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President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings in Geita yesterday with Rev Severine Niwemugizi, Bishop of the Catholic Church's Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara. This was shortly after she arrived at the venue of the ceremony held to congratulate him on the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his ascending to the episcopate. Photo: State House

Samia rebuffs lurid songs on presidential or personal glory

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday sent a message to glory-minded artistes, saying she does not want to be glorified. Officiating at an event to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of ascending to the episcopate for Bishop Severine Niwemugizi of the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese of the Catholic Church, the president said being glorified was not part of her character, and she will try her best to listen to other people's views. She was responding to a request by Bishop Niwemugizi "not to compare herself with God in any way," which the president calmly accepted. "Bishop Niwemugizi has asked me not to allow glorification. I am assuring you before this gathering that this is not my character and I will try to humble myself so that I serve you truly," the president declared.

In his remarks, Bishop Niwemugizi had asked the president refuse to allow overblown praises and glory songs, which are tempting given the power and authority the presidency holds. "I pray that you humble yourself with all the powers and authority, so that you do not accept to be likened with God," he said, also praying for the president to preach love among Tanzanians she is leading, promote rule of law, justice and democracy so that peace should continue to prevail in the country. President Samia hailed the Silver Jubilee laureate for the long and dedicated service, as a teacher and pastor to numerous segments of youths in the country. "Despite coming from a long journey abroad, I felt it was worth attending as among those who witnessed your consecration to become bishop were Julius Nyerere and Benjamin Mkapa.

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Conserve Nile Basin water flow, urges VP

By Getrude Mbago

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called for the formation of a Nile River Basin commission to oversee sustainable water use among the riparian states as populations in user countries have tripled in the past three decades. Officiating at the 16th Nile Day in Dar es Salaam yesterday, which brought onboard participants from member states, stakeholders,

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development partners and academia, he said the presence of the commission will further strengthen collective efforts in sustainable use of Nile water, inclusive project oversight and equitable use of water resources over the whole of the Nile Basin. There are other opportunities likely to arise from such efforts, he remarked at the regional event also marked at the national level in Nile River Basin (NBI) member states, stretching from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Nile Day is marked annually on February 22 across the Nile Basin states, from the establishment of the Nile Basin Initiative on that day in 1999, a landmark in Nile Basin cooperation as riparian countries

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Italy to uplift Zanzibar tourism, blue economy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ITALY has expressed its intention to strengthen the Zanzibar tourism industry and the blue economy development agenda. The Italian envoy, Ambassador Marco Lombardi made the pledge here yesterday in a meeting with Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi, briefing

the president of the positive view of Italy on the efforts of the Zanzibar government in that direction. Italy will continue to work with the government of Zanzibar in ensuring that the tourism industry is strengthened, and it laid out a plan to hold a major business forum in

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EU clears Grace Mugabe, Zimbabwe VP, army chief

HARARE

THE European Union (EU) has removed already suspended targeted sanctions on the last three Zimbabwean public officials and politicians on the list. They are Zimbabwe's vice-president Constantino Chiwenga, who led the military coup that dislodged the late Robert Mugabe, Mugabe's widow Grace, and current army commander General Valerio Sibanda. Chiwenga and Sibanda's sanctions were suspended in 2014, and the suspension of sanctions against Grace Mugabe came six years later in 2020 - a year after the death of her husband.

They had been on the sanctions list since 2002 on grounds of political violence, human rights abuses and the failure to hold free and fair elections. Initially, in 2002, the sanctions list had almost 200 people and some 30 firms and state utilities featured on it. Only one firm, the arms manufacturing and procurement company Zimbabwe Defence Industries, remains on the list with its assets frozen. In a statement, the EU said that it reiterates its ambition for a more constructive relationship with Zimbabwe at all levels, while in response, the Zanu-PF ruling party took note of what it said was a progressive decision. It appealed for unconditional removal of all sanctions still imposed on the country, while qualifying the new clearance as a diplomatic victory for President Emmerson Mnangagwa. However, the EU raised concerns about Zimbabwe's human rights and democracy records, underlining that the situation in terms of respect for human rights has not improved in the country. "Intimidation of

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Alex Mgeni (R), NMB Bank PLC's head of business banking, briefs Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (L), who was on a tour of the bank's pavilion before opening the just-ended two-day 4th Tanzania International Minerals and Mining Investment Conference held in Dar es Salaam. It brought together a wide array of stakeholders in discussing ways of bolstering investments in Tanzania's extractive sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





Herini Muhina, Arusha regional manager of the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco), has a word with Terrat ward in Simanjoro District, Manyara Region, yesterday. He promised 73 people who have paid power connection fees will have been served within a week. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

By Guardian Reporter

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, yesterday urged the Global Fund to supply modern medical equipment to facilitate it achieve development strategies for improving health infrastructure and strengthening provision of quality health services to the people.

Dr Nchemba made the appeal in Dar es Salaam yesterday when he met and held talks with the Head of the Global Fund-Africa, Linden Morrison who is in the country for a working visit.

The two discussed a number of important issues of cooperation.

"The government has invested heavily in the construction of dispensaries, health centres and hospitals which are being built in every region of the country but the biggest challenge that we are now

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facing is appealing for your support to get modern medical equipment that will enable us provide the services intended for the citizens," said Dr Nchemba.

The minister said that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the Ministry of Finance and Planning to seek for financial resources to purchase equipment that match the status of modern buildings that are currently under construction and provide citizens with quality health delivery.

He also thanked the Global Fund

for providing US\$721 million to cover the effects of COVID-19 over a period of three years from January 2021 to December 2023.

Dr Nchemba also appreciated the Global Fund for need to make Tanzania medical tourism destination where people from all over the world will come to the country for treatment.

For his part, Morrison also hailed Tanzania for partnership with the Fund in the fight against tuberculosis, malaria and AIDS as well as how it had taken measures to tackle COVID-19

pandemic.

He pledged that the Global Fund will continue to support the government's efforts to tackle the diseases in the country by directing financial resources for the purchase of medicines as well as improving health care systems including improving Medical Stores Department (MSD) delivery system.

Since the Global Fund began working with Tanzania to tackle tuberculosis, malaria and AIDS in 2002, It has provided Tanzania US\$1.9 billion in funding.

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They are respected individuals and this is the reason I am here," she told the gathering.

The president expressed sadness on killings occurring at family level in various parts of the country, urging stakeholders to assist the government emphasise moral teachings for social and family life to stem the causes leading to outrages of that sort.

The killings are a result of moral decay, she said, underlining the need for religious leaders to intensify key teachings especially to the youths to prevent such incidents.

She said that available data shows that in 2020 two people died in Kagera

and last year three people died in the same region in similar circumstances, intoning that the government will send a team of experts to investigate cooperative unions in Kagera to understand what is happening.

This was after Bishop Niwemugizi complained that farmers are being deprived of rightful earnings when selling their crops.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) had earlier commended President Samia for enabling a large number of development projects in Kagera Region, saying they were going to transform livelihoods in the region.

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the political opposition and other government critics has continued to narrow the democratic and civic space," it asserted.

On Sunday, the main political parties in Zimbabwe, the ruling Zanu-PF and the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) formerly the MDC Alliance of Nelson Chamisa, held rallies in preparation for by-elections in March.

But the CCC's rally, unlike the Zanu-PF one, didn't get coverage on the state-controlled broadcaster, the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation.

In similar measure, up to 100 CCC supporters were arrested for holding "car rallies" or conducting door-to-door campaigns, with the EU saying it would continue to monitor the situation in Zimbabwe.

"The EU will continue to closely follow developments, with particular attention to the human rights situation, and recalls its readiness to review and adapt the whole range of its policies accordingly," the statement indicated.

As part of its campaign, Zanu-PF claims the sanctions by the EU as well as the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, a law enacted by the United States to support its embargo on Zimbabwe, affects ordinary Zimbabweans. Like the US, the EU said that was not true.

"The measures in place are targeted and very limited, therefore they do not affect the people of Zimbabwe, its economy, foreign direct investments, or trade," the EU said.

President Mnangagwa attended the EU-African Union Summit in Brussels last week and upon his return, he said the re-engagement drive with the EU was hopeful.

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agreed to establish a basin-wide institution, a forum for consultation and coordination on issues of mutual interest.

The VP said populations in Nile water user countries have tripled from 238m people in 1988 to well over 700m people at present, thus the rapid population growth shows the need for vigilance in Nile water use, so countries should make sure that they promote environmental protection via responsible supervising institutions. They should work closely to monitor the ecology of the river, he emphasised.

He said over 300m people depend from the Nile River to get water for various activities including conducting irrigation, facilitating trade, transportation and fishing.

Just over 20 years ago, the riparian countries initiated the plan to form the commission on the basis of an accord for cooperation but the commission is yet to be formed at present, he said, urging NBI member states to take up this issue as vital agenda in cooperation efforts.

This includes prioritizing campaigns to protect the basin's environment, fighting pollution and other harmful human activities, he stated, expressing the hope that member countries will be able to link their efforts to ensure that the commission is formed before Nile Day events next year.

The commission's establishment will open up opportunities by sending a message to the global community and stakeholders that we are now committed and ready to deepen cooperation with others, he asserted.

The vast increase in population and human activities poses a major threat to the river and its resources, with farming, mining and the flow of wastes being the key ecological threats, he stated.

All Nile riparian states need to collectively work to secure his vital water source, as the challenges are manageable if the countries cooperate,

initiating joint initiatives especially for capacity development, he affirmed, appealing for working hand in hand with the private sector and development partners to protect the Nile Basin and Africa at large

He commended the conference's national organising committee and the regional secretariat for the task fulfilled, underlining that collective supervision of water resource needs care and joint strategies agreed upon by the riparian states, to project the Nile River Basin.

Member countries need to continue working on measures to strengthen the protection of the basin for sustainable water use and development, he stated, with Water minister Jumaa Aweso saying that applying sustainable conservation measures for the Nile basin was vital for current and future generations.

The riparian states' meeting was organized by the NBI and the government, to work on measures to ensure the sustained flow of Nile water as a function of ecosystem management and efficient utilization of water. Every riparian state has a role to ensure that the basin is protected, he emphasised.

Tanzania as a member state shall seek to work with others in coming up with projects contributing to food, water, and energy security, he stated.

Sylvester Matemu, the NBI executive director, said that in the past 23 years, the NBI has worked on short-term and long-term projects and strategies aimed at strengthening the protection of the basin.

The commemorative event provides an opportunity for the riparian countries to build upon the preceding Nile Day events, increase awareness of the importance of basin-wide cooperation.

Share knowledge on utilising the shared Nile Basin for present and future generations includes enhancing awareness on the challenges and consequences of non-cooperation, the director intoned.



KNAUF East Africa regional director Ilse Boshoff (L) shows Kiranjeranje Secondary School assistant head teacher Fatma Salum the consignment of sanitary pads Knauf Gypsum Tanzania Ltd has presented to the school. This was moments before the official handover in Kilwa District, Lindi Region, yesterday. The firm also donated 200 desks to the school and Makangaga Primary School and a shallow well to Makangaga village. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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September in Zanzibar to discuss the various economic opportunities the archipelago offers. The Italian airline and associated businesses wish to assure regular flights directly to Zanzibar and not organise seasonal trips as is currently the case, further strengthening the tourism industry and commercial links as a whole.

Strategies being put in place include the need to establish technical training facilities in Zanzibar that will help in strengthening the tourism industry, he stated, assuring the Zanzibar

leader that Italy will support the blue economy strategy to ensure Zanzibar moves forward and achieves its goals.

For his part, President Mwinyi lauded the Italian government's readiness to support efforts of the Zanzibar authorities in implementing its development plans, saluting the envoy's commitment to work with Zanzibar in the matter.

The support will help to ensure that Zanzibar strengthens its development efforts including uplifting tourism skills for better results, and Italy is emerging as a key stakeholder, he

stated, noting that Zanzibar has for a long time benefited from the presence of scores of investors and other visitors from Italy.

Zanzibar will continue to create an environment conducive for investors, as visitors from Italy and around the world "need to carry out their activities in an environment that meets their expectations," he declared, expressing particular satisfaction with the intention to enhance air transport services with regular and charter aircraft making direct flights to Zanzibar.

Boosting air travel frequency will further lift the business environment in Zanzibar, making it easier for visitors to notice the range of opportunities it offers, whether it is in the blue economy, hospitality, industries, empowering local entrepreneurs and strengthening seaweed farming, he elaborated.

The envoy's call for improved vocational training facilities to help young people access employment opportunities and improve tourism facilitation was going to be taken up, he added.



Patrobas Katambi (C), Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), makes remarks in Dodoma city yesterday during the handing-over of computers involving the Workers' Compensation Fund and the Public Service Commission. He is with PSC secretary Mathew Kirama (L) and WCF director general Dr John Mduma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

East Usambara mountain villagers urge review for butterfly farming export

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Tanga

RESIDENTS in 20 villages mapped within the East Usambara mountains range, are requesting the government to allow them resume butterfly farming and exportation for income generation.

"Butterfly farming was the best industry for the villagers, it was environmentally friendly too, we built schools, village offices, established water projects and even managed to send our children for higher education through money earned from exporting the insects," explained Mathias Kajuru, a farmer and executive secretary for Msasa IBC village environment committee.

Kajuru is supported by Msasa IBC village chairman, Aloyce Eliya Kibiriri who added that the residents even stopped land tilling and cattle grazing, selling off all the cows and fully investing in butterfly production.

Butterfly farming was practiced by residents of seven villages surrounding the newly protected Derema conservation corridor and forest from 2003 until 2017 when the government banned exports of live animals, including insects.

The villagers used to export butterflies at the pupa stage to as far as Asia, Europe and the United States. The shipment occurred at least twice a week.

"When the Tanzania Forest Services moved in to conserve the Derema corridor, more than 10,000 residents in the seven villages were affected because they lost their farms as land got annexed to pool into the protected reserve," Mohammed Ramadhan Sheshe, who heads the Antakae village farmers' association, told members of the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) who visited the area under special USAID support.

"We were supposed to be compensated but the government

only paid the villagers a tiny fraction of the agreed figure, so people were back to poverty, however with the introduction of butterfly farming, life resumed and villagers started earning money, but within five years the business was again halted," said Hamza Salim Maghembe the Antakae village chairman.

The affected villages located adjacent to the Derema corridor include, Msasa IBC; Magoda; Kambai; Kwezitu; Antakae; Sakale; Kwa-Mdimu and Kisiwani. A single village is resided by at least 1200 people, mostly peasants.

Amiri Said Sheghebe was the Handeni butterfly project manager, who revealed that the scheme was not only profitable to the villagers but also extremely beneficial to conservation.

"The villagers used to breed butterflies, sold a few and released others into the wild, as the result the entire area, including forests, was filled with colorful butterflies to an extent of attracting foreign tourists who would come for simply seeing the insects," he said.

According to Sheghebe, the villagers would export butterflies worth US \$100,000 per year but again the project was still in infancy, which means by now the business would have yielded millions of dollars.

Muheza district natural resources officer, Obadiah Richard Msemu stated that, when the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism banned the export of live animals back in 2016, the butterfly exports from Usambara Forests were also affected.

"It is not like the ban targeted the butterfly, No! Just all wildlife species were included in the export restrictions," said Msemu.

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Police holding Mbeya resident for 'possessing' prohibited hard liquor

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya Region have detained Ruben Adam (26) of Lubele area in Kyela District for being in possession of hard drinks allegedly to have been imported from Malawi and whose imports into Tanzania had been banned.

Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei said here yesterday the police arrested the suspect following a crackdown in the district's various areas.

He named the liquor as including

12 bottles of Ice Dry London Gin, 28 bottles of Rider and 24 bottles of Al Gin. "So far the suspect is in police custody and that after investigations he will be taken to court," he said.

Meanwhile, the police also arrested 12 people for various offences including livestock theft and burglary.

RPC Matei said on February 20 this year at 5:00 am at Kasama area in Kyela District, Sinael Mwalambilambota (36) discovered that his cow valued at 800,000/- was stolen from his cattle pen.

The police made investigations and

immediately arrested Maneno Seme (30) a resident from Kasumulu village in the process of looking for customers.

The police are also holding 11 people for house breaking in various houses during the night and stole various items including furniture.

RPC Matei said the suspects were arrested on February 20m this year at 7:00pm after receiving information from good citizens on their whereabouts in the City of Mbeya.

He named the suspects as Victor Richard (39), Justine Norbert (19), Geoffrey Simon (20), Erick Matheo

(27), Jonas Betram (32) and Henry Mwamfupa (28) all residents of Mwanjelwa.

Others are Robert Mwakyusa (36) resident of Iyunga, Goodluck Frank (20) and Benny Fredy, residents of Nonde and Abdallah Lucas, resident of Ghana area, all from Mbeya City.

He said upon inspection in the suspects' residences the police found various stolen goods including a gas cylinder, gas cooker, a mattress, several mobile phones, two computers and other items all had been reported as stolen from various city residents

STAMICO, financial institutions urged to support small-scale miners with funds

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) and financial institutions have been tasked to come with possible ways to empower small scale miners financially as the government plans to establish mineral bank.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango made the directive yesterday in Dar es Salaam when officiated the International Minerals and Mining Investment Conference 2022 held in Dar es Salaam.

Themed: "Enhancing environment for the Development of Tanzania Mining Sector" brought together stakeholders in mineral sector and government officials from Zimbabwe, Burundi, Libya, Comoro, South Sudan and Kenya.

He said the government was aware that lack

of capital was one of big challenge facing small scale miners in the country.

"While we are planning to establish minerals bank, STAMICO and financial institution should think possible ways of supporting them," he said, adding: "We are finalising regulation that can see the establishment of minerals bank."

Dr Mpango said minerals bank will be solution to all challenges facing small scale miners across the country.

VP also tasked six directives including fast tracking of all partnership projects to enable the public to benefit from the opportunities in the sector.

He also urged mining investors to be abided by environment management regulation to prevent harm to the community, reminding them to be part of government effort to

prohibit child employment in minerals sites just to mention the few.

"As government, we shall make conducive environment to all investors," he said

Minister for Minerals, Dr Dotto Biteko said that the success achieved after the last meeting was clear indicator of government efforts to eliminate challenges in the sector, saying: "Nearly everywhere parts of the country, minerals exploration is taking place."

"All the directives from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President's Office and Prime Minister's Office will be implemented to ensure minerals sector contribute to the nation revenues," he said.

Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Minerals Committee chairman, Datsun Katandula called on the government to ensure all extracted gold are refined and marked to

identify with other gold in the markets.

He said the government should also work out on unfriendly levies that cause minerals smuggling.

"It is true that our district councils need levies to make development for their people but this should also be checked to avoid loss of revenues due minerals smuggling in borders," he said

Federation of Miners Association of Tanzania (FEMATA) President, John Bina mentioned some of the challenges including lack of capital for small scale miners.

Bina said most of financial institutions are ready to issues loans to invest in heavy minerals such as gold alone and not for industrial minerals.

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PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from Embassy of Sweden, British High Commission & Expatriates, We shall sell Household furniture's, Vehicles and generator by public auction on Saturday February 26, 2022 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street.

Furniture and Computers Bidding Start at 10:00am; Sofa set, Chest drawer, Bamboo sofa, Dining table, Dining chairs , Book case, Office desk, Chairs, Beds, Mattress, Wardrobe, Fridge, Up Right Freezer, Washer, Dryer, Electric/Gas cooker, Computer set, Porker vibrator, Simtank etc.

