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MPs laud Nyerere power project's pace, 80pc done

By Guardian Reporter

WORK on the Julius Nyerere hydropower project (JNHPP) for 2,115 megawatts of electricity has reached upwards of 80 percent, experts say.

Stephen Byabato (pictured), the Energy deputy minister made this affirmation in the capital yesterday when presenting a report to the parliamentary committee on Energy and Minerals on the course of project implementation.

The work is proceeding at a fast pace, scaling the 80 per cent mark late last month, prior to which an exercise to start filling the power station dam was officiated by closing the gates of the diversion route, he said.

Building the power station goes hand in hand with starting work on the 400 kilovolt power transmission line project from the project site to Chalinze in Coast Region, also having a power cooling station. The projects are being implemented concurrently at a considerable pace, he stated.

The government has already paid 74.7-percent of scheduled payments to the contractor, with the total cost of the project cited as 6.5trn/-. he said while committee chairman Dunstan Kitandula hailed the government for the project implementation pace, pointing at the start of dam filling as particularly reassuring.

He also insisted that the project continue to be implemented rapidly so that the remaining implementation percentages are completed on time.

Upon its completion, the JNHPP is expected to lay the basis for energy stability for the next decade, opening the way for manufacturing projects as the supply of power will be assured.

The project is a crucial aspect of the third five year development plan spanning the

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SGR materials: Police hold nine

Abductors take three babies

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

POLICE in Mwanza are holding nine people for suspicions of illegally obtaining building materials meant for the construction of the standard gauge railway (SGR) in Kwimba and Misungwi districts.

The materials are said to have been accessed recently in Isunga, Nkalalo, Bukwimba, Malya and Usagara villages, while in another incident two children were abducted by unknown people.

Regional Police Commander Wilbroad Mutafungwa said the police seized 4,426 litres of petrol and diesel from the suspects, explaining that work on the project at the site on January 11 on the suspects seized 646 bags of cement, 28 pipes similarly identified with the project, as the Isaka-Mwanza section is constructed, he said.

Other illegally acquired properties include three motorcycles found without plate numbers, to mask the proper identity of the properties, he said.

A manhunt was underway for people

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Farmers, herders win in Ruaha park dispute



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a first-hand aerial account from a helicopter yesterday of, among other areas, Usangu, Ihefu, Madibira and Kapunga basins and wetlands in Mbeya Region. He was following up a decision by President Samia Suluhu Hassan relating to a Government notice under which 74,000 hectares in the zone were allotted to people out to engage in sustainable farming and related activities. Those accompanying the PM include Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (next to him), Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angelina Mabula (R), and Dr Selemani Jafo (right behind her), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment). Photo: PMO

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has finally resolved the 15-year long conflict over land use in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region between residents of Usangu Basin and Ruaha National Park authorities.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa declared at a meeting with stakeholders on Monday as part of his Mbeya Region tour, involving those who invested in the Usangu Basin, chiefly rice farmers, rice millers and livestock keepers.

The government has made considerable alterations to provisions of Government Notice (GN) No 28, which an online entry of 15th July 2022 identifies as subsidiary legislation supplement No. 28 dated 15th July, 2019, which is also referred as Government Notice No. 487 of 2022.11

The changes made on provisions of the notice will enable residents to conduct sustainable farming activities and livestock keeping, he said, noting that some homesteads that were earlier announced to be inside the conservation area to remain outside the park boundary.

Similarly, the government has allocated 74,000 hectares for farming and livestock keeping activities that were earlier supposed to be within national park boundaries, he stated.

"The government has decided to find a solution to this GN 28 following many sittings with stakeholders," he explained, affirming that the step reached "will enable everyone involved in farming to continue doing so, the same with livestock keepers."

The government wants to make sure Mbarali

“We should not conduct these activities in the area reserved as park area as it is the main water source and for tourism activities”

Land formalisation: World Bank touts project as regional model

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA is on the mark to set pace for other African countries in land tenure improvement as it implements the Land Tenure Improvement Project (LTIP), the World Bank has affirmed.

Nicholas Meitiaki ole Soikan, senior social development specialist for social sustainability and inclusion for East and Southern Africa at the bank's regional office, told a stakeholders engagement forum on the project here yesterday that the \$150m project targets 14 regions with 40 administrative districts, for the issuance of one million certificates of right of occupancy (CROs).

“At the near term, beneficiaries will extend to other members of the public and private sector operators accessing land for investment”

Other expected instances of land formalization are the issuing of 500,000 certificates of customary right of occupancy (CCROs) and one million residential licenses (RLs), usually applicable for informal settlements.

The government and the World Bank signed an agreement on executing the five-year project on 21st January 2022 with a pilot trial in Dodoma city before other urban councils take it up, he stated.

Noting that the project is a lesson to other countries aspiring to land formalization, he said the World Bank looks forward to its proper implementation of it, with an implementation team at the

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured yesterday exchanging greetings with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair in Davos, Switzerland, where both are for this year's edition (January 16 - 20) of the World Economic Forum's meeting. Photo: State House

District conducts its farming activities in a modern way with tangible benefits, he said, acknowledging that vast development gains like the building of factories had taken place.

The government wants to see these activities become sustainable, where investors can expand their factories to attain greater output, he stated, affirming that the government has decided to move out of the park area the Usangu Ranch used for modernised livestock keeping.

"GN No 28 had moved the ranch into the park area, but in order to give livestock keepers more freedom we have removed it from the park area," he asserted, urging livestock keepers to take comfort in government policy as it sees livestock as a vital economic resource.

"We want to move away from herding, moving cattle over long distances in search of pasture as in so doing their beef value is reduced," he said.

Dr Angelina Mabula, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister, said on her part that the areas moved out of the national park area will be part of better land use planning that the government is working upon.

The government will make sure the residents get title deeds for areas of land they occupy to ease the conversion of the land for various economic activities, she said, while Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister at VPO, said that farming and livestock keeping activities should be conducted in line with

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Minerals minister Dr Doto Biteko presents to Ambassador Manfredo Fanti (L), Head of the European Union Delegation to Tanzania and the East African Community, a copy of the report on the fifth-phase (2020-2021) household monitoring survey on Tanzania launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

BBC News launches 2023 Komla Dumor award in celebration of journalistic talent in Africa

By Henry Mwangonde

The BBC has begun its search for the next winner of the BBC News Komla Dumor Award. The award was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Launched in 2015, the prize was created to honour the memory of the distinguished Ghanaian broadcaster Komla Dumor, who presented on BBC Africa and BBC World News. Known for championing robust, dynamic journalism and for his commitment to reporting African stories comprehensively and authentically, he made a significant impact on Africa and the rest of the world.

Speaking at the launching

ceremony, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania David Concar said the profession was a calling which requires a responsibility to a higher cause. "Doing good journalism in and about Africa is especially demanding. First because it is often involves covering some of the most challenging stories of our time in challenging circumstances - stories of poverty, famine and conflict," he said.

He said today's uncertain world, beset as it is with global challenges, needs great journalism. And yet sustaining great journalism is becoming harder.

As part of the award, the winner will spend three months working in the BBC with news teams in London

across television, radio and online.

The winner will be given the opportunity to further develop their journalism skills through training, workshops and mentoring with leading BBC journalists.

The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to travel to a country in Africa to report on a story that they generate and research, which will be broadcast to the BBC's global audience.

This year's panel of judges will include Ferial Haffajee, Associate Editor for Daily Maverick and former Editor-in-chief of The Mail & Guardian and City Press, Juliet Njeri, Head of BBC Africa and Paul Danahar, Foreign Editor, BBC News. Previous BBC World News Komla

Dumor Award winners includes Dingindaba Jonah Buyoya (2022) Victoria Rubadiri (2020) Solomon Serwanjja (2019) Waihiga Mwaaura (2018) Amina Yuguda (2017) Didi Akinyelure (2016) Nancy Kacungira (2015).

Liliane Landor, Senior Controller of BBC News International Services and Director of the BBC World Service, says: "We are proud to launch the 2023 BBC News Komla Dumor Award. The award and our previous winners are a fitting testament to Komla's dedication to telling African stories with depth and integrity. I am looking forward to welcoming this year's winner and I strongly encourage journalists from across Africa to apply."

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ministry showing great level of competence, showing giving hope high implementation.

Setting it up as a pilot project for the wider Sub-Saharan Africa region, he was optimistic that it would spread to other countries, with Tanzania as a learning ground for its neighbours.

Stakeholders in the project need to cooperate as the project has critical operational participating opportunities, he stated at the start of national consultation forums, also slated at district and lower levels of local government operations.

Ridhiwani Kikwete, the Lands deputy minister, noted that Tanzania is experiencing rapid urbanisation with strong implications for land administration. Population growth leads to frequent land disputes as rural areas have less land for inheritance and urban area dwellers have to divide up property to be inherited.

Implementing LTIP will benefit individual and communal landholders and other land users in the targeted regions, while public land sector practice will enhance the skills needed to support land administration, he stated.

At the near term, beneficiaries will extend to other members of the public and private sector operators accessing land for investment. The government will benefit as formalization encourages land redevelopment and higher tax revenues, helping to fund the land administration system, he asserted.

Implementing LTIP will contribute to predictable policies

and transparency needed for investment to take place, including the systematic registration of land rights and basic land administration infrastructure, he stated.

Specific activities financed under the LTIP programme include tenure security enhancement and land information management support, like upscaling of the Integrated Land Management Information System (ILMIS) and property valuation systems, he explained.

LTIP involves building land offices and infrastructure, along with supporting land and housing tribunals. Securing land rights and improving land management systems will enable opportunities for agricultural investment, uplifting rural resilience to climate change effects by accessing remedial credit and hosting the relevant mitigation facilities, he elaborated.

World Bank analysis has identified gender constraints in agriculture as including weaker access to land by women, as men are frequently the sole owners of land or property assets, the World Bank expert noted.

"To contribute to closing the gender gap on women's land rights, LTIP will promote gender equity in the mass certification activities by ensuring that women can register land either individually or jointly with their husbands with the full range of rights.

"The project will measure progress on women's access and rights to land by, among other things, monitoring how many CROs, CCROs and RLs are issued and registered in which name," he added.

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2021/22 to 2025/26 period and the wider economic growth vision for 2030 and beyond.

JNHPP is the largest electricity

scheme in East Africa and a ranking project in the continent comparing to Egypt's Aswan High Dam (2,100 MW), Mozambique's Cahora Bassa Dam (2,075 MW) and Angola's Lauca Dam (2,069 MW).



Constitution and Legal Affairs ministry permanent secretary Mary Makondo (L) chairs the 7th Emergency Session of the African Union's Professional Committee of Government Legal Experts on Justice and Law which opened in the Ghanaian capital, Accra, on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Lusajo Mwakabuku

Better schools project boosts enrolment of STD I in Kigoma

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a, Kasulu

BETTER Schools Project has helped in mobilising parents and the community to send their children to STD I in Kigoma region taking the enrolment to 85 per cent this year.

This was revealed here yesterday to the media by Kigoma region assistant administrative secretary (Education) Paulina Ndigiza at a meeting for mobilising the Better Schools Programme organised by Cambridge Education Tanzania.

Better Schools is an innovation of the government under the sponsorship of the UK government through UKAid fund and is implemented in nine regions of Tanzania mainland by technical experts from Cambridge Education Tanzania in collaboration with AID International,

International Rescue Committee and Plan International.

Ndigiza said: "The government and education stakeholders conducted research and discovered various education challenges in our region, hence this project has come at the right time and has started to bring changes, parents have enrolled their children and have now reached the national target by enrolling 67,900 children to start Std I and more than 70,000 in pre-schools."

She said the Better Schools Project has helped in improving both the teaching and learning environments.

Kigoma Region Professional Education Officer, David Mwamala said schools are the property of the community, hence the Better School Project has adhered to the Parents

Teachers Partnership (PTP) that aims to make sure parents identify their obligations by upbringing their children professionally.

Meanwhile, the Programme's Communications Manager Cambridge Education Tanzania, Raymond Kanyambo said the aim of the project is to make sure education is available to all starting from pre-education to secondary.

Kigoma region Programmes Coordinator Celestine Bukango issued an assessment for last year implementation of the project saying "Teachers have been more empowered in inclusive teaching by adhering to children's safety as well in enabling sustainable plan for working by teachers in Kigoma Municipality, Buhigwe, Kasulu Rural and Kakonko Districts."

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environmental laws and regulations. Dr Pindi Chana, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, called on all those in areas allocated for farming and livestock keeping to actively help to protect the remaining area.

"We should not conduct these activities in the area reserved as park area as it is the main water source and for tourism activities," she emphasised.

For his part, Mashimba Ndaki, the Livestock and Fisheries minister said the Usangu Ranch is reserved for livestock keeping, without auxiliary farming activities.

Other sources identified in the Hansard, official journal of parliamentary discussions, said Usangu Ranch encompasses 43,727 hectares divided into 16 blocks ranging between 2,000 and 3,000 hectares.

The cabinet circular number 2 of 2002 stated that the blocks have been leased to local investors for the development of modern and commercial breeding in order to have productive breeding.

Dr Emmanuel Swai, secretary of the Usangu Ranchers Association, said since its inception the said ranch has never affected the flow of water in the Ihefu valley and the Ruaha river as a whole, reacting to criticism that livestock keeping in the area was harming water flow to the pivotal river system.

"In truth, we don't own it per se; the ranch is owned by Narco [National Ranching Company Limited], and we have subleased the 16 blocks. The property is located in an arid region with barely 300-600 millimetres of rain per year," he explained.

The few rivers that run through the area are small and seasonal, with water flowing only during the rainy season (January to May), which means there is no water for six to seven months out of the year, he had asserted.

Therefore, to meet water demand for the ranch, the livestock investors drilled shallow and deep wells, and built ponds serving as sources of water for humans and livestock during dry periods, he added.

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sabotaging the SGR project being implemented at a cost of trillions of shillings in taxpayers' money, the commander declared.

The suspects were listed as Luyola James (34), Specioza Samson (22) residents of Isunga village, Deshi Katwale (42), Mathias Magaduli (47) residents of Nkalalo, Salimu Nassoro Malya and Michael Juma (35), residing at Usagara.

In the second top preoccupation for the police at the moment is to find people who abducted infant twins in Ilemela district and a three month old infant in Sengerema district.

On January 9 a mother of two (name withheld) gave birth

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to twins at Buzuruga and was discharged the following day. Just out of hospital she was approached by a woman who asked that they go home for rest.

"The mother agreed and upon reaching home gave water to the mother to bathe and disappeared with the newborns," he said, noting that the incident took place at around two in the afternoon. Mothers have to keep an eye on young children as such incidents were on the rise in the region, he urged.

In Sengerema district at Nyankorongo village, a three month old baby (name withheld) was abducted when the mother was off to a market at the

Nyamatale village nearby to sell sardines.

The incident happened at around eight in the evening, with the young mother having left the baby with the grandmother, who then left the house for a milling machine place, leaving the baby with a six year old child carrying the infant on the back.

While the standard one child was carrying the child, an unknown woman went to her and ordered her to unfasten the baby from the back so that she helps with lulling the baby, giving the child 200/- to go and buy soap, after which the woman disappeared with the child, the RPC narrated.



Members of the Diamond Trust Bank staff join other "Run4Sight" Marathon participants in an aerobic session in Dar es Salaam's Oysterbay suburb at the end of the race at the weekend. The event, which was co-organised by Lions Club International and Rotary Club, was meant to raise funds for cataract surgery for needy Tanzanians at risk of losing eyesight. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TFS calls upon elevation of Kipembawe forest Reserve

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Forest Services Agency (TFS) has applied for elevating the status of Kipembawe Forest Reserve in Chunya District to become bees reserve in order to prevent environmental destruction due to human activities.

TFS has also said another aim for elevating the Forest Reserve status is to enhance its beekeeping products including honey as the area has all signs that attract beekeeping activities.

TFS beekeeping officer for the southern highlands zone, Jane Kiwhele submitted the request on behalf of TFS zone commander at the meeting of the Mbeya regional consultative committee (RCC) in which she said the forest has many trees of the 'miombo' type that are fit for beekeeping activities.

She said the Kipembawe Forest Reserve is 20,728 hectares in area and is located 146 kms from Chunya town and more than 200 km from Mbeya City.

She said elevating its status will help in preserving its bee natural biodiversity, trees and wildlife as well as protecting the wildlife shifting from one side to another particularly from Rukwati and Piti forests.

She added that they have followed all procedures including involving the residents of villagers surrounding the Forest as well as Chunya district councillors.

"All essential steps have been followed, this forest is important because it can also be used as an area for practical training on beekeeping activities," Jane added.

For his part, the chairman of Chunya district council, Bosco Mwanginde admitted to have received the TFS request and endorsed it due to the importance of the Forest Reserve.

He said TFS officials explained the importance of elevating the status of the Kipembawe Forest Reserve stressing that Councillors and other stakeholders were involved and endorsed the request.

Mbeya RCC endorsed the TFS request and directed beekeeping activities to start as soon as possible in order to increase beekeeping products.

