big opportunity to market our continent to the World," she added.



Legislators Fred Lowassa (R, Monduli) and Mwanaisha Ulenge (Special Seats) pictured in Dodoma city on Thursday heading for the National Assembly, where the House's marathon Budget meeting is in session. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Don urges higher learning students to be innovative

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

HIGHER learning students have been challenged to be innovative and do research that can have impact in society.

Principal of the Dar es Salaam University College of Education DUCE, Prof. Stephen Maluka threw the challenge

in the city when speaking during the inauguration of the tentative program for the Research and innovation Week (RIW), themed; "Research and innovation for societal impact in Tanzania".

Prof Maluka said that the society has different challenges that are required to be resolved by elites and students are

among of them.

"We've undergraduate and postgraduate students who collaborated with lecturers from different faculties and schools in accomplishment of their project and I can assure you that those project have impacts in our society since it aims at resolving issues that are facing

us at large," he said, adding:

"There are undergraduate students who did research on visually impaired people around the compass and were innovative enough to come up with a project that intended to assist visually impaired people through their movements."

The don stated: "Innovation increases your chances to react to changes and discover new opportunities that also help foster competitive advantage as it allows you to build better products for your customers and be of service to your country." "We're working on making sure that these projects are being

commercialized and legal protected so that when students finish their studies they will have full legal right to enjoy the benefit of work," he remarked.

"The exhibition of these projects here at the campus is to end on and thus I call upon people to come and take a look at what has been done by these students."



ACB Bank managing director Silvest Arumasi (R) graces iftar the bank hosted for its customers in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Morogoro municipality to spend 350 million/- on market overhaul

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO Municipal Council plans to set aside 350m/- from its 2022.23 budget for major refurbishment at the Mawenzi Market to ensure traders conduct their activities in good and safe environment.

Ally Machela, the Municipal Council Director made the pledge before the Regional Commissioner, Martine Shigela during his visit at the main Chef Kingalu Market operated by the Council.

Machela said the Mawenzi Market is very old hence 350m/- will be allocated for major refurbishments to make it more modern.

For his part, the Municipality Mayor, Pascal Kihanga said as for now the Mawenzi Market faces many challenges and called on traders thereof to pay their rents in time to enable its refurbishments.

"In addition, all traders should conduct business inside the market, and not outside," he added.

Kihanga also advised Morogoro Regional officials to allow the Municipality Mayor to use the militia in the market's security activities, including preventing people to conduct business outside the market.

Mawenzi Market Manager, Abdullu Mkwangwa said complaints from traders at the market to sell their goods outside the market were right but the challenge is that some of them with tables

who neither pay tax nor rent.

He added that the traders rent their tables to other people, the situation that make it cumbersome in collecting market rent, and sometimes they are forced to shut their stalls until the rent is paid.

Speaking to the traders and Municipal officials, RC Shigela called on Mawenzi Market authorities to come up with a good procedure for traders at the market.

He said the procedure should enable traders conducting business outside the market to do so inside it in order to collect more revenue for the Municipality.

The RC also instructed Municipal officials to make small improvements at the market to remove present inconveniences due to its lack of concrete floor and roof in some parts that create mud during rains as well as protecting them from the sun.



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## GST set to come up with country's mineral resources potential book

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) is conducting a survey to update geological information and come up with a book indicating the country's minerals resources potential.

Minerals deputy minister Dr Steven Kiruswa said yesterday that upon completion, the document will be shared to citizens at all levels. He said plans are to ensure Tanzanians at village and ward levels get proper information on the availability of minerals at their areas.

"The survey conducted in all the regions in Tanzania mainland spotted areas with various minerals deposits will be mapped and shared," said Dr Kiruswa when responding to a question from Urambo Member of Parliament, Margaret Sitta (CCM).

The legislator wanted to know government measures to assist residents in Urambo District to start benefiting with untapped mineral resources.

The Deputy Minister said the update book on mineral resources to be distributed at dis-

trict, ward and village level will help citizens to make informed decisions before investing in mining activities.

He said that information from GST indicates that Tabora Region has various mineral types including gold, uranium, silver, marble, clay and granite.

Despite the fact that the minerals are in small quantities; the ministry has issued four mining licenses for small scale mining activities. He said three licenses have been granted to miners dealing with minerals used in the

construction industry and one license for gold mining.

Responding to a supplementary question from Special Seats MP, Rita Kabati (CCM), Dr Kiruswa said the government through the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO), Tanzania Mining Commission and GST has come up with program which involves provision of mining education to small scale miners across the country.

"They are not only educated, our officers listen to their challenges and discuss ways to

resolve them," he added.

He said to ensure smooth operations, the government has introduced mineral trading centres at all the mining sites operated by small-scale miners.

There are 28 operational trading hubs in the mineral-rich areas in the country, namely Mwanza, Geita, Chunya, Arusha, Namanga, Singida Sekenke, Dar es Salaam, Kahama, Shinyanga, Ruvuma, Katavi, Tanga, Iringa, Manyara, Singida, Shinyanga, Dodoma, Kigoma, Tabora, Mbeya, Mara, Songwe.



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## Ruby saga a bit disconcerting, but an excellent sequel to 'The Royal Tour'

WORLD gemstone and celebrity circles are abuzz with an expected unveiling in Dubai of a 2.8kg ruby gemstone that the global social media and online affirmations say it comes from Winza village, a now famous ruby mining site in Mpwapwa district, in 'central Tanzania' as the place is described. News of the gemstone and its coming auction, now owned by a resident of California in the United States, has so rattled upper echelons of bureaucracy in Dodoma as to launch a witch hunt as to how the gemstone was taken out of the country in the first place. It is an illustration that mall mining business is hard to control.

While mindful of the definite revenue loss that occurred for the ruby marvel to have been sneaked out of the country without a cent gained in revenue, the more exciting feature is the manner in which the rare gemstone, a ruby of that size, elevates the country's image in the minerals and prospecting industry as a whole. Tanzania has no reason to talk about its tanzanite profile around the world as the gemstone is unique to the country, or so it appears even now, and now ruby seems to be a homely item as well, even if it isn't as unique as tanzanite. Those marketing arrangements are similarly helpful to the country's image.

Had the rare gemstone been ferried for a quiet sale say in Hanover or Geneva, without attracting a well known Hollywood actor to unveil the gemstone as a mark of success of the company auctioning it, the matter would have passed unnoticed. Even locally not many people, say in newsrooms in the city of Dar es

Salaam, are familiar with Winza mining village in Mpwapwa district, save perhaps if one has had some assignment on gemstone business in the country, at some point in the past. The Winza legend as the 2.8kg ruby finding is known in international market circles or social media is an eye opener to many of us too.

There is an expression that 'every cloud has a silver lining,' such that all mining business controls have their soft spots, and by contrast, minerals smuggling can have a bitter-sweet ending as in this instance. The country's authorities are baffled that a gigantic item of that sort oozes through its borders without anyone getting a hint of anything valuable, which implies that practically any amount of minerals can be whisked out on any particular day. At times someone is caught, but events of the sort only help to keep afloat the image of regulatory organisations and law enforcement authorities, to chalk up some pride, etc.

So it is obvious that we can't run away from the fact that the way the huge ruby oozed out of our borders and is now being traded among Hollywood billionaires is an eye opener as well, not really that our law enforcement bodies are inefficient. The point is that Tanzania is vast and with minerals oozing from the ground all over the place, so a good number of people will find ways to sneak out the minerals and avoid taxes, which German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche would say it is 'human, all too human.' The gem's publicity effect on Tanzania's mining potentials is huge, so we must do what is needed to reap from this.

## Educational policy change a must to elevate book reading mentality

A RANGE of activists in the country, especially among book publishers and those who specialize in children's books especially, are likely to spare a moment to reflect, and where possible to meet and exchange recent experiences in that field. The challenges are well known, that despite the prevalence of social media as a means of communication over the past half decade when smart phones became the norm rather than an exception, books, and newspapers, are still vital in cultural life, especially in academic and some spheres of governance, commerce or entertainment. Books are all the same a threatened cultural sphere as nearly everything is on the fingertips, from celebrity rants to documentaries about anything.

One way to mark World Book Day, also known as World Book and Copyright Day or International Day of the Book, is to look at it from our own specific circumstances. The day is an annual event organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to promote reading, publishing and sensitivity to copyright, where this year it falls on Saturday, April 23. It was first celebrated on 23 April in 1995, where a World Book capital city is selected to last for one year, tasked with a programme of activities to celebrate and promote books and reading, thereupon bringing people from many countries.

Looking at the history of World Book Day, one finds that for some reason, Spain in the 1920s to 1930s was the fountain of the wish to celebrate reading as essential part of culture, with the day coming up to honor the birthday of Miguel de Cervantes, a well known writer in the Spanish language. That aspect is likely to raise the problem of language in the celebration of reading as a whole, and local enthusiasts over

the past few months noticed how difficult it is to cross language barriers. A Tanzanian émigré to England, Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah was handed the Nobel Prize for Literature by the Swedish Academy, but as Tanzania isn't part of the routine circulation of novels since the 1980s, few around here had heard of him.

At the same time, there are increasingly loud complaints being made in public even within the corridors of the University of Dar es Salaam that the quality of research and indeed of graduate output, has vastly declined. Academia is realizing these things more than a decade after industry and commerce started to complain that graduates from our college and universities are virtually unemployable in the spheres in which they have trained. The policy response is to task them to employ themselves, in agriculture most likely. It is an admission of failure and not an inspiration for academicians or their undergraduate groups.

While no one has a magic wand about how all these problems can be solved, some aspects can be raised out of hand, that reading basically requires a minimum of free time and cultivating such interest when one is still young. Trying to make sure that every primary and secondary school goer has eight subjects on which to pass a multiple choice exam is to throw reading to the dustbin, and we must admit we have been doing that deliberately because we want the youth to listen to formal authorities, not the public or 'inner voices.' Let us begin by clearing the deck, with only basic subjects taught, with more interactive learning and exams, leaving encyclopedic knowledge to social media, as each pupil and adult have contrasting inclinations on what to read. Pupils and students will then read, cramming won't pay.

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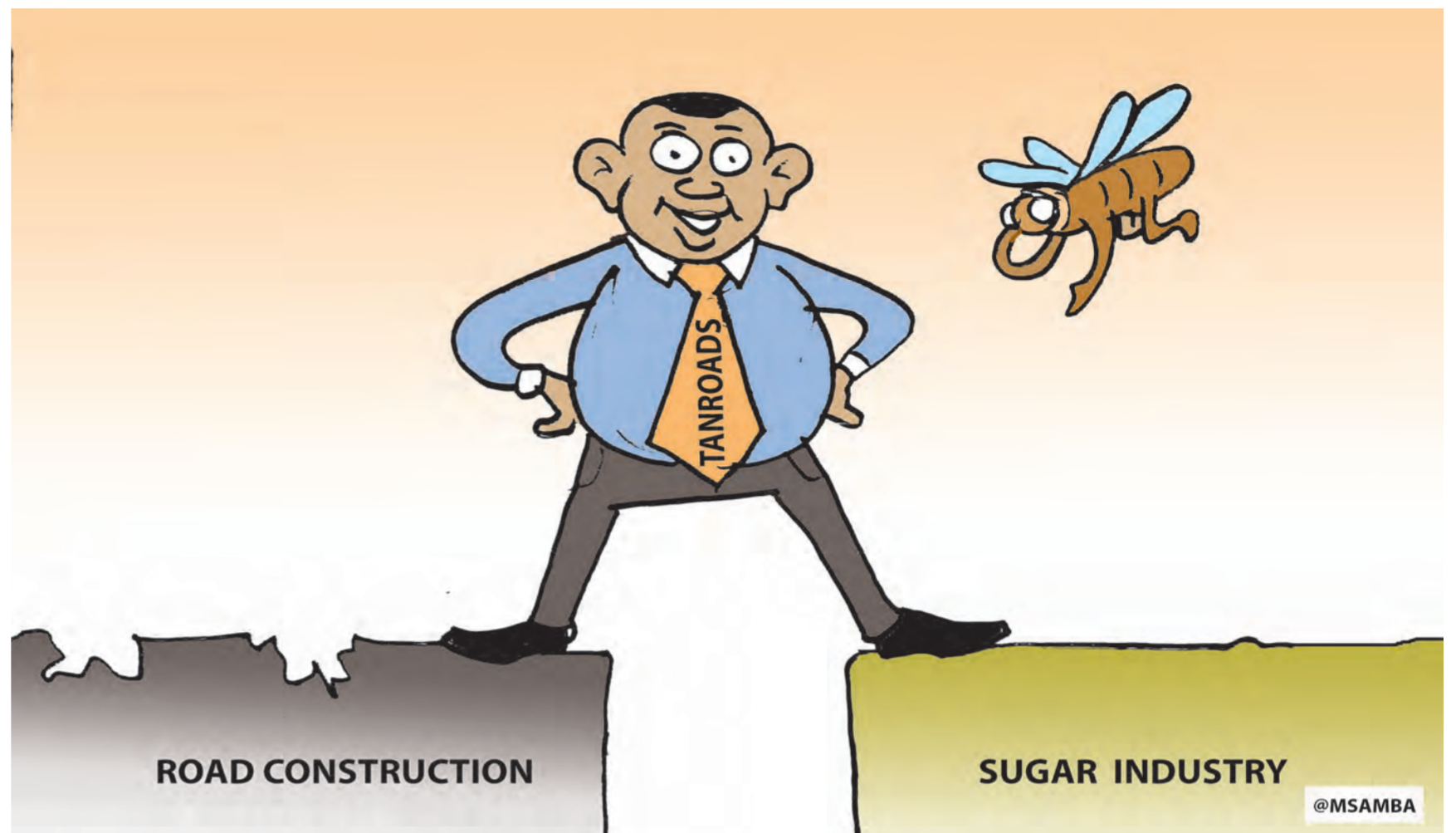
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# Legal changes can resolve miners-farmers disputes

By Donald Nyarota

THE National Peace and Reconciliation Commission, which has to deal with some of the problems and damage when people disagree has come up with a raft of recommendations in its latest annual report.

One major set concern the need to standardise the steps that have to be taken when miners or other investors move into a community.

The disputes between miners and farmers are old and go right back to the days of the British South Africa Company, but with more intensive farming and the conversion of much private land to State land leased out or allocated to individuals the problems can become worse.

Mineral rights in Zimbabwe were first owned by the BSA Company, which acquired them admittedly by deceit and conquest, and were then bought early in the days of the Responsible Government by the Government of Southern Rhodesia in what is generally agreed to have been a first class investment.

But this has always meant that the miner is granted prospecting and mining rights by the State.

The law at the moment dates from 1961, but that was just a rewrite of earlier law, all the way back to the BSA Company days. Under this law the miner has priority over the farmer.

There are some protections, such as miners cannot prospect too close to buildings and are not allowed to dig up crops, but generally the farmer has to deal with someone else on their land. In the days of large title deed farms, the general practice was for the miner to buy out the farmer when there was a major strike on a farm.

The farmer usually got top dollar and more than they would have got on a farm market, simply because the miner wanted to be shot of all comebacks, claims for damages and the like.

With smallholder agriculture built either on communal land or on offer letters for State land this is not longer an option, and the commission has a point that we need to find solutions.

The idea that a valuable mine should have priority over farming is sensible, since a decent mine will produce far more wealth from its few hectares than any farming operation, but in the modern age this means the farmer, if they are to move, needs not just compensation, but also suitable new land for farming.