Vehicles & Generator Bidding Start at 12:00 hrs

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
1	Toyota Land Cruiser GXL-V8 S.Wagon	D4D Diesel Engine	2014	Not paid
1	Toyota Land Cruiser GXR-V8 S.Wagon	D4D Diesel Engine	2008	Paid
1	Toyota Land Cruiser GX Station Wagon	1HZ Diesel Engine	2005	Not Paid
1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon	TD42 Diesel Engine	2008	Paid
1	Land Rover Defender S. Wagon (Puma)	SALLDHM Diesel Eng.	2011	Paid
1	Ford Ranger Pick Up Single Cabin	PF2H Diesel Engine	2016	Paid
1	Mercedes Benz Station Wagon	E230 Petrol Engine	2010	Paid
1	Toyota L.Cruiser Prado Station Wagon	3RZF Petrol Engine	1998	Paid
1	Toyota Verossa Saloon	GX110 Petrol Engine	2001	Paid
1	Isuzu NKR Pick up 2 Tons	4HG Diesel Engine	1998	Paid
3	Generator KVA 6 & 2.7	Diesel Engine	-	Not paid

All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from February 23 th to 25, 2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 4 working days by 3 March, 2022 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 4 working days, the Vehicle will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via CRDB and NBC Bank VISA & Master Cards will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
- Duty and all taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Bidder will remove the items after all payments and duties
- All persons entering the premises must obtain a Bid Number at the entrance.
- All persons entering auction yard must wear Mask, Wash hand with running water or sanitizer

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A recently acquired electric locomotive pictured yesterday in Dar es Salaam, where it is awaiting test-drives before the Tanzania Railways Corporation decides whether to order more - as scheduled - for the Standard Gauge Railway project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PORTLAND CEMENT CLASS 42.5N TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Portland cement class 42.5N and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this items as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01399	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PORTLAND CEMENT CLASS 42.5N TO GGML

Cement Requirement - Portland Cement, Class 42.5N	Estimated Quantity	Unit
Shotcrete	5	Tonnes per day
Cemented Aggregate fill plant i	160	Tonnes per day
Cemented Aggregate fill plant ii	90	Tonnes per day
Total	255	Tonnes per day

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license/Certified CRB Certificate	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant’s banker regarding supplier’s credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Policy	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
Details of completion of similar type of contract in the last 5 years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings	
1. Scope of work	
2. Value of work in TZS	
3. Contract duration	
4. Actual Completion date	
5. Client’s Name	
6. Contact details of the client (The Company may approach the client directly for the feedback)	3%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01399)	
Reliability - Proof of un-interrupted supply performance in the mining areas and all other locations within the mine	15%
Capability - Proof to undertake the said work to similar operations/clients. This may include contractors’ assessment in terms of quality of key personnel, equipment’s and other facilities required or necessary to perform the work	15%
Permits and certificates - Proof of evidence to support government permits, registration certificates and any other statutory requirements relevant to the industry	15%
Sustainability - Proof of assessment of contractors in terms of their local labor sourcing plan and training plans. Potential bidder commitment to the social development of the areas where the mine is located	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest (“LOI”) by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01399)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML** Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 09TH March 2022** (the “LOI” Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Govt continues to improve teaching environment for teachers’ colleges

By Guardian reporter, Dodoma

EDUCATION, Science and Technology Minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda has said through the Teachers Education Support Project (TESP), the government has continued to strengthen environment for both teaching and learning for teachers’ colleges to improve the country’s quality of education.

Prof Mkenda made the remarks here last week at a function to distribute 300 computers for teachers’ colleges phase III provided by the ministry via TESP.

The colleges include Marangu, Kleruu, Vikindu, Patandi, Korogwe, Mpwapwa, Shinyanga, Ilonga, Tarime, Tandala, Butimba, Mtwara and

Morogoro.

He added that the task for teachers’ colleges is to prepare expert teachers for elementary, primary and secondary schools in the country.

“In that circumstances, the government continues to improve the teaching and learning environments for all teachers’ colleges in the country, stressing in infrastructure, tools for both teaching and learning including the use of ICT as an important teaching tool,” he added.

However, he said the ministry continues to build and upgrade infrastructure at various colleges countrywide including the completion of new colleges at Sumbawanga, Dakawa, Mhonda and Ngorongoro.

Prof Mkenda also instructed

colleges’ principals to take care of the computers as they have been bought at big cost.

Earlier, the Ministry’s deputy minister, Omari Kipanga said still there is a shortage of teachers in the country hence the government continues to grapple with the challenge.

For his part, the Ministry’s acting Permanent Secretary, Prof Caroline Nombo said TESP is being implemented by Tanzania and Canadian governments whereby Canada had provided 53 Canadian dollars towards the project.

She said Tanzania government’s contribution is meeting the cost of various running activities including payment for meals to students and in teachers’ practical trainings.



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (R) exchanges greetings with the Head of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa, Linden Morrison, who paid him a courtesy call in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

Dar es Salaam specialists discourage use of emergency contraceptive pills

By Mary Kadoke

DAR ES SALAAM-based specialists have warned the rampant use of emergency contraceptive pill (ECP) such as P2, saying the impacts are unavoidable.

In separate interviews, they said that reckless use of the pills may lead to adverse effects such as alterations of menstrual bleeding patterns, nausea, abdominal pain, headache, dizziness, fatigue, amenorrhoea, ovarian cysts, genital discharge, acne, breast tenderness, and vulvovaginitis

A medical practitioner at the Rabininsia Memorial Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Dr Simon Chilunda suggested the need for vigorous education on how to use the pills.

He also suggested the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Tanzania and Health to team up to find out solutions the increasing number of young girls who are claimed to have been using such pills to terminate pregnancies.

He said, “You can never deny the use of P2 at all. As a doctor in rape

case scenes for example we use Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), P2 pills and STD pills as a medication taken very soon after a possible exposure to HIV to prevent the virus.”

“On my perspectives I think possibilities to minimize P2 intake can prevail if stakeholders on health and education ministry intensively teach girls and women on STD’S sex and education likewise family planning methods,” he said, adding that there are other means simple to control pregnancy such as Calendar if well taught many won’t jump to P2.

Michael Raxson, a pharmaceutical technician at Nakiete pharmacy said that despite the emergency cases that lead to the consumption, people have to know there are impacts that come out of it such as cancer and hormonal imbalance.

“There are so many groups to mention that use P2. In a real sense there are unquestionable circumstances that demands adult women take these pills. Educating patients has been our role and what we tell on contraceptives for example is that there not to be used

time to time as they can cause cancer and hormonal imbalance. So there is a partnership need between health and education ministry to educate people on the negative effects on P2 pills intake,” he said.

Another technician Dorice Daniel said despite the government urge to users on P2 impacts, regular purchases have continued.

“There are actually no changes despite the government warnings for the mean time. Since the report to date 48 packages are sold different from the previous sales,” she said, adding: I think the customers move is on pressure thinking of the government ban on the pills.”

A pharmacist at Care Point Pharmacy Kibangu, Nasra Hamoud appreciated government input on P2 as sometimes they meet customers who don’t hesitate buying the pills three times a month.

HIV/AIDS parliamentary committee findings early this month, reported on the high P2 consumption by girls 14 to 24 years something of which mushroomed the transmission.

ICT knowledge essential to fight online crime - deputy minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

ANDREA Kundo, Information and Information Technology deputy minister has said due to the increase of online crime incidents, it would be better for the Police and the Office of the National Public Prosecutions to be acquainted with ICT knowledge to address the challenge.

Kundo made the remarks here yesterday opening a training seminar on online security for the Police, the National Prosecutions Office and a team of experts on online crimes investigations.

He said the world at present is

home to many online criminals and incidences therefrom have been increasing, with more online crime schemes are being conceived every day, hence the country online crime experts should have adequate knowledge to challenge them.

“The government has acknowledged the situation, hence through this ministry, in administering the country’s ICT policy and the law on online security, in March 2021 formed a special national committee to engage the crime,” he added.

He said the training is the committee’s recommendation to challenge the situation and called on

seminar participants’ to provide their views on the best way to fight online crime.

He further said prosecutions of online crimes will create problems if they will not adhere the training provided and provide room to online criminal suspects to win the cases.

Earlier, speaking on behalf of the country’s Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), senior assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) Deusedit Nsimeki said the training will help in your work performance including the war against crime in general that will see working in greater cooperation.



Mufindi district commissioner Saad Mtambule (2nd-L) presents tree seedlings to a resident of Ilundi village yesterday while distributing seedlings to government institutions, private firms and individuals around the plantation in a gesture meant to enhance good neighbourliness. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Sao Hill offers seedlings worth 5bn/- to people living around its plantation

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

THE Sao Hill Forest Plantation (SHFP) in Iringa Region has in the last five-year (2016/17 to 2020/21) produced and distributed about five million seedlings worth more than 5bn/- to the people around the plantation.

This seasons the SHFP through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme will distribute one million seedlings to government institutions, citizens and individuals to support government efforts to plant trees as well as reduce income poverty for the people.

This was stated yesterday by Sao Hill Forest Plantation manager Lucas Sabida during the launch of the tree distribution exercise for government institutions, citizens and individuals around the farm with the aim of maintaining good neighborhoods as well as helping to protect the farm from fire disasters.

He said that they have distributed one million tree seedlings worth more than 300m/- to the people around the plantation, involving various government institutions as well as individuals.

The tree distribution exercise was launched by Mufindi District Commissioner Saad Mtambule held in the Ilundi division of the plantation which has three gardens to produce seedlings of pine trees and eucalyptus trees including Usokami and Mgololo in Mufindi district.

The SHFP is one of 23 tree plantations managed by the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) and largest part of the plantation is found in Mufindi District in Iringa Region while a small area is in Kilombero District in Morogoro Region.

Sao Hill conservator Lucas Sabida said the plantation has an area of 135,903 hectares set aside for tree planting and environmental conservation.

He said the huge investment in the plantation was aimed at planting commercial trees to ensure that the raw materials of the trees were available in a sustainable way for the current generation and the next generations.

Sabida explained that the planting would depend on the seedlings produced from the three plantation-managed gardens located in the first division Ilundi, the third division Usokami and the fourth division Mgololo respectively.

He said that the annual seedling production is an average of six million to seven million seedlings, adding that in the last five years they have planted trees in the areas after harvest are about 10,184 hectares, and extension areas, that is, new planting areas are 4,927 hectares, therefore the total size of the whole planted area is over 15,000 hectares.

Lubida clarified that this financial year 2021/2022 planting is going on and the plan is to plant 3,000 hectares and add that the plantation will produce one million seedlings per year for distribution to citizens, individuals and various government institutions around the plantation, so that they can plant in their areas.

Mufindi District Commissioner Saad Mtambule commended the efforts made by the SHFP in boosting the district's economy, which saw more than 36 factories established relying on raw materials from the plantation which employ between 6,000 and 7,000 people.

"So we get jobs and these jobs come from the plantation but we get government's revenue in the councils and citizens as well as caring for the environment," he said.

Mtambule said that through the plantation people get a better climate, rainfall as well as many benefits from the natural vegetation protected by the plantation.

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

Lack of meals is blamed for poor show in exams

TEACHERS of both primary and secondary schools in Pandagichiza Ward, Shinyanga District have cited reasons for students' poor performance in their STD VII and Form IV final examinations.

In an interview with this paper early this week they said the students in the rural areas have to walk long distances - five to over 10 kms to attend school, hence when they stay at school without any meals they fail to grasp what they are being taught in class.

The headteacher of Pandagichiza Primary School in Shinyanga District, Laurent Richard said in last year's STD VII examinations results announced early this year, they did not do well due

to staying hungry for the whole day at schools.

He said in the past when the students were performing better academically, but after lack of food, including when food produced at school farms is all used up, they find it difficult to grasp what they are taught by their teachers.

"50 students sat for last year's STD VII examinations but results showed only 23 students had passed, very bad results, and the main reason is lack of

meals at school," he said.

For his part, the headmaster of Pandagichiza Secondary School, George Vangilisasi said the school cultivates food crops in its farms whereas in the 2020 season they harvested 10 bags of maize from which they had been making meals for students.

He said in order for students to have a good learning environment to understand their lessons, they must have meals at school because some

walk long distances to school.

He said in last year's Form IV examinations, results showed two students scored Division I, six students scored Division II, 18 Division III and 68 scored Division IV while 34 scored zero, very bad results, he added.

Shinyanga District Education Officer, Irene Edward said due to poor results last year, the current strategy is to prioritise students who are in classes that have national examinations - Std IV and VII and Form II and IV.

DCC sets aside 160m/- for pig slaughterhouse

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

DODOMA City Council (DCC) is now contemplating to set aside a total of 160m/- to support construction works for an ultramodern slaughterhouse for pigs in Dodoma Capital City.

The patriotic decision surfaced in the wake of a decision by the World Bank (WB) to change its plan to finance the key project.

Previously, WB through its Tanzania Cities Transforming Infrastructure and Competitiveness (TACTIC) Project pledged to disburse at least 1bn/- to support a major project for the construction of the said abattoir.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian yesterday, Head of Department of Livestock and Fisheries development in Dodoma City Council, Dr Gratian Mwesiga said after WB decided to postpone its plan to dish out the pledged funds for project, his department had immediately appealed to the city authority for an alternative support.

"This project is very vital regarding that as per the Animal Disease Act (2003), all animals meant for public consumption should be slaughtered at the official abattoirs after being inspected by relevant doctors, and thus the envisaged project will facilitate professional slaughtering of pigs within the capital city," he expressed.

Dr Mwesiga appreciated the timely decision and readiness by the office of the director of Dodoma City Council to accommodate the project, detailed that his department has already obtained a total of 100 acres of land in the Kizota area for the implementation of the vital project.

Speaking in condition of anonymity, a high profile livestock officer said pig meats comprises high concentration of tapeworms, detailing that, consuming the meat with tapeworms at certain cyst stage (cysticercus cellulosa) was very dangerous as it can damage human brain system and thus, propels to serious mental illness.

"The situation is very risky, there's an urgent need for the authority to see how best and fast pig abattoir can be constructed in order to avert serious health diseases that are likely to affect the population in the city who are pork enthusiast," he pleaded.

Giving more details, the expert observed that eating uncertified meat was more dangerous based on the fact that some animals (including pigs) are being marketed and slaughtered while under the drugs dozes.

"Principally, animals under drug doses must stay for at least 14 to 30 days to allow drug residues before being slaughtered and consumed. Therefore, you can see how it is important for any meat to be inspected and certified before going into the markets."

"For instance, if one consumes meat of animals that were under the serious dozes like Ox tetracycline or Pen.Stropto, the impact is very negative," he insisted.

However, impeccable investigations by this publication established that the office of the Livestock, Fisheries Development Officer in Capital City has since 2017/18 fiscal year been drafting proposal budgets for the construction of the modern pig abattoir in the region, but the efforts have been hitting a snag for some years.

For instance, during 2017/18 fiscal year, the office of the Livestock proposed a 30m/- for the project, in 2018/19 the figure was estimated at 70m/-, whereby during 2019/20 the

amount was budgeted at 380m/-

In his clarification to The Guardian, WB TACTIC project representative declined to unveil the decision for the abrupt postponing of the plan to finance the eagerly-awaited pig abattoir budget.

He said priority has been given to other vital development projects that are on the pipeline to be implemented in Dodoma Capital City. According to him, the envisaged projects include construction of eight markets at the cost of at least 15bn/-

"Process for the construction of the markets is at encouraging stages and we're optimistic that the project will be implemented in needed standards," he said.

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

WORKERS Compensation Fund yesterday handed over publications with braille format as a tool in raising awareness of the role WCF has as well as offering white canes to benefit people with special needs through Tanzania Association of the Blind (TAB) during the celebration held in Dodoma.

Being the first time to commemorate the National Braille Day, WCF Director General Dr John Mduma, said the fund and his office considers matters of employees with special needs as paramount including their education.

"Braille is essential in the context of education. People with vision impairment are our fellows but are facing challenges in accessing information as most publications are provided in standard text. In realization of their contribution to national economic development, WCF as a role model for workers' compensation services in Africa decided to publish its information in braille

WCF joins people with special needs in commemorating National Braille Day

format to educate and raise awareness on compensation matters to braille society," explained Dr Mduma.

According to Dr Mduma, the fund recognises people with special needs as key stakeholder and business partners under the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability who are in various cadres across the country and among them are employees from public or private sectors.

"The fund has managed to produce free copies of compensation matters in braille format for all and promised to continue supporting the efforts of Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania to empower and bringing development to all groups," concluded, Dr Mduma.

Speaking during the event, the guest of honor,

Prof Adolph Mkenda, Minister of Education, Science and Technology commended WCF for cooperating with this special group and urging other public and private institutions to learn from them.

At the same time, Prof Mkenda informed the mass on the government progress in regard to the braille textbooks and special programme that will benefit blind students which will cover arts, science and business subjects from pre-school to secondary level.

"For the year 2020/21, the government has published and distributed braille textbooks for blind and illiterate students from first to seventh grade as well as plans to print up to Forms Five and Six to ensure that blind students have textbooks along with other students," Prof Mkenda added.



International Development Jobs in Tanzania

PwC is preparing to bid for the £26.5M, UK Government (FCDO) funded 'Productivity for Prosperity' Programme (P4P) in Tanzania.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOLASSES TO GETA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Molasses and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the Supply of goods as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01406	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOLASSES TO GETA GOLD MINING LTD (GGML)

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
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Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
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List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01406)	60%
Proof of previous experience in Molasses supply works in mining or related heavy industry such as Cement, Oil and Gas or Petroleum.	40%
Plants and Equipment availability related to molasses works (Haul Trucks, offloading pumps, etc.) with proof of ownership	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01406)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML Office** via e-mail at **geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com** not later than **8.30AM 09TH March 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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New power supply pact with mining company to boost Tanesco's revenue

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited has signed a power sales agreement with Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) to connect its Geita Gold Mine (GGM) operations to the national grid, which will generate an additional 5bn/- in monthly revenue for the utility from this power transaction agreement.

During the signing ceremony of the power transaction agreement between TANESCO and GGML yesterday, Managing Director of TANESCO, Maharage Chande said that the commencement of operations will enable TANESCO to increase its revenue which will help improve various services to its

customers.

"Secondly, we will reduce diesel emissions but also increase the efficiency of GGML's operations in the sense that production costs will be reduced," Maharage said.

He added that the biggest and most important step for GGML will be to be connected to the national grid, more than twenty years after GGML was established.

The success of this initiative can be attributed to various efforts to improve power supply in Geita region through the construction of a 90-megawatt capacity power plant.

AngloGold Ashanti's Vice President (Sustainability), Simon Shayo, said GGML will build a power station with a capacity to receive the power, to be

used for the operation of the mine.

"For us, this means that by not using diesel, we can not only significantly reduce the cost of the electricity we use, but also protect the environment," he said.

GGML currently spends 19 US cents to generate electricity for one unit powered by diesel. When the project is completed and connected to the grid, the cost will drop to less than 9 US cents per unit of electricity, which is equivalent to over 100% reduction in the cost of power.

The TANESCO power transmission line project to the mine, which includes a 6 km of 33kva transmission line as well as GGML's power station, are both expected to be completed by the end of 2022.



Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (Tanesco) managing director Maharage Chande (R, in blue jacket, gesturing) briefs journalists at the weekend on the Geita Gold Mining power transmission project, is expected to see the state-owned power generation and distribution firm earn 5bn/- per month in electricity sales. To his right is GGML vice president Simon Shayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt implementing all pledges on road infrastructure construction - Kasekenya

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE government has reiterated that all pledges given through the ruling party manifesto, budget and directives from national leaders on road infrastructure construction including bridges are being implemented in time and to the required standards to spur the country's economic, social development.

The remarks were made here early this week by the deputy minister for Works and Transport, Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya as he was inspecting the construction of 100m Msingi Bridge and the one km approach road at tarmac level, whose implementation has reached 98 per cent.

Kasekenya said the construction of the bridge is among the pledges of the

Phase V president, late John Magufuli to the people of Singida and Simiyu regions. "I have come here to see for myself the work going on and I am satisfied with what has been done in regard to the bridge's construction which is an important link for the people of Mkalama and Iramba districts," said the deputy minister.