For his part, Mbeya regional commissioner, Juma Homera called on TFS officials to collaborate with Mazimbo and Mafyeko villages to protect the Kipembawe Forest Reserve as well as preventing fire that have been destroying forest areas and their resources.

Government revokes Kandia Fresh permit

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

AGRICULTURE minister Hussein Bashe has instructed for the revocation of the permit given to Kandia Fresh including not to involve the firm to buy and sell avocados within and outside the country because the firm buys unripe avocados

Bashe gave the instruction soon after a video clip in the social network showing the avocados dumped in Njombe town.

He said authenticity in regard to

Tanzania avocados for internal and external marketing were deteriorating because of the culture of people harvesting unripe fruits.

He said it not proper to harvest unripe avocados from farms because they will not fetch better international markets in the world.

"If this company is in this region, then it should be blacklisted and if you issued a permit it, then revoke it, and if you want me to put it in writing I will do so," said Bashe.

He said his ministry has prepared

guidelines to be used nationally that will oversee the entire value chain of the avocados.

For his part, Njombe district commissioner, Kisaa Kasongwa said 11.5 tonnes of avocados were seized from the buyer that were unfit for shipment and the district council fined the firm 300,000/- for buying avocados without permit and for nonpayment of levies.

Assistant crops development director in the Agriculture Ministry, Samson Mponela said it was not the first time

for the firm faced such a challenge of unripe avocados.

Bashe also visited and inspected fertiliser shops selling fertiliser in Njombe town and at a warehouse operated by Mtebele General Traders where its managing director, Philemon Mtebele, appealed to the minister to speed up the payment of fertiliser subsidies for the 2015/16 season.

"We have now a loss in our capital due to similar work we did in 2015 and 2016 whose payment had not been effected so far," said Mtebele.

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Shareholders of Tanga Cement are referred to (i) the joint announcement made by HeidelbergCement AG ("HeidelbergCement") and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("AfriSam") on 26 October 2021 ("Joint Announcement"), and (ii) the further joint announcement made on 1 July 2022 ("First Extension Announcement"), (ii) the further joint announcement made on 1 August 2022 ("Second Extension Announcement") and (iii) the further joint announcement made on 4 October 2022 ("Third Extension Announcement"), which announcements relate to the proposed acquisition by Scancem, a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement from AfriSam, which shares constitute 68.33% of the issued share capital of Tanga Cement ("Acquisition"). The Acquisition is regulated by a share purchase agreement concluded between Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited on 22 October 2021 ("SPA"), as amended.

Terms written with a capital letter in this Announcement bear the meaning ascribed thereto in the Joint Announcement and the First Extension Announcement.

Shareholders are advised that the parties concluded a further addendum to the SPA on 16 January 2023 in terms of which the Longstop Date been further extended from 16 January 2023 to 16 January 2024 or such later date as the parties may agree.

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TALGWU presents four complaints to govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Local Government workers Union (TALGWU) has cited four complaints facing its members in the country including payment of those dismissed from work due to fake education certificates.

TALGWU Head of Information Department, Shani Kibwasali submitted the complaints on Monday when reading the trade union's statement to the Minister of State in the President's Office

(Public Service Management and Good Governance) Jenista Mhagama at TALGWU General Conference held here.

Kibwasali cited the complaint that involves the reduction of salaries for workers who after developing themselves academically and applied for change of their cadres while they had already served for long period of time.

He said for such a worker, if he wants to change his cadre, they have been having their salaries reduced in order to go in tandem with those in the new cadre he

has entered to, hence the trade union was appealing to the government to review the issue that seem to be unfair to such workers.

Kibwasali mentioned the second complaint regarding some workers with STD VII education who were removed from employment in 2017 for lack of certificate and later reinstated in April 2018, saying many of these have not been paid their salaries.

He said the trade union calls upon Minister Mhagama to instruct appropriate authorities to implement the government's directives given in parliament for their members to be paid their dues.

"Another complaint is in regard to some local councils not convening workers' council

meetings according to the requirement of the law, saying out of 196 local councils, only 156 that have live workers' councils," he said.

He said that these councils are supposed to hold meetings twice a year in order to enable workers sit with their employer to discuss various issues on employment.

He said another complaint is in regard to its members at the managing level who face problems with revenue collecting machines that often find themselves facing disciplinary and/or criminal charges.

He appealed to councils executive directors to provide adequate training for the officials in the cadre to ward them away from any unintended criminal activities.

Meanwhile, TALGWU national chairman,

Tumaini Nyamhokya said the responsibility of the general meeting is to review the trade union's implementing reports for 2022.

He said another responsibility is to endorse the union's budget for FY 2023 as well as conducting elections for the position of the union's deputy secretary general.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Minister Mhagama called upon public employees in the country to implement their responsibilities without fear because the government listens and has started working on some of their complaints.

She said they will sit with other ministries to find solution to the issue of salary reduction as it is the right of every worker to go for further education.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Tanzania Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity is a five-year (August 2021 - August 2026) \$25 million activity funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Mission to Tanzania. The purpose of Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity is to expand and sustain the provision and governance of WASH services by increasing access to sustainable water services; Increasing access to finance for water, sanitation, and hygiene; Strengthening the market for sanitation products and services; and Strengthening basin water boards and water user associations for stewardship of water resources. Tetra Tech ARD.

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MEL SPECIALIST (1 Post): Based in Iringa

Working under the direction of the MEL Manager, the MEL Specialist will work directly with all technical and managing supervisors and other members of the technical team or their designees as directed. Full job description and application link can be found online: <https://bit.ly/MELSpecialistMUM>.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (Dawasa) technicians pictured yesterday laying a water pipe at Buza in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam, in implementation of the third phase of the Jet Buza water project. The idea is to benefit around at least 173,810 residents of the suburb. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole



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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR VOTES FOR TANZANIA PROJECTS NOMINATED FOR WSIS PRIZES 2023

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in close collaboration with the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines Facilitator/Co-Facilitators has organized WSIS Forum 2023 with the theme "WSIS Action Lines for Building Back Better and Accelerating the Achievement of the SDGs."

Tanzania as a member of ITU is participating in WSIS Prizes 2023 and one of the project from Tanzania has been nominated by ITU to contest for the WSIS 2023 Prizes. You are all requested to vote for the Tanzanian project to increase the chance for it to win. The deadline for casting votes is 25th January 2023

NOMINATED PROJECT FROM TANZANIA FOR WSIS PRIZES 2023

S/N	Category No.	Category Name	Nominated Project	Institute or Organization
1.	Category 1	AL C1. The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development	E-Kijiji: Connected Villages in the pandemic	Emerging Youth Initiative (EYI)

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING

- To Vote use link below to Register into WSIS Platform under WSIS PRIZES 2023 below <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Prizes/2023/Vote>
- Activate it using your email address, after which you will be able to log in.
- After logging in, go to voting section, then click the vote form, it will take you to the voting form with the list of nominated projects.
- Select the category name as indicated in Table of the nominated projects.
- Then select and vote for the project by clicking "Vote For This Project" on the right hand of the specific project.

NOTE

- » Deadline for voting is **25 January, 2023**, after which 90 WSIS Prizes 2023 Champions will be declared and recognized in the Selection Phase.
- » Each member may only vote for/appreciate one project in each category.
- » Entities are not allowed to vote for/appreciate their own project.

Issued by:

Director General, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority,
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APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received applications for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Nuru Iletayo Amani Company Limited	District Content Services (Commercial Broadcasting-Free to Air Radio)	1.Lupakisyo Aston Kajigili-Tanzanian 2.Lillian Elaseo Mwitula-Tanzanian	60 40
2.	Registered Trustees of the House of Healing International Ministry	District Content Services (Commercial Broadcasting-Free to Air Radio)	1.Gabriel Msigala-Tanzanian 2.Rehema Kalawa-Tanzanian 3.Ester Mabele-Tanzanian 4.Merina Msigala-Tanzanian 5.Justina Amos-Tanzanian 6.Harieth Lymo-Tanzanian	Trustees don't own shares, they only administer property on behalf of beneficiaries

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 Of The Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:

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TCRA urges youth to participate in digital economy

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) will continue to set a conducive environment and policies to enable the youth to participate and benefit from the expanding digital economy, a senior official has said.

Dr Emmanule Mannasseh, TCRA communications sector affairs director made the remarks in Dodoma yesterday when gracing a special workshop to impart students from different colleges and varsities in the region with useful awareness over the side. The two-day workshop has been organised by TCRA in cooperation with the Tanzania

Post Corporation (TPC) as part to observe commemoration of this year's Africa Post Day, attracting key relevant stakeholders. Dr Mannasseh also challenged the youth to innovate and create varied useful digital services, saying the on-going development in the sector was unlocking several economic opportunities. "As the government is working

round the clock to source and invest a lot of money to help improve availability of needed infrastructures for the expansion of the digital economy it is prudent for the youth to realise and venture into the sector," he urged. He added that improvement of the information and communication technologies (ICT) was playing vital role in fast-tracking provision of different socioeconomic services throughout the country, insisted that if used wisely, the sector can assist many Tanzanians to escape

from the shackles of poverty as well as negating the increasing wave of unemployment rate. "I would like to challenge the youth across the country to think over ways of reaping from the numerous economic opportunities that the digital economy has in offering, especially through creating any opening useful digital service providing platforms," he insisted. TCRA is a quasi-independent government body responsible for regulating the communications

and broadcasting sectors. It was established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Act no. 12 of 2003 to regulate the electronic communications, and postal services, and management of the national frequency spectrum in the United Republic of Tanzania. TCRA became operational in November 2003 and effectively took over the functions of the now defunct Tanzania Communications Commission and Tanzania Broadcasting Commission, respectively.



Zanzibar's Health minister, Nasser Ahmed Mazrui (L), has an audience in Zanzibar yesterday with a Vodacom Tanzania delegation reported to be working on an affordable emergency transport service already connecting mothers and newborns to vital life-saving healthcare in rural areas. The services, already confirmed as invaluable in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates in parts of Tanzania and Lesotho, are expected to be launched in the Isles soon. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Residents in Singida region condemn habit of selling maternity tools to expectant mothers

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

RESIDENTS of Singida have expressed their grievances to Regional Commissioner Peter Serukamba over a tendency by some health providers who are selling maternity tools to expectant mothers. The residents aired the views yesterday during a meeting with the RC who has established a system to meet and talk to the people to listen to their grievances. During the meeting there were 15 land conflicts reported as well as other grievances involving Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) and cleanliness. Following the grievances

RC Serukamba directed the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to investigate the grievances especially those involving land and health centres. Serukamba called upon officials in the region especially those dealing with lands issues to work professionally by addressing conflicts that are at times deadly. He added that there is need for officers in the region to build a tendency of visiting people to address challenges which are affecting them. Serukamba also directed those responsible to collect all the garbage which are dispersed around the city saying the Tanzania Rural Roads

Agency (TARURA) should consider building water drainage systems. One of the residents who aired grievances during the meeting Ishimael Rajabu said he has been asking for his land to be valued but the land has not been valued even after paying a 3m/- fee. One of the investors in the area who is the Director of Super Kitasa Enterprises Didas Ngowi said he owes the Singida municipal council 77m/- after the company was tendered to remove garbage around the town in 2013. The acting Singida District council Jeshi Lupembe confirmed the claims saying the municipal council will pay the money in this financial year.

TAWA provides building materials for school's pit latrines

By Correspondent, Asraji Mvungi, Kondo

THE shortage of pit latrines and decrepit infrastructures have been cited as threatening the safety of students at Ihari Primary School, in Busi ward, Kondo district, Dodoma Region. The remarks were given recently by the school's headteacher Matokeo Ngoitanile when receiving roofing sheets, cement, timber and other building materials for the refurbishment of various infrastructures at the school. The assistance was provided by officials from the nearby Mkungunero Forest Reserve managed by Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA). Ngoitanile said the school has 715 students and depend on the eight available pit latrine that are in poor condition that threaten the safety of students. "We need 28 more pit latrines to improve the teaching and learning environment at the school," he said and added that the existing pit latrines are in dilapidated state. Ihari Village Executive Officer, Rumishael Moshi said to a great extent the problem is contributed by small awareness by the people in contributing to their own development due to their poor economic situation. "A large percentage of the people here are farmers who even now have been greatly affected by the effects of climate change," he said. The Commander of the Mkungunero Forest Reserve Flovicky Kalambo said the assistance is part of their implementation of their social responsibility, apart from their forest reserve management. "At TAWA we recognised the situation when visiting nearby villages as part of our responsibility to educate villagers on issues of conservation and hence we inserted the latrines challenge in our plans, and today we have started implementing it," said Floravicky Kalambo. According to her, they will continue working on solution to the latrines teaser as much as they can. Busi Ward Councillor Madina Athumani thanked TAWA for the assistance and appealed for other stakeholders to do the same.



VACANCY: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER

WWF is seeking to hire a competent and motivated Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to be based in Masasi, Tanzania

Background

- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organizations, with almost 5 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the Earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

II. Major Functions:

- Facilitate the establishment of baselines for all new project interventions in the Ruvuma landscape
- Develop data collection tools including checklists, forms and questionnaires for data collection
- Conduct regular visits to project field sites for data quality assurance documentation of lessons
- Lead the process of development and revision of overall landscape programme and individual project annual workplans in coordination with project technical staff
- Support programme teams in proper excursion of project workplans
- Monitor and document progress of implementation of project workplans
- Undertake periodic reviews of implementation and operation of the monitoring system to provide on-site solutions to the existing challenges and situation in accordance with the monitoring plans for the overall landscape programme and individual projects
- Facilitate M&E capacity building trainings and meetings within the project area as per project workplans including leading data analysis and management and involving project partners where relevant
- Coordinate the monitoring of implementation of the project workplan, and ensure that project/programme monitoring plans and reports are submitted to the Country Office M&E Manager and relevant parties in a timely manner for review and approval
- Work closely with the programme Communication Officer to accurately document field success stories and lessons and share them with the programme teams for wider circulation
- In collaboration with the Landscape Coordinator and Transboundary Landscape Coordinator, organize annual and periodic programme reflection and learning meetings
- Archive all M&E work both electronically in a centralized location for team members and in hard copies
- Contribute to the preparation of draft technical report (TPRs) and comment on all field reports before submission to Project Executants and Leads and subsequently to the M&E Manager.

III. Required Qualification

A minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Natural Sciences, Economics, Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Programme and Project Management or Monitoring and Evaluation. A Master's degree in any of the above fields is an added advantage. At least two years of experience in data collection and assisting Monitoring and Evaluation of programmes. Excellent communication and facilitation skills. Ability to organize, conduct and document training in relevant disciplines. Strong analytical skills including analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data and strong experience in use of information management systems. Excellent organizational and time management skills required to meet deadlines. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Strong knowledge in Computer programs, M&E tools and databases. Willing to travel extensively within the landscape and outside the region as required

Additional information, Interested applicants may get the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) through the following websites: https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/ Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager P. O. Box 63117 Dar es Salaam, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by **31st January 2023 at 3:30 pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interviews.

WWF has a principle of zero tolerance for fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org



INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATIONS OF VENDORS FOR THE YEAR 2023 & 2025

Tanzania Communication and Development Center (TCDC) is a local NGO, empowering Tanzanian households and communities through social behavior change communication (SBCC), SMART Advocacy geared social development.

Currently TCDC Implements Social, Behavior Change (SBC) and Advocacy Programs with projects on Malaria, HIV/Aids; Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC); Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Nutrition, Family Planning (FP) and TB; Reproductive, Maternal, New born, child and adolescence health (RMNCAH).

Tanzania Communication and Development Center (TCDC) has set aside funds for its operations during financial year 2023 & 2025 and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

TCDC seeks eligible, qualified, and competent vendors/bidders to submit sealed pre-qualification bids for various goods and services for fiscal years 2023-2025. Pre-qualification identifies competent firms/companies that will be invited to quote/tender for supply of goods, services, and provision of consultancy during the period for TCDC.