There are other investment inroads into farming, again making excellent sense nationally and even locally, but requiring people to move. For example if gas and oil condensate is struck in commercially viable quantities in Muzarabani this will be a very big deal for Zimbabwe and for most of the community.

However, a modest number of farmers might have to move. They need to be able to stay near their old homes and have new homes built, and then they are able to benefit with the rest of their community from the new



Farmers perennial conflict with miners over the latter superseding the former, headline a cocktail of reforms in a proposed mining bill to repeal provisions which give mining supremacy over other activities.

jobs, new business opportunities and the like.

There will be need for two sets of negotiations, one with the community as a whole ensuring they get the employment priority and other benefits, and one with the small fraction who have to be given a new farm.

Obviously one approach to legal changes is to have a standard process that can be applied, each point ticked off, so that the farmer is not cheated and can continue farming, even if they have to move.

For practical reasons this means that the new farm, as close as possible to the old and definitely within the same community, needs to be allocated and the new house built before the farmer leaves the old place. It is no longer possible to sell the old place and buy a new farm with the compensation; the new farm needs to physically exist first.

In the old days with more temporary housing and plenty of land moving was not that major an operation. Now a family may have spent a decade building a reasonable house, burning bricks and the like, and cannot suddenly build a new one in a couple of months, especially when they have a farm to run. So new systems are needed.

This can be sorted out reasonably easily. The mining authorities

need to be closely linked to the lands and agriculture authorities once prospecting, which can be carried out on a working farm, moves to production, which will disrupt or end farming activities. Once the farmer can be shown the new land, and has seen the new buildings, they will be less dependent over the switch.

There are now other investments in infrastructure and operations coming up that involve farming, starting with irrigation schemes and plantation crops.

A dam floods someone's home; irrigation plots are generally smaller than ordinary farms because they are so much more productive; plantation schemes can transform an area and a community for the better but need to be agreed.

We have seen in Chiredzi area a first class opportunity for a community with a major investor coming in. Most people just benefit. A few have to move, sometimes just a few hundred metres, but obviously they are nervous. Once they can see, staked out, where they are moving and have seen, why they are still living in their old house, the new house being built, then a lot of fears vanish and they are now in the same boat as the rest of their community, being just the winners.

This agreement is not that difficult. We have examples of where everything worked well, examples of where things worked very badly, and quite a lot of where things were not a disaster but could, with very little extra effort and money, have worked rather well. We need to put together all the best practice into a standard operating procedure that can be easily costed and easily applied.

This makes it better for the miner or investor as well. If a major mining company knows that along with the 100 plus houses and other development they need to put in place for their own operation they also have to build half a dozen new houses for the displaced farming families, this is something simple and a small fraction of the total project cost.

Even if it is just a small mine, the cost of building one new farm house to get exclusive access to a small farm to convert into a mining operation is trivial compared to the difficulties that could otherwise open up.

The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission is moving from the theory of how we all need to be at peace with one another to the practical steps that are needed for that to happen, and there suggestions for legal changes make a great deal of sense.



# We have abundant water on earth but not enough for everyone to drink

By Chaitra Chatterjee

SOME of us read *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* by Samuel Coleridge in a literature class at one time or another. In one verse, the famous English poet describes a thirsty sailor surrounded by an abundance of water which is, of course, undrinkable!

Just like the famous line in the poem goes: 'Water, water everywhere...but not a drop to drink,' water is all around us but is often not clean or safe enough for us to drink.

Water is a precious resource. We can't live without it, at least not for very long. It is one of the things that are more and more defining the future of communities and even nations worldwide.

The lack of clean and safe water is a global problem, which, if unaddressed, will lead to an unsustainable future as the global population increases from 7.5 billion today to a predicted 9 billion by 2050. Armed conflicts break out over water rights. Countries and communities constantly struggle with ways to ensure good water sources and quality for their inhabitants.

The world today lives in an abundance of water but the fact is, very little of it is drinkable. Our bodies are comprised of two thirds water and 71 per cent of the earth's surface is covered with water.

However, 97 per cent of the world's water is ocean water or salty. Not only is over 97 per cent of the world's water salty, another 2 per cent of freshwater is locked up in glaciers and polar icecaps. This leaves about 0.62 per cent in groundwater, 0.0009 per cent in freshwater lakes and reservoirs and 0.0001 per cent in the world's rivers.

Research published in *Science Advances* on water scarcity by Prof Hoekstra and Dr Mesfin Mekonnen, researchers from University of Twente, Netherlands, reveals that as many as four billion people worldwide live under water scarcity for at least one month of the year. Their research shows that the earlier estimates did not capture the monthly variability of water scarcity and that the number of people affected by severe water scarcity is much higher.

Of these four billion, 37 countries are affected in the entire population while 97 countries have over half the population affected. Most of the countries affected are in Asia, South America and Africa. India, China, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Nigeria, Pakistan, Australia, Egypt and Sudan suffer the most from water crisis.



Although water is abundant in Tanzania and the rest of Sub-Saharan Africa, the shortage is caused mainly by economic scarcity which refers insufficient investment in infrastructure or technology to draw water from sources such as lakes, rivers and aquifers. Photo courtesy of the internet

Water scarcity in Africa is predicted to reach dangerously high levels by 2025. It is estimated that about two thirds of the world's population may suffer from fresh water shortage by 2025. The main causes of water scarcity in Africa are physical and economic scarcity.

But what is physical and economic scarcity? Physical water crisis is when there is not enough water to meet all demands, including that needed for ecosystems to function effectively. Arid areas such as Central and West Asia and North Africa often suffer from physical water scarcity.

On the other hand, economic water scarcity is caused by a lack of investment in infrastructure or technology to draw water from lakes, rivers, aquifers and other water

sources or insufficient human capacity to satisfy the demand for water.

Much of the Sub-Saharan Africa where we are is characterized by economic water scarcity. Although Sub-Saharan Africa has a plentiful supply of rainwater, it is seasonal and unevenly distributed, leading to frequent floods and droughts.

So, rapid population growth and climate change are the reasons for Africa's water scarcity. Not only North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa facing water crisis in general but Tanzania in particular is also facing the same problem.

I recently visited Mwamanongu village in Meatu District, Shinyanga Region and met the reality in most rural

areas: water comes from open holes dug in the sand within dry river beds and is possibly contaminated.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa water scarcity emphasizes the need to invest in the development of Africa's potential water resources to reduce unnecessary suffering, ensure food security and protect economic gains by effectively managing droughts, floods and desertification.

Ongoing efforts to achieve this include an emphasis on infrastructural implementations and improvements of wells, rainwater catchment systems and investment in clean water storage tanks.

Not only Africa, water crisis in India that affects hundreds of millions of people each year. In addition to affecting the huge rural and urban population, the water crisis in India also extensively affects the ecosystem and agriculture.

India has only 4 per cent of the freshwater resources despite a population of over 1.3 billion people. Water crisis in India also results from drying up of rivers and their reservoirs in the summer months, right before the onset of the monsoons throughout the country.

The crisis has especially worsened in the recent years due to climate change which results in delayed monsoons. Other factors attributed to the shortage of water in India are a lack of proper infrastructure and government oversight and unchecked water pollution.

Several large cities of India have experienced water shortages in recent years necessitating closure of several key services. Chennai is the most recent where in 2019 the shortage of water affected the entire city of 9 million people and resulted in the closure of several hotels, restaurants and many other businesses.

According to a report by the National Institution for transforming India, at least 21 Indian cities, including the capital New Delhi, will completely run out of ground water by 2020. The report also notes that approximately 200,000 people die in India each year due to lack of access to safe drinking water.

The acute shortage of water for daily needs has prompted the government there and non-government organizations to take measures to combat the problem.

The government has insisted on techniques such as rainwater harvesting, water conservation and more efficient irrigation. Agriculture alone is responsible for 80 per cent of water usage.

## UN Resolution 2758 brooks no misrepresentation

By Fu Zhu

IN 1971, the 26th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution 2758, which recognized the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) as "the only lawful representatives of China to the United Nations".

The Resolution has not only solved the question of the representation of China in the UN, but acknowledged that Taiwan is part of China, reaffirming the one-China principle in international law.

However, some think tank in the U.S. recently fabricated a report with fund from Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authority to deliberately misrepresent Resolution 2758 of the UNGA.

By brazenly claiming that the Resolution didn't deal with the representation of Taiwan in the UN and that "Taiwan's status is not yet determined", the report attempts to knock together a so-called legal basis to justify the DPP authority's pursuit of "Taiwan independence".

It must be noted that relevant arguments in the report don't have any legal ground and cannot hold water at all.

Taiwan has been an inalienable part of China since ancient times, which is a basic fact. A series of documents of international law, including the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation, have confirmed the historical fact that Taiwan belongs to China.

In 1943, heads of China, Britain and the U.S. jointly issued the Cairo Declaration, which stated in explicit terms that "all the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria (northeastern China), Formosa (Taiwan) and the Pescadores, shall be restored to the Republic of China."

In July 1945, China, the U.S. and Britain issued the Potsdam Proclamation. It reiterated that "The terms of the Cairo Declaration shall be carried out."

Japan also promised to abide by the Potsdam Proclamation in the Japanese Instrument of Surrender in 1945 and the 1972 Sino-Japanese Joint Statement.

The founding of the PRC in 1949 didn't alter the territorial limits of "China", a subject of international law, but only changed the international representation of China from "the Republic of China" into "the People's Republic of China".

However, due to interference by external forces including the U.S., China's lawful seat in the UN was stolen and long occupied by the Chiang Kai-shek clique. That's why the UNGA adopted Resolution 2758 to restore all the rights of China to the PRC and "to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it."

During the discussion on the Resolution, the so-called representation of Taiwan in the UN and its international status were denied outright. Min-



Chinese delegation attends the 26th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the U.S., Nov. 15, 1971. (File photo)

utes of the meetings of the UNGA showed that sponsors of the Resolution 2758, including Albania and Algeria, believed that the UNGA shouldn't agree to partition China's territory just because the Chiang Kai-shek clique is entrenched in Taiwan.

Meanwhile, the motions submitted by countries including the U.S. that proposed the so-called dual representation of China and Taiwan in the UN and attempted to create "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" were considered illegal and clearly inconsistent with current reality, justice and the principles of the UN Charter and were not passed. It meant that the UN acknowledged that China's territorial scope wasn't affected at all, and that Taiwan's status as part of Chi-

na had never changed.

The one-China principle has become a widely recognized norm of international relations. The UN and its specialized agencies all follow the principle. The UN has referred to Taiwan as "Taiwan, Province of China" and has never accepted documents issued by the Taiwan authorities, such as "Taiwan Passport".

The Office of Legal Affairs of the UN Secretariat, in a number of legal opinions following the Resolution 2758, stressed that "the United Nations considers 'Taiwan' as a province of China with no separate status" and the "authorities" in 'Taipei' are not considered to enjoy any form of government status".

The Shanghai Communiqué jointly issued by China and the U.S. in 1972 explicitly stated that "The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position."

The Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America signed in 1978 has also made clear that the United States of America recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China.

Taiwan's status as an inalienable part of

China has profound factual and legal basis. America's act of misrepresenting the Resolution 2758 adopted by the UNGA in defiance of history and documents of international law, including the Cairo Declaration, constitutes gross violation of international law and challenge to the post-war international order.

Such fallacies as "the representation of Taiwan in the UN remains to be determined" and "Taiwan's status is not yet determined" are untenable both de facto and de jure and don't square with facts.

The attempt to challenge resolution of the UNGA and the one-China principle universally recognized by the international community is doomed to failure.



# DRC President's mining deal with mining magnate likely to be a costly miscalculation

By Peter Fabricius

**M**ANY clues about what the enigmatic president Félix Tshisekedi is really about seem hidden in the secret deal his government signed on 24 February with notorious Israeli mining magnate Dan Gertler. Gertler was former Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) president Joseph Kabila's closest business crony. The memorandum of understanding between Tshisekedi and Gertler would allow the DRC to "recover the disputed mining and oil assets" of Gertler's company Ventura, worth more than \$2-billion, the DRC said.

"This is a historic first for the country, which is thus reclaiming assets whose sale had been called into question. The Congolese State will therefore revalue these assets for the exclusive benefit of the population," the DRC Presidency said in Twitter posts.

But the failure to publish the details of the deal so far has raised many questions about its merits. The DRC anti-corruption watchdog Le Congo n'est pas à vendre (CNPV) (Congo is not for sale) is one of many civil society voices demanding that the full agreement be made public. This would allay fears that Tshisekedi hasn't simply launched "a new cycle of corruption."

CNPV said Gertler still owned several strategic assets including oil blocks 1 and 2 on Lake Albert and gold permits near Kibali. It said the public needed to be reassured these assets would be recovered fully, and others have suggested their purported value needed to be corroborated.

CNPV also noted that Gertler was still earning "colossal" royalties of over \$200,000 a day from the three copper-cobalt mining interests KCC, Mutanda and Metalkol. Government statements showed that only part of KCC's royalties would be recovered, meaning Gertler still gets huge commissions from Mutanda and Metalkol.

They also suggest that Gertler is surrendering some assets in exchange for the state dropping litigation against him.

The deal seems to favour Gertler over the DRC.



Israeli billionaire Dan Gertler

As former United States (US) special envoy to the Great Lakes, J Peter Pham tweeted: "Congo should get its resources back, but it shouldn't ... give a penny to Gertler ... the victim of a crime shouldn't be required to pay ... to get back what was his from the start."

Pham remains actively engaged in the DRC and during his regular visits to Kinshasa, meets with senior officials, including Tshisekedi. "It should be recalled that Mr. #Gertler remains sanctioned by the #USA and any financial or commercial settlement with this targeted person

which violates the #OFAC restrictions imposed by the @USTreasury will not advance our privileged partnership with the #DRC," he said.

This was a helpful reminder that in December 2017 and June 2018, the US Treasury slapped financial sanctions on Gertler under its Global Magnitsky Act. It said he had "amassed his fortune through hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of opaque and corrupt mining and oil deals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo."

The US Treasury noted that Gertler had used his friendship with Kabila to act as a

middleman for mining asset sales in the DRC. The country had reportedly lost over \$1.36-billion in revenues from the underpricing of assets that were sold to offshore companies linked to Gertler.

Diplomatic sources believe Gertler was motivated to sign the 24 February agreement by an impending plea deal that commodity giant Glencore is about to strike with the US over corruption charges related to its business in the DRC. Glencore has reportedly set aside some \$1.5-billion to settle.

Glencore operates KCC and Mutanda

and is paying a large part of the royalties Gertler still earns. And the diplomatic sources told ISS Today that the Mutanda deal between Gertler and Glencore was part of the US corruption investigation of Glencore.

The sources suggest Gertler may have sought the agreement with the DRC to pre-empt or mitigate US legal action. They noted that the claims against him so far under the Magnitsky Act were only civil. Any charges in the Glencore matter could be criminal.

But if Gertler's motives are easy to understand, it's by no means clear what motivated Tshisekedi. Was it just about getting his hands on some of Gertler's loot – perhaps to help finance a difficult re-election campaign next year – as some political commentators have suggested? Yet the substantial domestic fallout has damaged his reputation and could impair his re-election chances.

Furthermore, the agreement has infuriated Washington. The US Treasury's Under-Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Brian Nelson, travelled to Kinshasa last month to express the US government's displeasure at a deal that undermines its Magnitsky Act sanctions against Gertler. The Biden administration also reimposed the sanctions on Gertler, after a reprieve from the Trump administration in its dying days.