He said the completion of the bridge will reduce travel time by 200 kms for vehicles passing Singida towards Simiyu and Mara regions if they had to pass via Mwanza.

Kasekenya explained that the aim of the bridge is to alleviate transport challenges in regard to road transport as the former temporary steel bridge was narrow.

He also appealed to religious leaders to spread the message in their houses of worship that will assist in averting the vice.

Earlier, welcoming the MP, the project coordinator, Dr Geoffrey Chambua said it has helped in the capacity building for workers at Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital including doctors, nurses, lab experts and other workers.

"The project has also built the capacity for more than 50 police

Gumanga - Sibiti were still going on by TANROADS to enable it being built at tarmac level.

"The aim of the government is to connect all roads connecting the country regions are at tarmac level "and for this road we have completed the construction of two major bridges - Sibiti and Msingi bridges and what remains is to macadamise the road."

He added that the bridge is 10m wide including 7.6m for vehicle passage and the rest - 1.3m wide on each side of the road for pedestrians.

For his part, an engineer from Gemini Engineering, Andrew Nyantori, thanked the government for trusting local contractors in large strategic projects and stressed that the government should continue to hire them.

MP stresses need for community to join war against acts of sexual abuse

By Correspondent SabatoKasika

KINONDONI Member of Parliament Tarimba Abbas has called on the community not to distance itself from the war against sexual abuse and instead it should join with other stakeholders spearheading the campaign to eradicate the vice.

Tarimba made the remarks on Tuesday when opening a workshop for initial report on the implementation of the trial project against sexual abuse in Makumbusho and Mwananyamala wards in his constituency.

The project is being implemented by the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) including other stakeholders.

Opening the workshop, the MP said acts of sexual abuse have been increasing and that some people think they are supposed to be controlled

by a certain group of people only, the situation that has contributed to their persistence.

"My call is that the community must not distance itself from the war against this vice, every person, in his own position should participate in admonishing these acts of sexual abuse by reporting them to legal organs for appropriate steps to be taken," he said.

He also appealed to religious leaders to spread the message in their houses of worship that will assist in averting the vice.

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"The project has also built the capacity for more than 50 police

officers of the gender desk in Kinondoni Police Region on how to deal with cases of sexual abuse," said Dr Chambua.

He also said the project has provided training to street governments executives in all 13 areas of Mwananyamala and Makumbusho wards as well to more than 50 members of the Strategic Committee for the eradication of Gender Based Violence and Child Abuse (MTAKUWWA) in the two wards.

For her part, Police SSP from Dar es Salaam Zone Police Region, Leah Mbunda said the police force will continue to make sure the vice is eradicated in the community.

"LHRC statistics show that Kinondoni District is leading in the acts of sexual abuse and I believe even other districts in this region have them. We should work together to eradicate them," she said.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CAT 777 AND 785 TRUCK AND A CAT 992K HIGH LIFT LOADER TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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

The Company is in the process of procuring 9 Trucks and a loader and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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GGME01405	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CAT 777 AND 785 TRUCKS AND A CAT 992K LOADER TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

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PAST EXPERIENCE	3%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01405)	76.5%
Proof of ability to carry CATERPILLAR parts and equipment warranty	20%
Proof of Dealership to CATERPILLAR	15%
Proof of Supply history of CATERPILLAR parts in Mining Industry	20%
Proof of Previous supply of 777, 785, 992 model in Tanzania	1.5%
OEM Maintenance Support to 777, 785 and 992 models	20%
Total	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERING, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND CERTIFICATION OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01310	SUPPLY, DELIVERING, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND CERTIFICATION OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01310)	60%
Warranty terms/after service support including maintenance/calibration support if required as per OEM requirement	15%
Proof of supplying similar Condition monitoring tools to other Gold Mine industries/Laboratories	10%
Proof of dealership with SKF Condition monitoring tools	10%
Proof of availability upon delivery of Condition Monitoring tools Catalogue/ Maintenance Manuals as per specified tools list	10%
Proof of technical capability to train users on how to use the equipment's and do minor repairs/calibration	15%
Total	100%
SCOPE OF WORK IS TO PURCHASE TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES INCLUDING	
SKF Micrology Analyzer AX Series	
SKF Tachometer Sensor & cable for SKF Micrology Analyzer AX Hammer (SKF part no. CMAC 5056-AXHK-1 or CMAC5057-AXHK-2)	
Miscellaneous cables including CMAC 5078- SKF Idler Sound Monitor kit for SKF Micrology Analyzer AX & CMAC 5023- Fischer to BNC signal input straight cable light weight for hammer kit	
SKF Digital Tachometer TKRT – 31	
Flir - T1020 Model: T1020 28°, 12° and 45°	
ULTRAPROBE 15000 Plus IS Kit	
Hydraulic Pressure Test Kit (RIDGID Brand, Model No 1450)	

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Africa has most of what it needs to industrialise

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

Industrialisation has been a campaign promise across the African continent, with its acknowledged ability to bring prosperity, new jobs and better incomes for all. Yet the continent is less industrialised today than it was four decades ago. In fact, the contribution of Africa's manufacturing sector to the continent's gross domestic product actually declined from 12 per cent in 1980 to 11 per cent in 2013, where it has remained stagnant over the past few years, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

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

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

Now falling commodity prices and a cooling Chinese economy

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

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

Industrialize or decline

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

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

Promotion of the international economic cooperation initiative is a global necessity

The European Union (EU) is seeking to build strongly on its existing economic and trade relations with Africa.

At the February 17 - 18th summit with African leaders, and the African Union, leading business enterprises and representatives from academic, civil society organisations and media were present at the summit to discuss their ways of strengthening aspects of various issues relating to development in Africa.

Long before this summit, EU members and business investors have been making consistent efforts at capitalising on and exploring several emerging opportunities offered by the newly introduced African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which provides unique and valuable access to an integrated African market of over 1.2 billion people.

In practical reality, it aims at creating a continental market for goods and services, with free movement of businesspeople and investments in Africa.

Several reports indicated that the summit strived to bring Africa and Europe closer together through strengthening economic cooperation and promoting sustainable development, with both continents co-existing in peace, security, democracy, prosperity, solidarity and human dignity.

It is against this backdrop that the two partners are determined to work together on a strategic, long-term footing to develop a shared vision for EU-Africa relations in a globalised world.

The joint EU-Africa strategy took into cognisance their most common interests such as climate change, global security and the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs).

This approach mirrors the new EU trade strategy, which was launched a year ago. As the partnership grows, the EU is the leading exporter of Covid-19 vaccines to Africa and has already begun collaborating on regional hubs to produce vaccines in Africa. In order to respond to current and future health challenges, improvements must be made in terms of vaccine and pharmaceutical manufacturing, health infrastructure, research capacity and preparedness.

The potential to increase trade, economic growth, job creation and integration across the continent remains enormous, because today, only around 17 per cent of African trade flows take place between African countries.

African leaders and business people must, on the other hand, explore available possibilities and windows that have been opened. The European Union has unveiled a €300 billion (US\$340 billion) alternative to China's Belt and Road initiative—an investment programme the bloc claims will create links, not dependencies.

There is great rivalry and keen competition among key global players now. And Africa is now seen from different perspectives, but more importantly, it has been described as the last investment frontier due to the current transformations taking place there.

During the 35th Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the AU in Addis Ababa in February, António Guterres argued that Africa was "a source of hope" for the world. In a video message, he pointed to a few improvement steps such as the introduction of the AfCFTA and the Decade of Financial and Economic Inclusion for African Women.

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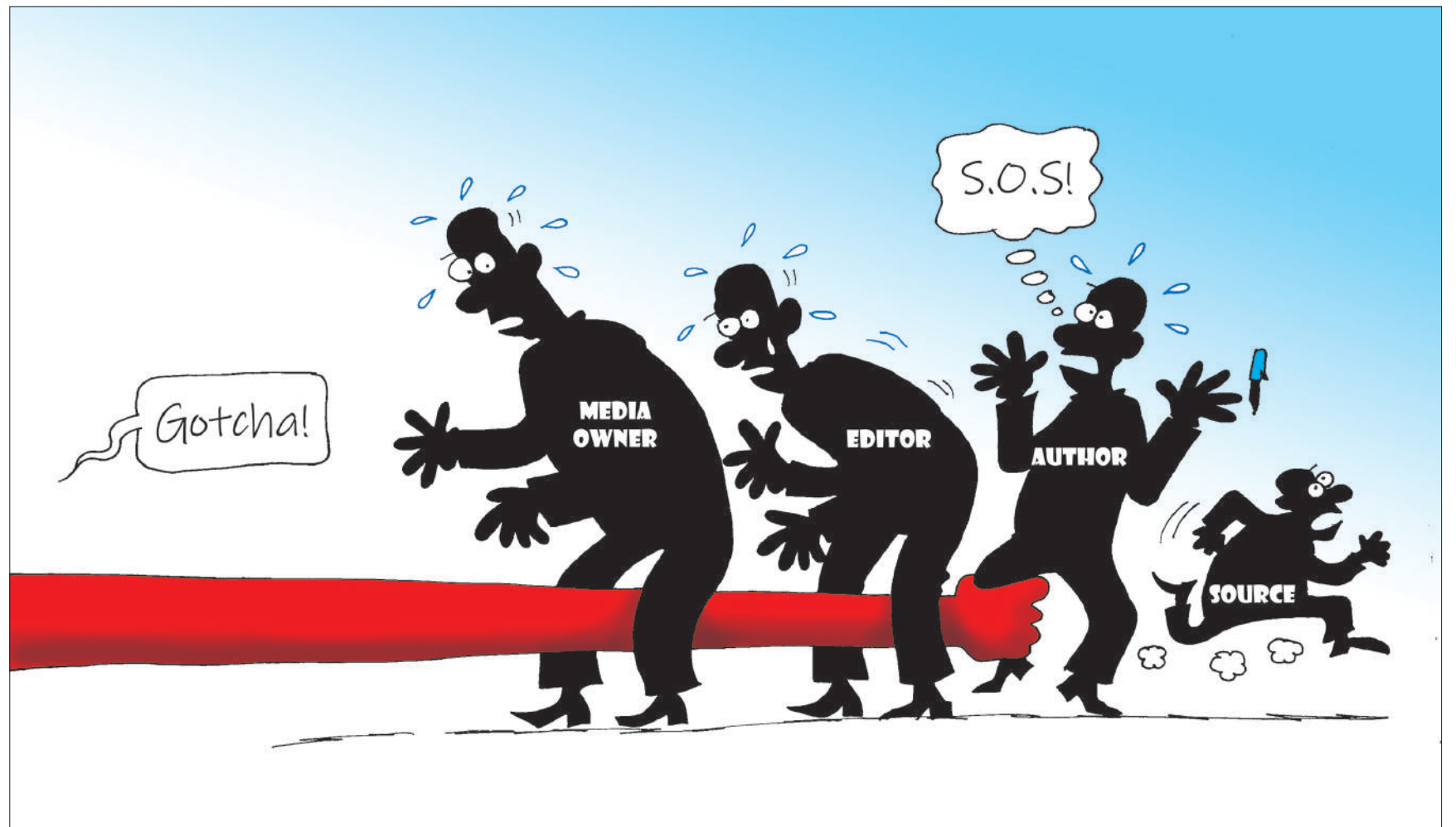
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By Musawenkosi Cabe

THE recent Judicial Service Commission interviews for the chief justice position have been widely slated as misogynistic – but this is nothing new for a judicial body generally hostile to women.

Commissioners who threatened the reputations of judges should face sanction for ambushing and humiliating the candidates being interviewed for the position of Chief Justice.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has an important decision to make in appointing South Africa's next chief justice. Equally important is how the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) will restore the public's confidence in it after the shameful behaviour of some of its commissioners.

The importance of Ramaphosa taking an immediate decision cannot be overstated. South Africa has been without a chief justice for far too long. In terms of the Constitution, "the president as head of the national executive, after consulting the Judicial Service Commission and the leaders of the parties represented in the National Assembly, appoints the chief justice". It is difficult, then, to reconcile how the recommendation of the JSC binds the president or unjustifiably encroaches on his powers to appoint whoever he feels is fit and proper for the position, as some have said.

The appointment of the chief justice was always going to generate much public debate, especially after Ramaphosa opened the nomination process to the public. Four names – Mbuyiseli Madlanga, Mandisa Maya, Dunstan Mlambo and Raymond Zondo – were shortlisted for the JSC to interview. What it ought to have done remains a debate among constitutional law researchers and lawyers.

In its defence, the JSC will always insist – as it did in the press conference announcing Maya as its preferred candidate – that the Constitution allows it to "determine its own procedure".

It is unfortunate that the wait could be prolonged as threats of litigation against the JSC's process gain traction. Not having a permanent chief justice and leader of the judiciary leaves our democracy vulnerable and the independence of the judiciary uncertain and under sustained populist attack.

Despite this legal issue, controversy seems to be never-ending at the JSC. The aftermath of what has been described as a "shambolic process" has drawn a plethora of commentary and statements from lobby groups as well as the legal profession. In the main, all condemn the lack of decorum displayed by commissioners during the interviews.

The General Council of the Bar has even called for one of the senior members of the bar, Dali Mpfu, to be recalled from the JSC on the basis that

Indecent interviews: Will SA Judicial Service Commission self-correct?



Judge Mandisa Maya, president of South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal, during an interview at her office in Bloemfontein

he has brought the legal profession into disrepute. The call is academic, though, as Mpfu's two-year term representing the Advocates for Transformation at the JSC had come to an end, its national executive committee confirmed. His term was only extended for the duration of the chief justice interviews.

But that doesn't solve all the JSC's problems. It wasn't only Mpfu who subjected the four candidates to humiliation, sexism and, countless times, outright disrespect. Some of the interviews lasted almost 13 hours and there appeared to be concerted efforts to taint the integrity of some of the best jurists in our country.

'Ambush questioning'

The very first interviews the JSC held to appoint justices for the newly formed Constitutional Court in the mid-1990s faced similar issues. This included its interview with retired justice Albie Sachs.

At the time, he was a well-known anti-apartheid activist, constitutional law theorist and former member of the ANC. He lost an arm and the sight in one eye during a terrorist attack by the apartheid regime, while living in exile. The ANC had tasked him with investigating claims of torture in the movement's camps in Angola.

Advocate Wim Trengove led the interview, which centred on these allegations of torture of ANC captives. An impression was created in this JSC interview that Sachs had condoned "abuse and ill-treatment of ANC captives". This was, of course, completely wrong.

Sachs had admitted on many occasions the existence of torture, denounced it and worked to root it out. In a 2016 interview for the Constitutional Court Oral History Project, Sachs described the JSC interview as an attack on his honour.

"The attack on my mind had been in the first detention, from the regime. The attack on my body had been the

bomb, also from the regime. The attack on my honour came from my friends, from my side, from people I admired and respected. And it was a very lonely time for me, very lonely," he said. These friends were the JSC commissioners.

But what is notable is what the JSC did afterwards. Arthur Chaskalson, then president of the Constitutional Court and later chief justice, made sure the JSC reflected on the incident and corrected itself. Sachs confirmed this: "I was told afterwards that as a result of the cross-examination to which I had been subjected, the commission took a decision not to allow ambush questioning of any future candidates."

Breaking its own rule

It is therefore shocking that, more than two decades later, the JSC has put a highly respected judge such as Mlambo in the same position – or worse. Mlambo had no prior warning that an allegation of sexual harassment was to be put to him during his interview. Though JSC acting president and chairperson Xola Petse much later ordered parts of the interview expunged from the record, the harm had already been done.

"I feel pained that this rumour has now found its way into my interview, because I just feel it gives credence to the candidature I have in this position. It started and gained steam in this process. Clearly, its purpose is to poison my candidature," said Mlambo in response to the baseless allegation.

It is for this reason that the public ought to be outraged at the "ambush questioning" of Mlambo by members of the commission, and at the misogynistic line of questioning of Maya as well as the political attack on Zondo. The JSC allowed a breach of its own rule not to allow questions of that nature, as a candidate in a state of panic and shock may not be able to answer satisfactorily and this could create the impression that they are being evasive or inadequate.

The composition of the JSC is, by constitutional design, subject to political influence. With the minister of justice and members of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces forming part of the JSC, it is not unthinkable or out of the ordinary that court decisions that are political in nature will be debated by the commission with the judges who write them.

But senior lawyers Griffiths Madonsela and Mpfu, supported by EFF leader Julius Malema, led the questioning of Mlambo and Zondo. And it was clear from their line of questioning that they were trying to create the impression that these two judges were biased in favour of the current president and therefore not fit and proper to be chief justice. Mlambo dismantled this impression when he defended the decisions of the court and said that the Supreme Court of Appeal and Constitutional Court had confirmed some of those decisions.

The code of conduct – if it exists – will have to be implemented without the JSC being dragged to court. The commissioners that brought the chief justice interviews into disrepute have to be held to account. And the JSC cannot stop there: it must make the public confident that such conduct will not be allowed again.

Although there is little confidence that the JSC will be able to self-correct, given its decline, it deserves the benefit of the doubt despite its blatant partisanship. This is because the JSC is a crucial body in a constitutional democracy. It is a creation of the Constitution that plays a fundamental role not only in the appointment and disciplining of judges, but also in all matters concerning the judiciary.

Despite being ambushed, Sachs insisted "that the process of interviews before the Judicial Service Commission was tremendous. And rather go through that bracing and abrasive process – if that's what people think, so be it – than the old system of selection behind closed doors, followed by all sorts of rumours." He is correct.

During apartheid, judges were appointed out of the eye of the public. It was not involved in the process as it is today. Because of this, we ought to hold the JSC accountable in upholding the Constitution and ensuring that it remains a robust space in which prospective judges are engaged with respect.

With government institutions and state-owned companies captured and in a state of despair, we need to resist attempts at tarnishing the integrity of the judiciary.

It is a judiciary that has held our constitutional democracy literally by a thread.

Cyclone Ana floods choke Malawi's water and sanitation goals

By Charles Mpaka

ON the night of January 24, 2022, as Cyclone Ana-triggered rains incessantly rattled on the rusty roof of her house, amid intervals of gusty winds, a thud woke up Josephine Kumwanje from her sleep.

Her heart leapt as she thought thieves had broken into the house.

She summoned some courage, tiptoed to the door of her bedroom, and peered into the dark. She did not see any evidence that the house had been burgled. The windows and the main door were intact.

But she could not sleep because the rain poured down in torrents - until the early hours of the morning when it reduced to a drizzle.

"In a long time, I haven't seen a combination of heavy rains and strong winds in one night," she recalls.

In the morning, she saw what that thud was all about: The pit latrine behind her house had collapsed, the slab caving into the hole so that the toilet was no longer usable.

Kumwanje's latrine was one of the five that had collapsed in the neighbourhood that night. The storm had ripped off the roofs of three houses, and gullies were gorged into areas. The residents could not imagine that such damage was possible. The tropical depression that formed to the northeast of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean around January 21 and swept into the Mozambique Channel caused heavy and incessant rainfall in Malawi on January 24 and 25, resulting in heavy flooding and destruction.

Two cities and 16 of the country's 28 districts, mainly in the Southern region, had been affected.

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs said in a situation report that between January 24 and February 12, 2022, shows close to one million people had been affected, 190,000 displaced, 46 people killed, and 18 people still missing. Among the sectors severely hit was water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), including the five latrines in Makhetha Township in Blantyre City - even though they were far away from the 'eye of the storm'.

A rapid assessment by the WASH cluster of the response team, co-led by UNICEF, has found that over 1,000 boreholes, the primary source of potable water in most rural areas in Malawi, have been destroyed.

Countless more have been contaminated, while 20 piped water schemes have been damaged, leaving an estimated 300,000 people with no or limited access to safe water. A total of 53,962 latrines collapsed.

According to UNICEF, the destruction of the WASH infrastructure could have far-reaching health consequences.