Category Reference / Lot No.	Supply of Goods
TCDC/SG-22.01	Supply of general office supplies/Kitchen items/Consumables
TCDC/SG-22.02	Supply of general office stationeries in all regions
TCDC/SG-22.03	Supply of Office furniture and fixtures
TCDC/SG-22.04	Supply of general electronic equipment's and devices/Computers & IT Services including printers, laptops, desktops, computer hardware, software, teleconference facilities, routers, toners and accessories)
TCDC/SG-22.05	Supply and maintenance of ICT and office equipment's.
TCDC/SG-22.06	Supply of vehicle tires and accessories
TCDC/SG-22.07	Supply, Installation and Servicing of generator.
TCDC/SG-22.08	Supply and maintenance of air-conditions
TCDC/SG-22.09	Supply, Installation security alarms and provide security services for Dar-es-salaam Office
TCDC/SG-22.10	Provision of catering services in all regions and Zanzibar islands.
TCDC/SG-22.11	Provision of Accommodation services (Hotels and apartments) in all regions and Zanzibar Islands
TCDC/SG-22.12	Provision of Hotel Conference Services and Venue Hiring in all regions and Zanzibar Islands
TCDC/SG-22.13	Provision of Office cleaning and fumigation services
TCDC/SG-22.14	Provision of Service and Maintenance and repair of Vehicles
TCDC/SG-22.15	Provision of Car Rental/Hire services in all regions and Zanzibar Islands
TCDC/SG-22.16	Provision of Insurance services for Vehicles
TCDC/SG-22.17	Provision of Legal service
TCDC/SG-22.18	Provision of Air Ticketing and travel agency services
TCDC/SG-22.19	Provision of Transportation of household goods, packaging of printing materials and Courier Services (parcels and goods/materials) Services
TCDC/SG-22.20	Provision of Printing of SBC Materials (T-shirts, Brochures, Booklets, Posters and related products
TCDC/SG-22.21	Provision of Internet Services
TCDC/SG-22.22	Provision of ICT Services, IT Support, Web design and Hosting
TCDC/SG-22.23	Provision of Medical Insurance
TCDC/SG-22.24	Provision of Media Monitoring Services
TCDC/SG-22.25	Provision of Radio Spots and Jingle
TCDC/SG-22.26	Provision of Experiential Marketing/Mid Media services (PSA)
TCDC/SG-22.27	Provision of Creative Agencies and Design Services

Interested bidders may obtain the Application forms TCDC Website download from www.tcdctz.org.

The selection of eligible and qualified vendors/bidders in respective service will be conducted through Open Competitive Tendering Procedures as specified in the TCDC Procurement Policy and Procedures;

The Selection Criteria will include:

- Possession of registration certificate from relevant authorities; valid business license, tax clearance certificate for 2021 & 2022, company certificate of incorporation, TIN, VAT Registration.
- The company must have not less than three years' experience in the relevant field, complexity in different organizations.
- Submit the list of key staff with their CV's demonstrating their ability to carry out the applied service.
- Current physical location (which will be inspected for verification); that is a valid right of occupancy of office premises or lease contract.
- Submission of power of attorney document
- Submission of the Memorandum and Articles of Association or its equivalent.
- Submission of business verification which is contracts or LPO.
- Submission of firm's ISO or other quality assurance certificates.
- Submission of certified declaration on Litigation information regarding your firm.
- Submission of three years audited financial statements i.e.2019, 2020 & 2021.

Please note that in assessing the submissions, consideration will be given to the qualifications, experience on similar assignments and capacity to undertake the applied assignment. Only eligible and qualified Companies with demonstrated experience and excellent track records in similar assignments will be considered.

Deadline for submission of the documents is Wednesday 01st February 2023 at 15:00HRS. Promptly thereafter applications will be opened in public and with bidders' representatives present.

Applicants must submit a tender original and copy. The paperwork must be correctly filled and wrapped in plain envelopes clearly labelled "Prequalification for Provision/Supply of (name of selected service/goods) - Not to be opened before Wednesday 01st February 2023 at 15:00HRS" and hand-delivered or couriered to TCDC through the locations below.

Late, partial, and electronic applications not received, opened, and read aloud at the tender opening event will not be evaluated.

The Executive Director
 P.o box 105170, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
 Tanzania Communication and Development Center(TCDC),
 Head Office Mbuni Street/Mwai Kibaki Road, Mikocheni B.

Court in Dar sentences man to death for killing his wife

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

THE Kisutu Resident Magistrate Court has sentenced a Dar es Salaam man—Dibron Said to death by hanging for murdering his wife—Harieth Justine by stabbing her with a knife three times after accusing her for infidelity.

The judgment was made yesterday before Kisutu Principal Resident Magistrate Evodia Kyaruzi and State Attorney, Tumaini Mafuru.

Mafuru claimed that the law is open and there is a single punishment which is death penalty, claiming that human life is given once and once it is gone it does not come back.

While giving his testimonial, the deceased uncle, Castoly Salum told the court that he witnessed Harieth being stabbed before his eyes.

Salum, who is a Morogoro rural resident, claimed that on the event day, he was at his sister's home in Dar es Salaam's Vingunguti suburb

for selfcare.

Salumu told the court that on the fateful day, he remained at home with the deceased while his sister was on safari, at midnight while sleeping he heard the deceased scream and ask for help while calling his uncle "I am dying".

"I went outside to see what was happening, but when I reached the door I found Dibron holding a knife while asking Harieth if she was willing to go back to him. When he saw Harieth not replying he stabbed her on the left side three times and ran away," claimed Salumu.

Salum told the court that he couldn't intervene and stopped Dibron because he was sick.

It was alleged that on March 11, 2017 the accused while at Vingunguti Majengo area murdered his wife, Harieth Justine by stabbing her with a knife.

On the same occasion, Dibron tried to stab himself too with a knife after stabbing his wife, but failed.

ASA invalidates agent's contract over irregularities in selling subsidised seeds

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) has terminated a contract with its Dodoma-based seed agent for allegedly marketing and selling subsidized sunflower seeds at unauthorized prices.

Wema Seth, owner of Wema Agrovot who was the only seed agent for the state-owned seed agency in Dodoma Capital City found herself facing the said legal punitive measures and immediately arrested by the police force.

The accused agent was nabbed for selling to the farmers the 2kg package of the subsidized sunflower record seeds at 15,000/- contrary to the indicative prices of 10,000/-.

Speaking during an impromptu visit of the agent's shop, ASA Marketing Manager Edward Mbugi said the leveled dishonest tendency was serious venom which gears to dilute efforts by the government to improve cultivation of the edible oil raw crop in the country.

"The government, through ASA, has decided to issue subsidies to sunflower seeds so as to enable more farmers to access improved varieties to help improve production and productivity in the key sector. It's very disconcerting to learn that some of our seed agents are negating such necessary efforts, we will not spare anyone who is involved in such malpractice," he warned.

He said that the agency had distributed packages of the sunflower record seeds varieties to its agents at a good price of at least 4,500/- per one kilogramme, and directed them (agents) to market the seeds at 5000/- in order to fetch a reasonable profit of at least 1000/- per each kg.

"Together with that, we even conducted a special workshop to impart all of our seed agents across the country with needed discipline to work with us, but it's discouraging to see some of them are delivering very unethically," Mbugi said.

He urged the farmers in the country to be vigilant when going to purchase the subsidized seeds, adding: "Farmer must make sure, the seeds are packaged in the special ASA's packages and there is a special label indicating that the seeds have been subsidized, and the price should not in any way exceed the one indicated."

ASA officials found this after the agent sold the seeds to Timotheo Semuguraka, the planning officer at the Ministry of Agriculture who went to buy the seeds a few days ago.

"After realising that the agent is selling the seeds at high prices, and moreover he issued me the counterfeit (irrelevant) receipt, I thereafter decided to inform officers with ASA's Morogoro-headquarters, thanks that they managed to respond in time," he expressed.

ASA's coordinator for the provision of subsidy sunflower seeds varieties, Benjamin Mfupe,

insisted that the state-owned agency will not spare to take legal measures against any of its seed agents in the country that will be spotted to market the subsidised seeds at abnormal prices.

"This is just the beginning as we are planning to embark on a special countrywide crackdown to inspect and take punitive legal steps against all agents who are diluting efforts being made by the government to assist the farmers, but also to promote sunflower production in the country," he warned.

He added that ASA will continue standing at forefront to ensure the farmers across the country are timely and abundantly provided with improved seeds varieties of all economic cash crops, as well as food crops in the country.

Mfupe added that in this cropping season, ASA was expected to distribute more than 1,600 tonnes of the subsidised sunflower seeds in a move to heighten the performance of the country in the production of edible oil.

The agency's chief executive officer, Dr Sophia Kashenge said the ASA will continue standing firm, and at forefront to ensure the farmers are getting the improved seeds varieties on time in order to scale-up production of the vital crop in the country.

She said during the past cropping season, and in efforts to accelerate availability of edible oil in the country, ASA had produced and distributed a total of 2088 tonnes of sunflower standard seed to the farmers within at least 23 regions.

"The region in which farmers benefited from the seeds are Singida, Manyara, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Katavi, Morogoro, Simiyu, Mara, Shinyanga, Kilimanjaro and Rukwa. Others, according to her, include Songwe, Iringa, Ruvuma, Tabora, Njombe, Mtwara, Lindi, Mbeya, Coastal, Kigoma, Katavi, Tanga and Shinyanga," she expressed.

Dr Kashenge observed that the total demand of sunflower seed in the country is around 5,252 metric tonnes while availability of improved seeds is less than 400 metric tonnes.

"The deficit is too huge therefore, in the past growing season, the agency under government directives, managed to prepare a total of 2088 tonnes of quality sunflower seeds to spur distribution among farmers and restrain the gap," he said.

To address this, the government had put and implemented sensible measures to assure for enough availability of improved seeds in this cropping season.

She appreciated efforts from the government towards capacitating the agency to run its key activities professionally, especially in the side of sunflower seed production and distribution.

The country is currently producing only 290,000 metric tonnes of edible oil, forcing it to annually import 420,000 metric tonnes, and it is forecasted that demand would increase to 700,000 metric tonnes by 2030.



Former Hai district commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya (wearing a mask) leaves the Arusha High Court yesterday after the adjournment of the hearing of an appeal in respect of his conviction of economic sabotage. Photo: Correspondent Allan Isack

200,000 residents to benefit from clean water services after completion of Chalinze project

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

ABOUT 200,000 residents in Coast, Tanga and Morogoro regions are expected to benefit from clean water services after the completion of the third phase of the Chalinze project which will cost 70bn/.

Chief Executive Officer of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA), Eng Cyprian Luhemeja said yesterday that once completed, the project will benefit residents in Chalinze council, Coast Region, Handeni District in Tanga and some villages of Morogoro Region.

He said that the project has reached 96 percent and by the end of February, the residents will start accessing enough clean and safe water.

"Various construction works have

already been completed, including the construction of 18 water storage tanks with a volume to store 500,000 up to two million litres, 10 water pumping stations of which seven stations have already been built," he said.

He said they have already constructed a water transport network for a distance of 1,268 kilometers as well as construction of 351 water extraction cages, which have been completed.

"So far, the implementation has gone well and a lot of work has been done within the scheduled time, the remaining work now is to install the pumps at the Wami water plant. The pumps have arrived and the remaining exercise is just to install," Eng Luhemeja explained.

He said the project will increase the availability of water through the Wami Water Plant from 500,000

liters to 900,000 liters per day.

"We thank the government of the sixth phase, for enabling the availability of 70bn/ to implement this project which has reached the final stages of completion, now is the time for citizens to prepare to receive services together and take care of the water infrastructure," he said.

The third phase of the Chalinze water project will benefit the residents of the entire Chalinze Council, Mkata, Morogoro and Bwawani ward, Kiwangwa, Msata, Miono, Magomeni and part of Tanga region.

Other expected beneficiaries are Vigwaza, Tarawanda, Bwirigiu, Ubena zomozu, Mbwewe, Lugoba, Fukayosi, Mpera, Msoga Kimange, Mandela, Gwata, Magingu, Mkata, Kwa Sungu, Ngerengere, and Kidugalo.

Consultant Engineer of

the project from the Afcons construction company, Dhaval Soni, said that a lot of work has been done on the project where the first pump has been closed at the Wami Power Plant and the exercise is ongoing to close another pump with the aim of increasing the production capacity water at the source.

"We continue with the remaining works, including the construction of pumping stations, and we believe that by the end of February we will have completed the entire project by 100 percent," he said.

Fatma Nasoro, a resident of Kihangaiko Msata commended the government for its efforts to improve the availability of water in the area, saying that through the project she has great confidence that villagers will forget hustles of water.



National Assembly Deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu (in black cap), who is also legislator for Dar es Salaam's Ilala constituency, pictured yesterday presenting to Zainab Bwamkoo one of 150 gas cookers he and Taifa Gas Tanzania Ltd donated to food vendors formerly operating from the city's Kisutu bus stand. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Justice Nyari, manager of Babato District's Glisten Pre and Primary School, pictured yesterday airing his views at a meeting on ways to improve the handling of education in Manyara Region. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Traffic regulations: 15 'IT' drivers held

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

POLICE in Iringa Region have arrested 15 drivers of In-Transit (IT) vehicles heading to neighbouring countries for various offenses including carrying passengers and lacking essential documents.

The operation brings the total number of the arrested drivers in this month to 46.

Regional Traffic Officer (RTO), Superintendent of Police (SP) Mosi Ndozero said this on Sunday when speaking to the arrested drivers at the Central Police Station in Iringa.

The drivers were put in police custody for one day and they were released after paying fines.

SP Ndozero warned drivers taking cars from the Dar es Salaam Harbor port to send them in the neighboring countries to stop taking passengers and adhere to all traffic rules.

"Any driver who will be found transporting passengers or has invalid documents will be subjected to legal measures and we are very serious on this, aim of this being to protect people and their properties," she said.

She however said, the driver is not

forbidden to carry the owner of the car to load luggage but should ensure that he has all required documents.

She also warned that the force will not hesitate to suspend licenses of the drivers who will be found violating the road safety rules.

"At the beginning of January this year, the police seized a total of 31 vehicles (IT) which usually leave the Port of Dar es Salaam towards the countries of Malawi, Zambia and Congo DRC," she added.

According to her, some road accidents are caused by IT drivers who have been violating rules and carrying passengers.

"We have found that most of them drive the cars without having required documents or even forged ones, so most of them are unqualified and engage in excessive drinking while driving, this is intolerable and we are going to deal with them," she asserted.

The operation has also involved the Revenue Authority (TRA) and Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA).

TRA manager in Iringa, Paul Walalazi warned agents to stop using unqualified drivers, most of them with low experience.

TRA reminds guest house owners on bed fee charges

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has reminded owners of guest houses and hotels to pay a bed fee which is one percent for each bed used per day.

The authority has also said that it is good for every owner of a hotel or lodge to keep his records correct and give the government its right instead of waiting for an inspection.

This was said yesterday by the authority's Director of Taxpayer Education, Richard Kayombo, when he was speaking in an interview with one of the local television stations to explain about various tax issues.

He said that the fee is not new as some people may think because it was introduced in accordance with the Tourism Law in 2008 and in 2013 regulations were drawn up on how it will be collected.

He said after that, TRA was given the responsibility to collect the fee due to the fact that the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources don't have enough infrastructure to collect it while the authority has offices in every region and district all over the country.

"We were the ones who have the ability to collect it, so we were given the task to collect the fees and the ministry responsible for tourism was given the task to bring a list of hotels and guest houses of each region and district to the whole country," said Kayombo

In addition, he said that the list has been updated regularly because there are more lodges and hotels built and added that until now the list they have is for the year 2021.

"What TRA is doing is to educate those stakeholders regularly about the law that requires them to pay the fees and the required fee is for each bed that has been used. We don't count all the beds you have and tell you to pay for them, no it's the bed that was used that day," said Kayombo.

"People should not think that TRA counts all the beds you have and wants you to pay for them. No, we only charge what you got from your customer. For example, you have received 50,000 for a room from a customer who slept there. We only need one percent, which is equal to 500 shillings," he said.

He asked the owners to have a good record keeping system and to have an electronic receipt issuing machine (EFD) to avoid fraud that can be done by the staff regarding the number of customers who slept there on that day.

"If you don't have a good system for keeping records, you can be cheated by your staff, for example, 20 people sleep in your hotel or guest house and you were told that only five people slept. So if they lie to you they will also lie to the government regarding the number of guests," he said.

Kayombo said there has been a discussion about why people who sleep in those houses are not told about the procedure, thinking that the customers are the ones paying the fee.

"I have seen the discussion and there are many people who think that a person who sleep in a hotel or guest house is the one who is supposed to pay the fee, it is not the case because the person who is charged is the owner and not the guest," explained Kayombo.

Regarding educating the public about taxes and tax payment, Kayombo said TRA has put in place various strategies to ensure that most citizens have the right education about tax payment.