The more charitable interpretation from Washington is that Tshisekedi didn't pay enough attention to the deal or foresee its implications for his ties with the US.

This ought to be an important relationship since Washington has helped him in his power struggle with Kabila. In this view, Tshisekedi's lieutenants concocted the agreement in their own interests and the president approved it without scrutiny. As a result, these sources suggest the deal won't go through.

The less charitable view is that Tshisekedi is quietly perpetuating the DRC's cycle of corruption as CNPV suspects. He promised to stamp out graft but has done nothing legal and visible, for instance, about the many revelations around Kabila and his cronies, revealed in the Congo Hold-up leak last November. That would suggest some secret quid pro quo with his predecessor – perhaps the same variety as the deal with Gertler.

Time will hopefully tell, though it would be helpful to the Congolese if Tshisekedi published the memorandum of understanding with Gertler to give some sense of his stand on corruption. **DM**

# Kenya eco-warriors committed to sea turtle protection as threats mount

NAIROBI

The alluring beauty of Watamu beachfront, located on the northern edge of Kenya's coastal county of Kilifi is the reason behind its fame locally and abroad.

And for life-long residents of serene villages near Watamu like Athman Abdalla, the picturesque area which is home to sea turtles and other flagship species is intertwined in their heritage and pride.

The 60-year-old father of six and a celebrated eco-warrior within Watamu area is on a mission to protect sea turtles which he admitted have been caught in the cross hairs of man's and nature's cruelty.

Speaking to Xinhua during a recent interview ahead of the World Earth Day observed on Friday, Abdalla regretted that mounting plastic pollution along Watamu beachfront has threatened the survival of the gentle reptiles.

"We have been bumping into dead turtles in the beach most likely after choking with plastics and used fishing nets," said Abdalla who is a member of a grassroots network that has been clearing plastic debris from Watamu shoreline in a bid to protect sea turtles from injury or choking.

Abdalla and his peers are convinced that removing plastic waste from Watamu beaches, crucial nesting sites for sea turtles would boost efforts to save the majestic species.

To prove his commitment to saving sea turtles, Abdalla has also been educating local communities to desist from harvesting them for ornamental, medicinal and dietary purposes.

According to Abdalla, a minority coastal tribe has for centuries regarded sea turtles as a delicacy while harboring myths that their fat is an aphrodisiac and ideal for treating heart ailments.

Mohamed Omar, the prin-



icipal scientist, Marine and Coastal Research Center at Wildlife Research and Training Center lauded community-led initiatives to protect sea turtles, whose survival is at stake amid poaching, industrial fishing, habitat destruction and loss of nesting beaches.

Omar said that Kenya has focused on law enforcement and has been engaging coastal communities in protecting nesting sites for sea turtles, including beaches and coral reefs.

As for Alice Kamau, a 26-year-old Watamu native, stumbling upon a dead turtle presum-

ably after consuming plastics motivated her to participate in beach clean-ups and community education activities aimed at strengthening the protection of the migratory marine reptiles.

"I care about turtles but sadly, they are dying in large numbers from ingesting plastics. That is why we have been clearing plastic bottles from the beach as our contribution to the conservation of turtles," said Kamau.

For two years, Kamau said that she has been mobilizing women, youth and children to remove plastic waste and discarded fishing nets from the Watamu shoreline, in a bid to shield turtles from harm.

Plastics which comprise 58 percent of marine litter along the Kenyan coastline have emerged as an existential threat to the survival of iconic species like turtles, says Eric Okuku, a research scientist at Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute.

According to Okuku, 31 per-

cent of an estimated 37,000 tons of plastic waste that enters the Kenyan coastline annually is recyclable, adding that the growth of the circular economy was key to taming the plastic crisis and protecting marine life.

At a turtle rehabilitation center run by Local Ocean Conservation, a Watamu-based not-for-profit organization, local fisherfolk affiliated with the center have aided the rescue of reptiles found floating in the ocean, after ingesting plastics.

Lameck Maitha, the rehabilitation center's coordinator said that some of the rescued turtles have physical injuries linked to entanglement by fishing nets while others have tumors or infestation by parasites.

He added that a sea turtle can only emit microplastics from its stomach through stool after being put on some antibiotics, adding that once the reptiles are free from solid particles and healed from physical injuries, they are returned to their natu-

ral habitat in the Indian ocean.

According to Maitha, a sea turtle that has consumed plastic has only 10 percent chance of survival.

The UN Environment Program (UNEP) in a report titled "From Pollution to Solutions: A Global Assessment of Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution" released in 2021 says that 11 million tons of plastic was entering the oceans every year, putting marine life at risk of poisoning, starvation, and suffocation.

Fikiri Kea Kiponda, a veteran conservationist in Watamu said that turtles often ingest but cannot digest plastics, thereby blocking their digestive system and airway, leading to fatal outcomes.

He said that educating communities on the need to clear plastic debris from turtles' nesting sites like beaches and coral reefs would aid their conservation and stabilize the marine ecosystem.

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## Arusha student invents voice-operated wheelchair, automatic pads dispenser

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

IT is hard to believe that this entry wasn't among the winning innovations, but Zulfa Abdallah, a young lady student at Arusha Technical College has devised a 'Voice Controlled' Wheelchair.

Hers was among the honourable mentions of clever technological gadgets being devised by young entrepreneurs, aiming to capture the future.

All the same, even the winning entry itself, was spell-binding innovation. Two girls devised an emergency pad dispenser for ladies. It is like a water dispenser but the machine dispenses sanitary wear.

Mariam Patrick and Ananilea Lema, the top winners, thought of something that about 50 percent of the population would have wished they had access to years ago.

This idea is something that once you know where to get it, women depend on it. To feeling secure that they can access such vital items at a press of a button anytime anywhere.

The presentation had the judges totally convinced and we believe this is not only a great business opportunity, but also helps women when they are in need.

Topping the recently held Entrepreneurship week at the Arusha Technical College, Marian and Ananilea expressed confidence about the potentiality of their invention and how it was an outstanding business opportunity.

When it comes to entrepreneur week, second winner, Sandra Rweyemamu did not just present an idea, she was already into business. Palm business.

"Imagine organizing an entrepreneurship week for ATC students and receiving a plan to extend an existing business! This woman has a small business already and has requested the judges for a fund to expand her business even



Some ATC students in laboratory

further."

Apparently, Sandra is already importing and selling coconuts sourced from farms around Tanga to customers in Arusha. With the extra investment she wants

to extend the value chain by adding manufacturing of coconut oil and coconut fruits.

Ladies are really enterprising and innovative no wonder Nadia Kabwe ranked third in the win-

ning list. But she wasn't alone. Together with Yohana Ngele they have developed herbal based plant inputs.

"In today's society it is important for entrepreneurs to pro-

vide healthy and sustainable solutions. Imagine your 'healthy' food being sprayed on with chemicals?" they asked.

The answer being no need anymore, the students have de-

veloped prototyped and tested three types of product, made from organic herbal materials. It is a necessity for farmers who wish to bring organic food to the market and care about the environment.

Other students came up with special apps for ordering takeaways and finding houses or rooms to rent, ideas keep flowing. There was also special juice capable of repairing eye sight, the list is endless and innovation among the youth is kept on roll.

The ATC entrepreneur week was organized in association with the Netherlands embassy in Tanzania.

"By strengthening the capacity and knowledge of individuals and organizations in the field of Technical, Vocational and Higher Education, the Embassy, together with partners such as Nuffic, aims to contribute to Tanzania's sustainable and inclusive development," said the Netherlands Ambassador Wieber De Boer.

"Our ambition is to equip and inspire people as well as institutions to transform their educational systems and anticipate current and future challenges. The development of courses in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency is an important step to equip new generations of leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and skills to tackle the energy crisis and mitigate climate change. I am excited about the progress that Arusha Technical College is making towards this goal."

# Researchers urge government to support institutions with funds

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

RESEARCHERS have urged the government to support institutions with funding to facilitate research which will be essential to national development.

Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO) project manager Athanas Ntawanga

made the call when speaking during the 7th week of research and innovation of the University of Dar es Salaam held at the Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE).

Ntawanga said some countries globally set aside funds for research from their budget, noting that some countries globally set aside percentages of the country's budget on re-

search, giving an example of the United States as a living example of a country which sets aside three percent of its budget on research.

"We cannot rely on donors to do research that will liberate our country, so it is important for the leaders of this country to be aware of it as it is important to fund research needs," said Ntawanga.

Ntawanga said that it is high

time experts and researchers must unite to convince the government that funding innovative activities and research was important, urging researchers to establish effective legislation that will ensure the recognition and interpretation of innovative results and various studies so that most studies do not end up on paper but are used appropriately.

According to him, there is also a need for partnership of research institutes, universities and various local industries to help improve services for entrepreneurs.

He also commended the Principal of Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) Prof Esther Dungumaro for having an annual allocation process for research activities and to urge others

to follow suit.

"This is an opportunity to ask government and non-governmental organizations, various organizations, public organizations, and individuals to contribute to pursue various studies," he stressed.

This week's research and innovation week aims to showcase the value and results of various studies conducted by academics from

the University of Dar es Salaam and its colleges to participate in pushing the wheel of national development.

MUCE principal Prof Esther Dungumaro said that industrial development in any country in the world depends on research, especially in determining the type of factory in the area; a program that brings technology; and resource use.

## Women rights defenders commend 'unsung heroes' conserving environment

By Guardian Correspondent, Handeni

IT is not more often that you find people leave major cities like Dar es Salaam and opt to commemorate the International Women's Day in the up-country regions.

However, this time around, some committed women felt it befit to go beyond the normal jubilations where they went to commemorate the day with women from the grassroots level, the unsung heroes who have been in the forefront to protect and conserve the mother nature.

To them, March 15 seemed more ideal to discuss on the impact of climate change and measures to be taken to address its impacts. Organized by the Coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders - Tanzania (CWHRDs-TZ) and Women Action towards Economic Empowerment and Development (WATED), the unique event was conducted in Handeni District, Tanga Region.

During the day, several calls were made by various speakers for community members to collaborate to address climate change impacts to promote equitable, inclusive and a society free from gender discrimination for sustainable development.

In her speech, CWHRDs-TZ Board Member, Rose Ugulumu, said the dialogue was meant to recognize the great contribution made by women and girls all over the world to address the impacts of climate change.

"The CWHRDs-TZ celebrates the voices of women in Tanzania and especially role models and champions of climate change impact's mitigation and adaptation as more women and girls than men are affected," said Ugulumu.

According to her, climate change impacts affect more women and girls in rural areas than in urban because they rely on farming as their main source of livelihood.

According to National Bureau of Statistics data, Ugulumu added that, in 2012 about 77% of women and girls lived in villages and engaged mostly in small farming as their main source of livelihood.

She mentioned some of climate change impacts which directly affect



women and girls in rural areas as drought, shortage of food, water and sources of energy especially firewood and charcoal.

CWHRDs-TZ member and WATED Executive Director, Maria Matui who is also a Coordinator of Gender and Climate Change Tanzania Coalition (GCCTC) said CSOs promote utilization of the existing traditional knowledge and opportunities available at the different sectors at district level to address climate change impacts to women and girls.

"Human rights CSOs use the available guidelines, policies and laws to work closely with the government and to ensure that every woman human right defender plays her role to address climate change impacts mitigation and adaptation regardless of where they live," said Matui.

According to Matui, the climate change impacts on women and girls has become an international agen-

da where for the first time, the UN has discussed in depth during the climate Change Global Conference this year on how climate change impacts women and girls in a very different way.

Speaking on behalf of the Handeni District Commissioner, Upendo Magashi, revealed that the International Women's Day is a progressing agenda, which coincides with different activities related to health, environment, and governance to reflect on challenges which face women socially, politically and economically.

"Climate change has brought various challenges globally and is vivid in Handeni. It has brought a lot of uncertainties in terms of rain seasons as in our district there have been instances where rains come earlier than usual and at times with delay thus affecting growing seasons especially of maize. All of the

changes are a result of human activities, which are not sustainable," said Magashi.

She called upon participants to educate communities on the need to plant trees as mitigation measure against climate change impacts.

"Community members should be educated on the impact of unsustainable harvesting of forests where a person can harvest trees and conduct charcoal business without planting even a single tree at his homestead. This is unacceptable in our communities," warned Magashi.

She said that communities need enough environmental education especially on the importance of forest conservation through CSOs in collaboration with the government as CSOs can reach where government has not reached.

According to her the government through the Handeni district coun-

cil has been distributing free seedlings to communities to promote afforestation in the district.

According to the UN, the International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world to recognize them for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike.

The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arena, reads the UN statement.

## Z'bar govt calls on citizens to invest fully in the sea

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has called on its citizens to invest in the sea since there are still many economic opportunities that have not been fully exploited.

The appeal was made here yesterday by Zanzibar's Minister for Blue Economy and fisheries, Suleiman Masoud Makame when inspecting fishing boats building and seaweed farming at Amani and Mangapwani Village.

Makame said the government plans to empower entrepreneurs in sea products to fish and farm using modern practices for profit from reliable markets.

He said his ministry plans to hand over the boats with modern equipment to fishermen and seaweed farmers in both Unguja and Pemba at the arranged time to enable them benefit from sea resources around them.

For his part, Makame Mchina, the manager of Qiro Group Company Ltd that was given the tender to build the boats based at Amani in Unguja, thanked the government for awarding his company the tender and pledged to complete the work within the time as agree in the contract agreement.

He said his company was given the tender to build 250 boats that will be completed in May this year.

For his part, Khamis Rashid, the Director of Ocean Enterprises, that was awarded the tender for 50 fishing boats called on indigenous firms to apply for the tenders given by the government so as to make sure all government contracts are implemented within the country, the situation that will increase job opportunities to the people.



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## BUSINESS



An electric vehicle. PHOTO/INTERNET

## Electric vehicles are becoming less green – new research study

JOHANNESBURG

Independent research into electric vehicle (EV) development has found that most automotive companies are more focused on improving range and reducing costs, than improving the carbon footprint of these vehicles.

This new research has been published by the Manufacturing Intelligence division of global technology company Hexagon.

While EVs eliminate tailpipe emissions, they also produce a 'long tailpipe' of increased demand for fossil-fuel generated electricity, as well as reliance on energy-intensive materials and processes to construct these vehicles and their batteries, says Hexagon.

The Volvo report shows that when charging its C40 Recharge model with electricity generated from clean sources, the vehicle's lifecycle carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) footprint comes down to about 27 t of CO<sub>2</sub>, compared with 59 t for an XC40 compact sports-utility vehicle powered by a combustion engine.

However, when drivers charge their C40 Recharge using the average global energy mix (with around 60 percent generated from fossil fuels), the car's life cycle CO<sub>2</sub> tonnage can increase to as much as 50 t, significantly reducing the environmental gains compared with a traditionally powered car.

Clean energy is also an important factor in reducing the carbon footprint involved in producing an electric car.

The Volvo report reveals that production emissions of a C40 Recharge are 70 percent higher than for a petrol-powered XC40.

This is mainly owing to the carbon intensity of battery and steel production, as well as from the increased share of aluminium in the car.

Hexagon's research shows that only 38 percent of car makers are currently increasing their investment in the

more sustainable design of EVs, which appears to be a much lower priority than the attributes that will appeal to consumers in the showroom.

In contrast to this, 84 percent of car makers are increasing investment in improving EV range; 60 percent are increasing investment in design that will enable lower production and retail costs; and 58 percent are increasing investment in improving EV performance.