"These conditions entail significant risks of health outbreaks (cholera) with medium to long-term impacts on the health status of children," Michele Paba, UNICEF Malawi



Residents survey the damage after Cyclone Ana triggered winds and floods in Malawi. There has been a call following the latest flooding for climate-resilient approaches to WASH because damaged infrastructure, especially water infrastructure, has serious health consequences. Credit: Charles Mpaka/IPS

Chief of WASH, tells IPS.

Worse still, the current floods compounded the damages from other recent floods and have reversed progress on recovery.

In March 2019, Malawi was one of the three countries - together with Zimbabwe and Mozambique - through which Cyclone Idai related flooding swept, destroying infrastructure, and affecting more than one million people in the three countries. In January 2015, Malawi also suffered devastating floods, which killed 106 people, displaced more than 200,000 and affected more than one million people.

The floods also hit twelve of the 17 districts affected by floods in January 2015.

Five of the districts affected this year were the worst hit by Cyclone Idai in 2019 and were among those hardest hits by the 2015 floods.

Details in the Malawi 2015 Floods Post Disaster Needs Assessment Report show the floods had destroyed water facilities such as intake structures, water treatment plants, water supply pipelines, dams, and shallow wells.

The government pegged the recovery and reconstruction budget following the 2015 disaster for the WASH sector alone at 60 million US dollars. But, as Charles Kalemba, Commissioner for the Department of Disaster Management Affairs, which is in the Office of President and Cabinet, indicates, Malawi has never recovered from these disasters.

"Floods have happened in this country several times in the past few years. In recent times, we had one in 2015. We had another in 2019, and now these. They happen, they attract our attention, and we forget soon afterwards. We have not been good at recovery and resilience at all," Kalemba says.

Back in Blantyre, Kumwanje rebuilt her latrine in a week. "I have children. For dignity and hygiene, I could not count on neighbours' toilets," says the mother of three, who earns a living selling second-hand clothes.

But the structure, made of plastic sheets, is temporary. It cannot withstand a similar storm.

Kalemba says the country needs serious work

in preparedness and resilience, adding that the department is now eyeing a radical shift in strategy. "We need to relook at financing. The money should not just be used to buy top-of-the-range vehicles for offices. We need to tackle real issues affecting people in the long term."

"Besides, we leave our response in the hands of development partners, but we can see people in these affected areas are becoming poorer. That shows us that the strategy we are using is not working. We need to take full control of the recovery processes, including finding our own resources, instead of waiting for donors," he says.

In terms of WASH, according to UNICEF, the sector is "aggressively moving towards climate-resilient approaches to improve the sustainability of water and sanitation services and ensure value for money of investments made."

"The main bottleneck at the moment," says Paba, "is the lack of financial resources to address the needs because official development assistance has drastically declined over the past years and government allocations are limited."

A February 2020 UNICEF analysis of public expenditure on the WASH sector in Malawi says that despite limited fiscal space, the government has increased budget allocations to the sector since 2017-18.

Between 2014 and 2019, the government funding averaged 0.39 percent of total expenditure, or just under 0.1 percent of GDP - with much of it heavily tilted towards water.

However, the report notes that Malawi's budget allocations to WASH as a proportion of GDP is low compared to other countries in the region.

Apart from proposing the government adjust to reductions in external funding and fixing the frontline staff deficit, the report recommends increased government financing towards WASH, especially for operations.

Paba tells IPS that the Ministry of Water and Sanitation, with support from UNICEF, is developing a climate-resilient financing strategy to help mobilise fresh investments to address sector needs and create a climate risk-informed investment plan.

The government, through the National Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy (2018 - 2024), is targeting increasing the number of households with improved sanitation access from 13.8 percent as it was in 2018 to 75 percent by 2030 and increasing the number of people accessing safe water supply from 83 percent to 90 percent by 2030.



Date: 23rd February 2022

Reference: PAET/EOI No.001/GEO-/2022 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PROVISION OF INFORMATION FOR SUPPLY OF SERVICES TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd (PAET), a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to express their interest and provide information for the supply of the following Services.

SERVICES

A wells-based study to investigate the rock physical properties of the Songo Songo reservoir and seal rocks in order to model the AVO response, and other seismic attributes (DH)'s) for the discrimination of gas from background (water wet) sand. The requirements of the study will include, but not be limited to:

- Create rock physics model of the reservoir and seal
- Review reservoir and seal variability
- Rock physics crossplots including
 - AI vs Vp/Vs
 - AI vs SI
 - AI vs GI
- Perform fluid replacement modelling (FRM) for brine, gas and in-situ cases
- Forward AVO modelling to understand sensitivity to
 - Fluid type
 - Seal variation
 - Reservoir quality variation
 - Response to varying gas column thickness (gas column wedge model)
- Summarise responses and discuss reasons for not apparently observing AVO response on current seismic

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- Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:
 - Proof of experience in providing said Services preferably in Oil & Gas or Mining industries.
 - International companies with ability to team up with Local expertise in any form as per the Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017
 - Proven technical capability.
 - Proof of registration with the local authorities in Tanzania/or Country of Origin as may be applicable. This shall include but not be limited to a certificate of registration with Company Registry, Tax Authority for Tax Identification Number and Value Added Tax, Valid Business Licence, Regulatory license and permits (if applicable), etc.
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 - For Tanzania Registered Companies provide Proof of Registration in EWURA's LSSP Database as a Local Service Provider and current annual returns together with its BRELA Online Registration System consolidated form.
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- Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information on the scope of work by writing to the address below or e-mail to Vincent Edward (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) with a copy to Ritha Mohele (rmohela@panafricanenergy.com).

All responses to be sent to the following address before 2:30pm Friday, 18th March, 2022.

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Attn: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director. (all electronic copies of the RFI to be sent to the email (bnntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) on the last day of submission).



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Dar es Salaam 23rd February, 2022

This is to notify the General Public, Importers and Local blenders of car lubricant engine oils that Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) is granting a grace period of three (3) months effectively from today 23rd February, 2022 to 23rd May, 2022. This being time for tolerating car lubricant engine oils with minimum performance level of 'CF' for Diesel Engine Oil and 'SF' for Petrol Engine Oil.

Car lubricant engine oils shall however comply with other tested functional/performance parameters as per TZS 2260:2018 and TZS 2261:2018 in order to qualify for this grace period.

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In SA politics, does growing the party membership help in the long term? Not really

BY STEPHEN GROOTES

WHILE the number of members that a political party has can have some significance, it is important not to confuse membership numbers with perfecting actual political power. In our recent history, there has been no direct correlation between the two. Quite the opposite: there is evidence that broadening a party's membership may in fact present a greater challenge for its internal democracy.

Last week, while in the Free State on a trip to restore unity in the ANC, Mbeki suggested that the party should conduct a full audit of its members. He suggested that this would help the party understand who were true members and who were not, and to weed out people with criminal records.

This has been a consistent Mbeki critique of the ANC. While it has often claimed that being a mass movement is part of its character, as long ago as 2007, and possibly before then, he was saying the party should have "fewer, but better" members.

In this he is following a dictum of Vladimir Lenin, who at least by 1923 said the Communist Party in Russia should follow a policy of "better fewer, but better".

While the roots of the ANC's current problems do not necessarily lie in the size of its membership, there can be no doubt that it does add to the problems. More people may mean more factions, and more factions always mean contestation. It is surely harder to get one million people to agree on something than it is to reach an agreement among just 100.

It may be that some of the ANC's problems now stem from what was reported as massive growth in membership after the party's Polokwane conference. The leadership of the then president Jacob Zuma deliberately tried to grow the party's membership to one million in time for the centennial conference in Mangaung in 2012.

That move led to people who were members in card only. That same year, 2012, it was reported that many ANC branches had struggled to get a quorum to hold a branch general meeting so that that branch could decide who to back at the Mangaung conference. This was the most important branch meeting of a five-year period, a chance for ordinary members to decide who they wanted to be president, and they did not take it up.



EFF supporters at the one million membership launch at Hector Pieterse Memorial on 18 February 2022 in Soweto, South Africa and below are the ANC supporters listen during President Cyril Ramaphosa's campaign on 17 October 2021 in Phuthaditjhaba, South Africa.

And, of course, as the ANC itself has said many times, it also led to branches being created just for leadership conferences (those with long memories may remember the surprise they felt when it emerged that Mpumalanga had the second-highest number of branches in the ANC in 2017 and the power that gave the then premier, and now Deputy President, David Mabuza).

This clearly shows that having more members does not always lead to a better quality of the party, to the point of it becoming ungovernable. There is another way of looking at this that may permanently dispel the notion that a large number of party members automatically leads to political power.

In our recent history, there have been times

when the ANC has claimed to have more than a million members, and times when it has claimed around 600,000 members.

In 2007, the ANC said its membership was at 620,964. At the time, the ANC had a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

In 2012, the party claimed to have more than 1.2 million members. At the time, it had 65.9% of the vote. By 2017, it had just under one million members, and 62.15% of the vote.

Then, in December 2020, Daily Maverick's Ferial Haffajee was told by the ANC that its membership had jumped to 1.4 million.

By then, the party had slipped to just 57.5% of the vote, in the 2019 elections.

This surely shows that there is no direct link between the number of members a party has

and its political power.

This may be shown further by the fact that during this time the EFF claimed that its membership had risen to 600,000. And yet, during that time, the party had not grown its support significantly.

Or to put this more plainly, if the reason for political parties to exist is the pursuit of political power, then it makes more sense for them to chase voters, rather than members.

There is also some evidence that Lenin was right, that having a bigger political party with more members leads to more problems.

It is obvious that the ANC is not in

complete control of all of its members. The fact that there has recently been violence involving ANC figures in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape is surely proof of that.

If the EFF were now to nearly double its membership, this would probably lead to the same situation.

In fact, for the party's current leadership, there may even be some dangers, in that it is likely that more people would come into the party with an agenda to contest for internal power.

This could make the EFF more difficult to manage. And, as many party leaders have found out over the years, it is the internal dynamics of a party that consume time and energy.

Recently, even ActionSA leader Herman Mashaba has discovered this. A meeting in Tshwane degenerated into chaos, while he is involved in a very public dispute with his eThekweni leader, Makhosi Khoza.

Meanwhile, the other bigger party in our politics, the DA, has never had a problem following Lenin's dictum.

It has never published its membership figures and never claimed to want to have hundreds of thousands of members. This may save its leaders some of the pain and heartbreak of dealing with the internal problems that large numbers generate.

All of this suggests that while leaders make boastful claims about their party memberships, this may simply be something that gets in the way of real politics.

Political power is not about party membership. Political power in a democracy is about winning elections.

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New land-sea transport route gives boost to Belt and Road construction

By Fu Wen

NOT long ago, 1,960 tons of goods left the International Land Port of Gansu (Lanzhou) in Lanzhou city, northwest China's Gansu province by train, and were then transferred from Lianyungang Port in Lianyungang city, east China's Jiangsu province, to Southeast Asia by ship. Meanwhile, 3,300 tons of iron ore imported by Jiuquan Iron and Steel Corporation were transported from Lianyungang to Lanzhou.

The above-mentioned trips were the very first trips along the combined sea-rail transport route connecting Lanzhou and Lianyungang, which represented new progress made by the coastal province of Jiangsu and the inland province of Gansu in the construction of the route.

The rail-sea transport service enables the International Land Port of Gansu (Lanzhou) and Lianyungang Port to share and integrate their logistics resources and the two provinces to realize mutual complementarity in their superior resources.

It is also expected to benefit the construction of land port national logistics hub in Lanzhou, increase the number of global container shipping routes of Lianyungang Port, and help build more stable and reliable logistics channels for transit goods and foreign trade companies based in China's inland cities.

From road-rail multimodal transport services connecting China and Central Europe, Central Asia, and South Asia to the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor and the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan multimodal transport route, Gansu province has so far opened five international transport routes, with Lanzhou serving as a key hub.

By jointly building new land-sea multimodal transport hubs through the new route, Gansu and Jiangsu have integrated Lanzhou's advantage of serving as a gateway to the west and Lianyungang's advantage of facilitating opening to the east.

The cooperation between the two provinces has made it easier for goods to be transported from Gansu to foreign countries by sea, which bears



Containers are unloaded from container liners at a container terminal of Lianyungang Port, east China's Jiangsu province, Feb. 1, 2022. File photo

great significance for China's endeavor to achieve nationwide opening-up that coordinates the coastal and inland areas and connects the eastern

and western regions and promoting the positive interplay between domestic and international circulation.

Connection brings about

better efficiency. The newly launched sea-rail transport route, which features highly efficient connection between channels, convenient transfer

of goods, and one-stop services, provides comprehensive transportation services with low cost and high efficiency.

The new passage, which links the land and maritime silk roads, helps trade companies in the two provinces and along the route reduce transportation costs and improve transportation efficiency. It is also expected to bring new mission of the times to the railway connecting Lianyungang and Lanzhou, and involve more regions of the country in the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Cooperation between Lianyungang and Lanzhou has created new space for development. At the end of 2021, Lianyungang Port Holdings Group Co., Ltd. and the management committee of the International Land Port of Gansu (Lanzhou) signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement.

At the beginning of this year, Lanzhou and Lianyungang signed a strategic agreement on regional cooperation and development in the new era, aiming to carry out in-depth cooperation in logistics services for commerce and trade,

science and technology education, cultural tourism, and talent exchange in key industries including hub ports, petrochemical refining, and equipment manufacturing.

The endeavor of the two sides to strengthen coordination and collaboration between the International Land Port of Gansu (Lanzhou) and the Lianyungang Port is considered a powerful measure for deepening bilateral pragmatic cooperation and helpful for promoting mutual complementarity, resource sharing, and mutual benefit and win-win results.

Thanks to joint efforts made by various parties, pragmatic cooperation has been pushed forward continuously, with some projects achieving initial progress and new projects gaining momentum.

Facts have shown that by building network and platform for Belt and Road cooperation and advancing the development of projects in key fields according to actual conditions, various parties can share development opportunities and achieve common prosperity.

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Swiss tourists in Mount Kilimanjaro climb to fundraise 700m/- for needy mothers, children

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TWENTY-six tourists from Switzerland have started climbing on Mount Kilimanjaro to fundraise \$300,000 (700m/-) aimed at supporting the care of more than 300 needy mothers and children from poor families.

Compassion International Tanzania (CIT) director Mary Lema said this on Monday at Mount Kilimanjaro's Machame gate when speaking at the launch of the climbing exercise.

Lema said the acquisition of the funds, which was made through donations in Switzerland, has been made possible by CIT, Compassion International Switzerland and Muskathlon Switzerland.

She said the goal of Muskathlon 2022—a global movement with a vision to defend the rights of the oppressed to build faith and health was

to raise \$260,000 for the purpose of spending on mother and child services, at facilities working with Compassion Tanzania in 21 regions of the Northern and Southern regions, mainland Tanzania.

"So far, over \$300,000 has been raised, which is above the target. Among the services targeted will be implemented to assist the needy families in health, education," Lema said.

The Swedish visitors also visited and talked with sponsored children at some of the centers affiliated with Compassion International Tanzania.

Lema said the 26 visitors who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro at the top will also stay in the country for 10 days and visit other tourist attractions and contribute to the national income through the industry.

The official noted that said since the start of the fundraiser, 6 years



Swiss tourists listen to Compassion International Tanzania director Mary Lema at Machame entrance point gate before starting to climb Mountain Kilimanjaro as part of 700m/- fundraiser for Mother and Child and disadvantaged families. The money was donated by Compassion International Tanzania and Compassion Switzerland and Muskathlon Switzerland. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

ago \$224,110 (9.7bn/-) was obtained and assisted in the implementation of various projects in the country and in other countries with compassion service.

It's estimated that 300 entered into the country from Holland, Belgium, German and Switzerland.

Muskathlon started in Holland, and spread into 20 European countries, Asia and US.

One of the Swiss climbers, Manuela Denoth said what motivates them to do so is sincere love, from the heart to liberate mothers and children in the areas of education, health, poverty and faith.

"We're just giving, not that we're rich, we're sacrificing for others that is why we've donated and we're setting an example for other nations in the world to be touched and see that

if you unite many with what little you have you can help others with problems and comfort them" said Denoth.

Compassion Switzerland chief executive officer, Christian Will said the organization in partnership with Compassion Tanzania and Muskathlon will continue with similar efforts to ensure maternal and child care through Compassion eliminates the problems they face on a large scale.

Compassion International is an international Christian organization focused on child development and advocacy. It uses cross-cutting approaches to address the developmental problems facing poor children in the community. This will enable funding for more than 109,000 children in health and education services.

Study: Small groups responsible for smuggling elephant tusks

By Special Correspondent

RESEARCHERS say that as few as three major criminal groups are responsible for smuggling African elephant ivory tusks.

A tusk represents a dead elephant. And the research comes as Africa's elephant population is decreasing quickly. The elephant population in Africa is estimated to be about 415,000. In 1979, there were about 1.3 million elephants on the continent and 100 years ago, the number was 5 million.

The new study was published in Nature Human Behavior. The researchers examined the DNA of elephant tusks and evidence including telephone, financial, automobile and shipping records. They used the

information to identify connections in trafficking operations across the continent.

Biologist Samuel Wasser of the University of Washington is a lead writer of the study. He said he hopes it helps police target the leaders of these networks instead of the elephant killers themselves. Criminal organizations can easily replace the low-level poachers.

"If you can stop the trade where the ivory is being consolidated and exported out of the country, those are really the key players," said Wasser.

Consolidate means to join or combine together into one thing.

Each year, an estimated 500 metric tons of poached elephant tusks are shipped from Africa, mostly to Asia.

For around twenty years, Wasser has been interested in a few key questions: "Where is most of the ivory being poached, who is moving it, and how many people are they?"

He works with wildlife officials in Kenya, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and elsewhere, who contact him when they discover ivory shipments. He flies to the countries to take small samples of tusks to study the DNA. He has samples from the tusks of more than 4,300 elephants taken out of Africa from 1995 to the present.

Biologist Robert Pringle, who was not involved in the study, praised the work. He said the data shows connections that can lead to "strong inferences."

In 2004, Wasser showed that DNA from elephant tusks and waste could be used to find an elephant's home location to within a few hundred kilometers.

In 2018, he recognized that finding identical DNA in tusks from two different ivory seizures meant they were taken from the same animal - and likely

by the same poaching network.

The new research identifies DNA belonging to elephant parents and children, as well as brothers and sisters.

Such genetic links can provide information for wildlife officials seeking other evidence - cell phone records, license plates, shipping documents and financial statements - to link different ivory shipments.

Finding poaching hotspots

John Brown III is a special agent with the United States Homeland Security Department and wrote the study with Wasser. The agent's work on environmental crimes goes back 25 years. Brown has told the Associated Press that in the past, a single seizure of illegal goods would rarely lead to the identification of the major crime group responsible.

But now, he said, "The DNA links can alert us to the connections between individual seizures."

The new research led to the discovery that only a very few criminal groups are behind most of the ivory trade in Africa.

Researchers identified several poaching hotspots, including areas of Tanzania, Kenya, Botswana, Gabon and Republic of Congo. Tusks are often moved to storage centers where they are loaded into shipping containers with other illegal goods. Then, the containers go to ports for travel out of Africa.

Traffickers that smuggle ivory also often deal in other illegal goods, as well, the research shows. A fourth of large seizures of pangolin scales are mixed with ivory, for instance. The pangolin, a large ant-eating mammal, is poached heavily.

Brian Arnold, a Princeton University biologist who was not involved in the research, said, "Confronting these networks is a great example of how genetics can be used for conservation purposes."

Mining firm spends 90m/- at the 4th annual mineral and mining investment conference

By Guardian Reporter

ANGLOGOLD Ashanti's Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has once again extended its support as one of the main sponsors of this year's 4th Tanzania minerals and mining investment conference, making a financial contribution of almost 90m/- towards the staging of the three-day event.