Kayombo said that the authority has now established tax clubs in various schools and colleges as part of strategies to ensure that students have an understanding of tax issues from an early age.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF 3RD PARTY SERVICE FOR WELDING, COATING AND NDT

ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0017 / ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0018

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, executing Early Services for the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welding, Coating and NDT Inspections, Welding Procedure, Welder Qualification, Training and Certification of Site Inspectors and Destructive Testing of Materials <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania incl. a Jetty with Load Out Facility for Oil Tankers, near Tanga in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 Welding Inspector - Min CSWIP Level 1 or equivalent * 1 Coating Inspector - Min BGAS/CSWIP Grade II, NACE Level II, SSPC and ICORR Level II * 1 NDT Inspector - Level II (UT, RT, MT, PT) as per ISO EN 9712 * Welder Qualifications as per EN 9606-1 and ASME BPVC Section IX * Welding Procedure Qualification as per EN 1090 and 	<p>ASME B31.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Training and certification of contractor's staff whenever is required for welding, coating and NDT. * Material Testing of Project materials as per Project specifications. <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. - An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required welding and coating services as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. - Detailed list of certified inspectors, - List of NDT and coating equipments - CVs of Inspectors - Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification: <p>ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft/Sample report dossier in pdf format - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0109

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Provision of Office Space for Rent</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project. As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:</p> <p>BBN Project Team requires office space for rent in TANGA CITY with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 500m2 of office Space for 2 years / 24 months - Sanitised, clean, and fumigated premises - Should be in Tanga township & easily accessible - Parking Space & Standby Generator - Equipped with Electricity & water connectivity - Either shared or stand-alone 	<p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title deed or Official Documents proving ownership of the property and resolution for lease of the property - Official documentation including business license, relevant certificates and MoU or consent of the owner for the property - Schematic or architectural drawings showing the office / building plan for BBN to assess the requirements, - Photos of the building or available space for BBN to assess together with the location, in case of visits - Proposal of the rates per month including what the rate includes in-terms of utilities / services, payment terms and conditions of lease, - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources, - For a company, compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ACCOMODATION / HOUSES FOR RENT

REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0030

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Provision of Accommodation Services</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:</p> <p>BBN Project Team require houses for rent in TANGA CITY with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full furnished Houses with all available utilities - Bachelor House - 1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms all self-contained, shared compound or standalone house - Standard Family House of 3 bedrooms or 4 bedrooms standalone or shared compound - Sanitised, clean, and fumigated premises - Should be in Tanga township & easily accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking Services & Standby Generator - Equipped with Electricity & water connectivity <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title deed or Official Documents proving ownership of the property and resolution for lease of the property, - Schematic or architectural drawings showing the house plan for BBN to assess the requirements, - Photos of the building or available space for BBN to assess together with the location, in case of visits - Valid business licence and registration - Proposal of the rates per month including what the rate includes in-terms of utilities / services, payment terms and conditions of lease - Company profile with proof of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources. - For a company, compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VEHICLES FOR PURCHASE AND HIRE

REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0023

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Provision of Vehicles for Purchase & Hire</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES:</p> <p>BBN Project Team requires light vehicles for hire in TANGA REGION with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Nos. - 4 x 4 double cabins • 4 Nos - 4 x 4 Station Wagon / SUV • 1 Nos - Minibus • 1 Nos - Town Bus • 1 Nos - Small truck - Odometer reading not more than 100000km or not more than 5 years from YOM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serviced and comprehensively Insured vehicles - To be used in Tanga region - No Driver required, self-drive or company driver - Equipped with all important accessories & Items • Warranty and Service Documents <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business license and registration and all legal business certificates with extensive record in similar undertakings - Registration card proving ownership of the vehicle - Insurance cover of the vehicle showing the validity of the cover from reputable insurer - Photos of the vehicle including odometer reading and location (where they are), in case BBN wants to inspect or see the vehicles - Proposal of the rates per month including, payment terms and conditions of hire, - Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources. - For a company, compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. - Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to
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Wildlife agencies can't keep vicious animals at bay and don't compensate

A NEW move by Mvomero (Morogoro Region) legislator Jonas van Zeeland, stepping up efforts on taking firm action on the presence of elephants in Lubungo area in the district that is also a constituency, are an eye opener. The MP wants effective protection of residents in the area, farmers in particular, whose crops are constantly being damaged when elephants, one or several, trespass into the area, while conservation authorities do not appear to believe that effective protection from wild animals is feasible. They want people to understand this.

Legislation is fairly stringent on causing harm to 'government trophy' whether it is a live elephant or tusk of a dead elephant that one is caught with. There is by contrast little in the way of assurance, or insurance, against marauding beasts from national parks and game reserves. The Mvomero MP is in a solo effort (though some MPs have indeed raised alarm over the frequency of people losing lives to beasts invading settled areas) and scant rights of people to organise defences. Wildlife agencies (they prefer to be known as conservation agencies, whereas the two are fairly different issues) see residents virtually as trespassers.

Explaining what these agencies are doing, a senior official of the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), said that four dangerous elephants being killed in the past two or three years, two in 2021 and two others a year earlier. It is as yet unclear if the jumbos were shot dead due to exceptional circumstances of their intrusion into a residential area - though reports of people being killed by elephants once in a while spark excitement, or outrage - in the media. It is

possible there was an exceptional administrative initiative there.

Official explanations of how the matter is handled bespeaks of layers of bureaucracy tending to duplicate one another, and they know they have stakeholders funding their operations. The sentiment in these quarters is studiously neutral, where they examine wildlife intrusions as 'human-wildlife conflicts,' implying that humans and ferocious animals have the same rights if the beasts invade a village. If it is people invading a protected area, the animals - or rather the government - have all the rights. Thus people are killed; it ends there.

This state of things suggests that Tanzanians are victims of another objectionable cultural trait of Western 'humanism,' the idea that men and animals are equal and at times animals are preferable to men. When discussing pollution or environment destruction, this school of thought doesn't refer to farming as such or economic activities, but 'human activities.' In other words the world of nature is best and the world of man is destructive, and we all nod.

It is therefore helpful that a member of Parliament is taking up this issue in earnest, and he may do well to seek associates for a legislative initiative with intent to uphold the rights of people living in nearby zones against animal intrusions. From what they say and what they have been doing, agencies like TAWA, the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) and the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) are too lenient on the beasts and uncaring or implicitly not fully caring for the local people. Policy clarification is urgently needed there, where a higher protection level for villagers and right of compensation must be examined.

Samia leading joint Africa delegates at Davos summit: A solid testimonial

OBSERVERS of African affairs in the continent and well beyond will definitely take note of the news that President Samia Suluhu Hassan shall be leading the African contingent at this year's World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting, taking place this week in the Swiss resort city of Davos. Earlier the delegation leadership was expected to be shared between South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and the Tanzanian leader, but crisis at home stops travel for Ramaphosa. As meeting arrangements were largely tied up, no new co-leader was sought.

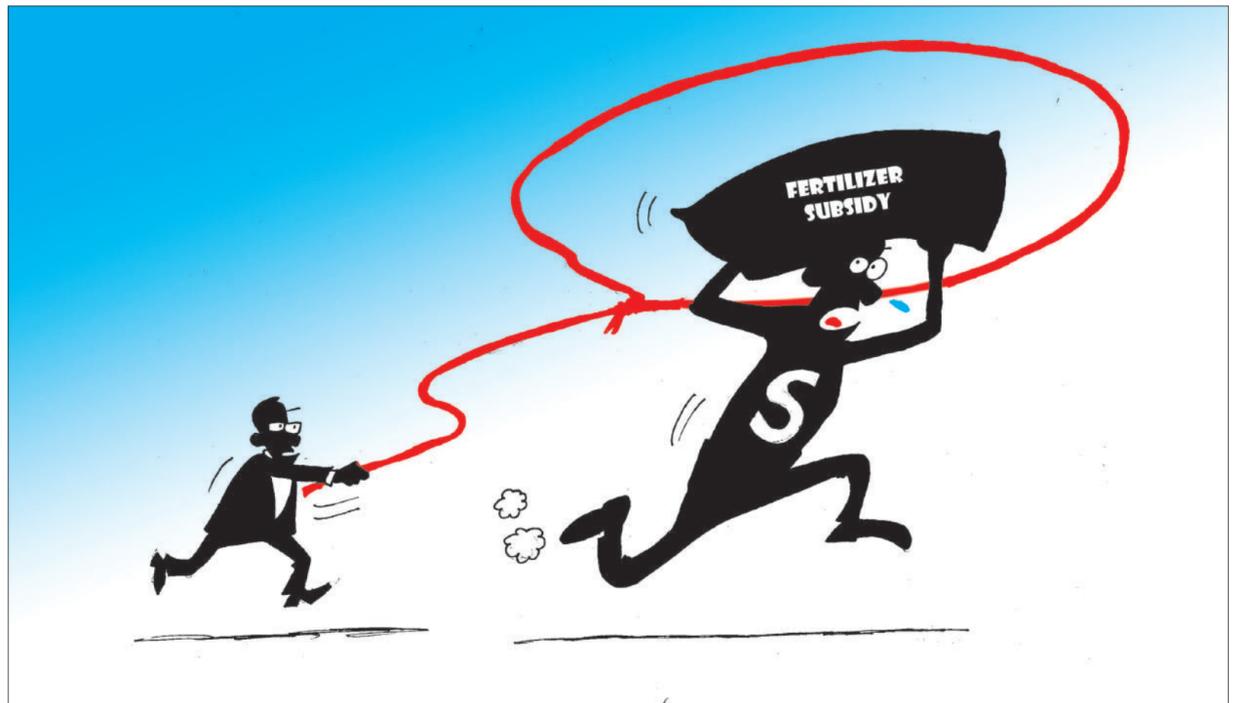
While some people will contend that the South African leader could have left energy crisis talks to his deputy or key minister, such a view is blocked by the old adage that the wearer of the shoe knows where it pinches. At times the top leader has to be present for any progress to be made, when the issue is acute enough, and who is to judge how acute the energy crisis in South Africa is, apart from the country's leaders? The crisis there is altogether exceptional for the country's standards but it is another instance of institutional crisis due to instability.

It is part of the reason President Samia was voted by her African Union peers at the last summit or in its United Nations liaison committees in New York when canvassing for a joint African presentation at Davos. The president has visibly excited world imagination with how she set about recalibrating institutional and policy outlook within the country and in the region, cultivating a different sense of 'what is right' for African countries at the moment. It is really this spirit of reconciliation, removal of trade barriers which the world wishes to hear.

While Tanzania may have some peculiar advantages in sorting out economic drawbacks arising from the Covid-19 and Ukraine war fallout, there are also managerial issues that the president can explain to gathered experts. It is unlikely that all resource rich countries are having it nice at present, as resource blessing without good governance easily leads to resource curse. President Samia has done well in resetting some directions right, but the peace and stability arising from far reaching changes during the fifth phase where she was close to the strategic thinking involved, helped a lot. That is partly also why it will not be easy to talk about a Tanzania economic management model as during Ujamaa; far from it.

Yet the big issue at Davos won't be the model as such, as this was fairly well discussed during last year's visit to the United States. As if in complement to what they heard, a top New York documentary journalist, Peter Greenberg, suggested to the president's aides the idea of making a tourism documentary she would herself premiere, and she gladly took it up. The rest as they say is history, and President Samia emerges as a better known face around the world for African leaders, with the possible exception of President Ramaphosa or Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and a few others besides.

And her example of governance, reconciliation, is more salutary than most of Africa can offer, so she leads Africa at Davos. That presents a challenge at the local level, whether opinion makers will be kind enough or sufficiently honest to recognize this record. Sadly, some of those who are benefitting from the spirit of reconciliation are swearing to unravel the president's leadership, and definitely there is something they have in mind, fearfully so.



Good morning, dear President: Help make Gambia roads safer

By Special Correspondent

PRESIDENT, with the improvement of road safety, there should be high-level commitment from all members of government and parliament to set up a lead agency for road safety with legal backing and financial resources to coordinate road infrastructure.

We need safer roads, safer vehicles, safer road users, emergency post care, and responsive services.

President, there is a need to implement an age limit for vehicles imported into the country. Vehicles should be at least (not at most?) 10 years and trucks 15 years.

There should be vehicle

inspection and testing centres in all the capitals of the seven regions of the country.

The traffic police should control pollution from vehicles on our roads. Strict measures should be taken on drivers whose vehicles cause pollution because of the health complications such pollution can pose.

President, there should be a policy to be enacted for insurance companies to take care of accident victims; not only the vehicles but also the victims themselves.

President, our commercial vehicles should limit the number of passengers they carry and baggage limit should be introduced.

Enforcement of speed limits on

our roads, especially in built-up areas, should not be more than 30kms per hour and not more than 60kms in shrunk roads.

President, there is a need for proper lighting of road signs, filling of potholes and proper road marking.

Laws against main risk factors like usage of mobile phones, failing to use seat belts and helmets, over-speeding, and drunk driving, should be enforced.

There should be rigorous sensitisation and road safety campaigns across the country.

The government should establish a proper system for issuance of driving licence and also to regularise activities in driving schools.

President, 121 people die every year in the Gambia on average as a result of road crashes. In 2021 alone, 155 died, official sources said.

The WHO has reported every year that in the world, 1.3 million people lose their lives in car accidents. Accident is the 5th killer in the world and No1 killer for children aged between 5 and 29 years. It is estimated that for developing countries like The Gambia, road crashes cost our economy 2 to 3 per cent of GDP (62.4 million US dollars).

In 2021 the GDP was estimated to be 2.08 billion US dollars, World Bank data revealed.

Good day!

By Ashenafi Endale

THE European Union (EU) has asked that the Ethiopian government ensure accountability for human rights violations and crimes committed in northern Ethiopia during the two-year war.

Germany's Foreign Minister, Annalena Baerbock, and France's Foreign Minister and Minister for Europe, Catherine Colonna, both visited Ethiopia this week. Though the EU did not send officials directly, the two ministers' visit is considered "face-saving" diplomacy to bridge the rift between the EU and the Ethiopian government over the Tigray war.

Since the Tigray war, the EU has halted all financial assistance to Ethiopia and has urged for stronger sanctions against the Ethiopian federal government. Ethiopia, on the other hand, stated that the EU cannot participate in the Pretoria peace accord, but it has granted the US observer status.

The French and German foreign ministers arrived just one day after China's foreign minister, Qin Gang, arrived in Addis Ababa. President Sable-Work Zewde, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD), Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen, and Minister of Justice Gedion Timotheos met with the foreign ministers.

In an effort to re-engage the diplomatic relationship with Ethiopia, the ministers delivered the EU's message to Ethiopian officials, pressing the government to guarantee accountability for war crimes.

The ministers indicated during their media briefing on Thursday afternoon that conversations had taken place on how to ensure

EU asks for accountability from Ethiopia on war-time violations

accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity, rapes, torture, and extra-judicial killings.

"The Tigray conflict was more than shocking. Now the peace process is starting in Ethiopia. We came to make sure the peace process is durable. A peace agreement cannot last without accountability," Baerbock said. "We are also here to re-engage again from where we stopped our bilateral engagement with Ethiopia, which stopped before this horrible war situation in Tigray. Humanitarian access is now allowed. But the issue of accountability is also necessary."

Colonna, the French minister, implied that the Ethiopian government agreed to continue the accountability dialogue with UN human rights authorities and the EU.

"Next to peace agreements and humanitarian access, the third pillar is accountability and investigation into those crimes. All of these are prerequisites. As foreign ministers, we are discussing the issue of ensuring accountability with the Ethiopian government. We will have further meetings with the Ethiopian government, involving human rights representatives. This visit is a starting point for our reengagement," Colonna said.

In their conversations with officials, the ministers notably mentioned transitional justice, impunity, and accountability.

The ministers also requested that the Joint Investigation Team's (JIT)

recommendations be followed.

They also agreed to hold consultations on the Ethiopian Ministry of Justice's green paper roadmap for transitional justice.

Since last year, the EU has urged Ethiopia to allow the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia (ICHREE) to enter the country and examine human rights violations. Ethiopian officials claimed that domestic institutions are adequate to achieve accountability and transitional justice.

Ethiopia recently proposed that the UN defund the ICHREE. Ethiopia's request to defund the commission was, however, rejected by the majority of UN member states, which led to a one-year extension of the committee's mandate.

Demeke Mekonen, Ethiopia's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, reaffirmed during a joint press conference with the foreign ministers at the Sheraton Addis hotel that the government is working to guarantee accountability with local institutions.

"We understand your concern over accountability issues. As we promised, we have done our best to reach this level, to settle this crisis peacefully, and we are still determined to implement the peace deal in its entirety," Demeke told the European ministers.

Demeke emphasized that the government had already formed an inter-ministerial

committee to respond to the JIT recommendations, which seek responsibility for human rights crimes perpetrated during the Tigray war. He claims that the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission is an independent and powerful entity in the country.

"It is critical to verify the concerns on the ground. In addition, we are open to a transparent procedure to address issues concerning our citizens. The ceasefire agreement is being executed, and humanitarian aid is improving. Service restoration and accountability issues are also progressing," Demeke remarked, emphasizing the government's obligation to its residents and its commitment to a transparent and prudent response.

As a result, Demeke emphasized that the EU should focus on assisting Ethiopia's recovery from the devastation caused by the conflict.

The Ethiopian government is preparing a comprehensive reconstruction and rehabilitation plan for conflict-affected areas, according to Demeke. "We expect prompt action and support from the EU as well as the international community to help us achieve this end."

A constructive support and comprehensive engagement in the coming months is anticipated, not only focusing on this conflict but also transforming development plans, Demeke says. "Ethiopia is ready to engage constructively with the EU."

After festivities, it's time to hit the ground running and score new goals



DO you like tasty and spicy food or boiled tasteless food? My bet is that many would go for spicy and tasty food. No, I am not going to discuss spices or food but guess what it can be, yes your guess is absolutely right, it's about festivals.

All over the world people are still in a festive mood after celebrating Christmas and New Year. Yes, festivals are the spices of our lives. They enhance the taste of our boring monotonous lives. People mostly get mentally upset, frustrated and depressed due to a fast, mechanical and complicated lifestyle.