The Hexagon research also found that companies are hitting a number of roadblocks in achieving the vehicles' full green promise.

When asked about their challenges in achieving greener EVs, the majority of carmakers (56 percent) identify a lack of alternatives to rare-earth metals for batteries as the major obstacle. Half (49 percent) are also concerned about the lack of recyclable battery materials, closely followed by the lack of recycling programmes and infrastructure (47 percent).

"Our research reflects a welcome recognition by the auto industry that sustainability involves more than merely reducing road emissions, revealing an understanding of the whole-lifecycle manufacturing and material impact of vehicles," says Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence division global e-mobility industry VP Ignazio Dentici.

"However, it also shows that despite this knowledge, car makers are feeling more pressure to compete for consumer sales than to ensure EVs are able to fulfil their core purpose of reducing the environmental impact of road transport.

"The industry is having to move at unprecedented speed to innovate in pursuit of improvements in range, production costs and sustainability, within an increasingly competitive environment, and while facing significant supply chain challenges," notes Dentici.

# NMB Bank Plc announces 297 pc oversubscription to its Jasiri bond

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE NMB Bank Plc Jasiri bond which was floated at the primary market from February to March 21 this year has been oversubscribed by 297 percent.

The public notice issued by NMB Bank Plc chief executive officer yesterday shows a total of 74.2bn/- were collected for the three year bond, against offered 25bn/-, (with the additional option of 49.2bn/-) at an interest rate of 8.5 percent per annum.

Given the subscription rate of nearly 300 percent, the notice says, the bank board has decided to exercise the Greenshoe option thereby increasing the amount available for allocation from 40b/- to 74.2bn/-.

The net proceed of the bond will be used for lending to small and medium sized women owned enterprises or businesses whose products and services are directly impact a woman.

"The bond has accepted all valid applications received. Applicants will therefore receive 100 percent allocation," said the bank CEO in a notice. "In the event of any clarification, applicants are advised to consult their stockbrokers or NMB Bank Plc."

The notice says CDS account upload will be held on April 27 while listing of the bond for secondary market will be held on April 28 this year.

"The management of NMB Bank Plc wishes to thank all entities that made this landmark bond issuance possi-



NMB bank Plc chief executive officer Ruth Zaipuna. (PHOTO/FILE)

ble," it says.

NMB received approval from Capital Market and Securities Authority (CMSA)

to issue the bond amounting 25bn/- with an additional of 15bn/- and applied and received approval from

the regulator on April 11 this year to accept all bids received for Jasiri Bond.

It is the first social impact

bond in East Africa issued under a Social Bond Framework which complies with social bond principles issued by the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) and approved by CMSA.

NMB Bank Plc is listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) with the market capitalization of 1.3trn/-, the sixth largest listing and a share price of 2,700/-.

According to NMB Bank Plc group audited annual financial statement, total assets reached 8.7trn/- last year from 7trn/- in 2020, with customer deposits amounting 6.5trn/- last year.

Loans, advances and overdraft to customer reached 4.6trn/- last year from 4.1trn/- issued during the previous year. Last year, the bank invested 1.7trn/- into government debt instruments and 2.9bn/- into equity market.

The statement shows the bank group net profit after income tax during last year was 292.1bn/-, higher than 290.1 recorded during the previous year.

Non-performing loans and advances amounted 194bn/- last year from 231bn/- in the previous year and non-performing to total gross loans rate slowed to 4 percent from 5 percent respectively, which is below the regulatory rate of 5 percent.

## Centre for good governance counsels youths on increasing urban migration

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika



Young hawkers display their goods in the centre of the road in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market zone. Most of them have migrated from rural areas for greener pastures in urban cities PHOTO/FILE

THE Centre for Good Governance and Development has advised youths to stop migrating to urban areas for doing petty businesses; instead, they should remain in rural areas while involving in different economic activities including farming, livestock keeping and commerce.

Speaking with The Guardian in an interview recently, the centre's chairman Thomas Ngawaiya said rural areas have plenty of economic opportunities compared with urban areas, of which can enrich youths if they are to be innovative.

He said social services including energy supply have improved in rural areas, of which should be a starting point for them to create income generating activities, instead of running into towns and cities.

"It is paining to see many youths are running into towns and cities and they later find themselves involved in petty and risky businesses of which is not health economically, while they leave a lot of opportunities in rural areas," he said.

He said youths may establish large crop farms individually or in groups which have high demands in both local and exports markets including cassava, instead of migrating to urban areas to do petty trade, which is risky and has no future.

"We have seen increased demands for cassava in exports markets such as China and the supply is not enough and this is a huge opportunity for youth in a long term instead of hawking groundnuts, biscuits and sweets," he said.

Ngawaiya said rural areas have

plenty of economic opportunities including crop trades as well as livestock and its products of which youths may venture into them to create fortunes for themselves and their families.

"In this time when there is a shortage of food and prices are going on top of the roof, youths might dwell on massive production of food crops, which will generate incomes that they may use to establish other businesses," he said.

He noted youths should not complain about poor infrastructure because there are lots of improvements in most of the areas.

In absolute numbers, the size of Tanzania's youth almost doubled from 4.4 million in 1990 to 8.1 million in 2010. It was expected to swell to 11 million by 2020 and 15 million by 2030.

Of the estimated 60 million people in Tanzania, more than 50 percent are under 18 and over 70 percent are under 30. Adolescents form over 12 million of the overall population of nearly 60 million.

According to the 2012 national population and housing census, the Tanzanian youth (ages 15 - 35) makes up 66.4 percent of the labour force.

Unemployment is very high among the youth as compared to other age categories at 13.4 percent with urban youth suffering the most at 26.7 percent and rural youth at 7.9 percent.

Despite Tanzanian youths being the majority in the country's labour force, they are still challenged in issues around pursuing their destiny through decent employment, access to quality education and their participation in decision making processes.

## Pension funds major buyers of EABL bond that raised Sh11 billion

NAIROBI

PENSION funds were among the major buyers of the corporate bond issued by East African Breweries Plc (EABL) in October last year; a move that more than doubled their investment in debt sold by private companies to Ksh6.8 billion.

Before the brewer raised the funds,

the corporate bond market had shrunk considerably on the back of defaults and fraud that had seen many companies avoid refinancing or selling new debt through fixed income instruments.

"Investments in listed corporate bond also shot up by 134.59 percent up from Ksh2.9 billion in June 2021 to Ksh6.8 billion in December 2021," the

Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) says in its latest annual review of the pensions sector.

"This is partly attributed to the investment in the EABL Domestic Medium Note which attracted an oversubscription."

The brewer's bond was oversubscribed by more than three

times, reflecting investor confidence in the Nairobi Securities Exchange -listed firm.

Investors bid a total of Ksh37.9 billion, with EABL taking only taking Ksh11 billion it had set out to raise. The five-year security has an interest rate of 12.25 percent payable semi-annually. The company's debt is the largest

among those listed on the NSE and is followed by Family Bank's Ksh3.9 billion bond paying a fixed interest rate of 13 percent.

The Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) is expected to be the biggest bond issuer in the coming years following its maiden offer that raised Ksh1.4 billion in March.

The success of EABL's bond shows that debt investors are willing to back companies with high credit ratings.

Demand for corporate bonds was generally strong, with some of the issuers offering little to no premium on returns available from risk-free government bonds.



# Anglo revises full-year production guidance for metals



LONDON

**D**IVERSIFIED miner Anglo American has reported a 10 percent year-on-year decrease in production in the first quarter of this year and adjusted downward its full-year guidance for platinum group metals (PGMs), iron-ore and metallurgical (met) coal production.

This “normally slower” first quarter was still impacted by Covid-19-related absenteeism, in addition to high rainfall in South Africa and Brazil, and some operational and safety challenges at the miner’s met coal and iron-ore operations.

The company is also adjusting upward its unit cost guidance for most product groups, to reflect the latest exchange rates and inflationary pressure on input prices, particularly diesel.

For the quarter ended March 31, Anglo’s iron-ore production decreased by 19 percent year-on-year to 13.2-million tonnes, owing to high rainfall and plant issues at the Kumba Iron Ore and Minas-Rio operations.

Full-year guidance for iron-ore has been revised down to between 60-million and 64-million tonnes, compared

with the previous estimate of between 63-million and 67-million tonnes.

Met coal production was 32 percent lower in the quarter under review at 2.2-million tonnes, owing to the delayed longwall move at the Moranbah operation and the end of production from the Grasree operation.

However, the suspended Grosvenor operation and Aquila life-extension project both started operations in mid-February.

Operations at the Moranbah mine have subsequently been suspended, following a fatal underground incident late in March.

Full-year guidance for met coal has been set at between 17-million and 19-million tonnes, down from the previously expected 20-million to 22-million tonnes.

Copper production also came in 13 percent lower year-on-year at 140 000 t for the quarter under review, mostly owing to planned lower grades, while metal-in-concentrate production from the PGM operations decreased by 6 percent to 956 000 oz, primarily owing to high rainfall at the Mogalakwena operation.

Full-year guidance for PGMs has been revised down to between 3.9-million and 4.3-million ounces,

compared with the previously expected 4.1-million to 4.5-million ounces.

Unit cost guidance for the full-year is anticipated to increase to \$105/t, compared with the previous cost guidance of \$85/t, reflecting the impact of lower volumes, a stronger Australian dollar and inflation, and higher fuel costs.

On a positive note, rough diamond production increased by 25% year-on-year to 8.9-million carats in the first quarter of the year, which reflects a strong operational performance and lower rainfall impact, primarily in Botswana.

Outgoing CEO Mark Cutifani comments that progressing the company’s Sustainable Mining Plan priorities has never been more relevant or urgent, most notably those related to energy security, costs and emissions.

“During the [reporting] quarter, we partnered with EDF Renewables to secure 100% renewable energy for our operations in South Africa. This ecosystem approach is a major step towards reducing our on-site energy requirements, the largest source of our operational emissions, building on the 100% renewable electricity already secured for our South American operations by 2023.

## Kenya delays talks on 15pc cut in power bills

NAIROBI

THE State is yet to open talks for a review of power purchase agreements signed over the years by Kenya Power, signalling further delay of the promised electricity bill cut for homes and businesses by 15 percent.

Independent power producers (IPPs) revealed on Thursday they

were yet to receive invitations for talks on cutting wholesale power prices and ultimately lower consumer bills.

This contradicts a Ministry of Energy statement issued in January, which indicated that the talks had started and promised cheaper electricity by March 31.

The Electricity Sector Association of Kenya (ESAK) – the lobby for

Kenya’s top IPPs – maintained that talks were yet to start amid opposition from the foreign-backed power producers to lower tariffs.

“As far as I know we are still waiting for the ministry to call us for talks which they have not done to date. None of the big power producers have met them to date,” said George Aluru, the chairman of ESAK.

The Ministry of Energy had opted

for negotiations over forcing the IPPs to lower tariffs in the wake of opposition from the firms.

The talks were expected to centre around lowering the costs at which Kenya Power buys electricity from the generators and offer the utility room to cut retail tariffs by 15 percent without sinking into losses.

Kenya Power in January cut retail tariffs in a drop that was hinged on

the firm lowering system losses, the share of electricity bought from generators such as KenGen that does not reach homes and businesses, due to power theft and leakages from an aging network.

The State promised a similar cut from April 1 based on the review of PPAs after a task force appointed by President Uhuru Kenyatta found that there was a huge disparity between the tariffs charged by main power producer KenGen and IPPs.

Private power producers who are owned by powerful institutions like the World Bank opposed unilateral push to lower the cost at which they sell electricity to Kenya Power, setting the stage for a legal battle.

The fear of a legal tussle with powerful foreign investors forced the State to retreat and opt for a negotiated deal with the IPPs.

OrPower 4 Inc, which files disclosures at the US Securities Exchange and has the largest private geothermal operator in Kenya, says the government has instead decided to review new power purchase deals rather than renegotiate the old ones.

“A task force was appointed by Kenya’s President to review and analyse PPAs entered into between various independent power producers and the local utility, and their recommendation at this stage is to reconsider new PPAs and review all new development in the country,” OrPower 4 Inc said in the US Sec filing on February 25, 2022.

Energy Cabinet Secretary Monica Juma failed to reply to Business Daily calls and text messages.

The additional 15 percent cut is aimed at cushioning consumers struggling with costly essential items such as food and easing public anger over the high cost of living.

Policymakers and politicians are taking notice of the online campaigns by ordinary Kenyans concerned about reduced cash flow, fewer employment opportunities, and the rising cost of living as campaigning for the August 9 election intensifies.

Lower electricity prices are meant to boost economic growth by making energy costs competitive compared with other African nations such as Ethiopia, South Africa and Egypt.

## Tumbling of China’s markets sparks capital flight, state assistance

BEIJING

IT’S been a painful week for traders of China’s stocks, bonds and currency as growing fears about the fallout from the nation’s Covid Zero strategy send markets tumbling.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index of big mainland companies listed in Hong Kong is among the worst-performing stock benchmarks globally this week.

The yuan is on course for its steepest five-day decline in almost three years. High-yield dollar bonds are headed for the longest stretch of weekly losses since March.

Sentiment toward Chinese assets has soured as Covid lockdowns slow economic growth and policy stimulus falls short of investors’ expectations. Domestic equities have lost about \$2.7 trillion of market value this year, prompting the authorities to step up efforts to halt the decline.

“For a turnaround in sentiment, we need to see something sincere from policy makers, either a lot of extra liquidity, a major shift in the Shanghai situation, or a massive surprise that will breathe some new hope into the market,” said Wang Yugang, a fund manager at Beijing Axe Asset Management Co.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index shed 5.6 percent this week, the biggest drop in more than a month. Other assets are also under pressure, with the onshore yuan on track for its biggest weekly loss since August 2019. Options traders are pricing in a further weakness for currency after it breached a key technical support level on Wednesday for the first time since September.

“The PBOC is looking to provide further support for the economy, and seems intent on pulling as many levers as possible, perhaps with the exception of lowering interest rates for now,” said Khoo Goh, head of Asia research at Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. “Allowing the yuan to weaken slightly this week seems to be part of the overall ‘support package.’”

Meanwhile, junk dollar bonds are down for a second straight week in the worst such stretch since mid-March. That pares an initial bounce that the securities got from Beijing’s promises of support, as investor patience for more details wears thin.



The Ministry of Energy had opted for negotiations over forcing the independent power producers to lower tariffs in the wake of opposition from the firms. PHOTO/NMG

## Report: Global tourism to create nearly 126mn jobs in 10 years

MANILA

THE global tourism industry is expected to create almost 126 million jobs worldwide within 10 years, the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) said in a report released on Thursday in the Philippine capital.

The WTTC’s latest Economic

Impact Report (EIR) says the travel and tourism sector will be a driving force of the global economic recovery from the two-year pandemic.

The report forecasts that the travel and tourism sector’s GDP will grow at an average rate of 5.8 percent annually between 2022 and 2032, outstripping the growth rate

for the global economy, to reach \$14.6 trillion, equivalent to 11.3 percent of the total global economy.

WTTC president and CEO Julia Simpson said at the Global Tourism Summit in Manila that “one in three of every new job created will be related to the sector.”

The report predicts that

the travel and tourism sector across Asia and the Pacific region will rebound significantly and is estimated to create almost 77 million new jobs over the next decade.

At the same time, the sector’s contribution to regional gross domestic product (GDP) is forecast to grow at an average annual rate of 8.5 percent

between 2022 and 2032, faster than the region’s overall economic growth.