The sponsorship includes the rental of the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam that kicked off yesterday as well as branding of the event.

AngloGold Ashanti's vice president (sustainability) responsible for Tanzania and Ghana, Simon Shayo expressed appreciation for the government's increasing commitment in nurturing the mining sector and pledged to maintain compliance in government revenues, environmental and safety issues.

"The mining industry has benefited from the public-private partnership for several years. In fostering development, GGML is committed to continue working with the government to create mutual benefit for both sides as well as other stakeholders.

Shayo said he is optimistic that the government will continue to enhance an enabling environment for the development of Tanzania's mining industry. Our vision is in line with that of the government that the mining industry should contribute at least 10 per cent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2025 and also create broader benefits to society," he said.

At the same event last year, GGML was recognised by the government as the overall best performing company in Tanzania's mining sector for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

GGML won the best accolade after it scored highest in corporate social responsibility, environment and safety, payment of government revenue (taxes) and local business content in an event graced by the then Vice President now President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

AngloGold Ashanti and therefore GGML has for over 20 years thrived to be a model of the mining sector in Tanzania.

The company is currently going through a transformation exercise globally with a view of making it even more profitable and competitive, which will increase investment for the country.



GGML vice president for sustainable development, Simon Shayo (R) speaks at the fourth summit of minerals investment in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders call for infrastructure to accommodate children with disabilities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

EDUCATION stakeholders in the City of Mbeya have called on experts implementing various classrooms construction projects to make sure they abide by the infrastructure to accommodate children with disabilities to enable them study with ease.

The remarks were made yesterday by Thabita Bugali, one of the stakeholders as she spoke

to this paper on the situation of infrastructures for children with disabilities.

"We visited some of primary schools in rural areas and found out that their infrastructures, especially pit latrines do not accommodate children with disabilities, we hail the government for the new guidelines provided on the best way to build schools infrastructures to accommodate

people with disabilities," she said.

She said there is every reason for the government to invest in the education sector and that it should concentrate more in the rural areas to improve pit latrines construction to accommodate the need of children with disabilities.

A resident of Mama John area, Jaqueline Sanga said apart from various obstacles facing children

with disabilities in schools, but the community should cooperate with the government in improving pit latrines infrastructures, classrooms, they should not leave that responsibility to the government alone.

The Chairman of the association of People with Disabilities (CHAWATA) in Mbeya Region, Jimmy Ambekile said there is still the problem in the issue of the

right infrastructures for people with disabilities in both primary and secondary schools.

He also said even in buildings housing various public institutions there are hardly friendly infrastructures for people with disabilities, hence the issue should be worked upon to enable them get the service without any obstacles.

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Alarm: Every two weeks a mother tongue disappears due to globalisation

By Baher Kamal

“EVERY two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. At least 43 per cent of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have genuinely been given a place in education systems and the public domain, and less than a hundred are used in the digital world.”

This shocking fact has been highlighted by the United Nations on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, marked 21 February.

Languages, with their complex implications for identity, communication, social integration, education and development, are of strategic importance for people and the planet, says the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

“Yet, due to globalisation processes, they are increasingly under threat, or disappearing altogether. When languages fade, so does the world’s rich tapestry of cultural diversity. Opportunities, traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking and expression – valuable resources for ensuring a better future – are also lost.”

Mother tongues in education

The International Mother Language Day recognises that languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals’ focus on leaving no one behind.

UNESCO believes education, based on the first language or mother tongue, must begin from the early years as early childhood care and education is the foundation of learning.

This year’s observance is a call on



At least 43 per cent of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have genuinely been given a place in education systems and the public domain, and less than a hundred are used in the digital world. Credit: Danilo Valladares/IPS

“Nothing for us without us”

The Declaration places indigenous peoples at the centre of its recommendations under the slogan “Nothing for us without us.”

The Declaration, designed to inspire a global plan of action for the Decade, calls for the implementation of the internationally recognized rights of indigenous peoples, expressed notably in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of 2007, the UN System-wide Action Plan (SWAP) on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of 2017, among several others.

On the verge of extinction

In its strategic recommendations for the Decade, the Los Pinos Declaration emphasises indigenous peoples’ rights to “freedom of expression, to an education in their mother tongue and to participation in public life using their languages, as prerequisites for the survival of indigenous languages many of which are currently on the verge of extinction.”

With regard to participation in public life, the Declaration highlights the importance of enabling the use of indigenous languages in justice systems, the media, labour and health programmes. It also points to the potential of digital technologies in supporting the use and preservation of those languages.

policy-makers, educators and teachers, parents and families to scale up their commitment to multilingual education, and inclusion in education to advance education recovery in the context of COVID-19.

A full decade for indigenous peoples’ languages

This effort also contributes to the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032), for which UNESCO is the lead agency, and which places multilingualism at the heart of indigenous peoples’ development.

Participants at the High-level event, “Making a decade of action for indigenous languages,” on 28 February 2020 issued a strategic roadmap for the Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) prioritising the empowerment indigenous language users, UNESCO reported.

More than 500 participants from 50 countries, including government ministers, indigenous leaders, researchers, public and private partners, and other stakeholders and experts, adopted the Los Pinos Declaration, at the end of the two-day event in Mexico City, which was organised by UNESCO and Mexico.

and identity, and carriers of values and knowledge.

They are vital to the preservation and transmission of traditions, expressions, songs, jokes and rituals, which make all our lives richer, adds the Association, which was founded in 1945, advocating for UK action at the UN; and is the UK’s leading source of analysis on the UN; with a vibrant grassroots movement of 20,000 people from all walks of life.

UNESCO recommends that countries that have a bilingual or multilingual education system (where they use one or more official languages) give its school students the opportunity to use their mother tongue as their language of instruction.

Research shows that particularly in early years education, use of a child’s mother tongue helps to create a strong foundation for learning.

“However, in some countries, a particular language might be preferred for political or cultural reasons. This can result in the domination of one language in education and other public services.”

People that don’t speak the dominant language or speak it poorly can thus be disadvantaged and in the worst cases, it can lead to discrimination in daily life, exclusion from jobs or services and even oppression, says UNA-UK. “It can also result in other languages becoming endangered and ultimately extinct.”

Key facts:

According to the United Nations Association - UK:

Just like endangered animal species, some languages are rapidly dying out and shared commitment and interest is needed to help keep them alive. At one time, there were between 7,000 and 8,000 distinct languages worldwide.

Over the past three centuries, languages have died out and disappeared at a dramatic and steadily increasing pace, especially in the Americas and Australia. Now, very few people speak most of the 6,000 known languages around the world.

About half of the 6,000 or so languages spoken in the world are under threat.

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BUSINESS

PSSSF receives 3.4bn/- coupon yield in treasury non-cash bond

By Guardian Reporter

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has so far received 3.4bn/- from the treasury, as payment for two consecutive months coupon yields of non-cash bond, as agreed in December last year.

The paid amount includes 2.38bn/- for January and 1.062bn/- for February and will be paid on monthly basis, instead of six months as agreed before, as the government was avoiding accumulation of payment obligation to the pension fund.

PSSSF head of communication James Mlowe confirmed to The Guardian that the amount will help the fund to meet its

short- and long-term obligations, include pension payment for retirees and the remaining fund will be used to invest in different portfolios.

Currently, available data shows PSSSF pays 60bn/- in pensions to retirees every month.

Mlowe said the terms for coupon yield payment has been changed from six months, as earlier planned, to monthly basis, as the government is committed to ensure that the payment is done on time.

"The government has decided to pay the amount on monthly basis because first is small, instead of accumulating for six months, provided it has other financial obligations," he said.



In December last year, the government signed an agreement to provide about 4.66tri/- owed to PSSSF for paying retirement benefits, as well as increasing invest-

ment capital on the fund's assets.

To start with, the government issued a non-Cash Bond valued 2.17trn/- of between eight and 25 years

during the first phase, that will enable the fund to earn income from Treasury Bonds amounting to 120bn/- per year, according to Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Ministry

of Finance and Planning, Mr Emmanuel Tutuba.

Mr Tutuba was quoted during the signing as saying new development was complimenting President Samia Suluhu Hassan's pledge to retirees that they be paid their retirement packages immediately after leaving offices and start receiving their monthly pensions a month later.

The agreement will enable the fund to recover the Pre-1999 debt (prior to the establishment of the fund). It started paying benefits to retirees effectively from 2004 covering beneficiaries who were recruited in 1970.

Prior to the establishment of the Public Service Retirement Benefits Act in 1999, public servants were not being deducted money from their salaries to contribute to the pension funds, therefore after retirement their retirement packages and monthly pensions had been accumulated in debts forcing the government to use contributions of post-1999 members to sort the retirees, something which accumulated debts.

Presenting the 2021/22 national budget, the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba underscored the need for patriotist Tanzanians who had devoted themselves to their nation to receive their golden handshake immediately after retirement.

The PS also said it was the expectation of his ministry to see the Non-Cash Bond agreement helping in paying retirement benefits and monthly pension to senior citizens who need a better life after retiring from the public service.

"The aim of the government is to continue paying timely monthly pensions to our retirees and whenever funds are allocated in investment projects PSSSF should focus on viable projects that will increase the value chain in the fund," he was quoted as saying.

The government reported in December last year that it had disbursed 500bn/- out of verified 724bn/- debt to PSSSF.

Speaking during the signing, PSSSF director general Hosea Kishimba said the 2.17tri/- Non-cash Bond will enable the pension fund to have a reprieve in the pre-

DSE begins week on bullish note, TSI gains slightly

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) began the week's trading session on a positive note, as local investors poured more money into the market.

According to data from the DSE, turnover rose by 279% as the market realized 840.8m/- being a significant hike from 221.8m/- recorded during the last day of last week.

Swissport dominated the market

accounting for 63 per cent of the total turnover. Other active trading counters were TPCC, CRDB and NMB.

The All-share index (DSEI) lost 1.16 index points closing at 1,959.93 points, while, the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained a marginal 0.95 point, closing at 3790.41 points, as TPCC's share price closed 0.53% higher.

According to the Orbit Securities Market Report, local investors

injected 608.8m/- into the market, accounting for 72.4% of buying-side activities.

"Foreign investors dominated selling-side activities, as they accounted for 65.19% of all the selling-side activities worth of 548.1m/-," the report said.

Previous market report shows trading dived during last week's session after recording an equity turnover of 1.5bn/- as compared to a bullish 11.67bn/- posted during the



previous week. Three counters dominated the market share last week, with TOL leading the pack at 49.45 per cent followed by CRDB and NMB at 31.98 per cent and 11.16 per cent, respectively.

Price movement was recorded on four domestic traded equities this week. TCCL/Simba cement counter appreciated the most by 10.91 per cent to end the week at 1,220/- per share, followed by the

TPCC/Twiga cement share that increased by 10 per cent to close at 3,740/- per share while the NICO share also went up by 9.68 per cent and closed at 340/- per share.

The Jatu share price on the other hand, dropped by 8 per cent to end the week at 345/- per share.

Total market capitalization went up by 1.43 per cent to 16.3bn/- while domestic market capitalization also went up by 1.63 per cent, closing at 10bn/-.

Meanwhile, the secondary treasury bond market generated a total of 20.4bn/- face value turnover, following the trading of the 15, 20 and 25-years maturities.

The bonds traded at prices ranging between 100 % and 135% on the lowest and highest sides respectively.

By Guardian Correspondent Kilwa

Knauf Tanzania commissions water project, donates desks, sanitary pads

KNAUF Gypsum Tanzania Limited yesterday handed over a water project to residents of Makangaga village and donated 200 desks to Makangaga and Kiranjeranje primary schools both located in Kilwa district, Lindi Region.

The company has also donated 16 cartons of sanitary pads to Kiranjeranje Secondary school, a move that will help to reduce the number of girls missing school during their menstrual cycle.

With the capacity to serve over 2,000

people, the water project consists of a borehole and its complete systems which include a pump.

The much-needed project is expected to bring a big relief to Makangaga villagers who had to walk miles away searching for water.

Speaking at the project handover ceremony, Knauf East Africa Regional Director, Ilse Boshoff, said Knauf Gypsum Tanzania, the company which owns gypsum mines in the respective village

was proud to hand over the project to Makangaga residents, to give back to the community, adding that the project will have a positive impact to the villagers.

"The project will not only boost the residents' health but will also increase economic productivity, particularly for girls and women who will no longer need to spend long hours on finding clean water elsewhere. "This gives girls the opportunity to attend schools freely," she said.

Commenting on the donation of 200 desks to Makangaga and Kiranjeranje primary schools, the Regional Director said the donation aims at supporting government efforts to improve the learning environment in the two schools.

"Our intentions are based on the fact that education is the foundation of any society and therefore very essential in the socio-economic development of every nation and if the ed-

ucation system is neglected of basic facilities to make pupils comfortable in learning, then it would not have achieved its real meaning," she said.

Kilwa District Executive Director, Eston Ngilangwa thanked Knauf Tanzania for the gesture, saying the desks came at the right time and was a great relief as it would help a great deal in reducing the shortage of desks the two schools were facing.

Commenting on water project he

said, "Water is life, and we are so grateful to Knauf Tanzania for bringing life to us. Villagers and especially women and girls had to walk for miles in search for water. Now closer to their homes, they will have less burden and can have more time to engage in economic activities."

With an investment of over 53 million euros Knauf Tanzania operates a state-of-the-art facility for the production of gypsum board, plaster products and metal profiles at Mkuranga.

Energy prices surge on Ukraine with oil price closing at \$100

MOSCOW

ENERGY prices surged after Russian President Vladimir Putin signed an order to send what he called "peacekeeping forces" to the two breakaway areas of Ukraine that he officially recognized on Monday.

European natural gas led gains in commodities with as much as 13% rise, helped higher by Germany halting the approval process of the controversial Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

Brent oil was closing in on \$100 a barrel, and power and coal prices rose. Russia's move is a dramatic escalation in its standoff with the West over Ukraine, with the U.S. and the U.K. saying they plan to announce new sanctions as soon as Tuesday.

There were no details on how many troops might go in, or when, but a conflict could threaten Russian energy supplies.

The country is the biggest provider of gas to Europe, about a third of which typically travel through pipelines crossing Ukraine, and a major exporter of everything from

crude oil to refined products.

Sanctions could also disrupt energy flows, with any curbs to Russia's ability to trade in foreign currency having the potential to upend commodity markets from oil and gas to metals and agriculture.

"This means yet higher gas prices for longer as the market has already been very nervous for months," said Katja Yafimava, a senior research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. "Some U.S., EU sanctions are likely to follow."

Dutch gas futures, a European benchmark, were 9.4% higher at 79.38 euros a megawatt-hour by 12:29 p.m. in Amsterdam. Brent crude jumped to a high of \$99.50 a barrel.

German power for next year increased as much as 5.5% and European coal rose 6.2%.

Energy markets have been on edge for weeks, swinging with every twist and turn in the standoff between the West and Moscow.

Europe has been grappling with a gas supply crisis that's sent prices quadrupling in the past year. The tensions have added to oil's blistering rally that's also been driven by out-



Offshore-oil-production

put not being able to keep up with steadily rising demand.

"The current move higher is a natural knee-jerk reaction on very high levels of uncertainty," said Paul Horsnell, head of commodities strategy at Standard Char-

tered. "Base case is perhaps still a sharp spike higher and then a significant correction lower if energy sanctions prove limited" or countries release strategic oil stockpiles to curb prices.

Russia has been keeping gas flows to

Europe capped since the summer, having curbed sales in the spot market and failed to fill its storage sites in the European Union before the winter.

Europe has avoided the worst prediction for the crisis including rolling

blackouts, but the region still depends on Russia for a third of its gas needs.

Russia's Energy Minister Nikolay Shulginov said Tuesday that the country aims to keep gas flows uninterrupted, including LNG shipments.

Rwanda's agriculture exports rose by 39pc to Rwf543bn in 2021

KIGALI

RWANDA earned over \$543 million (about Rwf543 billion) in agricultural export revenues from January to December 2021 against over \$390 million of the same period in 2020, representing an increase of 39 percent.

These export statistics are contained in the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB)'s December 2021 and Quarter Two Report 2021-2022, which was published early February this year.

The report comprises statistical data for agricultural exports and re-exports for December 2021. It also provides combined data for the calendar year of January-December 2021, fiscal year July-December 2021 and quarter two (October-December 2021) in comparison with the same period of 2020.

According to the report, both export and re-export increments were related to the economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, where most of the economic activities resumed with more movement of people and goods in the region and abroad.

Transport of people to Europe and other destinations became regular which allowed trade with Europe and the rest of the world.

The report indicated that tea, coffee, flowers, fruits and vegetable unit prices were also showing positive trends, thus contributing to the realized good export performance compared to the same period of 2020.

Tea exports

From January-December 2021, over 35.2 million kilogrammes of (processed) tea were sold at \$96.7 million, against 32.7 million kilo-

grammes sold for \$90.2 million in the same period of 2020.

The increase in tea revenue of 7 per cent in 2021 in comparison to 2020 is attributed to the 8 per cent growth in tea export volumes, even though tea average price dropped by 0.36 percent from \$2.76 per kilo to \$2.75 per kilo.

Coffee exports

From January to December 2021, Rwanda exported 17.4 million kilogrammes of coffee which raked in \$78.3 million in revenues, compared to over 16.1 million kilogrammes that fetched \$55.2 million in the same period of 2020.

The increase of 42 percent in coffee revenues from January-December 2021 in comparison with January-December 2020 is attributed to the good price of \$4.48 per kilo registered in this period against \$3.41 per kilo average in 2020 and high volume of coffee sold in 2021 (with an increase of 8.5 per cent).

Dairy exports

January to December 2021, Rwanda exported more than 3.4 million kilogrammes of dairy products which generated over \$5 million, compared to 4.2 million kilogrammes it exported in the same period of the previous year for over \$3.6 million.

Such data imply that though Rwanda's dairy exports dropped by 18.8 percent in terms of volumes, the revenues increased by 40.4 percent.

James Biseruka, the Managing Director of Inyange Industries, told The New Times that the good performance realized for 2021 was thanks to the relative opening up of the markets as the restrictions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic eased compared to 2020.



Women sort coffee for export at NAEB warehouse.

Meanwhile, he indicated that the export market for Rwanda's dairy products was expanding, citing markets Gabon and Central African Republic.

"There are new [market] opportunities that are opening up every year," he said, indicating that the 2021 revenues would even go higher if there were no Covid-19.

"You realise that the Africa free trade movement will bring major changes ... With it, there is a spirit among African countries to buy products from within the continent rather than importing them from Europe," he said, adding that some countries were contacting Inyange so that it supplies them with dairy products.

Fruits exports

From January to December 2021, fruits exported from Rwanda amounted to 6.9 million kilogrammes and generated \$9.9 million. In the same period of the previous year, 5.4 million kilogrammes of fruits were exported from Rwanda for \$6.9 million.

Considering such figures, Rwanda's fruits export revenues went up by 44.6 percent, while, overall, volumes went down by 27.4 percent.

Donatille Nibagwire, the owner of Floris, a firm that exports horticultural products including bananas and avocados, told The New Times that in the 2020, horticulture export business was much disrupted, and businesspeople were not sure how to effectively deal

with the situation.

"The fruit export performance in 2021 was better than that of the previous year," she said, calling for increasing local production of quality fruits to further exports.

"Rwanda's land is still ideal [for horticulture production], which makes us have quality produce," she said, adding that when customers like a product, they order more [of it].

Flowers

Flowers were also one of the best performers in the agricultural export sector, with over 1.3 kilogrammes of flowers exported in 2021 to generate \$8.8 million, up from over 936,200 kilogrammes exported in 2020 for \$5.5 million. Consid-

ering these statistics, flower export volumes increased by 40.8 percent, while revenues rose by 60 percent in 2021.