So, festivals always spice up our boring life and make it interesting, thanks to the vibe brought about by music, new clothes especially for children and nice meals. The way spices always add nice flavours and taste to our bland and boring food, festivities do the same to our lives.

We humans are social animals. So, it's impossible for human beings to live alone. And we need opportunities for getting together or collective celebrations. Festivals offer such a platform. Celebration is always associated with festive seasons. Human nature is love for celebration. We are made to spread happiness, share our good times with family and friends. Festivals allow us to share our joy with the world.

Festivals always allow us to keep connected with the roots, origin and culture. Festivals make us better, help us to forget our boring, stressful life and enmity with others. They help us to balance our emotions, bring more positivity around and lower negativity as well as spice up our lives. Festivals act as stress relievers.

Nothing brings people together like festivals do. For, during celebrations we meet with more and more people. Festivals bind us with each other. Festivals teach us values of culture and togetherness. Each and every festival has its meaning and reasons.

Festivals are celebrated for various reasons. Mainly, festivals are for religious focus but besides religion, another important reason for festivals is agriculture. Many festivals are celebrated for planting or harvesting time because food is a vital part of our life. Actually, festivals are celebrations of heritage, culture and traditions.

Festivals may be religious, seasonal or national. Whatever the type of festival, they bring happiness and unity in any community. When time for a festival comes, the whole aura changes and the whole community gets directed towards a faith, a feeling of good hopes, happiness, joy and celebration is created.

These festivities give us an opportunity to forget all our past bad experiences and start everything in a new, fresh way. This fresh new start and positivity are the big deal for anyone to change the world or to create something new.

Economic benefits are also there for festivals. Many

employment opportunities are also positive due to celebrations and shopping which keep the wheels of the economy rolling. In a nutshell, during festive seasons everybody gets something, even the underprivileged.

But the festive mood or the enjoyment totally varies from one person to another. Some people get excited by thinking of or during preparation for the festivals; yes others remain very normal without any excitement for the celebrations.

But certain things are there that will certainly spice up everyone's monotonous life to a new meaningful life. If we do shopping for festival celebrations, and go out with our family or friends, that will definitely give us happiness. If we are not able to buy new clothes, at least we can dress up beautifully for the

festival and if we look beautiful, we are bound to feel good.

If we decorate our home and our workplace, I am sure that will give us a festive mood, and we can feel happier than earlier by creating this festive mood within us. If we follow the traditions according to our culture, that will give us a beautiful feeling and we can enjoy ourselves, which will definitely spice up boring life. By celebrating festivals, we not only create internal changes to move towards the future but also change the external environment around us.

Nowadays celebrating festivals in schools has become an integral part of learning and building a strong culture in children. Apart from classroom activities, schools introduce festival celebrations to introduce children to traditions and cultures. By understanding those

cultures and traditions, clearly, children love and carry the same into their adulthood and generations after generations.

Above all, without family and friends no celebration is complete. Do you agree? Always strive to celebrate your festivals with your family and friends and create beautiful memories. Your precious life will help you and others to attract more and more festive moods to spice up boring life. After festivities, it's time to hit the ground running and score new goals.



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UN keeps shrinking amid pandemic lockdowns and flexible working hours

By Thalif Deen

A NEW variant of Covid-19, spreading across New York City, is forcing businesses, banks and high-powered financial institutions to re-introduce flexible working hours after a brief hiatus.

At the United Nations, the lockdown has reduced the 39-storeyed Secretariat building to a veritable ghost town since most staffers continue to work from home – at least two or three days per week.

The UN, which has office space, either on-rent or on long-term commercial leases outside the Secretariat, is looking for options to terminate some of these contracts – or have already done so.

When the issue of rented office space came up at a meeting of the UN's Administrative and Budgetary Committee back in December 2015, it was revealed that over 5,300 staffers were in off-campus, leased-buildings at a cost of more than \$56 million a year.

But since the pandemic shutdown, beginning March 2020, the UN has been downsizing its off-campus operations.

Asked for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' reaction to a "completely empty building at the moment", his Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters: "We have experience with flexible working hours. I think it shows that it can be very productive in many cases. We continue to be also guided by recommendations from our health and safety experts."

Asked about the rented properties for several UN departments and divisions, currently sporadically occupied, Dujarric said: "We've shrunk our footprint from rental properties that we have in Manhattan".

This was in fact a trend before COVID with the "hot-desking" that has been put in place in many departments where people don't have assigned spaces, but they will just take spaces as they come every day, given that – especially in a lot of departments – there is a lot of travel, Dujarric said.

"So, we've been able to shrink our real estate expenses," he noted, while jokingly using a Hollywood metaphor: "Look Ma, I shrank the UN."

Ian Richards, a development econo-



mist based in Geneva and a former President of the Coordinating Committee of International Staff Unions and Associations, told IPS through successive resolutions on what is called "flexible workplace strategies," the General Assembly has been installing "hot-desking" at UN offices in New York, Geneva and elsewhere.

Hot-desking rules are premised on there being fewer desks than people (staff, consultants, interns) and therefore require staff to work part-time from home.

Further, and this is well documented in the scientific literature, hot-desking spaces do not allow staff to actually focus on their work, pushing more staff to work from home part of the week in order to be more productive, said Richards.

"Obviously, certain jobs lend themselves better to part-time telecommuting than others – and this is reflected in how the policy is implemented."

However, he noted, the feedback from managers is that working from home part of the week improves productivity and motivation.

"It is also a non-negotiable requirement in the current job market if the UN wants to remain a competitive employer and keep attract-

ing the cutting-edge skills it needs".

In a light-hearted piece, the BBC last week focused on flashy new job titles resulting from flexible working hours: Chief Visionary Officer, Development Guru, Chief Innovation Evangelist and Chief Remote Officer.

Meanwhile, according to Cable News Network (CNN), virologists and epidemiologists say the new Omicron sub-lineage, the XBB 1.5, has features that give it the potential to drive a new surge of Covid-19 cases in the US, although it's still unclear how large that wave will be and whether it could send many more people to the hospital.

Maria Van Kerkhove, technical lead on COVID-19 at the World Health Organization (WHO) is quoted as saying the XBB.1.5 is the "most transmissible subvariant detected yet".

Speaking of flexibility at work, the Geneva-based International Labour Organization (ILO) last week released a report pointing out that flexible working hours can benefit productivity and also advance economies and businesses while helping employees and families achieve a better work-life balance.

The issues surrounding working hours and conditions are "at the heart of most labour mar-

ket reforms and evolutions taking place in the world today", Branch Chief Philippe Marcadent said in a foreword to ILO's Working Time and Work-Life Balance Around the World.

"The number of hours worked, the way in which they are organized, and the availability of rest periods can significantly affect not only the quality of work, but also life outside the workplace".

The study, described as the first to focus on work-life balance, examines the effects that working hours and time schedules have on the performance of businesses and their employees.

Covering the periods before and during COVID-19, the report reveals that more than a third of all employees are regularly working more than 48 hours per week, while a fifth of the global workforce is labouring fewer than 35 hours per week, on a part-time basis.

"The so-called 'Great Resignation' phenomenon has placed work-life balance at the forefront of social and labour market issues in the post-pandemic world", said lead author Jon Messenger.

The study analyses different work schedules and their effects on work-life balance, includ-

ing shifts, arrangements for being on call, compressed hours, and hours-averaging schemes.

Innovative working-time arrangements, such as those introduced during the COVID-19 crisis, can bring great benefits, including greater productivity and improved work-life balance, said Messenger.

"This report shows that if we apply some of the lessons of the COVID-19 crisis and look very carefully at the way working hours are structured, as well as their overall length, we can create a win-win, improving both business performance and work-life balance", he added.

However, the report cautioned that the benefits of some flexible arrangements, such as spending more time with the family, may also be accompanied by greater gender imbalances and health risks.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES FOR CRDB BANK PLC HEADQUARTERS STAFF

1. CRDB Bank PLC is an African bank and a leading financial services provider in Tanzania with a current presence in Tanzania, Burundi, and soon moving to Congo DRC, East Africa. CRDB Bank Plc is looking for a service provider to provide Catering Services for its Head Office staff. The Catering Company will be required to serve at least 1200 staff daily in the building.

2. Critical Criteria for Selection:

3. Capability – Based on staff population to be served, number of meals, food quality and management of all associated services connected to the kitchen/catering services.
4. Experience in similar services and companies with more or fewer sizes like CRDB Bank Plc.
5. Quality assurance
6. Food prices as per the menu attached in the RFP document

1. Staff Population and Kitchen operation

The building occupies a total of about 1200 staff. The kitchen and the canteen are expected to operate from 0700hrs to 0900hrs for breakfast and from 1200hrs to 1400hrs for lunch. Therefore, the caterer needs to have the capacity to serve 1200 staff for about two hours for breakfast and two hours for lunch.

2. Number of Meals per Day

Head Office staff's official working hours are from 0800hrs to 1700hrs, Monday to Friday. Taking that into account the kitchen/canteen is expected to serve staff breakfast and lunch.

3. Type of Menu

The menu has been prepared, and the food selection has mainly based on staff preferences as observed in the current canteen. Also, some other preferences which are not currently offered have been considered (a complete list of proposed menus is attached with the full RFP document on the website)

1. Service standards
2. Service is required Monday to Friday throughout the year, except on Public Holidays.
3. Service must be prompt, friendly and efficient, recognising the needs and circumstances of the customer.
4. It is essential that the service provider (caterer) is flexible and responsive to the service needs of the Bank. Changes may be required at relatively short notice.

1. As part of the technical and financial evaluation of proposals, please indicate the following details in your proposal:

2. Submit a Company Profile
3. Submit a detailed relevant experience with evidence attached (Contract, LPO, Recommendation letters), including customers served before and the type of work undertaken
4. Location of regional offices (HQ & Branches, if Any)
5. Annual reports / audited financial reports for the past three (3) years
6. The current Annual return certificate for Tanzania companies is obtained from BRELA.
7. Submit legal and business certificates with the Regulatory, Government Board or Agency certificate required for such goods/services.
8. Visit/view of the facility on weekdays during normal working hours (0900 Hours to 1500 Hours) from January 19th, 2023, to January 31st, 2023.
9. Submit all bids and quotations in electronic form. Tenders should be sent to tenders@crdbbank.co.tz in PDF format ONLY. The tender must be addressed to the secretary of the Management Tender Committee, CRDB Head Office, Plot No. 25 & 26 Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road and Plot No. 21 Barack Obama Drive, P.O. Box 268, Dar es Salaam. For further information, please contact the office of the secretary of the CRDB Bank Plc Tender Management Committee, located on the 6th floor of the CRDB Head Office, along Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, from 0800 hours to 1600 hours, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.
10. The deadline for submission of the proposals will be before 1500 hours local time on February 3rd 2023. All bids/quotations will be opened in public on the same date from 1530 hours; the online presence of bider is allowed via the link available on the Bank's website.
11. Opening of the submitted bids/quotes will be done online via a link to be found on the Bank website. The opening date is scheduled on February 3rd 2023, at 1530 hrs.
12. Late bids/tenders, a portion of bids/tenders, Tenders not submitted, not opened and not read out in public at the Tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

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WHO now recommends 'the use of masks by the public in specific situations' in latest guidelines

By Estelle Ellis

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has reiterated in its latest set of guidelines on the Covid-19 pandemic that it still "recommend[s] the use of masks by the public in specific situations, and this update recommends their use irrespective of the local epidemiological situation, given the current spread of the Covid-19 globally."

"Masks are recommended following recent exposure to Covid-19, when someone has or suspects they have Covid-19, when someone is at high risk of severe Covid-19, and for anyone in a crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated space. Previously, WHO recommendations were based on the epidemiological situation," the new guidelines read.

According to the WHO, other instances where masks may be beneficial include: where a local outbreak has been confirmed, where there are rising hospital admission levels, and where levels of vaccination coverage and immunity in the community, and the setting people find themselves in, suggest increased risk.

There are currently large outbreaks of Covid-19 in several countries. In South Africa, the situation remains stable.

WHO's new guidelines for isolation

According to the latest advice from the WHO, a patient with Covid-19 testing negative on a rapid antigen test can safely leave isolation; but without testing, new guidelines suggest 10 days of isolation from the date of the onset of symptoms. Previously, the WHO advised that patients isolate for another three days after they become symptom-free.

For those who test positive for Covid-19 but do not have any signs or symptoms, the WHO now suggests five days of isolation in the absence of testing, compared to 10 days previously.

The WHO said it had considered evidence that people without symptoms were less likely to transmit the virus than those with symptoms.

Covid-19 treatments

Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir-ritonavir) is strongly recommended by the WHO in patients with mild or moderate Covid-19 who are at high risk of hospital admission.

Two other drugs, sotrovimab and casirivimab-imdevimab, are also recommended by the WHO for the treatment of Covid-19. These are monoclonal antibodies but they are not very effective against current variants, a statement by the WHO reads. Monoclonal antibodies are manufactured proteins that act like human antibodies in the immune system.

The South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (Sahpra) has received an application for the registration of Paxlovid, but the outcome is not known yet.

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Chinese minister's first tour to Africa shows long-lasting close friendship

BEIJING

LESS than two weeks after his appointment, China's new Foreign Minister Qin Gang visited Africa on his first official overseas trip with five countries and two regional organizations on his busy eight-day schedule.

Qin followed his predecessors' footsteps. For the past 32 years, all Chinese foreign ministers started their new year overseas tours in Africa, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, which testifies to the long-lasting friendship between China and Africa.

PROFOUND TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP

China's diplomatic tradition of "tour to Africa first" originated in January 1991, at a time when the world was undergoing profound changes with the end of the Cold War. Its then Foreign Minister Qian Qichen visited Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

The friendship between the largest developing country and the largest developing continent dates back to the 1950s and 1960s when the newly-founded People's Republic of China (PRC), despite its own hardship, began to provide support for the national independence and liberation movements of African countries.

This photo taken on May 8, 2022 shows a section of the Nairobi Expressway built by China Road and Bridge Corporation in Nairobi, Kenya. (Xinhua/Dong Jianghui)

In 2000, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was established to form a collective dialogue mechanism between China and African countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The forum opened a new chapter of pragmatic cooperation in China-Africa friendship.

In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping chose Africa for his first overseas visit after assuming the presidency and put forward the principles of China's Africa policy -- sincerity, real results, amity and good faith,

and pursuing the greater good and shared interests.

Over the past decade, thanks to the joint guidance and efforts of Chinese and African leaders, China-Africa relations have made historic achievements that have attracted worldwide attention and entered a new era of forging a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future, Qin said Wednesday while addressing the press jointly with Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

"There is a common feeling among African countries that China is a reliable partner, and there is a great trust and credibility in China-Africa cooperation," Ezzat Saad, director of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, told Xinhua.

China stood side by side with Africa in its struggle for national independence and liberation, and China has also stood with Africa in its efforts to accelerate development and revitalization and increase its participation in international affairs, Faki said Wednesday in a meeting with Qin.

In Addis Ababa, Qin's first stop, Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen said Qin's first visit to Ethiopia at the beginning of the new year is of great significance to bilateral relations as well as the wider Africa-China relations.

This photo taken on Sept. 20, 2022 shows the Doraleh Multi-Purpose Port, constructed by China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), in Djibouti City, capital of Djibouti. (Xinhua/Dong Jianghui)

A CONTINENT ON THE RISE

Africa is a continent on the rise and a fertile field of hope, full of vigor and vitality, Qin said Wednesday while addressing the press in Addis Ababa.

Since year 2000, when FOCAC was created, China has built more than 6,000 km of railways, 6,000 km of roads, nearly 20 ports and more than 80 large power facilities in



Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang addresses a joint press conference with chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat (not in the picture) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on January 11, 2023.

Africa, and assisted the construction of more than 130 hospitals and clinics, more than 170 schools, 45 stadiums and gymnasiums, and over 500 agricultural projects in Africa.

Highly valued by the African people and governments, FOCAC has been further strengthened by the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by China 10 years ago. The initiative has brought many benefits to the African continent, including improving infrastructure in African countries, said Saad, the Egyptian expert. "And there are large Chinese investments in Africa in the areas of transportation, manufacturing, environment,

human development and health."

"Cooperation with China is always welcomed and reliable," he said.

China is now Africa's biggest trading partner and one of its biggest foreign investors. In the face of COVID-19, China and Africa have enhanced solidarity and strengthened friendship.

For Peter Kagwanja, chief executive of Kenya's Africa Policy Institute, a pan-African think tank, China has also demonstrated its sincerity and actions to assist Africa's development by strategically aligning itself with the continent's quest to achieve the goals of Africa's Agenda 2063 and the UN Agenda 2030.

The same is true at the sub-regional and national levels. For example, Madagascar is in the process of "putting in place all the strategies to achieve food self-sufficiency by 2024," which creates the need to carry out agribusiness cooperation with China, Andriamainty Fils Jean Marius, an official at the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, told Xinhua in late December.

Africa values China's strong support for African integration, connectivity and development of the free trade area, and looks forward to working with China to build an Africa-China community with a shared future in the new era, said Faki.