The report also shows that global travel and tourism GDP could reach pre-pandemic levels by 2023, just 0.1 percent below 2019.

“This will be matched by a boost in travel and tourism employment, which is

expected to approach 2019 levels in 2023, only 2.7 percent below,” Simpson added.

According to the WTTC, the global tourism sector started recovering in 2021 when its contribution to GDP climbed by 21.7 percent year on year to reach more than \$5.8 trillion.



Chinese President Xi Jinping. PHOTO/XINHUA



# Four reasons China's economy will disappoint naysayers, again

BEIJING

As some Western media jump to talk about the "big blow" China's dynamic zero-COVID policy has dealt to the economy, they neglect one of its biggest characteristics - its resilience.

Naturally, all anti-epidemic measures come at a price, and there has been short-term downward pressure on the Chinese economy. But it would be shortsighted to believe that this will cripple the growth of the world's second largest economy.

First of all, China has been careful to monitor the duration and scope of all anti-epidemic measures, and the vast majority of its people are still enjoying a normal life, free from the woes of the epidemic.

Moreover, we can be certain that the financial hub of Shanghai will rebound from anti-epidemic measures, and this is also true for the rest of the nation.

China has over two years of experience as well as a track record that speaks for itself in coordinating epidemic



Busy workers at one of the China manufacturing firm PHOTO/ AGENCIES

prevention and economic development.

Second, with better-than-expected growth in the first quarter, China's economy is off to a steady start this year. It

exceeded market expectations with year-over-year growth of 4.8 percent, well above 4 percent in the previous quarter.

In the same period, China's total imports and exports of

goods jumped by 10.7 percent year on year, while paid-in foreign direct investment (FDI) soared by 25.6 percent year on year.

This rock-steady start

only goes to show that the momentum of China's sustained economic recovery remains unhinged. China continues to draw from its array of strong economic fundamentals such

as its industrial supply chains and its colossal consumer market.

Thirdly, China has already rolled out a raft of supportive policies to counter the fallout of the COVID-19 resurgence.

The People's Bank of China, the central bank, announced a 0.25 percentage point cut of the reserve requirement ratio from April 25, injecting 530 billion yuan (about 82 billion U.S. dollars) of liquidity into the market.

The central bank, together with the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, this week jointly released 23 measures to help businesses affected by the latest COVID-19 resurgence to improve domestic economic circulation and facilitate exports.

In 2022, the 400 billion yuan inclusive re-lending fund that especially targets micro and small enterprises will continue to be used on a rolling basis, and the quota can be expanded if necessary.

Other supportive policies included setting a quota of 3.65 trillion yuan for local-government-issued special-purpose bonds to fund construction projects, 2.5 trillion yuan worth of tax and fee

cuts in 2022, and front-loading the construction of major projects.

And last but not least, China is known for having an extensive policy toolkit it can use to stimulate the economy, such as the deep cash reserve held by commercial banks.

There is still plenty of room to adjust monetary and fiscal policies, including the injection of more liquidity and more tax and fee cuts.

Chinese Finance Minister Liu Kun said, in an article published on April 16, that the proactive fiscal policy will be front-loaded and fully implemented.

Policies need to be issued at the earliest possible date with funds allocated in a timely way to generate economic activities and stabilize the economy. Liu said in the article in the Qiushi Journal, a flagship magazine of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

All in all, any impartial eye can see that China is poised to overcome the challenges that lie ahead, achieve sustained economic growth, and make further contributions to world economic recovery

## Crude oil futures climb after draws in US crude oil and product stocks

SINGAPORE

CRUDE oil futures were higher in Asian trade amid still tight supply fundamentals, with sentiment receiving an extra boost from draws in US crude and refined product stocks last week.

ICE June Brent futures contract was up \$1.28/b (1.2pc) from the previous close to \$108.08/b, while the NYMEX June light sweet crude contract rose \$1.11/b (1.09pc) at \$103.30/b.

Total US commercial crude stocks fell 8.02 million barrels to 413.73 million barrels in the week ended April 15, US Energy Information Administration data showed April 20, leaving inventories nearly 15 percent behind the five-year average for this time of the year.

The draws come as US crude exports surged 2.09 million b/d to 4.27 million b/d, the highest since March 2020 and only the third time since the start of the pandemic that exports have crossed above the 4 million b/d level.

Total gasoline stocks drew 760,000 barrels during the week to 232.38 million barrels and now stand around 3 percent below the five-year average for this time of the year.

Nationwide distillate stocks fell 2.66 million barrels to 108.74 million barrels.

"EIA weekly numbers were constructive with US commercial crude oil inventories declining by 8.02 million barrels over the last week, which would be the largest weekly decline in crude inventories since January 2021," said ING analysts Warren Patterson and Wenyu Yao in an April 21 note.

"Given the structural changes we are seeing in the global oil market regarding

Russian supply, along with the expected growth in US crude oil output, we would expect that the US becomes an even larger net exporter of oil and products in the months and years ahead," they added.

Fundamentals remained bullish for oil prices, analysts maintained, as European Union nations continued to signal a complete cessation of Russian energy imports.

While it is unlikely that EU nations will announce an outright ban on Russian energy, German officials have said they intend to phase out Russian oil imports by the end of this year.

"Comments from [the German foreign minister and finance minister] suggest that we can probably rule out the EU putting an immediate ban in place against Russian oil. More likely will be a gradual phasing out of Russian oil, much like we are seeing with coal," said Patterson and Yao.

"A gradual phasing out would give time for trade flows to adjust in a more orderly fashion and so the impact on price would be more limited compared to an immediate ban," they added.

Dubai crude swaps were higher in mid-morning trade in Asia April 21 from the previous close, though intermonth spreads were lower.

The June Dubai swap was pegged at \$102.03/b at 10 am Singapore time (0200 GMT), up 41 cents/b (0.4 pc) from the April 20 Asian market close.

The May/June Dubai swap intermonth spread was pegged at \$1.75/b at 10 am, down 27 cents/b over the same period, and the June-July intermonth spread was pegged at \$1.49/b, down 13 cents/b.



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## WORLD

## UK PM to be probed over 'Partygate'

LONDON

BRITISH lawmakers on Thursday approved an investigation into Prime Minister Boris Johnson over claims he misled the parliament about rules-busting parties in Downing Street during lockdown, casting further doubts on his political future.

A Labour-led motion called for the Committee of Privileges to examine allegations that the Conservative prime minister misled the House of Commons, the lower house of the British Parliament, when he denied lockdown rules were broken in Downing Street.

Downing Street had sought to delay the vote on the motion, but made a last-minute U-turn following opposition from Conservative Members of Parliament. The change demonstrates the discontent

among Tory MPs over the "Partygate" scandal, which has dogged Johnson's government and threatened his hold on power.

Last week, Johnson and his wife Carrie, as well as Chancellor Rishi Sunak, were fined by the Metropolitan Police for attending a rules-breaking event at Downing Street in 2020 to mark the prime minister's birthday. Johnson became Britain's first serving prime minister to be penalized for breaking the law.

The Met's investigation into lockdown parties at Downing Street is still underway, and more than 50 fines have been issued so far.

Speaking during the parliamentary debate, Labour leader Keir Starmer said Johnson had "stood at that dispatch box and point blank denied rule-breaking took place, when it did." He added that



UK Parliament shows Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

the motion tabled by Labour sought to uphold "the simple principle that honesty, integrity and telling the truth matter" in British politics.

Meanwhile, Liberal Democrat leader Ed Davey said: "The public won't stomach another Conservative stitch-up that drags our democracy through the mud just to protect one of their own."

In a major blow to Johnson, Steve Baker, an influential Conservative minister, has called on Johnson to quit for flouting the COVID-19 rules he himself imposed on the country.

"The prime minister now should be long gone," Baker told the Commons on Thursday.

Johnson, who is on a two-day trip to India, didn't attend the debate. However, he told the media that he had "no concerns" about the privileges committee investigation.

"If the opposition wants to focus on this and talk about it a lot more that's fine," he said, adding that he "wanted to focus on what matters for the future of the country."

The privileges committee probe will not start until the two separate investigations into "Partygate" carried out by the Met and senior civil servant Sue Gray have been concluded. In the UK, lying to parliament is an offence that makes resignation obligatory.

## Deadly blasts claimed by Islamic State hit northern Afghan cities

KABUL

AN explosion claimed by the Islamic State at a Shi'ite mosque in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif on Thursday killed at least 11 people, a health official said, one of a series of blasts around the country.

A separate blast caused at least 11 more casualties in Kunduz, another northern Afghan city, according to a provincial health official.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for both attacks, according to statements on the group's Telegram channel.

The explosions happened during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and two days after blasts tore through a high school in a predominantly Shi'ite Hazara area in western Kabul, killing at least six.

"A blast happened in 2nd district inside a Shi'ite mosque," Mohammad Asif Wazeri, the spokesman for the Taliban commander in Mazar-e-Sharif told Reuters.

Zia Zendani, the spokesman for the provincial health authority, said 11 people had been killed and 32 wounded in the blast. The Shi'ite community, a religious minority in Afghanistan, is frequently targeted by Sunni militant groups, including Islamic State.

Hospitals in Kunduz had received 11 killed or wounded people in a separate explosion, according to Najeebullah Sahel, from Kunduz's provincial health authority.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said a roadside blast had targeted a van of military mechanics in Kunduz and said school students were among the wounded. He added another roadside blast in the capital, Kabul, had wounded three, including a child.

Wazeri, the spokesman, also said Taliban forces had come under attack from unknown gunmen at a property in Mazar-e-Sharif, the provincial capital, on Thursday evening and that both sides were exchanging gunfire. He did not confirm whether the attackers were linked to the blasts and said their identity was unknown.

Richard Bennett, the United Nation's Special Rapporteur for Afghanistan on human rights, condemned the blasts.

"Today more explosions rocks Afghanistan... systematic targeted attacks on crowded schools and mosques calls for immediate investigation, accountability and end to human rights violations," he said in a Tweet.

A resident of Mazar-e-Sharif said she was shopping with her sister in a nearby market when she heard a large explosion and saw smoke rising from the area around the mosque. "The glass of the shops was broken and it was very crowded and everyone started to run," the woman, who declined to be named, said.

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers say they have secured the country since taking power in August, but international officials and analysts say the risk of a resurgence in militancy remains and the Islamic State militant group has claimed several attacks.



This frame grab image from video shows a Taliban fighter standing guard outside the site of a bomb explosion inside a mosque, in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan on Thursday. AP

## Palestinians clash with Israeli police at holy site, 31 injured

JERUSALEM

AT least 31 Palestinians were injured in clashes with Israeli police at Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem yesterday, Palestinian medics said, the latest outbreak in a recent upsurge of violence at a site revered by Muslims and Jews alike.

According to the Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance service, 14 Palestinians were taken to the hospital, two with serious injuries.

Israeli police said its forces intervened when hundreds of people began hurling rocks and fireworks and drew close to the Western Wall, where Jewish worship was under way.

Reuters witnesses said police entered the compound after the morning prayers and fired rubber bullets and stun grenades at a crowd of about 200 Palestinians, some of whom were throwing rocks. Police also fired rubber

bullets from a close range at a group of journalists documenting the clashes, the witnesses said.

Violence at the compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, has surged over the past week, raising concerns about a slide back into wider Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Since March, Israeli forces have killed at least 29 Palestinians in West Bank raids, according to the Palestinian health ministry, and a series of deadly Arab street attacks have killed 14 people in Israel, Israeli police and medics said.

Tensions this year have been heightened in part by the Muslim holy month of Ramadan coinciding with the Jewish celebration of Passover, which brings more Muslim and Jewish visitors to the compound.

Palestinians accuse Israel of not doing enough to enforce



Palestinian medics evacuate a person wounded in clashes between protesters and Israeli police at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, in Jerusalem's Old City, on Thursday. AP

a long-standing ban on Jewish worship at the third holiest site in Islam and see such visits as a provocation. Israel rejects this accusation.

As in previous years, Israel is halting Jewish visits during the

final 10 days of Ramadan, starting Friday, an Israeli official said. Traditionally, Muslim attendance at the compound increases during the final days of the fasting month.

Al-Aqsa compound sits atop

the Old City plateau of East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in a 1967 war and annexed in a move that has not won international recognition. Palestinians want East Jerusalem to be the capital of a state they seek to establish in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

A US State Department delegation met separately with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to try to ease tensions.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told the delegation that Israel was responsible for the escalation and asked that the United States intervene, according to a Palestinian Authority official.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid discussed with the US envoys "Israel's efforts in this very challenging period to preserve the status quo on the Temple Mount," and called on regional leaders to help restore calm, according to a ministry statement.

Agencies

## Asia's IPR heft benefits world, Boao Forum told

BOAO

ASIA has become a global powerhouse of innovation and intellectual property rights, which has given a strong boost to the world economy, said the head of the China National Intellectual Property Administration at the Boao Forum for Asia in Hainan province on Wednesday.

During the "Intellectual Property in Asia: Trends and Opportunities" sub-forum, Shen Changyu, the administration's head, highlighted that IPR, as a strategic resource for national development and enhancing international competitiveness, plays an important role in today's world.

Protecting intellectual property rights is protection of innovation, Shen said.

Li Baodong, secretary-general of the Boao Forum for Asia, said with the uncertain global economic recovery, innovation and IPR protection are important for sci-tech progress, industrial upgrading and sustainable development.

Asian economies have been making significant progress in the IPR sector in recent years, Li added, with the region emerging

as a global innovation leader, providing multiple opportunities for regional and global economic development.

According to a report by the World Intellectual Property Organization, or WIPO, released last year, offices in Asia received around 2.2 million patent applications in 2020, representing 66.6 percent of the world total. In contrast, the combined figure for Europe and North America was just under the 1 million mark less than half the total for Asia.

This was primarily driven by strong growth in filings in China, which accounted for 68.6 percent of all applications filed in the region in 2020. WIPO's report showed that five Asian economies featured among the top 15 of the global innovation index last year, and China ranked 12th the only middle-income economy in the top 30.

The Tokyo-Yokohama region boasted the top science and technology cluster worldwide, followed by Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou and Beijing in the second and third spots respectively.

"At present, China's copyright industry is ushering in unprecedented historical

opportunities," said Zhang Jianchun, vice-head of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

Last September, China issued guidelines on IPR development for the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) period to further optimize its IPR system in 26 key areas, including legal construction, copyright registration, international and domestic trade and social services.

In 2020, the added value of copyrights in China reached 7.51 trillion yuan (\$1.17 trillion), accounting for 7.39 percent of GDP. Last year, the total number of registered copyrights reached 6.26 million, an increase of 24.3 percent year-on-year.

Copyrights for online videos, music and games have already grown into important innovative resources for the internet industry, and the market size of these exceeded 1 trillion yuan for the first time in 2020, up 23.6 percent from a year earlier.

However, Zhang said there are still various challenges in the IPR sector. The standardization of copyright protection law still needs to be improved, and there is still

more that needs to be achieved for high-quality copyrights.

China is devoted to fully unleashing the capability and creativity of copyrights throughout society to drive high-quality development, Zhang said, adding that Asian countries should enhance multilateral communication and cooperation while actively building up the international copyright trading and information platform.

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## China gains more confidence in understanding universe

THREE Chinese astronauts aboard the Shenzhou-13 manned spaceship Zhai Zhigang, Wang Yaping and Ye Guangfu completed their six-month "business trip" to space and returned to Earth on April 16, wrapping up the longest crewed mission to space in China's aerospace history.