Rwanda targets to generate US\$1 billion in annual agricultural exports by 2024, which is more than double the current output by the sector. However, the path to achieve this is not as smooth, at least considering the prevailing circumstances.

Achieving that goal will require doubling down on exports of emerging crops such as cereals and horticulture, as well as meat, dairy and poultry products, while steadily growing traditional exports crops which are coffee, tea and pyrethrum, according to NAEB's strategic plan 2019-2024, published in May 2019.

Rwandan banks write off Rwf75bn bad debt

KIGALI

NON-performing loans in Rwanda have dropped to 4.6 per cent compared to 5.4 per cent recorded in the last three quarters of 2021, the latest statistics from the central bank show.

The drop was attributed to a higher growth of outstanding loans relative to the growth of outstanding Non Performing Loans as well as the

write offs of long overdue Non Performing Loans.

In 2021 banks wrote off Rwf75bn compared to Rwf22bn in 2020. The banking sector increased lending by 15.4 per cent to close the year at Rwf1230bn compared to a contraction of 8.2 per cent.

A loan write-off is an action taken by the lender when the chances of loan recovery are almost zero and

its assets are non-performing. This enables the bank wishes to maintain a clear record of the unrecovered loan amount in their balance sheets.

However, this does not mean the trials for recovery will be ceased.

The sectors that had the highest written off loans include trade, public works contractors as well as commerce.

The statistics further show that loans in watch category (loans where

repayment is late by 30 to 90 days) increased by 77 per cent to Rwf489 in December 2021 14.2 per cent from Rwf277 billion.

In response to the perceived credit risk outlook, banks have increased their provisions by Rwf48bn to Rwf189bn in December 2021 leading to the provisions coverage ratio of 119.8 per cent.

The loan quality drop is however not a surprise given the Covid-19

related challenges with the central bank noting that the banking sector is well capitalized to make provisions for loans that could struggle to resume making payments.

Among support by the government has been the case through initiatives such as the economic recovery fund which allowed revision of loans terms, extended tenure as well as availed capital for operations continuity and adjustment.

Authorities have previously noted that there is unlikely to be an influx of properties up for auction in the local market on the basis of inability to service debts as a result of the economic slowdown due to Covid-19.

The 2021 property auctions that had caused concern among a section of Rwandans were explained as debts that went bad as early as 4 or 5 years ago.

US based Kenyan woman targets Sh5bn fitness wear market with online store

NAIROBI

IF there is something Rose Njeri loves it is working for herself. After leaving the university, she has never been employed anywhere.

Being self-employed allows her to pursue what she loves the most besides being her own boss.

"I have mainly worked for myself. I fell in love with entrepreneurship," the degree holder in Family Science says.

Her entrepreneurship journey began three years ago when she founded Rosefit Apparel, an American online company that sells personal training gear to customers in Kenya and United States (US).

"I started Rosefit Apparel after five years of personal training. I used to buy activewear all the time

so I figured it was best to use that money and invest in my business."

"I started out with selling tanks tops and t-shirts only. Once I introduced leggings and sports bras I had clients ordering from Kenya which inspired me to bring the clothes to Kenya to avoid the high shipping fees from the States," she says.

She tells SAID that she entered into the activewear business because its popularity was growing tremendously in the country as more people embraced fitness.

According to Spa and Wellness Association of Africa (Swaa) Kenya Chapter, Kenya's fitness and wellness industry hit Sh5 billion in 2019.

Another market research and analytics firm Euromonitor International revealed that the health and wellness tourism in the country



Rose Njeri, Rosefit Apparel founder in her firm's office in the US

recorded a value growth of 9 percent in 2018 to reach sales of Sh2.5 billion.

"Kenya is waking up to wellness, and the diaspora has created a demand not only on the continent but also internationally. But spas in Kenya need to raise

their standards to cater to the demand from well-travelled wellness tourists seeking international and indigenous treatment. We can't compete globally with sub-standards and indigenous treatments," Swaa executive committee chair-

person Jasnil Danjal earlier said.

Some of the products that the online marketplace sells include sports clothes like leggings, sports bras, tank tops, plus sizes and men's activewear.

"The price ranges from Sh2,000 to

Sh5,000," she says Njeri, adding that she started the business with an initial capital of Sh100,000.

She says that the company does deliveries countrywide from the US with set delivery fees, which depend on location.

"Our customer is truly everyone, we have activewear that caters to everyone. We have now introduced menswear and hopefully, next, we will have children's activewear too. Why? We never want to leave anyone behind. We want everyone to find comfortable activewear from our brand".

Ultimate goal

"We have our store in the US but we do get Kenyan clients from all over the world ordering."

The goal is to have a physical store in Kenya, which she reckons will create employment for hundreds of Kenyans.

"Right now we do photoshoots in Kenya, we love using Kenyan models and talented photographers."

Aside from Rosefit, she runs a construction business in the US that flips houses (purchases distressed properties, fixes, and then resells them for a profit). In Kenya, she has invested in the real estate firm 88 Nairobi, among others.

"We are a new brand growing in Kenya and so the biggest challenge is getting people to learn about our brand. We are still making a name for ourselves," she concludes.

WORLD

Rising tide of anger on US' Afghan move

HONG KONG

AN act of theft and injustice, let alone a violation of international law: the charge sheet drawn up against the White House for a decision to hive off around half of the \$7 billion in Afghan assets held by the United States is damning.

The cries of anger heard in Kabul reverberate just as loudly to the west, in Teheran, and to the east, in Islamabad. Academics, business people and officials have maintained a steady chorus of opposition to the US action that is set to worsen a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

"The US and its allies have occupied Afghanistan's airspace for the past 20 years, killing thousands of innocent Afghans and disabling and displacing millions of others. These acts are considered a war crime under international law," read a resolution reached

by the Afghan Teachers' Union at a special meeting in Kabul on Saturday.

The resolution said the US should compensate the Afghan people for the suffering caused by the conflict.

After the US completed its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan in August, the US led other nations in actions that froze nearly \$10 billion in assets of the Afghan central bank held in Western countries. The bulk of the funds are held in US banks.

In a decree issued on Feb 11, US President Joe Biden ordered the allocation of \$3.5 billion from the frozen assets as damages for victims of the 9/11 attacks and set aside \$3.5 billion for Afghans in humanitarian aid.

On Feb 13, a statement by the central bank, called Da Afghanistan Bank, said: "DAB considers the latest decision of USA on blocking Foreign Exchange (FX) Reserves and allocating them to irrelevant purposes, injustice to



An Afghan girl holds a placard, during a protest condemning U.S. President Joe Biden's decision, in Kabul, Afghanistan, Feb 15, 2022. President Biden signed an executive order on Feb 11, to create a pathway to split \$7 billion in Afghan assets frozen in the US to fund humanitarian relief in Afghanistan and to create a trust fund to compensate Sept 11 victims. AP

the people of Afghanistan and will never accept if the FX reserves of Afghanistan is paid under the name of compensation or humanitarian assistance to others, and wants the reversal of the decision and release of all FX reserves of Afghanistan."

The real owners of these reserves are the people of Afghanistan, the bank added.

The Afghan Teachers' Union called on the international community, international organizations, human rights organizations, and the people of the US and Afghanistan to stand against the injustice.

Academic Mohammad Akbar Mir told the Kabul meeting that: "This is a US decision to steal, oppress and violate the rights of the Afghan people." His com-

ments were reported by the Frontier Post website.

'Moral decay'

Najibullah Amarkhel, deputy chancellor of Kabul Medical University, said at the meeting that the US decision, motivated by hatred, amounted to extortion of the Afghan people, according to the Frontier Post.

Many major cities in the country have been demonstrations denouncing Biden's decision.

"Don't spend our money to make yourself look generous," read some of the placards held aloft at a protest in Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of Balkh Province, on Feb 15.

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Canada's parliament approves Trudeau's emergency powers

OTTAWA

CANADA'S parliament on Monday backed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's decision to invoke rarely-used emergency powers to end pandemic-related protests that have blocked streets in the capital Ottawa for more than three weeks.

The Emergencies Act was approved in parliament by 185 to 151, with the minority Liberal government getting support from left-leaning New Democrats.

The special measures, announced by Trudeau a week ago, have been deemed unnecessary and an abuse of power by some opposition politicians.

Over the weekend, Canadian police restored normalcy in Ottawa. The protesters initially wanted an end to cross-border COVID-19 vaccine mandates for truck drivers, but the occupation turned into a broader demonstration against Trudeau and his government. Protestors blocked the busiest land crossing between Canada and the United States for six days, snarling trade.

Earlier on Monday, Trudeau told reporters his government still needed temporary emergency powers citing "real concerns" about threats in the days ahead. "This state of emergency is not over. There continue to be real concerns about the coming days," Trudeau said.

The act grants authorities broader powers. Police spent two days clearing protesters from the downtown Ottawa, making 191 arrests and towing 79 vehicles by the time the operation ended on Sunday.

Trudeau also called for people to work together, saying "we don't know when this pandemic is going to end, but that doesn't mean we cannot start healing as a nation".

Some members of the official opposition Conservative Party accuse Trudeau of abusing his powers. Legislator Dean Allison decried what he called "authoritarian military style measures" against the protesters.

Green Party member Mike Morrice, who voted against the motion, said invoking the act was an "inappropriate" response to a failure in policing.

"As many other Parliamentarians have shared, the use of the Emergencies Act sets a worrying precedent for future protests," he said.

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China urges all parties to resolve Ukraine issue through talks

UNITED NATIONS / BEIJING

CHINESE Foreign Ministry on Tuesday called on all parties on the Ukraine issue to remain calm, ease tensions and resolve differences through dialogue and negotiation.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin made the remarks at a daily press briefing.

On Monday, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, Zhang Jun, called on all parties concerned to seek "reasonable solutions" to the Ukraine issue.

"We welcome and encourage every effort for a diplomatic solution, and call on all parties concerned to continue dialogue and consultation, and seek reasonable solutions to address each other's concerns on the basis of equality and mutual respect," Zhang told the Security Council emergency meeting on Ukraine.



Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations. XINHUA

"China has been paying close attention to the latest development of the situation in

Ukraine. We have fully elaborated on our position at the previous two meetings of

the Security Council," said Zhang, noting that all parties concerned must exercise restraint and avoid any action that may fuel tensions.

The envoy underlined that the current situation in Ukraine "is a result of many complex factors. China always makes its own position according to the merits of the matter itself. We believe that all countries should solve international disputes by peaceful means in line with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter."

The meeting was held at the request of Kiev, the United States, five European nations and Mexico.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday signed two decrees recognizing "the Lugansk People's Republic" and "the Donetsk People's Republic" as independent and sovereign states.

Xinhua

75% of people want single-use plastics banned - global survey

LONDON

THREE in four people worldwide want single-use plastics to be banned as soon as possible, according to a poll released yesterday, as United Nations members prepare to begin talks on a global treaty to rein in soaring plastic pollution.

The percentage of people calling for bans is up from 71 percent since 2019, while those who said they favored products with less plastic packaging rose to 82 percent from 75 percent, according to the IPSOS poll of more than 20,000 people across 28 countries.

Activists say the results send a clear message to governments meeting in Nairobi this month to press ahead with an ambitious treaty to tackle plastic waste, a deal being touted as the most important environmental pact since the Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015.

"People worldwide have made their views clear," said Marco Lambertini, WWF International's director general. "The onus and opportunity is now on govern-



In this picture taken on July 31, 2019, men drive a three-wheeler loaded with used plastic bags in Lahore. AFP

ments to adopt a global plastics treaty ... so we can eliminate plastic pollution."

Nearly 90 percent of those surveyed said they supported a

treaty, but it remains to be seen

whether any such deal will focus on waste collection and recycling or take more radical measures such as curbing production and

use of throwaway plastics.

Reuters revealed last week that big oil and chemical industry groups were devising strategies to persuade conference participants

to reject any deal that would limit production of plastic, which is made from oil and gas and a key source of their revenues.

If the United Nations cannot agree on a deal to put the brakes on plastic pollution, there will be widespread ecological damage over the coming decades, putting some marine species at risk of extinction and destroying sensitive ecosystems such as coral reefs and mangroves, according to a WWF study released this month.

It is likely to take at least two years to finalize any treaty. But whatever is agreed at the Nairobi conference from Feb 28 to March 2 will determine key elements of any deal.

The biggest support for single-use plastic bans in the poll came from the likes of Colombia, Mexico and India, developing countries at the sharp end of a waste crisis.

The IPSOS poll also showed that 85 percent of respondents globally want manufacturers and retailers to be held responsible for reducing, reusing and recycling plastic packaging, up from 80 percent previously.

Agencies

African experts call for innovative financing to hasten green transition

NAIROBI

AFRICAN countries should leverage domestic financing options in order to hasten their transition to green and resilient economic development in the face of dwindling external support, experts said at a virtual forum in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, Monday.

Jean-Paul Adam, the director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources

Management at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), stressed the need for the continent to mobilize resources internally in its quest for green growth.

"Climate financing which is a critical pillar of Africa's resilient growth should be pegged on resources that are mobilized internally as pledges made by major economies take longer to come through," said Adam (pictured).

He said the 27th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) slated for Egypt in November presents an opportunity for Africa to take a common stand on revitalizing climate finance.

According to him, African countries are expected to lose an average of 5 percent of their gross domestic product (GDP) to climatic shocks, adding that proactive funding interven-



tions are urgently required to halt further economic losses. He noted that African countries are spending up to 9 percent of their GDP to respond to climate-related disasters, even as they grapple with other aftershocks like resource-based conflicts and the spread of lethal pathogens.

Adam emphasized that investments in climate-smart agriculture and ecosystem restoration alone will shield

African countries from climatic stresses besides sustaining their growth and prosperity.

Jacqueline Musiitwa, the senior associate at ZeniZen Sustainable Finance, an Africa-focused advisory firm, said that investing in a climate-resilient future is key to achieving shared prosperity, stability and cohesion in the continent.

Musiitwa said that robust climate financing, technology transfer, capacity building and

awareness creation were key to attaining carbon neutrality in the continent, cushioning economies and livelihoods from shocks. Tasneem Essop, the executive director of Climate Action Network International, a coalition of international green lobby groups, said that African countries should come up with alternative financing tools to boost their adaptive capacity to climate emergencies.

Xinhua

Australia develops technology to preserve vaccines without refrigeration

CANBERRA

RESEARCHERS from Australia's national science agency have developed a technology that could eliminate the need to refrigerate vaccines.

In a study published on Tuesday, the team from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) found that encapsulating live virus vaccines in metal organic frameworks (MOFs) protects their integrity for up to 12 weeks at temperatures as high as 37 degrees Celsius. Without refrigeration or the MOFs, the vaccines would last only a few days.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that each year at least 50 percent vaccines are wasted globally due to the challenges of transporting them in a temperature-controlled environment, according to CSIRO.

Daniel Layton, a CSIRO immunologist, said the breakthrough has the potential to enable more affordable and equitable access to vaccines across the world.

"Vaccination is undoubtedly one of the most effective medical interventions, saving millions of lives each year, however delivering vaccines, particularly to developing countries, is challenging because they often lack the cold storage supply chains required to keep the vaccine viable," he said in a media release.

The MOFs -- a dissolvable crystalline material -- effectively protected vaccine molecules from heat stress, according to CSIRO researchers. The team then developed a solution that dissolved the MOFs.

"MOFs work similarly to a scaffold you might put around your house, once you remove the scaffold, your house remains -- which is what happens when we dissolve the MOFs in a vaccine," said CSIRO senior scientist Cara Doherty. They will next focus on testing the approach for vaccines including mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.

Ruhani Singh, author of the study, said the technology was cost-effective and scalable. "There are two common approaches to protecting vaccines from heat. You can modify the vaccine, which is complex and laborious and at high temperatures may still only last less than a week, or you can use

Recognition of Donbass and warning to Kiev – Putin's address to nation

MOSCOW

RUSSIA has recognized the independence of the Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) and concluded with them agreements on friendship, cooperation and assistance, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed corresponding documents on Monday night.

Earlier, addressing the nation, the Russian head of state demanded that Ukraine immediately halt all hostilities in Donbass, stressing that otherwise "the Ukrainian ruling regime will be wholly and entirely responsible for the possible continuation of the bloodshed," warning that in the absence of constructive answers by the West to proposals on security guarantees, Moscow will have the full right to "undertake retaliatory measures."

TASS gathered main points of the 55-minute-long president's address and preceding events.

The recognition of Donbass

Putin said that the recognition of DPRs and LPRs sovereignty was a "long-pending decision" and asked the parliament to support it as well as to ratify the agreements on friendship and mutual assistance with both republics.

"And we demand that those who have seized and are retaining power in Kiev immediately halt all hostilities. Otherwise, the Ukrainian ruling regime will be wholly and entirely responsible



for the possible continuation of the bloodshed," the Russian president warned.

According to him, "Russia has done everything to preserve Ukraine's territorial integrity," even when fighting for the implementation of the Minsk Accords but in vain.

Ukraine and NATO

Moscow has all grounds to presume that Ukraine's membership in NATO is just a matter of time, the Russian leader noted. "I will explain, that the US strategic planning documents [...] stipulate an option of the so-called preemptive strike on enemy's missile systems.

And we know who the main enemy for the US and NATO is. It is Russia. NATO documents

officially, straightforwardly declare Russia as the main threat for Euro-Atlantic security. And Ukraine will serve as a foothold for such a strike," he said.

In December, Russia put forth an initiative of concluding legally binding documents on mutual security guarantees with the US and NATO. Moscow expected that NATO won't expand eastward and won't admit Ukraine into its ranks, as well as will introduce restrictions on the deployment of serious offensive weapons on its territory.

As the Russian president emphasized, those proposals were essentially left without an answer and under these conditions Russia "has the full right to undertake retaliatory measures in order to ensure its own secu-

urity." "This is precisely how we will proceed."

Russia itself will never join NATO - in 2000, then US president Bill Clinton was "very reserved" when Putin "asked him how America would react to the idea of admitting Russia to NATO."

This is due to the fact that the US does not need "such a big independent country like Russia" and this is "the source of American traditional policy on the Russian track," Putin asserted.

The criticism of Ukraine

The main part of the president's address was dedicated to the history of the creation of modern Ukraine and the criticism of the Kiev regime. Putin reiterated that the modern Ukraine was "wholly and entirely created by the Bolshevik, Communist Russia," even at the expense of historical Russian territories.

"Now grateful descendants have demolished monuments to Lenin in Ukraine. This is what they call de-communization. Do you want de-communization? Well, this quite suits us. But you must not stop halfway. We are ready to show you what genuine de-communization means for Ukraine."

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia has always cooperated with Ukraine "openly, honestly and with respect for its interests," but in Kiev "parasitism began to prevail over partnership," the Russian president

stated.

"Corruption, which is, undoubtedly, a challenge and a problem for many countries, including Russia, acquired some special nature in Ukraine. It literally permeated and eroded Ukrainian statehood, the entire system and all the branches of power," the Russian leader asserted.

Ukraine's military strategy essentially involves the preparation of military actions against Russia while Kiev's recent threat to develop its own nuclear weapons is not just an act, Moscow cannot ignore this threat, the president emphasized.

Security Council's support

Earlier on Monday, LPR and DPR Heads Leonid Pashechnik and Denis Pushilin addressed Putin with an appeal to recognize the republics' sovereignty. Following this, a session of the Security Council was held in the Kremlin with its members supporting this decision.

That said, Secretary of the Security Council Nikolay Patrushev proposed to give the West the last chance to make Kiev implement the agreements. His idea was supported by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin and Director of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) Sergey Naryshkin.

Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokolov urged to recognize the independence of the republics within the borders "before the occupation by Ukraine's armed forces" that is, within the borders of the Donetsk and Lugansk Regions.

Talks before the recognition

As reported on Monday morning, Putin and his US counterpart Joe Biden could meet in the near future with the mediation by French President Emmanuel Macron who spoke twice with Putin on Sunday evening. It is not clear whether a new Russian-US summit is possible under the new conditions.