Vanilla farming helps farmers out of poverty, conserve environment

By Guardian Correspondent, Mvomero

VANILLA farming around Mkingu Nature Forest Reserve (MkNFR) in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region has started bearing the positive outcomes with small-scale farmers getting rid of poverty and doing activities, which are environmentally friendly.

The farming which benefits youth and women is implemented by the Mvomero District council with support from the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) equipping farmers with skills to engage in environmentally friendly activities that promote protection of natural vegetation.

Baraka Mteri, Mvomero agriculture officer and coordinator of the project said prior to the implementation of the initiative, the majority of farmers were engaging in activities that were destroying the Mkingu Nature Reserve.

He said that the project which commenced in 2019 is implemented in three villages—Luamba, Kwilikiji, and Mafuta involving over 180 small-scale farmers where some of them have started harvesting the crop.

"The project chose the three villages because they are near the Mkingu nature reserve where many residents were spending much time in the forest conducting various activities including cutting trees, charcoal production, firewood collection, animal hunting, timber harvesting as well as farming," he said.

All the activities, according to Mteri were destroying the forest and threatening its sustainability that's why the government with support from EAMCEF came up with the project.

He elaborated that following positive outcomes, the council is preparing another proposal to extend the implementation of the project and benefit more farmers.

"This time we are thinking of coming up with another spice



crop-clove, if things go well, residents will benefit from the project by being trained on the best way to produce cloves. So far a total of 180 farmers are engaging in vanilla farming and 400 others have benefited from the training," he explained.

Godfray Msuya, one of the youth beneficiaries at Luamba village said the project has brought light to the area. Most youth who were previously losing time in unprofitable duties are currently busy with vanilla farming.

"The good thing is that this crop doesn't need a big farm

to cultivate, just a small plot of land, and the produce are high, we thank the council and EAMCEF for bringing this initiative here to our village and has transformed our mindsets and income," he asserted.

He added: "We have started harvesting it, however, the season wasn't good due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated impacts, we are still selling one kilo of vanilla at 25,000/-, but for us, it is still a good amount compared to other crops."

Anna Emmanuel, one of the women beneficiaries said that the crop had reduced a huge

burden to them as they were spending much time in the forest seeking firewood as well as producing charcoal but currently they use vanilla trees to get the cooking energy.

Apart from vanilla, EAMCEF is also supporting a civil society organization-NAKIA group to promote sunflower farming which is implemented in Msufini village in Hambeti ward.

David Lubadanja, coordinator of the project said the major objective of the project is to educate villagers on the advantages of the crop rather than spending time in forests and ending up destroying the

natural vegetation without getting any benefit.

"So far there are over 30 farmers at Msifini village benefiting from the project through training and quality seeds, and farmers are given the farming inputs every year and most of them are doing well in farms," he said.

He said that with support from EAMCEF, the organization has also reached some educational institutions including primary schools of Msufini, Hembeti, Dihombo, and Mpa-pa as well as Hembeti secondary school training pupils and staff on sunflower farming.

"We have educated them on the best way to cultivate the crop so as to get more yields, some of them have started to benefit from it by harvesting enough, processing them, and selling edible oil," he added.

Villagers hailed the organization for bringing the project to the village which has transformed the lives of the majority of farmers.

EAMCEF Southern Zone projects officer, Rosemary Boniface noted that many communities living near nature reserves turn the forests as their primary source of income by harvesting resources

and biodiversity found within the forests.

"So, changing their mindsets is one of the best ways to enable them to protect the reserves, we are focusing on supporting initiatives that promote the protection of the environment providing villagers with alternative activities that will improve their incomes," she said.

She noted that EAMCEF's mission is to see that the Eastern Arc Mountains and the people who depend on them live in harmony as one sustainable ecosystem.

African journalists: More training, resources will boost climate change coverage

By Kingsley Ighobor

At the end of a five-minute news-cast from a makeshift studio in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, the venue of COP27, Cotonou-based journalist Ghyslaine Florida Zossoungbo was able to provide real-time information to her compatriots back home in the Republic of Benin.

Zossoungbo reports for Benin ODD Television, an online platform dedicated to promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in her country.

On this day, she had found a small corner in one of the pavilions at COP27 sat on a high stool behind a laptop while a camera perched on a tripod a few feet away.

At the conference, Zossoungbo and other journalists, even those from big established media institutions such as CNN or bloggers clutching an iPhone but with a large social media following, ran briskly after celebrities and world leaders or just about anyone who had anything significant to say about climate change.

And at the end of each day, they immediately churned out climate change content to audiences globally.

Yet, despite Zossoungbo's best effort to report on the climate crisis, buoyed by new public information technology, she says climate change reporting in her country—perhaps also in rest of Africa—is fraught with challenges.

"We are the only media institution that regularly reports on the climate crisis because we are focused on SDGs," Zossoungbo says. "Other media concentrate on politics and other issues."

She adds: "People can see that there is something happening to the weather because of the floods and drought, but they don't yet understand what it is in its full context. So we keep talking and talking about it."

In Cameroon, explains Killian Chimton Ngala, a journalist with multiple accreditations, "Climate change doesn't often make the front pages of newspapers or lead in tel-



Environment reporting is expensive; it needs a lot of traveling and risk-taking. Journalists reporting at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, last year. Credit: Africa Renewal

evision or radio news."

Reporting context

Ngala's experience is that "Climate reporting often lacks context. When journalists report on flooding, for example, they don't necessarily link it to climate change. They usually focus on the event and the impact."

Without a perspective, climate change reporting becomes a complex concept for many, particularly the grassroots population.

Ngala provides an example of such reporting: "Not long ago, fighting broke out in communities in Cameroon's far North Region, between Choa-Arab cattle herders and

Mousgoum farmers, over dwindling water resources.

Many people died in the conflict, and a top government official decided to visit the area.

"Do you know how journalists reported the story?" Ngala asks rhetorically. "They all reported that the minister had admonished the communities and asked them to be peaceful."

"Yet, when you look at it, why were the communities fighting? It's because the village stream was drying up, and community dwellers and cattle herders had to fight for the limited water, a consequence of changing weather patterns.

"If you ask many people in Africa why their

lake is drying up or why they are experiencing frequent droughts, some will not even know, let alone advocate for solutions.

"Take the drying up of Lake Chad, which is forcing herders in northern Nigeria and Cameroon to migrate down south. The farmers in the south believe the herders are coming to take over their lands. The resulting fight has claimed many lives," he laments.

Why then is the media not robustly telling the climate story as it should be?

Need for training

Ngala blames it on lack of resources and training.

"Environment reporting is expensive; it needs a lot of traveling and risk-taking. It does not come cheap. Many media organisations in Africa find it unaffordable. For instance, they cannot afford to spend thousands of dollars to sponsor reporters to cover COP27," says Ngala.

There are very few trained environment reporters in newsrooms, he says. As a result, climate change reporting does not yet receive the attention it deserves.

"Media managers would rather send reporters to cover politics, which drive sales, than to report on issues related to the environment, unless it is a major disaster. They would rather send reporters to cover our President's trip to Addis Ababa than to COP27," she says.

External sponsors

Ngala was one of several African journalists sponsored to cover COP27 by climate-focused organisations particularly in Europe and North America.

For example, the Climate Change Media Partnership

(CCMP) fellowship programme, an Earth Journalism Network (EJN) project managed by Internews and the Stanley Center for Peace and Security, brought Ngala and five other African journalists to Sharm El Sheikh to cover COP27.

They were among 20 journalists (out of over 500 who applied) from low and middle-income countries sponsored under the fellowship.

The fellowship package comes with training on "quality reporting on developments at COP27," according to an EJN announcement, adding that Africa accounts for 2-3 per cent of global emissions but bears the brunt of the climate crisis. Therefore, African journalists must continue to report on the impact of the crisis and hold governments accountable.

"It was a rigorous application process," says Evelyn Kpadeh Seagbeh of the Liberia-based Power FM and Television, also a fellow.

"But for the fellowship, I would not be here [COP27]. I applied for the fellowship because coming here for two weeks would have cost thousands of dollars, which my organization may not afford."

Climate content

The symbiotic relationship between media content producers and content consumers is complex.

The perceived interest of the audience may influence content production even as the agenda-setting role of the media involves guiding audiences to focus on particular issues.

It leads to the point that African journalists have not yet effectively linked climate change issues to citizens' socioeconomic well-being.

"That's the point," retorts Ngala. "Journalists report on the environment in isolation of other economic development sectors. You can see why, in many countries, the economic affairs ministries do not consider the climate crisis a part of their portfolio. It is often the preserve of underfunded environment ministries."

"There is a lack of appreciation of the seriousness of the climate crisis," explains Mwika Bennet Simbeye, acting Managing Editor of the Times of Zambia.

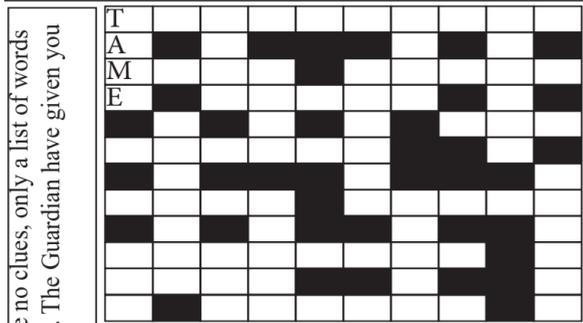
"Journalists tend to instinctively focus on day-to-day problems—all the political drama and bread and butter issues," says Simbeye.

Agreeing that training and increased financing resources will boost climate reporting, Paul Omorogbe, the Chief Correspondent of the Tribune of Nigeria, is optimistic.

"I believe the situation is gradually changing. In Nigeria, climate crisis reporting is slowly but steadily gaining prominence in the media. We are getting there."

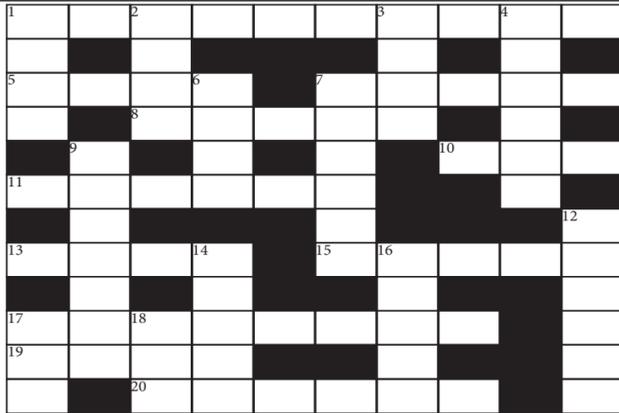
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- 5 LETTERS: LEAST, AWASH, POEMS, TAPES, EGRET (5 WORDS)
- 6 LETTERS: CAREER, STRIVE, ANSWER, AMORAL, ASSETS (5 WORDS)
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- 8 LETTERS: ADAPTORS
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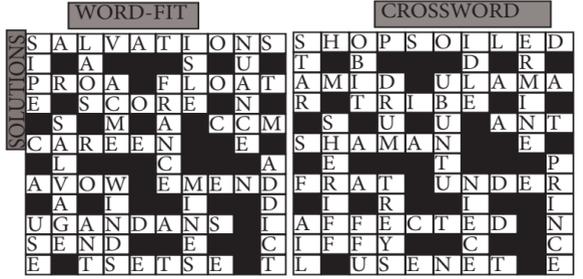


CLUES: Across

- 1 Printed publications
- 5 a female servant
- 7 plural form of ass
- 8 sliced bread broiled to make it crisp
- 10 Creator of heaven and Earth
- 11 edema
- 13 submit to the authority of
- 15 an organic compound made by replacing the hydrogen of an acid by an alkyl or other organic group an indirect reference
- 17 make a bleating sound
- 20 apparition of dead people

Down:

- 1 to specify
- 2 a time for anticipation
- 3 sending mail through the post office
- 4 a small South African antelope
- 6 a roof that resembles a half circle
- 7 to make ashamed
- 9 a hollow ball of perforated metal to hold tea leaves
- 12 the mark or line left by a fold
- 14 an adolescent
- 16 a sudden cry in a loud voice
- 17 syrian cloth
- 18 to move at a slower pace to stay behind the others



SOLUTIONS

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BoT conducts \$124mn net sell of forex reserves in H1

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) recorded a net sell of foreign exchange reserves amounting \$124 million during the first half of the financial year 2022/2023, director of economic and research policy Dr Suleiman Missango (pictured) has said.

Speaking with editors in Dar es Salaam on Monday, Missango said, on daily basis, the central bank has been selling foreign exchange reserves amounting \$1 million to support the country's imports demands and ensure orderly foreign exchange market operations.

This caused the shrink of stock of foreign reserves amounted to \$4,541.1 million at the end of November 2022, below the East African Community (EAC) benchmark, compared with \$6,557.9 million in the similar period in 2021, according to BoT monthly economic review for December.

This has maintained the stability of the shilling against the US dollar consistent with moderate inflation rate, trading at an average rate of 2,319.87/- per US dollar in November last year compared with 2,319.69/- per US dollar in the preceding month.

On annual basis, the shilling depre-

ciated slightly by 0.7 percent from \$2,304.64 per US dollar in November 2021.

However, Dr Missango said during December, the stock of reserve has gone above the EAC benchmark and remain adequate to covering 4.3 months of imports, in line with the monetary policy targets of not less than four months.

According BoT review the stock of the foreign exchange reserves was \$6.5 billion, which was sufficient seven months of imports in November last year. Dr Missango said the shrink of the stock resulted from increased demand for foreign currency to imports commodities, mainly oil, wheat and fertilizers, of which their prices were higher due to ongoing war in Ukraine.

He said the war in Ukraine caused global supply-demand imbalances, which pushed up the prices of commodities such as oil and consumer goods.

Russia and Ukraine produce at least one third of the global wheat, of which Tanzania depends on for industrial production and food, while Russia is biggest exporter of fertilizer in the world.

The increased prices of commodities in the world market pushed up the



current account balance deficit to \$5,116.1 million in the year ending November 2022, wider than a deficit of \$2,185 million in the previous year.

It also affected the overall balance of payments, which recorded a deficit of \$1,940.4 million, compared to a surplus of \$1,953.4

million in the previous year, driven by higher payments abroad, according to BoT reports.

The external sector of the economy continues to endure challenges of commodity prices, tight financial conditions, high inflation among trading partners and supply-chain disruptions

caused by resurgence of COVID-19 in China and war in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Coal worth \$141.6 million was exported in the year ending November 2022, higher than \$13.2 million in the corresponding period in 2021, largely explained by rising demand for

alternative source of energy following the short supply of crude oil and natural gas amid the war in Ukraine.

Most of the coal was destined to neighbouring countries including Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda; and other countries including Poland, Hong Kong, India and Senegal.

Energy professionals predict \$87 oil in 2023

LONDON

OIL prices are set to average slightly higher than current levels, at around \$90 per barrel, from now through 2027, an annual survey of more than 1,000 energy professionals compiled by Reuters market analyst John Kemp showed.

Early on Monday, Brent Crude prices were trading at just below \$85 per barrel.

The average forecasts in this year's survey are \$4 to \$10 a barrel higher than the expectations in the poll from 2022 carried out before the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

For 2023, half of the surveyed energy professionals—of whom 22% are directly involved in oil and gas production—expect Brent Crude to average between \$80 and \$95 per barrel. Most of the people polled, more than 90%, see Brent averaging between \$70 and \$105. The average of all forecasts is \$87 a barrel for this year.

Through 2027, oil prices are expected to average around \$90, too, according to the survey.

The longer-term forecasts are naturally less certain due to the unknown trajectory of the global economy and oil demand over the next five years and the speed at which the decarbonization of energy systems could unfold.

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, many countries have pledged increased focus on renewables, which could replace some fossil fuels in power



generation. But the shift in global oil trade and expected lower supply from Russia due to the Western embargoes on Russian energy, and the structural underinvestment in new oil supply over the past few years could tighten markets more than previously expected.

Major forecasters and investment banks also expect oil prices to average at least \$80-90 this year and expect the OPEC+ group to

step up and defend an \$80-a-barrel floor under prices with a new production cut if necessary.

The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts that Brent crude oil prices will average \$83 per barrel this year and \$78 a barrel in 2024, in the latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO) for January published last week.

"We expect that most crude oil exports from Russia will continue to find buyers. But we expect the sanctions on petroleum products will cause greater disruptions to Russia's oil production and exports because finding alternative buyers as well as transportation and other services to reach those buyers is likely to be more challenging than for crude oil," the EIA said.

Then, there is an expected surge in Chinese oil demand later this year, after the initial exit Covid wave fades away.

China's oil consumption is expected to jump by 800,000 barrels per day (bpd) this year to a record 16 million bpd after Beijing abandoned the 'zero Covid' policy and reopened its borders, a median estimate of 11 China-focused consultants polled by Bloomberg News showed last week.

"Look for a particularly bullish Q2, with China adding 1.36 million b/d over the same quarter in 2022, the strongest growth in over a decade (excluding the post-Covid bounce) that will support higher prices," Gavin Thompson, Vice Chairman, Energy - Asia Pacific, at Wood Mackenzie, said on Thursday.