From launching extra-vehicular activities (EVAs) to completing the first autonomous docking between a cargo ship and the core module of the space station, and from witnessing the first spacewalk conducted by a Chinese woman to setting a record for China's crewed space mission duration, the 183-

day mission has completed a series of experiments and technological verification, laying a solid foundation for subsequent construction of the space station.

The Shenzhou-13 mission marked a historic transition of China's aerospace undertaking. The successful mission comprehensively verified the critical technologies required for the construction of the space station and paved a path for subsequent in-orbit assembly and construction.

The three astronauts' great performance stemmed from the confidence of China's aerospace industry and the innovation of China's aerospace tech-

nologies.

Wearing China's independently developed EVA suit Feitian, they calmly completed extra-vehicular activities that were both dangerous and stunning. With a space network that was times faster than 5G, they shared magnificent space views 400 kilometers above the Earth and gave live classes to students.

Previously, Chinese astronauts had to take cargoes and materials in space-ships when leaving the Earth, but the Tianzhou-2 cargo ship acted as a "space courier" this time, delivering materials to the astronauts.

The aerospace progress driven by

China's independent innovation is constantly improving the Chinese people's ability to enter and exit from the space, and realizing more of their space dreams.

As Wang Yaping encouraged the young generation in a letter she replied to middle school students to build their own "spaceships of dreams" with wisdom and sweat, realizing dreams takes both actions and perseverance.

This year commemorates the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the China's manned space engineering project.

The country's perseverance in the

past three decades will eventually result in the realization of the country's three-step strategy for manned space program.

In the past 30 years, China's aerospace industry has made astonishing achievements, such as extending crewed space mission duration from days to half a year and building a spacious and comfortable space station.

What is also noteworthy is China's efforts to continuously implement its aerospace strategies. Chinese aerospace personnel have made stable progress and led the country to an era of space station. The achievements nowadays

are rewards of their perseverance.

As an important indicator of national sci-tech level and capability, Chinese aerospace has achieved considerable strides toward sci-tech independence with self-confidence and self-reliance, significantly inspiring the society to make further innovations.

The cosmos is immense and exploration of it will never be completed. The construction of the space station is an important milestone of China's aerospace undertaking and will make groundbreaking contributions to mankind's peaceful exploitation of space.

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# Russia imposes sanctions on US vice-president, Meta CEO

## It's destination California for Ukrainian refugees

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RUSSIA has imposed personal sanctions on 29 US citizens, including US Vice-President Kamala Harris and Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and 61 Canadian citizens, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

A total of 29 US citizens are included in Russia's "stop list" in response to the anti-Russian sanctions imposed by the US Joe Biden administration, the ministry said.

"Top US leaders, businessmen, experts and journalists, who are pursuing a Russophobic agenda, as well as the spouses of a number of high-ranking officials" are among those added to the list, and they will be denied entry to Russia for an indefinite term.

Russia has also included a group of Canadian government, defense, and media representatives in the country's "stop list" in response to "the Russophobic course" pursued by Canada. Sixty-one Canadian citizens will be prohibited from entering Russia.

The foreign ministry said the "stop list" would be expanded in the near future, in response to the hostile actions carried out by the United States and Canada.

Meanwhile, Russia has ordered the closure of Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian consular missions in St. Petersburg in a tit-for-tat move, the ministry said in a statement.

The ambassadors of Latvia and Estonia and the Lithuanian charge d'affaires were summoned to the foreign ministry Thursday in protest over the closure of Russian consulates and expulsion of staff in these countries.

On the basis of reciprocity, and taking into account the military assistance that these countries are providing to Ukraine, Russia decided to "withdraw consent to the activities" of the three countries' consulate generals in St. Petersburg, as well as Latvia's consulate and Estonia's office in Pskov, a city close to the border with Estonia, according to the statement.

"The heads and other consular officials of the Estonian and Latvian consular missions are declared 'personae non gratae,'" the ministry added.

### US additional security aid to Ukraine

Also on Thursday, Biden announced that the US will provide Ukraine with an additional package of security assistance worth \$800 million to help it defend against Russia's military operation.

The announcement came as Russia said the military operation had entered the second phase, focusing on Ukraine's eastern Donbass region.

In remarks delivered from the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Biden said the package "includes heavy artillery, weapons, dozens of howitzers and 144,000 rounds of ammunition to go with those howitzers," as well as "more tactical drones," adding that his country will continue to share "significant timely intelligence" with Ukraine.

In addition to security assistance, Biden also announced that Washington will provide Kyiv with 500 million dollars' worth of direct economic assistance to help the Ukrainian government support civilians devastated by the war and those providing essential services during the conflict.

Out of the 3.5 billion dollars in direct presidential draw-down authority with regard to Ukraine that Congress has approved for fiscal year 2021, the Biden administration has used over 2.4 billion dollars so far.

"Next week I'm going to have to be sending to Congress a supplemental budget request to keep weapons and ammunition flowing without interruption" to Ukraine, Biden said.

According to him, the US will ban all Russian-affiliated ships from docking in US ports, "another critical step" to stop Russia from benefiting from the international economic system.

### Martial law extended

The Ukrainian parliament voted to extend the martial law in the country for another 30 days, until May 25, lawmaker Yaroslav Zheleznyak said.

The presidential proposal on the prolongation of the martial law was supported by 300 lawmakers in the 450-seat assembly, Zheleznyak wrote on Telegram.

Ukraine imposed martial law on Feb 24 in the wake of the conflict with Russia.

On March 15, the Ukrainian parliament voted to extend the special regime till April 25.

On April 19, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky submitted to the parliament a bill to further extend martial law in the country.

In another development, Ukraine and Russia on Thursday conducted their sixth prisoner exchange since the start of the conflict, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said.

Ten Ukrainian soldiers, including two officers, and nine civilians held by the Russian military were released as a result of the exchange, Vereshchuk said on Telegram.

There are wounded among those released and they now can obtain treatment and rehabilitation, Vereshchuk said.

Ukraine and Russia conducted their first prisoner exchange on March 24. Since then, more than 200 Ukrainians held by Russian forces have returned home.

On Wednesday, Zelensky said his country stands ready for any format of prisoner exchange with Russia to free people from the besieged city of Mariupol.



People walk past the Russian Foreign Ministry headquarters in Moscow on April 5, 2022. File photo

SAN FRANCISCO

CALIFORNIA has increasingly become a destination for Ukrainian refugees as thousands of them travel to Mexico's northern border in a bid to seek asylum in the United States.

The US government announced last month that the country would accept 100,000 Ukrainian refugees, but it hasn't said when the formal resettlement process will begin.

Many Ukrainians have chosen to arrive in Mexico, a country they can enter without a visa, to ask US immigration agents to let them in on humanitarian grounds.

In the border city of Tijuana, which has become a popular transit point for Ukrainian refugees, authorities have turned a sports complex into a makeshift shelter.

The new arrivals wait days in the shelter for their turn to be allowed entry into California. Some sleep in tents or on the floor of converted gyms, according to a report by The New York Times on Wednesday.

More than 5 million Ukrainians have fled their country since Feb 24, when Russia began its special military operation, according to the UN refugee agency. Tijuana has seen "a surprising influx" of Ukrainian refugees since the city started seeing arrivals on March 11, Enrique Lucero, director of migrant affairs for the city, told the CNN network.



A group of Ukrainians arrive to a shelter, on Thursday in the border city of Tijuana, Mexico. AP

While he expects all the migrants to enter the US, Lucero said the US authorities have been slow to process them and that's why so many people have gathered.

The Department of Homeland Security is allowing Ukrainians, on a case-by-case basis, to be exempted from pandemic restrictions brought in during the presidency of Donald Trump. The curbs resulted in the expulsion of migrants encountered at the US-Mexico border in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in holding facilities.

The administration of US President Joe Biden has kept the restrictions on migrants seeking entry except unac-

panied children and some families. Those restrictions will end on May 23, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced recently.

Dozens of Ukrainian children have been separated from relatives, friends or older siblings with whom they traveled to the US southern border because of a law devised to prevent migrant children from being trafficked, according to The Times report.

### 'Unaccompanied minors'

The law requires US border authorities to place "unac-

panied minors" in government shelters, where they must remain until their guardians have been screened and approved.

The separations became controversial in 2018 when the Trump administration intentionally removed children from migrant parents to discourage border crossings. The children, many of whom fled gang violence in Central America, were sent to government shelters.

US authorities haven't released figures on how many Ukrainian children have been separated from caregivers, but volunteers working with the refugees said they have counted at least 50. Up to 20 children have lately been arriving daily in Tijuana with someone other than a parent, they said.

Hundreds of Ukrainians seeking asylum at the border have already crossed into California from Mexico. They will likely go to cities that already have large Ukrainian communities.

The Sacramento area in California is home to the highest concentration of Ukrainian immigrants in the US, with 1 in every 125 residents of Ukrainian descent, according to the Migration Policy Institute. The Seattle, Chicago and New York City areas are also hubs.

Agencies

## China ensures safety of underwater cultural relics with technological means

AFTER taking a 91-meter-long escalator into the water, crossing a 146-meter-long horizontal corridor, and walking into a viewing gallery which is 40 meters below the surface of the Yangtze River, visitors find themselves at the Baiheliang Underwater Museum (or the Underwater Museum of White Crane Ridge), located in the middle of the Yangtze River in southwest China's Chongqing municipality.

Involving a total investment of 193 million yuan (\$30 million), the underwater museum built in 2009 is hailed as the world's first underwater museum that visitors can access without having to dive by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The underwater museum was built upon a natural stone ridge, which is 1,600 meters long and 15 meters wide. Situated at the intersection of the Yangtze River and its tributary Wujiang River, in Fuling district, Chongqing, the stone ridge was an ancient hydrometric station that used stone fish carvings to measure the water levels of the Yangtze River during dry seasons.

There are now 165 paragraphs of inscriptions on the ridge, which record the hydrological data about the Yangtze River during dry years in more than 1,200 years since the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and a large number of authentic calligraphy works of famous poets and artists and have extremely important hydrological scientific value.

The ridge is therefore known as the world's earliest hydrometric station in the world.

Through the 23 round glass windows of the underwater museum, visitors can see clearly the inscriptions and fish carvings created by ancient Chinese people on the ridge.

As the ridge could be submerged in water forever when the Three Gorges Reservoir along the Yangtze River achieves the annual target of storing water at 175 meters above sea level (The target was first met in 2010), a Baiheliang in-situ protection project was initiated in 2003.

The project is the most difficult and technologically demanding and involves the most investment among projects for the protection of cultural relics in the Three Gorges Dam area. It adopted a "pressure-free container" method to realize in-situ preservation of these underwater cultural relics.

A huge container was built at tens of meters below the water surface to envelop the core part of the inscriptions on the ridge. To ensure the



A diver carries out underwater tasks at the Baiheliang Underwater Museum located in the middle of the Yangtze River, southwest China's Chongqing municipality. (Photo/ Baiheliang Underwater Museum)

container is "pressure-free", its inside is also filled with water.

At the entrance of the viewing gallery of the underwater museum, two professionally qualified divers were preparing to dive into the water to clean the "pressure-free container".

Since the water gets colder with depth, divers need to dress warmly inside the wetsuit. They also add weights around the waist to control their buoyancy in water. After carefully checking the air tightness of the diving gear, the divers jumped into the diving chamber.

"Every three months, poor water transparency, algal blooms, the growth of biofilms on the surface of the inscriptions and other problems occur within the 'pressure-free container'. So we need to ask professional divers to clean it regularly," said Yang Bangde, curator of the Baiheliang Underwater Museum.

While swimming back and forth in the closed glass container, divers open the sewer backup valve so that the sewage hose can remove the sediment in the protection container by the pressure difference between the inside and outside of the container, and wipe the algae from the glass windows and decorative lights.

The deeper they dive, the greater the water pressure becomes and the harder it is for them to carry out tasks. Therefore, each diver usually work no longer than one hour each time, and must wait at least 24 hours before performing another underwater task.

The temperatures and materials of underwater lights could affect the water quality, according to Yang. The staff members of the museum have therefore constantly renewed the deep water lighting system.

They changed the materials of lamps from aluminum to stainless steel so as to reduce the matters produced by long-term immersion of aluminum lamps in deep water, and replaced warm white lamp beads with cool white ones, effectively reducing the temperature of the water and slowing down the growth rate of algae. Besides, they have employed a filtration and circulation system that operates ceaselessly.

"The water inside the protection container is even less turbid than potable mineral water," Yang pointed out.

"As a proverb in Fuling goes, 'The sighting of the stone fish carvings promises a good harvest,'" Yang said, pointing to carp carvings on the ridge.

Over 1,200 years ago, after careful observation of the water level of the Yangtze River, local people found that once the stone fish carvings emerged from the water, it meant that the low-water level days were gone and a year with adequate rainfalls and a bumper harvest was to come. As far as Yang is concerned, the inscriptions on the stone ridge are like a book hidden underwater that has recorded a history of more than a thousand years.

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## Washington's unbounded financial terrorism

BEIJING

EVEN without firing a single shot or deploying any soldiers in Ukraine, the United States is still considered a combatant in the Russia-Ukraine military conflict. By weaponizing its global financial supremacy, Washington's financial terrorism is escalating the already highly-charged confrontation and sending shockwaves around the world.

The moment Moscow launched the military operation, Washington rushed to maneuver a ton of sanctions against Moscow, removing Russian banks from the international financial messaging system SWIFT, freezing any Russian assets "touching the U.S. financial system," and threatening to "crush Russia's economy."

Russia and the rest of the world have already felt the repercussions. Following the sanctions, ratings agencies downgraded Russia to "junk" status. The Institute of International Finance predicted a double-digit contraction in Russia's economic growth. On the global scale, the sanctions fueled sharp hikes of oil and natural gas prices. Sizable increase in the prices of key commodities is triggering accelerated high inflation in many countries and weakening the already faltering global recovery from the pandemic.

It is abundantly clear that the United States, by exploiting the U.S. dollar's global dominance, is converting the international financial system into an international sanctions system.

In the mid 1960s, when fixed exchange rates based on the post-World War II gold standard were gradually replaced by a global system reliant on the dollar as the primary means of cross-border payments and reserves, France's then Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing coined the phrase "exorbitant privilege" to bemoan a United States taking advantage of the dollar dominance for self-interest.

Over the past more than 50 years, the United States has transformed that "exorbitant privilege" into an "exorbitant weapon of mass financial destruction" for geopolitical contention, and pulled the trigger multiple times.

In early of the century, Washington executed the same playbook in its dealing with the Iran nuclear issue, expelling Iranian banks from SWIFT and banning imports of Iranian energy. Even now, the Iranian economy is still struggling in the shadow of Wash-

ington's sanctions.

The latest sanctions and threats of more sanctions on Russia are another salient example that Washington is getting increasingly unscrupulous in abusing its dollar hegemony for self-serving purposes. The global community should stay ever more vigilant against Washington's unbounded financial terrorism.

America's messaging around is reminding all countries of the dangerous possibility of being cut off from the global financial market at Washington's whim.

"The more we use it, the more other countries are going to diversify due to geopolitical reasons," said Zongyuan Zoe Liu, a fellow for international political economy at the Council on Foreign Relations based in the United States.

As a hedge against the risk of falling into the prey of Washington's financial terrorism, de-dollarization is being accepted as a rational option by more.