On Monday night, Putin held phone talks with Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz telling them about his plans to sign a document on recognizing the Donbass republics. According to the Kremlin, his interlocutors were disappointed by this turn of events yet indicated readiness to continue contacts.

Agencies

British PM announces end of COVID-19 restrictions despite criticism

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Monday the end of all domestic COVID-19 restrictions in England in a process starting later this week.

The prime minister announced the lifting of all long-term coronavirus rules in Parliament as he unveiled the government's strategy for "living with COVID."

The legal requirement for people who test positive for coronavirus to self-isolate will be removed from Thursday of this week, Johnson has announced.

"From 1st April, when Winter is over and the virus will spread less easily, we will end free symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public," he said. Johnson said it will mark a moment of pride after one of the most difficult periods in history as Britain begins to learn to live with COVID-19.

"The pandemic is not over but thanks to the incredible vaccine rollout we are now one step closer towards a return to normality and finally giving people back their freedoms while continuing to protect ourselves and others," he said.

More than 91 percent of people aged 12 and over in Britain have had their first dose of vaccine and more than 85 percent have received both doses, according to the latest figures. More than 66 percent have received booster jabs, or the third dose of a coronavirus vaccine.

"Britain will move from government restrictions to personal responsibility," said Johnson, adding



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

contingencies will be maintained to tackle any future virus variations.

Saying people in Britain need to get their confidence back, Johnson added: "We chose to compel people to be considerate to others. We can rely on that sense of responsibility towards one another by providing practical advice in the knowledge that people will follow it to avoid infecting loved ones." He said Britain's aim would be to manage future risks.

However, leading academics, medics and scientists expressed concern about the move, with many saying it is too early to ease restrictions while so many daily cases and deaths continue to be registered.

More than 1,300 scientists and medics have sent an urgent message to Britain's top two government medical advisers, England's Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Whitty and Chief Scientific Officer Professor Patrick Vallance, expressing concern about the government plans to end testing, surveillance surveys and legal isolation of COVID-19 cases.

They called on the two to clarify the scientific advice underpinning the policy decisions.

They said in an open letter: "We do not believe there is a solid scientific basis for the policy. It is almost certain to increase the circulation of the virus and remove the visibility of emerging variants of concern. We believe humanity is in a race against the virus."

"The government cannot wave a magic wand and pretend the threat has disappeared entirely," said Matthew Taylor, chief executive of the National Health Service

(NHS) Confederation.

In what some have speculated could be the last ever Downing Street COVID-19 briefing on Monday, Vallance started on a downbeat tone, with a warning the pandemic is not over and "the virus has got a lot of room to evolve."

It will continue to do so at a fast pace "probably for the next couple of years" and there is "no guarantee that the next variant is of as reduced severity as Omicron." "And we must maintain the ability to get everything going again within a "couple of weeks," he said.

The British Medical Association (BMA) which represents doctors across the country said ending the restrictions was premature and not based on current evidence.

The BMA, often described as the doctor's "trade union" warned dropping testing for the virus and self-isolation could lead to a surge in cases. Dr Chaand Nagpaul, chair of the BMA council, said the decision hasn't been guided by data or done in consultation with the healthcare profession. Nagpaul said COVID-19 infections need to fall further before the rules were relaxed.

"It does appear as if the government is trying to pretend that COVID doesn't exist in the day-to-day lives of so many people," he said. Scientists working together, in a body known as Independent SAGE, to provide independent scientific advice on the COVID-19 crisis, has condemned plans to stop free tests and payments to support self-isolation in England. "Our concerns about removing access to free tests include increased

Egypt implements ambitious plan to develop lakes, increase fish production

CAIRO

AFTER decades of negligence, Egypt's government has been implementing a progressive plan to improve Egyptian lakes in order to increase fish output and exports, according to Salah Al-Mishly, chairman of the General Authority for Fish Resources and Development (GAFRD).

"The development and protection of lakes in Egypt has become a top priority concern, and the GAFRD, the Armed Forces Engineering Authority, the Suez Canal Authority, and some private companies have collaborated on doing this," Al-Mishly told Xinhua.

Egypt has a number of freshwater, brackish and salt lakes, including Maryut, Edko, Manzala, Borolus, Bardawil in north Cairo, Al-Timsah and Great Bitter Lake in Ismailia Governorate and Qaroun, Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Nasser in southern Egypt. "Egypt's lakes contribute about 12 percent of Egypt's fish resources," said Salah Al-Mishly. He predicted that the development of some lakes, such as Bardawil, Borolus, and Manzala, would be completed by the end of 2022, while Maryut would be finished by the end of 2023.

The cost of developing lakes varies depending on



the conditions of each lake, he said, adding that only expanding and renovating 250,000 feddans (105,000 hectares) of Lake Manzala cost 2 billion U.S. dollars. Al-Mishly emphasized that the effects of developing lakes were monitored even before all of the work was finalized. "Lake Manzala produced 82,500 tonnes of fish in 2020, compared to 60,000 tonnes in 2017," he said, adding that more fishing boats would be able to operate if further efforts are made in developing the lake.

According to Al-Mishly, Egypt's water resources supply 20 percent of the country's fish: 12 percent from lakes, four percent from the Nile River, two percent from the Red Sea, and two percent from the Mediterranean Sea. Egypt's per capita fish consumption in 2021 was 20.5 kilograms per year, up from 16 kilograms the previous year.

Egypt's fish production exceeded 2.2 million tonnes in 2021, according to Al-Mishly, who expected the amount of production to further rise in 2022, and reach 2.5 million tonnes by 2025. Egypt's fish production has increased

dramatically in recent years as a result of the government's efforts to expand fish plantation initiatives.

The fish wealth in Egypt is witnessing a major leap in the past few years in light of the government endeavors for increasing fish plantation projects, he said.

Egypt opened in the past few years several projects in aquaculture like Ghalyoun Lake in Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate and Al-Fayrouz project in Port Said Governorate. The latter is the largest of its kind in the Middle East, and a third such project in the Suez Canal.

When those large projects reach full capacity, Al-Mishly estimates that they will contribute more than 500,000 tonnes of fish to the market.

Aquaculture investment in Egypt, he said, is a promising field with accessible resources. Egypt will soon unveil significant national projects for marine cages in 21 locations, including 12 in the Mediterranean Sea and nine in the Red Sea, which will serve as important fish production sources, said Al-Mishly.

Xinhua

Online collaboration systems win increasing popularity in China's workplace

ONLINE collaboration, which costs less and is more efficient than the traditional way of working, becomes a new trend in China with the progress of digitalization in various sectors.

China's State Council recently issued a plan for the development of digital economy during the country's 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), which says that China will expand the coverage of collaboration systems and other online services.

As the construction of new infrastructure, including 5G network, big data centers, artificial intelligence (AI) and industrial Internet, picks up speed in China, companies' basic hardware and software capabilities have significantly improved, which fuels the ecosystem of distance working, as insiders pointed out.

They believe that the steadily growing number of users and increase in companies' individualized demands in the industry have encouraged remote work applications to open up their platforms to accommodate more vertical functions.

Thanks to Tencent Docs, an online document platform allowing for multi-person collaboration rolled out by Chinese tech giant Tencent, Ye Qing from the human resources department of a company finds herself more efficient at work. Before her company began to use the platform, she had to spend a lot of time on data collection, personal communication and file transfer.

"Ever since I started to use DingTalk, it became so much easier to assign homework, communicate with parents and give online classes," said Qi Yiting, an elementary school teacher in Shenzhen,

south China's Guangdong province. Qi has made DingTalk, an intelligent working platform launched by Alibaba Group, an important part of his daily work.

The application of the intelligent working platform not only helps improve the work efficiency of teachers, but creates a closer connection between students and teachers, according to Qi.

As of June 2021, the number of people working online in China had reached 381 million, which accounted for 37.7 percent of the total netizens in the country, said a report released by China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC).

Remote collaboration is increasingly the norm in the workplace. By August 31, 2021, the number of users of DingTalk exceeded 500 million, and the number of various organizations using the platform, including enterprises and schools, surpassed 19 million.

China will advance the optimization and upgrading of remote collaboration products and services and promote the use of electronic contract, seal, signature and authentication, according to the plan for the development of digital economy during the country's 14th Five-Year Plan period.

While more and more enterprises in the country embrace electronic license and seal, cities across China are making endeavors to launch high-efficient online services.

Shanghai issues electronic license and seal simultaneously to a company when it is incorporated; Beijing makes sure that companies applying for authorization to conduct business in the city get electronic license, invoice and seal, and stipulates that electronic seal bears the same legal effect as physical seal; and Wuhu city, east China's Anhui province,

allows companies to receive their electronic business licenses and five electronic seals via mobile phone after registration.

With the electronic license and seal, companies can have taxation, social security and other services handled via online government affair platforms.

The approval process for the government and enterprises is often long, time-consuming, cumbersome, and consumes a lot of manpower and material resources, said Wang Peng, associate research fellow at the management institute of Beijing Academy of Social Sciences.

The implementation of collaboration systems and relevant standards and policies helps optimize the operations of agriculture, manufacturing, financial services and the services of government agencies, reduce procedural costs, and

improve the overall operational efficiency of society, he added.

People's Daily



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SPORT



Famous Gazal singer, Bipin Raichada, and troupe sing in a musical tribute program held in memory of Lata Mangeshkar, a legendary playback singer of the Indian Film industry who has sung more than 30,000 songs in 20 languages. The tribute was held at India's High Commission to Tanzania on February 19, 2022. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Church, investor agree to promote cultural, sports

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

ANGLICAN Church Diocese of Tanga has inked an agreement with the newly established Muheza tourist center, Magila Falls Eco Resort, to establish a center for promoting traditional, cultural, and sports activities along with church historical monuments.

Anglican Church Archbishop, Maimbo Mindolwa, made the revelation here over the weekend during a short mass at the center owned by Canada-based Tanzanian, David Mchaina.

He said the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two parties targeted 22 points of sites whereby a tourist who visits the site of the waterfalls will have the opportunity to get traditional and church historical packages.

"The agreement targets to accommodate traditional dances, sports and church historical monuments needs of tourists coming here for leisure and explore the adventure," he said.

Mchaina noted the resort is situated on the eastern side of the Usambara Mountains and has focused on the essential comfortable accommodations, good sporting infrastructures, and having a variety of different cuisines.

He further elaborated that due to the Memorandum of Understanding they entered with the church, the center has sports infrastructures and equipment that targets all groups of people for sports and games.

He mentioned some of equipment and infrastructures as bicycles for cycling, sticks for mountain hiking, a pond for catching and releasing fish, cultural tours as well as swimming pool and kids sports equipment and infrastructures.

Yanga confident of taming Mtibwa Sugar

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

Yanga is expected to miss some of its footballers when it confronts Mtibwa Sugar in an NBC Premier League clash at Manungu Stadium Morogoro in the afternoon.

Yanga's spokesman, Haji Manara, confirmed the team is expected to miss some of the players that are currently nursing injuries.

He stated they expect to miss Jesus Moloko, Abdallah Shaibu, and David Bryson while noting Salum Aboubakar 'Sure Boy' and Yassin Mustafa are set to return after a short absence due to minor injuries.

"The side's preparations are going well and we are going to Manungu leaving behind the previous histories, we are seeking three points to advance the plan to take the title," the official revealed.

"Mtibwa Sugar has been champion twice in a row in 1999 and 2000. It is a respected team with a lot of experience. It has 25 seasons in the league with Simba and Yanga, we head to the game with all precautions but we aim higher to snatch maximum points and put our title hopes arrive."

In the 10 seasons' Yanga head-to-head record with Mtibwa Sugar, Yanga has won only two matches away while their hosts have won four and drawn four.

Nasreddine Nabi, Yanga's head coach, noted they will treat the tie as final due to the records.

He said that apart from the issues they have been struggling with in stamina they want to make sure that they have the best use of the opportunities that they create.

"We respect every team. You know every match has for Yanga been like a final. We have never had an easy game. I have seen those records, our side has not got very good results although last season we won both matches," Nabi stated referring to the fixture.

"Although we are facing a huge number of injured players there are those who can come back. We will look at these two days, I have told the players the only thing that will help us in these difficult matches is our quality of using the opportunities we create."

"Look at how we played the last match. I congratulated my players for the way they fought for having a great speed to score goals but now we have to move on to calm down and use the opportunities."

League leader Yanga takes the pitch to play its final game of the first round of the Premier League after collecting 36 points in 14 matches.

Mtibwa Sugar sits second from the bottom of the log with 12 points after competing in 14 games.

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SPORTS

Football fans urged to embrace culture developed in sport



Mbeya City FC supporters cheer after the club scored in one of this season's NBC Premier League fixtures that took place in Mbeya. PHOTO: MBEYA CITY FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SOCCER has proved to have the largest number of stakeholders in the world than any other sport, daily monitoring of league matches and various competitions around the world is a normal part of the game and is part of the stakeholders' activities in life schedules.

Since practice builds character, so many football stakeholders have built a lifestyle that stems from the habits present in the game of football and enables them to live a life consistent with the game even for those who serve other industries not related to sport.

Among the behaviours of the football players built up by the competition resulting from the game is the resilience they have when a team loses its first match against a rival either in a league or tournament and dares to wait for a rematch without caring that it will be away or at home.

And that perseverance in the game of football exists even if the team will have lost both league matches or certain competitions to its opponent, but still, the spirit of waiting for next season is always there for the fans because it is a habit built on football practice.

And this often causes the game to continue to be monitored daily by the follower of the winning team to be comforted during the success of the team he or she supports, while another fails to remain

patient for the season or years to come.

For example, here in Tanzania where the Premier League football was officially launched in 1965, but the system of teams participating in the league to play their matches at home was introduced in 1977 after football officials at the time learned from the Scottish Premier League and the brought order in the country which is sustainable in the game of football used around the world.

So, the habit of waiting for the next match after losing to one's opponent in the first match is a habit that the football community members should be proud of as it increases the patience of a team fan of a particular team bound to have the courage to wait for a replay or match next season to take revenge on his opponent who taunts him and boast after retaliation for the results on the field.

I am talking about the culture of perseverance because we all know that here we have a culture in the game of football related to the old traditional rivalry between popular sides Simba SC and Yanga.

Fanatics of these teams have been teasing each other and continuing the fanaticism for over 70 years.

And this has made these two clubs an attraction used in shaping the history of Tanzanian football.

That is why an individual cannot talk about the history of Tanzanian football anywhere without mentioning the presence of these clubs among issues that led to the continued presence of their fans is the culture of waiting for either the next match or next season.

And this is for the team that lost the game while the winner provided comfort to its fans.

I mentioned the ability to tolerate it as a culture built on the football game itself for the fans when their teams lose matches because recently people witnessed an incident in which fans of one team prevented supporters of the other team from watching their team's match on the pitch.

Certainly, the event is one of the issues that need to be dealt with as such an event is an indicator of impatience for football fans who normally have to have a habit of tolerating anything related to the game of football for the team they support.

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ing fans of the other team from watching their team match on the pitch.

So for that matter, I think it is time for every player right now who is involved in the game of football to use education, experience, and knowledge to spread knowledge and understanding about the real meaning of the competitive game of football that is supposed to be on the side of fans of teams competing on the field. But also the education that needs to be provided to the fans is about the culture that needs to be built through the game of football for fans and football stakeholders in various places.

So with this article, I urge stakeholders and fans in the upcoming matches to come forward and demonstrate in practice that the meaning of fanaticism is to opt-out of entertaining disdain and it would be great if they sit together to show the importance of competing on the field.

These are the oldest clubs in the country and for that matter have to set an example in and outside the pitch.

Geita Gold FC satisfied with progress in NBC Premier League



Geita Gold FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NBC Premier League debutant Geita Gold FC has said it is happy with its performance in the first round of the league.

Geita Gold FC's information and communication manager, Hemed Kivuyo, stated after his side's 2-0 win in a tie against Coastal Union in Geita on Saturday.

He said the team feels satisfied after the win.

"We are satisfied with our performance in the first round of the NBC Premier League, the team

performance in the first round was beyond our expectations, we hope in the second round we will continue from where we stopped," he said.

Geita Gold FC goals were scored in the first half by attackers George Mpole and Dan Lyanga. The win has seen Geita Gold FC move to sixth position with 20 points from 15 games.

The team has as well booked a place in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup quarterfinals, knocking First Division League side Mbuni FC out of the tournament's round of 16.

Recently Kivuyo attributed his squad's improved performance in the Premier

League and Azam Sports Federation Cup to changes that were made in the side's technical panel.

The official disclosed: "We have just been promoted to the Premier League, our start in the league was not good, but now the team is doing well, for the first time we have qualified for the quarterfinals of the Federation Cup."

"This is attributed to the players' commitment and the changes made in our technical panel, which is headed by Fred 'Minziro'."

He said the coming of Minziro to head the coaching panel helped to change the team's fortunes.

"The secret was the changes that were made in the technical panel, the team can play with a purpose and proper system. We hope we will continue improving," he disclosed.

Struggling Atletico look to reignite the fire against Man United

LONDON

IF winning La Liga caused Atletico Madrid to soften their edge or lose their identity, a Champions League tie against Manchester United could be a chance for them to get it back.

From the highs of winning their second league title in 25 years, have come the lows of humiliating defeats, unprecedented fragility in defence and introspection over style and application that has left even Diego Simeone's future in doubt.

And yet amid all the soul-searching and despair, there have been pockets of resistance, a handful of rare but uplifting performances dotted across a miserable season, each of them sparking hope that a corner was about to be turned.

After losing away at Alaves, Atletico rallied against AC Milan at the San Siro, coming from a goal down to win 2-1, Luis Suarez scoring a penalty in the 96th minute.

After losing at home to Mallorca, they prevailed in an all or nothing match against Porto in Lisbon, a fiery 3-1 win dragging them into the Champions League last 16.

In the last month alone, as the knives have sharpened and pressure mounted, Atletico have come from two goals down to beat Valencia and 3-2 behind to beat Getafe, on both occasions by finding a winner in the last minute.

Every time, momentum has been fleeting. After every comeback, they lost at least one of their next two games. Whenever Atletico have looked close to rediscovering themselves, they have just as quickly drifted again off course.

Before Simeone arrived in 2011 and lifted them into Europe's elite, there was an advert in Spain that became synonymous with the Atletico Madrid.

"Papa, why do we support Atleti?" a young boy asks from the back of the car, while in the front, his father tries to find the words. The silence lingers before an answer cuts across the screen beneath the Atletico

badge: "It's difficult to explain. But it's something very, very special."

Atletico Madrid have always revelled in a sense of inferiority, accepting and even promoting their status as underdogs, a club of community, in part as an antidote to the glamour and riches of Real Madrid.

"Proud not to be like you," read the banner draped across the Calderon before the two sides met in the Champions League in 2017.

Simeone has always enjoyed positioning Atletico as imposters to the Real Madrid-Barcelona duopoly. "Have you seen the team Barca has?" he said in October, when asked about Barca losing Lionel Messi. "Barca say 'Messi's gone, we lost 30 goals'. I say 'yeh you don't have 30 goals, well we never had them, we never had Messi'."

The problem was that when Atletico won La Liga, they were no longer imposters but favourites, thrust to a place they were neither used to nor comfortable with.

It is a shift they have wrestled with all season not only psychologically but tactically too. With talented players, and ones keen to attack, Simeone has struggled to find a system and style that fits.

"For a team like Atletico it's not easy to be champions; it's a club not used to being champions every year. Nothing you did before counts for anything. What counts is what lies ahead," Simeone said last month.

"Last season, games started and we would bite," said Jose Gimenez. "This year, I think we've eased off."

But there have been flickers, in the biggest games or most desperate moments, when the inferiority complex kicks in, and the old fire again burns hot.

After beating Osasuna on Saturday, Simeone was asked if the win could be a spur for the meeting with Manchester United at the Wanda Metropolitano.