Solid growth in global oil demand is set to drive oil prices to above \$100 this year, and Brent Crude could trade at \$105 per barrel by the fourth quarter, according to Goldman Sachs. Last month, the bank said that the Chinese reopening could lift oil prices by \$15 per barrel, as China's demand could increase by 1 million bpd on average between 2022 and 2023. Morgan Stanley also expects tighter oil markets in the latter part of this year and sees Brent Crude prices potentially hitting \$110 per barrel by the end of 2023.

"The supply ceiling is still not far away and inventories are outright low," Morgan Stanley said in a note last week, as carried by Reuters.

Rich Kenyans sit on Sh922bn in dollars

NAIROBI

WEALTHY Kenyans and firms had piled up a record Sh922 billion in dollars by last November as they sought to preserve the value of their bank deposits amid a depreciating shilling.

This is after they accumulated an extra Sh119.24 billion in the 11 months to November 2022, in a trend that continues to put pressure on the local currency.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data shows that the deposits in foreign currency increased from Sh803.66 billion at the start of the year, representing a 14.8 percent jump.

This was the largest increase compared to the Sh58.02 billion jump in a similar period in 2021.

The deposits surge parallel with a decline in hard currency deposits held by commercial banks and the country's official reserves, at a time the market faced issues of dollar availability in the market.

Experts say the rise of foreign deposits is, majorly, tied to the depreciation of the shilling on the back of a softened accumulation of dollar holdings by locals and companies.

"The increase has been magnified by the falling of the shilling in the last one year other than the growth in deposits which

was modest over the time," said Churchill Ogutu, an economist at IC Asset Managers.

The foreign currency deposits held by residents increased by 6.8 percent to \$7.63 billion in the quarter that ended September from \$7.144 billion in a similar period in September 2021, representing a \$486 million increase. This was, however, a decline from a high of \$7.924 billion in July 2022.

The CBK data show shilling was exchanging at an average of 122.45 units to the dollar at the end of November, having depreciated by 8.2 percent from 113.14 at the start of the year, pushed by increased demand of forex by importers than the supply.

However, it appreciated against the sterling pound and the euro by 3.4 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively over the 11 months.

The weakening, which began during the pandemic has heightened Russia and Ukraine conflicts making investors and companies seek the dollar seen as a safer asset.

Businesses from diverse sectors last year also complained of difficulty in accessing the dollar in quantities they wanted, forcing them to wait for days to weeks to accumulate the funds they require to make payments to their overseas partners, hitting their business plans.

This means firms and individuals with

dollar-based accounts were hedging against further weakening by stocking up dollars or holding on tightly to their greenback reserves under speculation of continued weakening, leading to fewer withdrawals from dollar-based accounts.

Over the same period, foreign exchange reserves held by commercial banks declined by 20.4 percent or \$907 million to \$3.55 billion in September from \$4.457 billion. Official reserves held by the CBK also decreased by 19.1 percent or \$1.844 billion to \$7.788 billion over the period.

The increase in residents' foreign currency deposits and the decline in the country's official and bank stockpile indicate the struggle to access dollars witnessed last year.

It also shows some companies and individuals preferred to sit on the dollars on speculation of continued weakening of the shilling. Manufacturers complained earlier in the year that the shortage of dollars forced them to buy the greenback at a premium to the official CBK's average exchange rate.

Getting adequate dollars proved difficult for some traders due to banks not being willing to sell to each other, making it hard for smaller players to fulfil their orders from clients.



Gold price treads water above \$1,900

NEW YORK

GOLD prices hovered around eight-month highs on Tuesday, having stuck to a tight range in recent sessions as investors awaited more cues from a slew of economic data due this week, with particular focus on any signs of a recession.

Trading volumes in the yellow metal were also limited by a US holiday, although the dollar saw a mild recovery.

Markets are awaiting key readings on inflation from the Eurozone and the UK, as well as US retail sales and industrial production data, to gauge whether the world's largest economies are facing a potential slowdown due to tight monetary conditions.

The Bank of Japan's policy meeting on Wednesday is also in focus, after the central bank unexpectedly struck a hawkish tone during its December meeting. The move had weighed heavily on the dollar and slightly supported commodity prices.

Spot gold rose 0.2% to \$1,918.14 an ounce, while gold futures rose 0.1% to \$1,920.95 an ounce by 19:07 ET (00:07 GMT).

While the prospect of slowing US interest rate hikes significantly boosted the yellow

metal in recent weeks, it is now seeing renewed safe haven demand in the face of a potential global recession this year.

Markets are positioning for a potential slowdown in major economies as the effects of sharp monetary tightening in 2022 begin to be felt. The International Monetary Fund had earlier this month warned of such a scenario in 2023.

Gold is expected to benefit from a potential recession, given that it will potentially push the Fed into pausing its rate hike cycle.

The central bank had embarked on one of its most aggressive tightening sprees in 2022, which boosted the dollar and battered non-yielding assets like metals.

Among industrial metals, copper prices rose slightly on Tuesday after falling sharply from an over seven-month high in the prior session. The red metal logged strong gains over the past month on the prospect of a demand recovery in major importer China.

But while China recently relaxed most of its anti-COVID measures, it is also facing an enormous spike in COVID-19 cases, which has cast doubts over the timing of an economic recovery. GDP data due later on Tuesday is expected to shed more light on this trend.



Uganda blockchain association disowns planned summit

KAMPALA

THE Blockchain Association of Uganda has distanced itself from an upcoming block chain conference in Kampala, saying they are not sure about the authenticity of the organiser, Streakk.

The Kampala Blockchain Summit is scheduled for Tuesday January 17, at Sheraton Hotel under the theme 'Unlocking

the potential of your crypto.

But according to the association chairperson, Kwame Rugunda, they cannot guarantee the safety of their members.

"Having preliminarily reviewed Streakk, our industry opinion is that Streakk presents numerous red flags, and those participating with them are doing so at their own risk. Therefore, the Blockchain Association of Uganda hereby dis-

associates itself from the Kampala Blockchain Summit," Rugunda said in a statement issued on Friday.

"Our opinion is based on a preliminary review, and the Association is holding further technical consultations with Streakk. If these ongoing consultations persuade a change of opinion, we will communicate so to the public, until then however, this is the opinion of

the Association. Those keen on further research should review their white paper, smart contract and token economics," he added. But one of the summit organisers, Mr Edwin Zziwa, accused the blockchain association of playing politics and being biased.

"How can they claim that they are not sure about the authenticity of Streakk yet they have not yet concluded the con-

sultations?" he wondered.

"These are really unfounded claims [of authenticity]. We are transparent. Our company is deals with governments and strong institutions to grow the blockchain industry across the world. This is what we are coming to do in Uganda," he added.

According to the Streakk website, the company was founded by Suki Chen, who is described as passionate about

blockchain and has assisted in launching five successful Blockchain projects and helped them raised over \$600m.

But according to Rugunda, given the rising fraud in the blockchain innovation ecosystem in Uganda, it's their duty to protect all users.

"The blockchain and cryptocurrency industry has attracted global interest, with several companies providing various

innovative services, while others are masquerading as crypto businesses, yet in effect are using crypto rhetoric and marketing gimmicks to operate scams and defraud citizens. Such recent scams in Uganda have included OneCoin, Dunamis and D9 among others. More will continue to arise and so we urge Ugandans to remain vigilant, and always do their own research," he added.

Recession casting long shadow at WEF summit

DAVOS

THE prospect of imminent global recession cast a long shadow over Davos on Monday as participants gathering for the opening of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting counted the likely cost for their economies and businesses.

Two-thirds of private and public sector chief economists surveyed by the WEF expect a global recession this year, with some 18% considering it "extremely likely" – more than twice as many as in the previous survey conducted in September 2022.

"The current high inflation, low growth, high debt and high fragmentation environment reduces incentives for the investments needed to get back to growth and raise living standards for the world's most vulnerable," WEF Managing Director Saadia Zahidi said in a statement accompanying the survey results.

The WEF's survey was based on 22 responses from a group of senior economists drawn from international

agencies including the International Monetary Fund, investment banks, multinationals and reinsurance groups.

Meanwhile, a survey of CEO attitudes by PwC released in Davos on Monday was the gloomiest since the "Big Four" auditor launched the poll a decade ago, marking a significant shift from optimistic outlooks in 2021 and 2022.

The World Bank last week slashed its 2023 growth forecasts to levels close to recession for many countries as the impact of central bank rate hikes intensifies, Russia's war in Ukraine continues, and the world's major economic engines sputter.

Definitions of what constitutes recession differ around the world but generally include the prospect of shrinking economies, possibly with high inflation in a "stagflation" scenario.

On inflation, the WEF survey saw large regional variations: the proportion expecting high inflation in 2023 ranged from just 5% for China to 57% for Europe, where the impact of last year's rise in energy prices has spread to the wider economy.



Participants of the World Economic Forum 2023 seen in a hall at Davos Congress Centre in the Alpine resort of Davos, Switzerland, January 16, 2023. Photo by Reuters

A majority of the economists see further monetary policy tightening in Europe and the United States (59% and 55%, respectively), with policy-makers caught between the risks of tightening too much or too

little.

"It is clear that there is a massive drop in demand, inventories are not clearing up, the orders are not coming through," Yuvraj Narayan, deputy chief executive and chief

financial officer of Dubai-based global logistics company DP World told Reuters.

"There are far too many constraints imposed. It is no longer a free-flowing global economy and

unless they find the right solutions it will only get worse," he said, adding the group expects freight rates to drop by between 15% and 20% in 2023.

Matthew Prince, chief executive of cloud services company Cloudflare Inc, said internet activity was pointing to an economic slowdown.

"Since New Year's, when I catch up with other tech company CEOs, they're like, 'have you noticed the sky is falling?'" he told Reuters.

PwC's survey found confidence among companies in their growth prospects dropped the most since the 2007-08 global financial crisis, although a majority of CEOs had no plans to cut the size of their workforce in the next 12 months or to slash remuneration as they try to retain talent.

"They're trying to do cost reduction without human capital changes and large layoffs," said PwC global chairman Bob Moritz.

Jenni Hibbert, a partner at Heidrick & Struggles in London, said activity was normalising and the executive search firm was seeing "a little less flow" after two years of strong growth.

"We are hearing the same mixed picture from most of our clients. People expect a market that's going to be more challenged," Hibbert told Reuters.

Load shedding marching SA towards recession

AFRICA'S most industrialized economy faces a 45% chance of slipping into recession this year as South Africa's electricity crisis deepens.

The probability of it happening in the coming 12 months increased from odds of 35% in November, around the start of the longest streak of consecutive daily power cuts.

That's according to the latest Bloomberg monthly survey of economists, conducted between 9 and 12 January 2023, with seven economists

responding to a question about the chance of a recession.

The prediction comes as the country's ongoing energy crisis risks intensifying and dim global economic prospects threaten to further curb domestic output. The outlook for South Africa's economy in 2023 "isn't impressive," Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana said last week, citing electricity-supply constraints.

Eskom, the state-owned company that produces almost all of South

Africa's electricity, has for the past seven days subjected the country to record blackouts – as much as 12 hours a day – to protect the power grid from collapse as its ageing, mostly coal-fired power stations fail.

It has already used up money for diesel supplies allocated to fuel auxiliary plants for the year through March, and a unit at its nuclear station is shut down for a revamp, meaning any additional faults among its assets and infrastructure could

move South Africa to its highest level of outages yet.

Sustained outages, known locally as load shedding, at the current "extreme levels" are the most significant downside risk to the country's economic growth prospects, the Bureau for Economic Research's Tracey-Lee Solomon, Romano Harold and Hugo Pienaar said in note published on its website on Monday.

The economy is unlikely to grow by more than 0.3% quarter-on-

quarter through 2023, according to Bloomberg's survey. Economists see gross domestic product growth slowing to 1.2% this year from 2.3% in 2022.

While inflation is expected to ease, it'll only be back near 4.5% – the midpoint of the central bank's target range at which the monetary policy committee prefers to anchor price-growth expectations – in the fourth quarter, before accelerating again into 2024.

The South African Reserve Bank will probably extend its most aggressive monetary policy tightening in at least two decades, with the key interest rate rising to 7.5% by the end of the first quarter from 7% now. A gradual easing of borrowing costs will start in the fourth quarter, according to economists.

The central bank will give its next decision on the benchmark rate on 26 January.

Gates Foundation CEO announces largest-ever annual budget

SEATTLE

IN his annual letter published yesterday, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation CEO Mark Suzman has announced that the foundation will spend US\$8.3 billion this year to continue its work fighting poverty, disease, and inequity around the world.

He also shared examples of how the foundation uses its resources, voice, and convening power to call attention to and help find solutions for problems that otherwise might be neglected.

The budget—the largest in the foundation’s history—is a response to multiple crises that threaten to stall or reverse global progress on the Sustainable Development Goals since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These include war, economic turmoil, climate-related disasters, and large decreases in vaccinations for preventable infectious diseases, all of which have taken a significant toll on the world’s poorest people.

The board of trustees’ approval of the budget puts the foundation on track to meet its commitment to reach an annual payout of US\$9 billion by 2026—and represents a 15% increase over the 2022 forecasted payout.

“This is the toughest period for global health and development in recent memory, but in some ways, it’s also the reason we exist,” Suzman said. “To help meet the great needs ahead, we are doubling down on our commitment to our core mission: ensuring everyone can live a healthy and productive life.”

People in low- and middle-income countries, particularly women and girls, are facing the severe consequences of intersecting global crises, yet the world has so far failed to step up with the necessary political will and resources to respond.

In his annual letter, Suzman addressed questions about the scale of the foundation’s influence and its access to global leaders.

Using examples from the foundation’s work on climate adaptation, malaria, and U.S. education, he detailed how the foundation catalyzes and advocates for solutions, brings diverse voices to decision-making tables, and fills market gaps.

He also discussed the role the foundation plays in setting global health and development priorities. “The foundation doesn’t set the world’s agenda—we respond to it,” Suzman said, referencing the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

Highlighting areas where the foundation makes big bets, Suzman reflected on the unique role of philanthropic capital, particularly in times of crisis. From improving vaccination rates to advancing women’s economic power, the foundation uses its funds, expertise, relationships, and voice where

it can make the biggest impact measured in lives saved and opportunities created for all to reach their full potential. It does so by funding innovations that may not be financially attractive or feasible for the private sector



or governments, stepping in where markets fail, and investing in R&D that would otherwise never leave the lab.

“Our role is to ensure that decision-makers—be they school board members or cassava growers or health ministers—have the best possible

options to choose from and the best possible data to inform their decisions,” Suzman said. “And

where there’s a solution that can improve livelihoods and save lives, we’ll advocate persistently for it.”

Twitter interest payment leaves Elon Musk having unpalatable options

LONDON

THE bill for Elon Musk’s (pictured) purchase of Twitter is coming due, with the billionaire facing unpalatable options on the company’s enormous debt pile, ranging from bankruptcy proceedings to another costly sale of Tesla shares.



Three people close to the entrepreneur’s buyout of Twitter said the first instalment of interest payments related to \$13bn of debt he used to fund the takeover could be due as soon as the end of January. That debt means the company must pay about \$1.5bn in annual interest payments.

The Tesla and SpaceX chief financed his \$44bn deal to take Twitter private in October by securing the huge debt from a syndicate of banks led by Morgan Stanley, Bank of America, Barclays and Mitsubishi. The \$13bn debt is held by Twitter at a corporate level, with no personal guarantee by Musk.

Since the takeover, Musk has raced to cut costs, such as firing half the company’s staff, while seeking new revenue streams, such as launching its Twitter Blue subscription service.

The company’s dire finances – it made a loss of \$221mn in 2021 before the acquisition and Musk has said revenues have declined since – have led the new owner to regularly raise the prospect that the company could crash into bankruptcy.

How Musk deals with the looming interest payment is a crucial test of his leadership of Twitter, which has so far been marked by chaotic management that has alienated its corporate advertisers.

“This company is like you’re in a plane that is headed towards the ground at high speed with the engines on fire and the controls don’t work,” Musk said last month.

If Twitter did not make its first interest payment, it would join a small but notorious club of companies dubbed “NCAA” by debt traders – short for “no coupon at all” – that includes US car rental company Hertz and German payments group Wirecard.

Such a default on its debt would probably result in Twitter’s management filing for bankruptcy, at which point the US courts would begin an expensive and bureaucratic debt restructuring process.

Musk could avoid this fate by settling the interest from Twitter’s dwindling cash reserves or selling more equity in the company to fund the payments – both painful options. The business has a cash position of about \$1bn, Musk has said. He has also warned that its net cash outflow could be about \$6bn next year without additional cost-saving measures. Rising interest rates mean the debt will become more and more expensive, at the same time as Twitter’s enterprise value has been damaged.

Bankers and experts observing the deal said Musk was unlikely to file for bankruptcy, which would risk him losing control of the business.