Since the 2000s exactly when Washington started using the dollar dominance as a menacing tool for geopolitical coercion, the dollar's position as the world's dominant reserve currency has been going downhill.

According to data from the International Monetary Fund, in 2021, the dollar accounted for less than 60 percent international foreign currency reserves, while in 2000, the number is more than 70 percent.

By contrast, currencies of some emerging economies like the Chinese renminbi are gaining a larger share in international foreign currency reserves and transnational transactions.

People with basic economic knowledge know that the value of a currency rests on people's trust in its issuer, typically a country's government. The eroding dollar dominance is a prognostic indicator of the shrinking trust the world holds towards Washington.

The United States does not lack world-class minds to tell that Washington's addiction to dollar weaponization is provoking a backlash: the world's trust in the U.S. dollar and a global financial transaction system underpinned by the dollar is fading away.

There is only one way to explain Washington politicians' craziness: they have grown too hubristic to make rational calls. *Xinhua*





Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) netball squad's Wing Attacker (WA) Nyamboge Mwita (R) battles for possession with Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) team's Wing Defence (WD) Zitha Mindeme when the squads faced off in a netball match of this season's Mei Mosi Cup tournament held at Kilimani Park court in Dodoma recently. TRA outfit won 36-12. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Home Affairs Ministry, State House squads hold sway in 2022 Mei Mosi Cup netball tourney

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

NETBALL outfits from the President's Office and the Ministry of Home Affairs have continued to make their presence felt in this season's Mei Mosi Cup tournament which is taking place in Dodoma, easily beating opponents.

Netball tournament defending champion, State House team, beat the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) team 35-10. The State House outfit boasted a 15-6 lead at half-time.

The Ministry of Home Affairs squad, which has the tallest Goal Shooter, cruised to an emphatic 74-4 victory over the College of Rural Development Planning's team.

College of Planning and Rural Development outfit was trailing the Ministry of Home Affairs squad 36-2 at half-time.

Ministry of Energy's netball team garnered a walkover, grabbing 40 goals and two points, as their opponents, Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) squad, could not honour the tie.

In another clash, the Treasury team beat the National Electoral Commission (NEC) squad 50-20, until the half time the former was leading 24-7.

Another netball match had Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) squad notching a 41-4 victory against Kongwa District Commissioner's outfit.

The University of Dodoma (UDOM) netball squad beat Mzingu 30-14, the eventual winners had gone into the break leading 17-6.

The State House team had, in another game, notched a 27-12 victory over the Ministry of Water squad.

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) team defeated the TARURA squad 36-12,

with the former boasting of a 15-4 lead at half-time.

In a soccer match, the Ministry of Transport's football team, Uchukuzi SC, defeated the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) team 1-0, and the goal was scored by Hussein Mwingira.

In another soccer match played at Kilimani Park ground, the TARURA team defeated the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) squad 6-0.

Mponji Mhagama, Michael Gunem, Omary Kido, Simon Mng'ong'osi, and Habibu Kilango netted the goals for the TARURA squad.

The TRA football outfit defeated Dar es Salaam's Temeke Municipality squad 1-0 in a clash that was played at the Jamhuri Stadium, with Isaya Laizer netting for the former.

In another match held at the Jamhuri Stadium, the Ministry of Health's side posted a 1-1 draw with National Audit Office's squad.

UDOM squad notched a 2-2 draw with the Ministry of Water squad in a duel that took place at Kilimani Park ground.

In the men's tug-of-war showdown, the TARURA team defeated the Teachers' Service Commission 1-0.

In the women's tug-of-war showdown, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) team defeated the Ministry of Water squad 2-0.

In another clash, the College of Rural Development Planning outfit beat the Ministry of Health 2-0.

The Prime Minister's Office team was awarded victory after the opponents, the TARURA squad, had staged a no-show.

The Mei Mosi Cup tournament, bringing together sides from ministries, public institutions, and private companies,

## Mkude's quality influenced by midfield partners

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TALKING about the longest-serving players at Simba SC, Jonas Mkude is the name that will come to Tanzanian football followers' minds as the midfielder has served the outfit for over 10 years.

Although Mkude has had the disciplinary challenges that have always put him in trouble with the Msimbazi Street outfit's leaders, his ability to ensure the team gets good results is what makes the club's fans happy.

Apart from that, in the current Simba SC squad that is positioned second in the NBC Premier League standings and has reached the quarter-finals of this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) and CAF Confederation Cup, Mkude is a senior player.

Mkude started serving Simba U-20 squad which took him from the Rolling Stone Championship in Arusha and was promoted to the senior team in January 2011, and has remained so far despite the entry of various midfielders.

The history of Mkude and Simba SC begins when he played for the youth team, then coached by Selemani Matola assisted by Amri Said under Manager Patrick Rweyamamu.

The midfielder has been a mainstay in the Simba SC squad despite the signings of various foreign players from different countries.

The footballer has withstood the competition and remains a reliable midfielder especially when it comes to who will start in the first team's midfield.

The Guardian looks at Simba SC defensive midfielders that found Mkude and left the outfit after their contracts had



Jonas Mkude

expired, while others left due to injuries and lack of playing time.

### Taddeo Lwanga

The Ugandan midfielder was signed by Simba SC in December 2020 after the termination of Brazilian midfielder Gerson Fraga's contract and challenged Mkude in the defensive midfield role due to his quality.

Immediately after Lwanga had sustained an injury Mkude replaced the midfielder and he is still playing in the first team.

In last season's mini transfer window, Simba SC signed Lwanga as a free agent and at the beginning of his career he appeared to be a regular player, he showed a high level of quality and made Mkude a substitute.

Since his injury, he has brought Mkude back to his place, and now the Cranes midfielder is a squad player as he slowly picks up his

pace attempting to regain his place.

### James Kotei

It was a battle between Ghanaian Kotei and Mkude with both seeking first-team place, but Mkude's quality proved to be better than Kotei's after head coach Patrick Ausems approved the Ghanaian midfielder as one of the players whose contracts should not be extended.

Simba SC decided to sign Sudanese midfielder Sharaf Shiboub to assist Mkude.

### Gerson Fraga

The Brazilian midfielder was a fan favourite due to his quality in the defensive midfield area but the knee injury that kept him out of the field for a year marked the end of his presence on the Msimbazi Street side.

At Simba SC he tried to challenge Mkude, but luck was not on his side after Simba SC terminated his

contract and signed Lwanga.

### Said Ndemla

He is a Simba SC youth outfit graduate who failed to break through into the starting 11 for many seasons as he failed to challenge Mkude and other foreign players.

Ndemla was loaned by Simba SC to Mtibwa Sugar earlier this season. Ndemla did not make his presence felt at Simba SC, as is the case with Mkude, but due to his ability, the former was fortunate enough to play.

### Mwinyi Kazimoto

The footballer joined Simba SC in the 2011/12 season, playing successfully for one season, and later serving Al Markhiya of Qatar, an outfit he played for two seasons, in the 2015 season, he returned to Simba SC until he decided to leave and go to JKT Tanzania which he currently serves.

### Justice Majabvi

He is a midfielder recommended by former Simba SC head coach Dylan Kerr, he was not directly registered but was in trials and was later given a one-year contract, and, in the end, his contract was not extended due to misconduct.

### Abdallah Seseme

Another Simba SC youth outfit's product just like Mkude, the midfielder played with Mkude on the youth team and later saw promotion, but he was not very good and then Simba SC leadership offloaded the player.

Seseme now plays for NBC Premier League

side, Kagera Sugar, unlike Mkude who has been facing many challenges but still fights at the Msimbazi Street squad.

### Mussa Ndusha

His registration within the Simba SC squad was in dispute with the FC Renaissance of DR Congo due to the midfielder's former employers' refusal to provide an International Transfer Certificate.

Despite the problem, he did not challenge for a place on the starting side due to his standard being less convincing.

### Patrick Mafisango

On May 17, 2012, Tanzania's football fraternity mourned the midfielder's death after he was killed in a car accident.

The midfielder was a fan favourite at Simba SC, he lost his life after his car crashed and he died instantly in Dar es Salaam.

The performer left a lasting impression on Simba SC due to his prowess on the pitch.

Mkude had a lot to learn from the Rwandan midfielder as a young midfielder. Born in Kinshasa, DR Congo, Mafisango played club football for DRC's TP Mazembe, Rwanda's APR and ATRACO, and Tanzania's Azam FC and Simba.

He won the 2011/12 Mainland Tanzania Premier League title with Simba after joining from rivals Azam FC in May 2011.

He earned 23 caps at the senior international level for Rwanda, scoring twice, between 2006 and 2011. He also appeared in 10 FIFA World Cup qualifying matches.

## TPDC squads continue to dominate 2022 Mei Mosi Cup



Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) women's tug-of-war side, alias 'Queen Monsters', drag Ministry of Water's women squad (not pictured) during a game that ended with the former cruising to a 2-0 win. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

HEADING towards the World Labour Day celebrations set to take place in Dodoma on May 1, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) teams have continued to perform well in men's and women's categories of the tug-of-war competition.

On Thursday, the TPDC tug-of-war team continued its dominance in the show-down's women event, posting a 2-0 win over the Ministry of Water's team.

Commenting on the TPDC side's good results, the corporation's information officer, Eugene Isaya, said that the results came about due to discipline, practice, as well

as following coaches' instructions during practice.

"We seemed to start slowly, but the practice and the discipline of the game have helped us a lot as well as working on the coaches' instructions," Isaya revealed.

Isaya added: "TPDC squad treats all opponents with equal respect, and will not look down on any team as we aim to win all matches and thus place itself in a good position to win trophies."

The TPDC side was expected to again be on the field yesterday to face their Ministry of Agriculture counterparts in the women's tug-of-war show-down.

In the games played on April 20, the famous TPDC football team,

TPDC Heroes, defeated the Kongwa Council squad 2-0 in a game played at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

The TPDC Heroes after a slow start that had the team losing its first match against the Ministry of Energy squad, seemed to change and showcase impressive football which seemed to confuse the opponents from Kongwa.

TPDC Heroes got their first goal through striker Patrick Kabwe who headed in a cross from defender Yoctan Robert.

After the goal, Kongwa seemed to wake up and put TPDC Heroes under pressure but the latter nevertheless managed to score their second goal through midfielder Hans Kyando completed

a good move by teammates.

Until the final whistle, TPDC Heroes commanded the 2-0 victory and as a result, the squad collected four points and continues to keep alive its hopes of advancing to the next stage.

In men's tug-of-war, the popular TPDC team, nicknamed 'The Monsters', managed to oust their Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) counterparts by pulling the latter with unanswered moves.

The TPDC women's tug-of-war team, alias 'The Queen Monsters', also managed to oust their opponents from the Prime Minister's Office by pulling the latter with both influences.



# Ten Hag: The 'tactically brilliant' coach who became a winner at Ajax

By Tom Hamilton, ESPN Senior Writer

**E**RIK ten Hag will be Manchester United's sixth manager since Sir Alex Ferguson retired after winning the club's most recent Premier League title in 2013. He arrives with the pressure of returning the club to the top of European football after a near-decade of mediocrity, and in hiring him, United have opted for someone who has a track record of developing youth, playing attractive football and winning titles at Ajax. Despite the apparent fit, there's still an element of the unknown about him.

Ten Hag comes to United as a much-admired manager -- someone who has worked under Pep Guardiola (at Bayern Munich), has helped nurture some of Europe's best young players, and has a philosophy influenced as much by the Dutch "Total Football" school of thought as it is by Guardiola's way of playing, with a dab of Germany's "Gegenpressing" philosophy.

I last spoke to Ten Hag back in December. Back then he was masterminding a Champions League campaign with Ajax, but was also hinting at his growing hunger to try something different. At the time, he was being linked with all manner of top jobs, and was asked about whether he pays any attention to it.

"Don't look in Google... I live by the day, and I'm very satisfied at Ajax," he said. But then he paused; when asked whether he'd eventually be tempted by one of the European giants linked with him, he answered: "It would be great. We will see if it comes, if they want to sign me. I am looking forward for a plan, and I feel comfortable to do a job like this."

Six months on, he's landed at Old Trafford, by far the biggest job of his career. But how did he get here?

## \*Erik ten Hag's journey to Old Trafford

Back in December, Ten Hag said he was satisfied with Ajax's season at that stage: They were winning the league, and were still in Europe and in the KNVB Beker (Dutch Cup). But this came with a qualification. "Satisfaction is also a danger, as the moment you get satisfied, you get lazy," he said. "Laziness is a big threat, for me as a coach -- when I have that feeling, it'll come to my players and if my players get lazy, then we're killed."

Behind Ten Hag on the walls of his office are three black-and-white photos of ex-Ajax managers and legends Rinus Michels, Johan Cruyff and Louis van Gaal. Between them, the trio built the red-and-white castle where Ten Hag planted his flag in 2017. They are as much inspiration as they are reminders of the expectation that comes with being a Dutch coach schooled at Ajax.

Ten Hag's playing career was as a typical, run-of-the-mill Eredivisie central midfielder. He had three spells at FC Twente, while also playing for De Graafschap, RKC Waalwijk and Utrecht. He played alongside Hans Kraay Jr. at De Graafschap and the



Erik ten Hag

two have remained close friends.

"When we played together, Erik's dream was to become the manager of FC Twente," Kraay said. "But I saw already that he was tactically brilliant. If we were playing against one striker, or two strikers, our manager always told us we had to sort it out between us. He had such an eye for detail."

Ten Hag retired from playing football at age 32 and went into coaching, working his way through the FC Twente age-grade sides before becoming assistant to Fred Rutten and Steve McClaren. In July 2009 he was reunited with Rutten at PSV, where his reputation grew, and he took charge of Dutch second-division side Go Ahead Eagles in 2012. In his sole season there, he got them promoted to the Eredivisie for the first time in 17 years.

Then came the move to Bayern Munich, where he managed the reserves from 2013-15 -- a spell that coincided with Guardiola's tenure at the German giants. It was a formative experience for Ten Hag. He learned what it takes to manage and work for one of the European powerhouses, and he also witnessed Guardiola's methods first-hand: noting how Guardiola's team would defend and press from the front, and the intensity at which Bayern trained.

Ten Hag was snapped up by his former club side FC Utrecht in 2015. There he held a dual role as sporting director and manager and steered the club into the Europa League.

One of his final matches in charge was a 2-1 victory at Ajax in November 2017 and just six weeks later, Ajax sacked Marcel Keizer after his ill-fated five-month spell, appointing Ten Hag as his successor.

Ajax were going through a tough spell. In July 2017, their promising attacking midfielder Abdelhak Nouri collapsed in a preseason match, having suffered a cardiac arrhythmia attack, which left him with brain damage. Nouri grew up playing in the same academy side as Matthijs de Ligt and Donny van de Beek. That had a long-last-

ing impact on the players and club.

On the pitch, the players were underperforming. Though they were second in the league when Ten Hag took the job, they'd already been knocked out of the Dutch Cup and Europe. It took time for Ten Hag to be accepted as he was a different sort of manager to what they were used to: he was an outsider.

"[Then-director of football Marc] Overmars gave him time," Kraay says. "He's got a different accent from people in Amsterdam, they were laughing at him a little bit -- asking how a manager from the small town in the east of Netherlands called Haaksbergen would change Ajax."

Everyone, though -- even those who were against him -- started to see what he was doing. He's the boss. He doesn't want to make friends, but wants good, entertaining football and then all of a sudden, they were playing better football."