"Everything helps," he said. "No year is the same, in football or in life. There are always obstacles and that's what we have now, a test. Let's see if we're up to it."

AFP

Manchester now 'home' for De Gea as memories of failed Madrid move fade

LONDON

DAVID de Gea returns to the city of his birth and club where he grew up today as Manchester United head to Atletico Madrid in a Champions League clash between two giants that have fallen on hard times.

United sit fourth in the Premier League, 17 points behind local rivals Manchester City, and out of both domestic cup competitions, leaving European glory their only remaining shot at ending a five-year wait to win a trophy.

Yet, not for the first time in the 11 years since the then fresh-faced, skinny Spaniard swapped Madrid for Manchester, De Gea has risen to the challenge of playing in a struggling team.

The fact the 31-year-old has by a distance the most saves of any Premier League goalkeeper this season with 96 is testament to both his form and United's failure to protect their goal as a team.

De Gea's stats for outperforming expected goals conceded by nearly 10 goals in 26 games is the best for keepers in Europe's top five leagues.

A return to the sort of form that earned him United fans' player of the year four times in five years between 2014 and 2018 looked long gone at the end of last season.

His place even as number one at the club was in danger with Dean Henderson finishing the 2020/21 campaign as the regular starter in the Premier League.

De Gea was retained by then manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer for the Europa League, but was the only player of the 22 to take a penalty not to score as United lost the final to Villarreal in Gdansk.

Despite that disappointment, there were signs of progress for the Red Devils having finished second to Manchester City in the Premier League.

The enthusiasm generated by the signings

of Cristiano Ronaldo, Raphael Varane and Jadon Sancho added to hope of a serious title challenge for the first time since Alex Ferguson retired as manager.

Instead, the only player from that 2012/13 league win who is still a regular fixture in the team, has been the only one performing at a level worthy of champions.

"Loved and welcomed"

A return of one league title, one FA Cup and one League Cup is a paltry return of silverware for 11 years at a club that considers itself the biggest in the world.

Yet, De Gea has shown no bitterness over what could have been for his career had a transfer to Real Madrid gone through just before they embarked on a run of three consecutive Champions League wins.

After weeks of negotiations a deal was finally struck in the dying embers of deadline day in August 2015, but not in time to beat the clock.

Rather than wait for a move, De Gea has twice since extended his contract at United, becoming the highest paid goalkeeper in the world in the process when he penned his last deal in 2019.

"Now I feel as if I'm from Manchester," De Gea told uefa.com this week.

"Where you are loved and welcomed is your home. I've been here for many years and, obviously, anything can happen in life, in the world of football, but honestly I don't see myself away from Manchester United."

Stinging criticism from Spain that greeted De Gea's displays at the 2018 World Cup may have played a part in that reflection.

The last of his 45 caps came over two years ago.

But in a World Cup year the chance to shine in the Spanish capital is one he will relish.

It would be no surprise if United's defending made sure he is busy.

AFP

Ronaldo's future, Rangnick's role? What else do Man United need to fix?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

MANCHESTER United will begin a crucial three-month period when they face Atletico Madrid in the first leg of the Champions League round of 16 on Wednesday. What happens between now and the end of the season will have a critical impact on the big decisions that must be made by United's owners, the Glazer family, and recently appointed chief executive Richard Arnold.

The Premier League's most successful club – 13 titles since 1993, but none since 2013 – not only have to recruit a new permanent manager to replace Ralf Rangnick, who has been in interim charge since Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was fired in November, but also identify and sign much-needed reinforcements for a squad that is likely to lose a number of out of contract players this summer. There are also big question marks over the futures of players with contracts which run beyond the end of this season including Cristiano Ronaldo, Anthony Martial and Marcus Rashford.

United's 4-2 win at Leeds on Sunday enabled Rangnick's team to open up a four-point lead on their rivals in the race for the Premier League's fourth spot and their crucial objective of Champions League qualification remains open via two routes: a top-four finish or winning this season's competition in Saint Petersburg on May 28.

Missing out on next season's Champions League next season will only make it more difficult for United to attract the calibre of manager and players they need to enable the team to compete for major honours again, but regardless of their European fate, the Glazers and Arnold have some big issues address.

*The manager

This is the No. 1 issue that must be addressed by United and the one which will dictate what happens with every other football-related decision at Old Trafford.

Sources have told ESPN that no manager is yet regarded as the favoured candidate, with the Glazers and Arnold determined to undertake a comprehensive search which will involve analysing the strengths and weaknesses of each possible appointment, their playing style, the players they would need, as well as the prospects of persuading them to take the United job.

Such an in-depth approach is deemed crucial by the Glazers, who want to avoid the mistakes made in previous appointments, but the owners also risk overcomplicating a process which ultimately boils down to finding a world-class coach with a track record of producing teams that win and entertain at the same time.

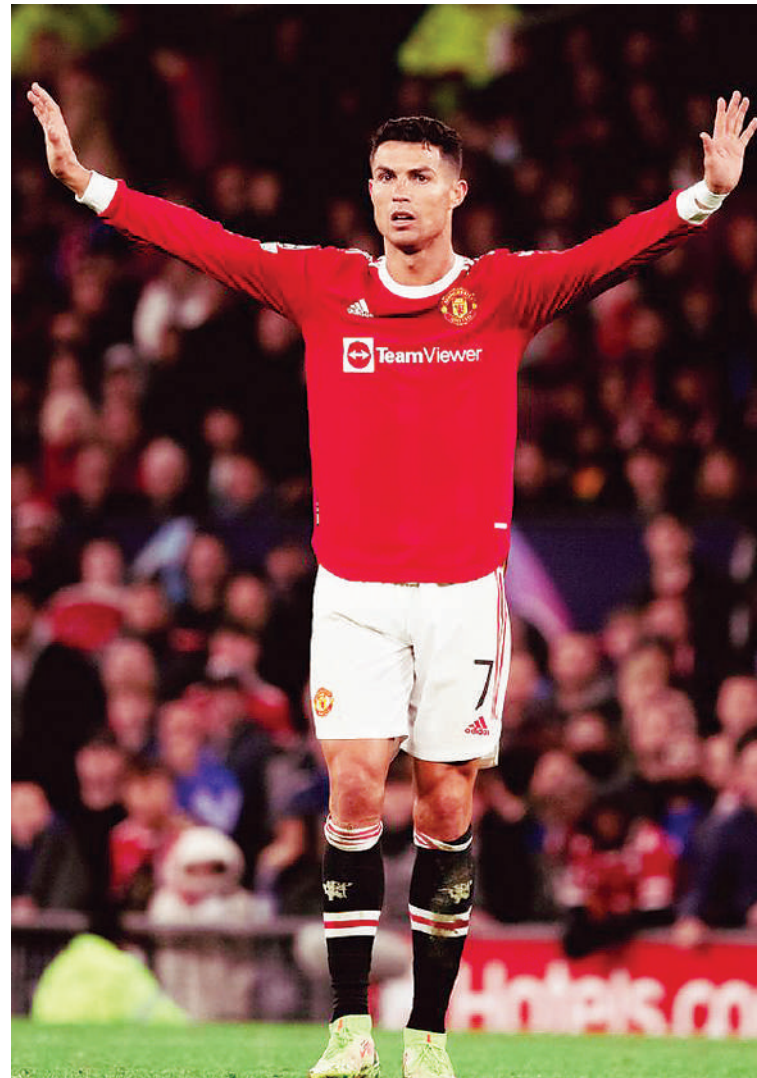
Mauricio Pochettino (Paris Saint-Germain), Erik ten Hag (Ajax) and Luis Enrique (Spain) are all being considered, sources told ESPN, while Simone Inzaghi (Inter Milan) and Julian Nagelsmann (Bayern Munich) are unlikely targets but are still being assessed in terms of their suitability and potential availability. Meanwhile Leicester City's recent slump in form is likely to have ended Brendan Rodgers' prospects, despite the former Liverpool manager having admirers at Old Trafford.

The compensation fee for hiring any of the above, plus wage demands and transfer requirements, will be a factor with whomever United appoint, so it will not simply come down to the best candidate for the job. But all have different approaches to the game and therefore will want different players, so the managerial appointment process is likely to be complex unless an outstanding candidate suddenly becomes available in the weeks ahead.

*New signings

United spent just short of £130 million on new signings last summer by adding Jadon Sancho (£72.9m), Raphael Varane (£41m) and Ronaldo (£13m) to the squad, but they are likely to have to spend even more when the transfer window opens simply to avoid falling further behind Manchester City and Liverpool in the Premier League.

Paul Pogba, Juan Mata, Jesse Lingard and Edinson Cavani are all out of contract at the end of the season and will leave as free agents. While Mata and Lingard have been peripheral figures in recent months, their



Cristiano Ronaldo

departure will leave holes to fill in the squad, but the loss of Pogba and Cavani will mean United have no option but to find an attacking midfielder and centre-forward to replace both players.

United already have issues to address in defensive midfield and at right-back – where neither Aaron Wan-Bissaka or Diogo Dalot are regarded as long-term solutions – but with so many positions in need of reinforcement, United will have to prioritise and make smart additions to the squad rather than the expensive signings of recent years.

Sources have told ESPN that West Ham midfielder Declan Rice is a target, but with a likely valuation upwards of £80m, efforts will be made to find a less expensive alternative. Meanwhile, Rangnick has already suggested RB Leipzig's Christopher Nkunku as a possible replacement for Pogba in the attacking third of the pitch. A move for Tottenham striker Harry Kane is a possibility, especially if Pochettino is appointed as manager, but signing the 28-year-old will cost at least £100m and would command the same kind of wages as the club's second-highest earner David de Gea (£350,000-a-week) – Ronaldo is out on his own with a £480,000-a-week deal.

The key for United, however, is to find players who can make the team better without breaking the bank. Liverpool have mastered that approach by signing the likes of left-back Andy Robertson (£8m), as well as forwards Mohamed Salah (£34.3m) and Diogo Jota (£41m) in recent years, so the blueprint is there for United to follow.

*Contract issues

With Pogba, Mata, Lingard and Cavani all set to leave for nothing this summer, United must now look 12-24 months ahead to avoid similar high-profile names becoming free agents in 2023 and 2024.

De Gea, Rashford, Fred, Ronaldo, Dalot, Luke Shaw, Nemanja Matic and Phil Jones will all enter the final 12 months of their contracts this summer, but while United have the option of extending the majority of those by a further year,

decisions must be made now as to whether it makes financial and football sense to extend them, offload them or allow some to leave as free agents in 2023.

With a new coach likely to want his own players, some of those named above may need to be offloaded to raise funds, especially if they make it clear that they will not sign new deals. Matic and Jones could both leave for a fee, while Dalot and Fred are both expected to be rewarded with new contracts.

ESPN has reported that United will prioritise a new contract for Rashford, but has the 24-year-old done enough in recent months to merit a big pay rise and extended deal? And will he even want to commit to a club that has failed to challenge for the top honours during his five years in the first-team? Rashford is likely to be a challenge for Arnold and the Glazers – he is too valuable a player to risk losing for nothing, but his recent form does not justify the reward of a new contract, so that is one situation to watch closely.

De Gea's future may be down to whoever United appoint as manager and whether they require a more modern sweeper-keeper or are prepared to stick with the Spain international who, while prone to mistakes, remains one of the most naturally gifted goalkeepers in the world. But like Rashford, a bold decision to offload De Gea could lead to significant funds being gathered for new signings and avoid the risk of the 31-year-old leaving as a free agent in 2023 or, if United choose to extend by 12 months, in 2024.

*Player exodus

If any club is ripe for clear-out it is Manchester United. The new manager will inherit a squad that has been constructed by five different managers, from Sir Alex Ferguson through to Solskjaer, and many of those players have under-performed at Old Trafford. But with at least four out-of-contract players set to leave, can United really afford to offload five or six more? Even if they appear to have reached the end of the line at the club?

Jones, Martial (on loan at Sevilla), Matic, Eric Bailly, Dean Hen-

derson and Axel Tuanzebe (on loan at Napoli) could all leave, while midfielder Donny van de Beek (on loan at Everton) is another who could go after struggling to make an impact since his £40m arrival from Ajax in August 2020.

The manager, Arnold and the Glazers must make clear-headed football decisions about all of the above, but the reality is that some will stay because no top club can sanction the departures of as many as 10 players in a summer window and expect to replace them all. The churn of ins and outs would be far too great to expect consistency next season, so United must find a way to dispense with the dead wood, but retain those players who could be useful squad members. It will be a difficult balancing act, but it is not as simple as getting rid of every player who doesn't measure up.

*The Ronaldo dilemma

Ronaldo signed a two-year contract with the option of a third year when he returned to United from Juventus last summer, 12 years after leaving Old Trafford for Real Madrid. He has delivered this season, scoring 15 goals in all competitions for United, but the 37-year-old has scored just one goal in eight games in 2022 and is beginning to look like a passenger in Rangnick's team.

With Cavani leaving at the end of the season, United will prioritise a new centre-forward. Indeed, it seems highly unlikely that, whoever the new manager is, Ronaldo will be a regular starter with the likes of Rashford, Sancho and young Anthony Elanga all pushing to play, as well as whoever United sign up front.

So what do United do with Ronaldo? If he is prepared to stay and accept a role as an impact substitute next season, he would be a useful member of the squad. But an unhappy Ronaldo, frustrated by a lack of opportunities, would only become an unwanted distraction. The obvious decision would be to offload him, even though it won't be cheap to pay up the final year of his £480,000-a-week contract, but recent performances suggest that one of the world's greatest-ever players is running out of steam.

If United are sensible, allowing Ronaldo to leave would allow their new manager to start with a clean slate and without the constant issue of how to deal with the superstar hovering over every team selection.

*Rangnick's role

Rangnick signed a two-year deal to become a consultant at Old Trafford once his stint as interim manager comes to an end at the conclusion of this season. What that actually means has yet to be explained, with United already employing John Murtough as head of football operations and former midfielder Darren Fletcher as technical director.

If Rangnick is asked to add his expertise and contacts throughout the world to United's football department, it will strengthen the club's ability to find the best emerging players but also enable them to tap into the knowledge of a man who has helped build successful structures at Hoffenheim and within the Red Bull football group. But Rangnick needs a defined role in order to avoid him straying into Murtough and Fletcher's areas of responsibility as, without a clear remit, the German could confuse matters behind the scenes.

If United decide to appoint Luis Enrique, but are forced to wait until the former Barcelona coach's contract with Spain ends at the 2022 World Cup, Rangnick could extend his interim stint into next season. But whatever his future role turns out to be, United must ensure everyone at the club knows what it involves before he starts.

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Dar es Salaam's swimming coach, Ramadhan Namkoveka (L), imparts the sport's skills to a domestic Paralympic swimmer during a recent course, which took place in the city.

AT impressed by athletes' showing in UAE Half Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) says it is impressed with the performance of the country's athletes who took part in the just-ended Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The country was represented by Felix Simbu, Gabriel Geay, Fabian Sulle, Faraja Damas, Jackline Sakilu, and Marceline Mbua. So far Simbu and Jackline finished the Half Marathon within the top 10 in the men and women categories respectively.

Simbu ended ninth in the men's category, clocking 1:00.03 while Jackline ended 10th in the women's category recording 1:15.38.

Rogath Stephen, the AT information officer, said the results were not bad.

"The results in the United Arab Emirates Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon are not bad, AT is pleased with their performance and we hope they will do well at other coming events," he said.

The athletes were not accompanied by a coach.

Uganda's Jacob Kiplimo and Ethiopia's Girmawit Gebrzihair ran course records to win the Saturday's showdown clocking 57:56 and 1:04:14 respectively in men and women categories.

The World Athletics Gold Label and the world's fastest half marathon returned to Ras Al Khaimah on February 19 2022 for the 15th time.

International elite athletes and champions Jacob Kiplimo and Ababel Yeshaneh confirmed their attendance in their bid to make the race even faster and take home a portion of the AED1,219,000 prize money.

The marathon and various shorter races, relays, and a fun run took place on the picturesque coral-shaped Marjan Island.

Runners had impressive views of the Arabian Gulf, white sandy beaches, and the impressive backdrop of the Jebel Jais Mountains.

Coastal Union's leadership clears rumours on coach's resignation



Coastal Union's head coach, Melis Medo. PHOTO: COASTAL UNION

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union's leaders have cleared rumours that have gone viral on social media and other media platforms alleging the club's head coach, Melis Medo, has resigned.

The gaffer, a US national, posted information on his Instagram account shortly after an NBC Premier League tie pitting his squad against Geita Gold FC that was held in Geita, with the home side posting a 2-0 victory.

Medo posted the statement that had the tactician thanking God and asking Him to clear all unfortunate happenings in the team.

The information was translated by a section of the club's members and fans as resignation.

The 15th round clash which was played at Nyankumbu Stadium last Saturday ended with Geita FC reaping maximum points.

The results pushed Coastal Union to 10th position in the NBC Premier League table.

The Tanga club has collected 17 points after taking part in 15 games, notching a win in four games, drawing in five games, and losing six games.

Immediately after the duel, Medo posted the in-

formation which divided some Coastal Union's members and supporters.

They had previously said they were satisfied with his coaching tactics.

Some of the supporters issued negative comments and a section of fanatics commented positively on Medo's information.

A section of the side's followers backed Medo's said plan to resign because the team is faring dismally.

Coastal Union's Chairman, Steven Mnguto, in an interview with The Guardian, revealed: "What you saw on his Instagram account were his opinions, for more details on that issue you can ask Rashid Mgweno, Coastal Union's secretary-general, he is the club's management executive."

Mgweno directed that the outfit's spokesperson Miraji Wand

should explain it, once the former was asked to clarify the rumours.

"I'm not in a good position to explain the issue, can you please call Wandi that will give you each detail you want?" he stated.

Wandi revealed: "It's true Medo has posted information on his Instagram account with his signature, we're not interfering in the matter because that is his opinion."

He continued: "We are waiting for his official resignation letter to be submitted to the management, then the executive committee and the management will sit to discuss his decision."

"But the fact is during the signing of the contract we gave him our conditions, he saw signs of failure to meet our agreements and targets that is why he decided to post that script".

Dar to host introductory course to swimming for people with disabilities

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE introductory course to swimming for persons with disabilities will be held in Dar es Salaam next month, Tanzania Para Swimming Association announced.

The association's Chairman, Ramadhan Namkoveka, said the course will be held for two days, March 19-20, at Shaaban Robert Secondary School's swimming pool.

He said occupational therapist, Fred Musyoka, from Kenya and Tanzanian Godfrey Kimathy will be the training instructors.

The coach pointed out: "We will, next month, have an introductory course to swimming for people with disabilities, we invite those interested to feel the form online."

"It's a course which will be beneficial to many people in the country," he said.

The association has intensified its plans to see to it that many people with disabilities in the country are involved in swimming and other sporting activities.

Last year the association in conjunction with Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) organized a course that attracted 14 coaches, three of them were from Zanzibar and it was organized to equip the coaches with knowledge on identifying, nurturing, and training athletes.

Para-swimming is practiced internationally by athletes in nearly 100 countries.

The sport has featured in every edition of the Paralympic Games, growing into one of the biggest and most attractive sports.

At the first Rome 1960 Paralympic Games, 77 swimmers from 15 countries competed in the sport.

World Para Swimming, under the governance of the International Paralympic Committee, acts as the international federation for the sport and is based in Bonn, Germany.

Para-swimming is open to male and female athletes in all eligible impairment groups who compete in Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Medley, and Relay events.

Competition opportunities include the Paralympic Games every four years, biennial World Championships, and biennial or quadrennial Regional Championships.

The World Series, featuring several swim meetings around the world, was launched in 2017 to provide greater classification opportunities and top-level competition opportunities for athletes.

To further improve the skillset of those involved in the sport, several courses are held each year to improve the standards of national and international technical officials and classifiers.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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