That summer before the 2018-19 campaign, Ajax recruited experience in Dusan Tadic and Daley Blind, and combined that with their brilliant young group of players in De Ligt, Frenkie de Jong and Van de Beek. They stormed to the league title -- winning it by three points and ending a five-year drought -- completed the Dutch double with the KNVB Beker and reached the semifinals of the Champions League.

The following campaign was curtailed by COVID-19, but in 2020-21 they won the league again, by 16 points, though they struggled in the Champions League group stage and were knocked out of the Europa League by Roma in the quarterfinals.

This term, Ten Hag has them at the top of the Eredivisie with an incredible goal difference of plus-70, while they also reached the Champions League round of 16 and the KNVB Beker final, which they lost 3-2 to rivals PSV Eindhoven. But the club have had some turbulent moments too.

When we spoke in December, Overmars had recently signed

a new four-year-deal. Just a month later, he had resigned following multiple complaints from female colleagues over inappropriate messages. The club has been dealing with the fallout in the boardroom and in the media, but Ten Hag has managed to keep the ship steering in the right direction on the pitch.

He leaves Ajax having won two Eredivisie titles -- with another potentially to come -- and a record of 2.36 points per game (73.81%), the highest of any permanent manager since Stefan Kovacs' tenure in the 1970s. When we spoke in December about legacy, Ten Hag identified three key aspects of being a successful club coach at the Dutch giants, which he'll take with him to United.

"It would be great if you leave something here, but I work in the Ajax DNA," he said. "You have to win here, and win in an attractive way, and do it with young players. All the three we are doing that in this moment. If you call it a legacy, it's not about me -- it's about other people and that's not what I'm running after. My job is to get the maximum amount out of the team we have these days, and I have to work for a better future, then you will see what it'll bring."

## \*What it's like to be coached by Ten Hag

Ten Hag is a detail-oriented figure who is immersed in his club and leaves little to chance. "He once told me, 'When I sleep, I think about football and tactics,'" Kraay says.

AZ Alkmaar centre-back Timo Letschert played under Ten Hag at Utrecht in the 2015-16 season.

"We didn't know him that well when he joined but when he came, immediately we felt a different kind of approach," Letschert said. "We weren't used to staying on the pitch that long -- almost two hours on the pitch. We weren't used to making days last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

"He introduced that to Utrecht. Maybe in the beginning there was a little bit of doubt as we didn't have the results, but he managed to get the young-

er talents going. Like me, they were sometimes difficult to coach, but he has a way of reaching out, talking to players and getting them to understand him."

"It may not happen on the first day, or the second day, but after a while the players understand his way of thinking and will fight for him and believe in him."

Letschert experienced Ten Hag's eye for detail first-hand when they went through some of his match footage. "We looked at some clips, and I remember him being very, very critical, but also noticing the positive things in my game," Letschert says.

"He's constantly watching footage and talking about how I can make steps. The most important thing is individual attention -- sitting together with players, one-on-one, having a plan for every player." And if he needs to get angry at half-time to get his team going, he will. "But even if he is angry, he never lost his sense or concentration."

Despite his steely exterior, there's another side to Ten Hag, as Letschert remembers: "I remember when I was called up by Netherlands in March 2016. Ten Hag phoned me before it was announced and called me to his office. He wanted to tell me one-to-one at his desk before I read it on the internet. After he told me, he asked me to stand up and gave me a big, fat hug. Normally he's very professional, not so affectionate, but I will always remember that."

Ten Hag is also known to

strut his stuff on the dance floor at team socials. "I didn't expect to see that! But the players loved it," Letschert says.

At Ajax, Ten Hag has also managed to transform the careers of older players like Tadic, who has flourished after an underwhelming spell in the Premier League. In an interview with the Daily Telegraph in December, the Serbian midfielder painted a picture of a man who is a football obsessive, but very solution-oriented.

"He identifies their strengths and how to stop them, whatever the opposition do, he has a response," Tadic said. "He gives us such an advantage, we always feel like we are one step ahead of the other team. I think, tactically, he is the master. But he is also very good in the way he talks to the players. When you have that combination, it is why he is so good."

When Ten Hag was asked by ESPN how his approach to man-management has altered, he said it is ever-changing: "In leadership, leadership qualities are based on the demand of the situation you are in. When I coached a young team, my approach was different to a more experienced team."

"When you are in a successful period, you are coaching differently to when you are in an unsuccessful period. So you always have to adapt to the situation, as a manager. You learn a lot and get more experience and you learn better how to manage situations, so I have improved as a manager."

## \*Ten Hag's philosophy

Ten Hag's Ajax have been playing predominantly in a fluid 4-2-3-1 system this season, which can shift to three at the back, or can morph into a front four or even six at times in a 4-2-4. "Attack is the best defence and it's difficult to score against us as, first of all, we attack with 11 and defend with 11," Ten Hag told ESPN. "All the players in our way of playing have a job, and have to do that job with 100% discipline. Achieve that, and it's difficult to score against your team."

Ten Hag doesn't rotate his players for the sake of it, either. He often keeps the faith with a familiar-looking first XI for the big matches, but the nature of the Eredivisie -- and Ajax's strength relative to much of the league -- means he has the luxury of being able to shift key personnel out for matches against the smaller teams.

It is a testament to Ten Hag that he has managed to pivot Ajax away from the traditional 4-3-3 -- a thought that previously

would be sacrilegious -- and more toward a 4-2-3-1. The two central midfielders are expected to get through an almighty amount of work, and he's turned to rising stars Ryan Gravenberch and Edson Alvarez to do that this term.

Their role is as much playmaking as it is going from box to box. The wingers are aggressive and the team is expected to win the ball back immediately after losing it: expect to see United relentlessly pressing and counter-pressing high up the pitch once he's settled in next season.

"Some at United will worry about how he plays. He likes to play with both full-backs high on the pitch," Kraay says. "It's the same with his two central defenders at Ajax -- Lisandro Martinez and Jurrien Timber. He'll need two central defenders who are good on the ball, but also they need pace. I don't know if Harry Maguire and Victor Lindelof have the pace."

Any striker playing for Ten Hag will be expected to hustle the opposing defenders, but also be an aerial threat in the box, while his goalkeeper will need to be good with his feet. Like Cruyff's philosophy, the keeper plays out from the box with his two centre-backs coming short to receive the ball.

Letschert also knows what it's like to play against a Ten Hag side, having faced Ajax with Alkmaar. "His teams play with discipline; he wants them to play with high intensity," he says. "You must be able to put pressure on for 90 minutes. You have to be fit, as you can only be disciplined if you are fit enough. They are very well prepared, being able to switch formations within the game."

## Ten Hag at Manchester United

This is by far the biggest job of Ten Hag's career, but he will have done his due diligence. He has worked with an ex-Man United player (Blind) and a current United player (Donny van de Beek) while his boss at Ajax, chief executive Edwin van der Sar, knows United inside out having won 10 trophies in his six years as a player at Old Trafford.

"In every organisation it's important to have good cooperation. It's always based on good communication," Ten Hag told ESPN at the turn of the year. Until Overmars' departure, Ajax had an effective machine which allowed Ten Hag to focus on training the team, leaving all the politics and transfer machinations to Overmars and Van der Sar.

At United, it will be different. They are a club still playing catch-up to their

rivals when it comes to effectiveness in the transfer market. After years of turbulence, this is seen as a fresh start. "There's only yes, or no, with Erik, nothing in between," Kraay says.

He'll want the club to target young, hungry players, with Timber and Antony expected to be high on his transfer wish list. Kraay also feels his appointment is good news for Cristiano Ronaldo: "I think he'll make Ronaldo shine for another year," he says. "At the moment he gets the ball 65 yards away from the opponent -- he doesn't have the pace anymore. But if Ronaldo trains one week under Ten Hag, he'll think 'Wow. It's still nice to play as a striker.' He'll play high pressure. Ronaldo won't get the ball 65 yards out, but 18 or 20 yards out."

Ten Hag will likely bring some familiar faces with him to his backroom staff, including Mitchell van der Gaag and Robin van Persie (if the former United striker is able to obtain a work permit), and top of his to-do list will be to improve the squad's fitness.

Ten Hag says he's not one who gets nervous, but having worked at Ajax he knows full well the expectations that come with such a big job and how he'll be judged. ("You have to grab titles. It's all about that.")

At Ajax, there's an almost annual upheaval as the club loses their best players. Ten Hag won't have that problem at United, so he'll be looking to build a dynasty. "What you hope as a manager to fulfil ambitions is to keep your team for a long period, for more years and get stronger players in to build a stronger squad who fulfil their competences," Ten Hag said.

"But you also need collective experiences, that can help a team a huge amount to be successful."

Back in December when we were talking about Ten Hag's next step, I asked him how he'd changed at Ajax. "I can better predict the future," he said. "I can better read how everyone is moving inside the club and around the club." United is an unpredictable beast and an almighty challenge. But Ten Hag will back himself to bring silverware to the club -- he wouldn't have taken the job otherwise.

"I really disagree with many people today who ask why he should go to United as 'they're down the drain,'" Kraay says. "He must go now; this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

"The closer they are to rock bottom, the better it is to start. If they let him get his players and do his work then I'm sure, after one season, he will come quite close to the football Alex Ferguson wanted."

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# Yanga out to strengthen grip on NBC Premier League title



Yanga's players attend a training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**D**ESPITE having a 10-point lead at the top of this season's NBC Premier League, Young Africans SC popularly known as 'Yanga' understands the title race is not over yet.

This is the mentality they have when they host Namungo FC tonight in an NBC Premier League game at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The runaway leaders have been the absolute best team in the competition this season, and their 10-point lead at the top is a testament to this fact.

They remain the only unbeaten side in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League after 19 games.

They have scored the most number of goals in the Tanzanian top flight so far, and they have been ruthless at

home, winning seven out of eight games while scoring 17 and conceding just two goals.

Coach Nasredine Nabi's men are destined for league glory barring any miracle, and since they are at home this weekend, the team will be determined to move another huge step closer to the title.

After going four games without a win, Namungo FC returned to winning ways with a 3-1 victory over Ruwu Shooting on Monday afternoon at Ilulu Stadium, Lindi to jump back to the third spot.

They are one point ahead of fourth-placed Azam FC, having

played one more game.

Namungo FC assistant coach Jamhuri Kihwelo 'Julio' was bullish ahead of today's game.

He insisted his team has what it takes to put to an end Yanga's impressive 26-match unbeaten run that stretches back to April 20 last year when they lost 1-0 to Azam FC in coach Nabi's first game in charge.

Kihwelo said: "We have every reason to beat Yanga, I think we are the ones who will end their unbeaten run."

"That's our target. The league title is still undecided. Yanga are not yet champions, Simba SC is not champion," the

tactician noted.

Since their topflight promotion in the 2019/20 season, Namungo FC has always relished competing with Yanga.

All the five top-flight league matches between Yanga and Namungo FC have ended as draws, including their most recent encounter which took place in Lindi in November last year.

A controversial penalty converted by Yanga's midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza canceled Obrey Chirwa's opener for Namungo FC in the game that saw eight yellow cards and one red card issued.

There will also be a match-up between two top league scorers.

Fiston Mayele of Yanga and Reliants Lusajo of Namungo FC lead the goal-scoring charts and are competitors for the Player of the Season award so far.

The Yanga attacker has been one of the most consistent players in the league this season with 11 goals and three assists.

Like Mayele, Lusajo has had a huge impact on Namungo FC's position in the league table with 10 goals and three assists.



Aisha Masaka

## Aisha Masaka yet to make debut in Sweden

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN striker, Aisha Masaka, has a lot of work to do to make sure she earns a place in BK Hacken's first team, as she waits for her debut in the Swedish Women's Premier League 'Damallsvenskan' which has begun.

Aisha, aged 18, is one of the club's five strikers including Stine Larsen who is the star of the Danish national team with 59 caps and 20 goals.

Stine is one of only three strikers who have been used by the outfit. Margaretha Molly and Mille Gejl Jensen are the rest. Aisha hardly appeared on BK Hacken's bench in those games.

Out of three games, Stine has played two and scored two goals, Mille has played all games and scored one goal, and Molly has not scored.

There are still unconfirmed reports that Aisha is suffering from injuries.

In the technical area from the training ground, Aisha is required to demonstrate her ability despite her absence from the matchday squads.

As some coaches do, the coach will probably want Aisha to get acquainted with her teammates first to form a good partnership and patterns of play.

For any player from Africa, it takes her time to start playing due to foreignness, unless she gets used to her teammates.

As soon as Aisha begins to become familiar with her teammates, she will have a breakthrough but first, she has to earn the coaches' trust, she has to show her quality in practice.

Having played for clubs such as Aston Villa, Stine is one of the most dangerous and experienced strikers in competitive women's soccer.

Aisha, for that matter, has to prove she was not registered there by fluke to get a chance to play.

If the Singida-born striker proves her worth, she can help BK Hacken form a good offensive line, provided she can blend well with other forwards.

There is a lot that Aisha can learn from Stine because the latter has played for many teams in Europe.

## Simba SC predicted lineup in CAF CC last eight's match vs Orlando Pirates



Tanzania's Simba SC players (L-R) Mohamed Hussein, Shomari Kapombe, and Pape Ousmane Sakho celebrate after Kapombe had scored against South Africa's Orlando Pirates when the clubs met in this season's CAF Confederation Cup last eight's first leg clash which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

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enjoyed a good first season with Simba SC.

TANZANIA'S Simba SC travels to face South Africa's Orlando Pirates in the second leg of their CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal tie looking to seal their place in the semi-finals of the competition for the first time.

Shomari Kapombe's second-half penalty strike in Dar es Salaam last week means the Simba Reds take a slender 1-0 advantage to Johannesburg on Sunday.

Indeed, John Bocco and Bernard Morrison remain the only absentees for Simba SC.

Defender Joash Onyango and midfielder Sadio Kanoute are set to return from their one-match ban in the competition after accumulating three yellow cards in the group stage games.

Here is the starting XI that Simba SC's head coach Pablo Franco may deploy against Orlando Pirates.

**Aishi Manula (GK)**

The keeper is Simba SC's undisputed starter. Manula has not missed a single continental game this season and that will not be changing on Sunday.

**Mohamed Hussein (LB)**

He was not fantastic last time out against the Pirates but he is the only option for an occasion like this.

**Shomari Kapombe (RB)**

Has been maintaining the high level we all expect of him in recent months and is a certain starter for a game like this.

**Henock Inonga (CB)**

A commanding presence in the backline. He has

**Joash Onyango (CB)**

With Pirates likely to exert more pressure than last weekend, the Kenyan defender will need to use all of his experience.

**Sadio Kanoute (CM)**

Missed the first leg clash last week, but the Malian midfielder will certainly return for this one. Hugely important to provide the perfect blend of energy and poise with the ball.

**Jonas Mkude (CM)**

Simba SC will benefit from his calming influence on the ball away from home. As a regular starter, he should play as usual.

**Peter Banda (RW)**

The Malawian youngster has not impressed much this season, but he will start as the backup option. In the previous fixture, he was replaced by Larry Bwalya.

**Ousmane Sakho (LW)**

Sakho has had good form in this tournament and should be nailed on to start. His trickery and ability to create chances will be important in this game.

**Larry Bwalya (CAM)**

The Zambian did not start the last game, but with the absence of Bernard Morrison, it seems likely he will play.

**Chris Mugalulu (ST)**

Mugalulu is almost guaranteed to be on the team sheet too. Although he has not been at his best in the league this season, he did score a brace against Niger's US Gendarmerie and has been a nailed-on starter in recent games.

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