Instead, his options include cutting a new deal with lenders, such as a debt-for-equity exchange at a discount to the debt’s face value, or finding alternative ways to fund its interest payments as he plays for time to turn around the business. “It is more likely [Musk] would ask Twitter’s creditors for a forbearance and try and work something out,” said one restructuring banker.



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WORLD

London court allows appeal over UK's Rwanda migrant plan

LONDON

LONDON'S High Court on Monday granted permission to a group of asylum seekers to appeal against a ruling that Britain's plan to send migrants to Rwanda is lawful.

Britain's interior ministry said it would defend its policy, which is a central part of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's plan to tackle the record number of migrants arriving in small boats.

The government says the plan will deter people smugglers, though it has been denounced by rights groups and even King Charles since it was announced in April.

The first planned deportation flight was blocked in June last year by a last-

minute ruling by the European Court of Human Rights, which imposed an injunction preventing any deportations until the conclusion of legal action in Britain.

Last month, the High Court ruled that it was lawful for Britain to make arrangements with the Rwandan government to send asylum seekers there, but upheld legal challenges brought by eight individual asylum seekers.

Now those asylum seekers plus one other have been granted permission to appeal on various grounds, including that the High Court was wrong to decide the Rwanda removal policy was not "systematically unfair".

Permission was also granted in relation to whether the Home Office was



In this file photo taken on June 10, 2022, protesters opposing the UK government's new asylum deal with Rwanda stand outside The Royal Court of Justice in London. AP

entitled to rely on assurances given by Rwanda about conditions for asylum seekers who are sent to the country.

A spokesperson for the interior ministry, the Home Office, said: "Our ground-breaking migration partnership will relocate anyone who comes to the UK through dangerous and illegal routes to Rwanda, where they will be supported to build a new life.

"This will disrupt the criminal people smuggling gangs who sell lies and put lives at risk.

"The court previously upheld that

this policy is lawful and that it complies with the Refugee Convention, and we stand ready to defend this policy at any appeal hearings."

A lawyer representing charity Asylum Aid, which was also granted permission to appeal against the High Court's ruling, welcomed the decision.

Carolyn Ott, from law firm Leigh Day, said in a statement: "Asylum Aid is relieved that the court has rightly recognised there are compelling reasons for its case to be heard in the Court of Appeal."

Crimea's 'return' to Ukraine is impossible, says Russian intelligence chief

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Intelligence chief Sergey Naryshkin said yesterday that the 'return' of Crimea to Ukraine is impossible.

"This is impossible," Naryshkin told TASS commenting on Kiev's recently announced intentions to launch work on 'returning back Crimea.'

The Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol, a city with a special status on the Crimean Peninsula, where most residents are Russian, refused to recognize the legitimacy of authorities that seized power amid riots during the illegitimate coup of February 2014 in Ukraine.

Crimea and Sevastopol adopted declarations of independence on March 11, 2014. They held a referendum on March 16, 2014, in which 96.7% of Crimeans and 95.6% of Sevastopol voters chose to secede from Ukraine and join the Russian Federation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the reunification treaties on March 18, 2014. The documents were ratified by Russia's Federal Assembly, or bicameral parliament, on March 21.

Despite the overwhelming results of the referendum, Ukraine still refuses to recognize Crimea as part of Russia.

UK teachers, nurses to strike further over pay disputes

LONDON

FURTHER strikes were announced by teachers and nurses in the United Kingdom (UK) on Monday, amid the continued cost-of-living crisis and lengthy disputes over pay.

If progress is not made in negotiations by the end of January, February will see the most widespread strike so far by National Health Service (NHS) nursing staff, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) said on Monday.

The planned strikes follow walkouts in December and January. "We are doing this in a desperate bid to get ministers to rescue the NHS.

The only credible solution is to address the tens of thousands of unfilled jobs -- patient care is suffering like never before," said RCN General Secretary Pat Cullen.

Interim Chief Executive Saffron Cordery at NHS Providers, the membership organization for NHS trusts in England, said the strike escalation was "very worrying."

"We've seen how disruptive these strikes can be, and more extensive industrial action is likely to have an even greater impact. Nobody wants this to continue happening," Cordery noted.

"We understand how frustrated nurses feel, and how they have got into this point: below-inflation pay awards, the cost-of-living crisis, severe staff shortages and increasing workloads have created near-impossible conditions," she added.

Over the last year, the UK has seen record-high inflation, with the consumer prices index (CPI) rising by 10.7 percent in November.

However, wages have failed to keep up. Salaries for experienced nurses are 20 percent lower in real terms than in 2010, due to successive below-inflation pay awards, the RCN noted.

Also on Monday, the National Education Union (NEU) announced that its members had voted in overwhelming numbers to take strike action in February and March to demand a fully funded, above-inflation pay rise.

"This dispute can be resolved without recourse to strike action. We are willing to enter into negotiations at any time, any place, but this situation cannot go on," the union said on Twitter.

A 5 percent pay rise offered in July actually equates to a 7 percent pay cut due to the soaring inflation, the NEU noted.

There has also been a decline of more than 20 percent in real term pay for teachers over the past decade and educators are leaving the profession in their droves, it added. Since last summer, the UK has been in the grip of a wave of strikes.

The government has locked horns with the trade unions, saying the pay rises that unions have demanded are unaffordable, and higher pay would not help fight inflation.

The widespread strikes have dealt a further blow to the UK's already struggling economy.

Transportation and storage fell month-on-month in November, driven to some extent by postal and railway strikes, and in the short term, the strikes pose a risk to growth, a Credit Suisse report said on Friday.

The total direct and indirect cost of the strikes is estimated for at least 1.7 billion pounds (2 billion U.S. dollars) over the eight-month period to January 2023, according to economist Karl Thompson at the Centre for Economics and Business Research.

Xinhua

BEIJING

WITH the take-off of the CZ309 flight to Hong Kong, the Beijing Daxing International Airport yesterday resumed the operation of international passenger flights after China continuously optimized COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control policies.

Among more than 100 passengers onboard the flight, a father returned to Hong Kong for a reunion with his children for the first time in three years. There was also a family of three who said they made travel plans via Hong Kong.

"Finally, I can resume meeting with international business partners," said Sun Han working in the field of international finance, also a passenger on the flight.

As Beijing's newest airport, the Beijing Daxing International Airport became operational on September 25, 2019. From

Beijing further opens air travel

March 14, 2020, the airport's international flights were transferred to the Beijing Capital International Airport until the resumption, which was among Beijing's unified deployment of COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control.

From yesterday, several airline companies, including China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Capital Airlines, and Himalaya Airlines, resumed passenger flights on international routes via the Daxing airport.

Also on Tuesday, the Daxing airport resumed the international flight transit service and the 144-hour transit visa-free policy in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area, effectively promoting tourism and business activities in the city cluster.

Kong Yue, deputy general



Passengers, wearing facemasks as a preventive measure against the COVID-19, board a flight to the central Chinese city of Wuhan, at Pudong International Airport in Shanghai on July 14, 2020. AFP

manager of the Daxing airport, expected the country's civil aviation market to usher in a new season from March with the opening of more and more long-distance international air routes.

The two major airports in Beijing expected the number of incoming and outgoing flights to surge 44 percent during the

Spring Festival travel rush compared with the same period a year ago.

China's Spring Festival travel rush kicked off on Jan 7 this year after the country adjusted its COVID-19 response. Spring Festival, or the Chinese Lunar New Year, falls on Jan 22 this year.

It is estimated that 62,000 flights will arrive at or depart from the Beijing Capital International Airport and the Beijing Daxing International Airport during the 40-day-long travel rush, according to the North China Regional Administration of the Civil Aviation Administration of China.

China has eased COVID-related quarantine regulations and lifted restrictions on international flights. The Pudong International Airport on Jan 8 saw the first international inbound flight after China adjusted the epidemic controls. Xinhua

More cooperation urged at Davos amid economic slowdown

DAVOS

GLOBAL cooperation should be accelerated as the world economy slows down sharply, said attendees at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting kicking off Monday in Davos, Switzerland.

The meeting, themed "Cooperation in a Fragmented World," is being held at a time when various challenges threaten world economic recovery, such as the energy crisis, the food crisis, high inflation, interruption of industrial chains, and retreat from globalization, said officials and scholars gathering at the event.

The manifold political, economic, and social forces are creating increased fragmentation on a global and national level, said Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the WEF, ahead of the annual meeting.

One of the root causes of the fragmentation is actually "a lack of cooperation," which in turn "increases fragmentation in society and leads even

more to short-term and self-serving policymaking," said Schwab.

Leslie Maasdrop, vice-president and chief financial officer of BRICS New Development Bank, told Xinhua that it is very important to strengthen globalization and global cooperation, and all countries need to work together to deal with the challenges the global economy is facing.

"We have realized the importance of strengthening multilateral cooperation," without which "you cannot really deal with challenges that are cross borders," he said.

"The world needs global trade," Bob Moritz, global chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), told Xinhua.

"The world is dealing with problems that are not country specific and bounded by geographic borders... We have to rewire the world thinking about how to solve our problems. We have to get all the players at the table," he said.

Latest survey reports have pictured a bleak outlook for the global economy this year.



World Economic Forum founder Klaus Schwab welcomes the guests at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on Monday. AP

Although there are some grounds for optimism, such as easing inflationary pressure, many aspects of the global economic outlook remain gloomy, according to the WEF's survey "Chief Economists Outlook" released on Monday.

Policy-makers continue to confront an array of difficult trade-offs, while households and businesses will need to

adapt to persistent headwinds through 2023, the report said.

Two-thirds of chief economists from private and public sectors expect a global recession in 2023, more than twice as many as in the previous survey in September 2022. However, views are divergent, with a third of respondents considering a global recession to be unlikely this year, it said.

A new PwC survey launched

at the WEF on Monday showed that an overwhelming majority (73 percent) of chief executive officers surveyed expect global economic growth to decline over the next 12 months.

The "PwC Global CEO Survey" also revealed that 40 percent of the CEOs saw inflation as the top global threat, while 31 percent chose macroeconomic volatility, and 25 percent chose geopolitical conflict.

The World Bank Group said in its latest Global Economic Prospects that global economic growth is projected to slow to 1.7 percent in 2023, 1.3 percentage points below the forecast made in June last year, marking its third-weakest pace in nearly three decades.

Global growth has slowed down "to the extent that the global economy is perilously close to falling into recession," the survey showed.

"The crisis facing development is intensifying as the global growth outlook deteriorates," said World Bank Group President David Malpass in the report.

UN envoy urges Yemen's warring parties to use lull for dialogue

UNITED NATIONS

YEMEN'S warring parties should take advantage of the current absence of major fighting to advance peace talks, the top UN official in Yemen told the Security Council on Monday.

UN Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg reported via video link on his ongoing mediation efforts with the Yemeni government and Houthi rebels, also known as Ansar Allah, following their failure last October to extend a landmark truce that lasted six months.

There has also been an intensification of

regional and international efforts to end their eight-year war, which may lead to "a potential step change" in the conflict's trajectory, said the envoy.

"Yemen needs an agreement that includes a shared vision for the way forward, in order to avoid a return to full-blown conflict. I therefore urge the parties to make the most of the space for dialogue provided by the absence of large-scale fighting," he said.

The situation on the ground has remained stable, with no major escalation or changes in frontline positions, Grundberg told the council.

However, some limited military activity continues along frontlines as well as along the border with Saudi Arabia, which has resulted in civilian casualties.

Regarding his mediation efforts, the UN envoy said he has maintained contact with both sides and countries in the region.

Discussions have focused on options to secure agreement on military de-escalation, as well as measures to prevent further economic deterioration, and mitigating the conflict's impact on civilians, he said.

Grundberg cautioned against "short-term measures and a piecemeal approach

that focuses on individual issues."

With this in mind, he has been engaging around a more comprehensive vision and pushing for a ceasefire and the resumption of a political process.

While working towards a shared vision for ending the conflict, it is also essential to break it down into concrete, actionable steps in order to avert potential challenges and delays in implementation, he said.

"Ultimately any set of steps should be geared towards facilitating an inclusive Yemeni-led process under UN auspices for sustainably resolving the conflict," he added.

Xinhua



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China's rural areas strengthen COVID response as Spring Festival draws near

HEFEI

WITH Spring Festival around the corner, China's vast rural areas are making all-out efforts to counter potential challenges in COVID-19 control as people return to their hometowns.

A slew of measures has been implemented and resources have been mobilized to prevent infections and strengthen medical capacities across the countryside to ensure that long-awaited family reunions are joyful and safe.

CURBING VIRUS SPREAD

This year's Spring Festival, or Lunar New Year, falls on Jan. 22. An optimized COVID response has brought about the busiest travel rush in three years, with 2.1 billion passenger trips expected to be made from Jan. 7 to Feb. 15, according to the Ministry of Transport.

With regards to COVID containment amid mass migration, a rural response task force under the State Council issued a letter to rural residents in early January, calling for improved health and hygiene awareness, reduced gatherings, among others, during the holiday.

Shouxian County in east China's Anhui Province expects to see approximately 220,000 people return home, many from densely populated regions such as Shanghai and Zhejiang, where infections have already peaked.

In order to keep the virus away from high-risk groups, "we suggest that people returning home take personal protection measures on their journeys, reduce contact with the elderly and children, and avoid crowds in rural areas," said Ma Keyi, an official with the county's health commission.

The county government has also advised people to register with their villages or communities after their arrival, so that local doctors are able to provide timely medical services if needed.

BOOSTING RURAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES

China has made rural areas a focal point in the country's current COVID response, with priority given to the supply of medicines.

The State Council inter-agency task force for COVID-19 response has established a system for coordinating the supply of drugs and other key medical supplies on a daily basis, said Nie Chunlei, an official from the National Health Commission (NHC).

He also noted that competent government departments have rolled out policies to help relevant enterprises expand their capacities, accelerate drug production, and better coordinate supply and demand.

"We are working at full steam to guarantee the medicine demand of primary-level medical institutions, especially township health centers," said Zhao Tianshan from Longxi Efang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, which specializes in producing TCM formula granules in northwest China's Gansu Province.

At a press conference on Saturday, NHC official Jiao Yahui said that monitoring has shown that supplies of drugs in township health centers have seen continuous improvement.

Grassroots medical institutions are now also better equipped. A total of 1.17 million finger pulse oximeters have been distributed to village clinics across the coun-



Doctor Dong Xiuqin (R) hands over a health kit to villagers in Lingzishang Village of Fengnan District, Tangshan, north China's Hebei Province, Jan. 11, 2023. (Xinhua/Mu Yu)

try, according to Jiao.

In Shouxian County in Anhui, every village clinic has received two finger pulse oximeters, which help doctors identify severe COVID-19 cases at an early stage. And 56 oxygen generators and 243 oxygen tanks have been distributed to the county's 25 township health centers.

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS MEDICAL CAPACITY

In the COVID fight, grassroots health workers and institutions have played vital roles in providing timely, convenient and tiered medical services in rural areas.

Village doctor Tao Junhong, 26, has won the hearts and trust of residents of Dadi Village in Puding County, southwest China's Guizhou Province. He is often affectionately referred to as the village's "Little Doctor."

"Our 'Little Doctor' often pays home visits to resolve our health problems, and he helps me

take care of my husband, who suffered a stroke years ago," said Wang Jingzhen, whose 71-year-old husband has just recovered from a fever and coughing.

For over a month, the Puding County People's Hospital has been sending a four-person roving medical team to visit township health centers and village clinics, where they determine local medical treatment needs and offer support.

Central health authorities have ordered counties and townships to prepare standby vehicles to transport severe patients to upper-level hospitals as quickly as possible.

In Anhui's Shouxian County, about 50 standby vehicles have been mobilized. "I have a van, so I help transport patients when all the ambulances are busy. I have made over 50 trips since mid-December," said Zhang Wu, who signed a contract with the local government that will last until May.

To brace for a potential wave of infections, Shouxian has recently added 1,055 hospital beds to its medical system. About 61 percent of the county's approximately 4,000 hospital beds are currently occupied, according to the Shouxian health commission.

Nationwide, tier-three hospitals in urban areas have been directed to establish 24-hour telemedicine service connections with county hospitals.

Tier-three hospitals rank at the top of China's hospital grading system.

These hospitals have also been ordered to dispatch medical personnel to county hospitals to assist during special periods, including the Spring Festival holiday, according to Jiao from the NHC.

Xinhua



Russian forces control all high-rise buildings in Maryinka, says Donetsk leader

MOSCOW

ALL high-rise buildings in the city of Maryinka west of Donetsk are controlled by Russian forces and the city is expected to be liberated from Ukrainian occupation soon, Acting Head of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Denis Pushilin said yesterday.

"As for the very city of Maryinka, all high-rise buildings have been cleared and are controlled by our forces. We can see the achievements of our troops who are mopping up the area meter by meter. We expect Maryinka to come under full control of the Donetsk People's Republic in the near future," he told the Rossiya-24 TV channel.

Pushilin said last week that Maryinka was largely controlled by Russian forces but Ukrainian troops had managed to gain a foothold in a residential area in the city's outskirts.

He explained that the Armed Forces of Ukraine had been building strong defenses in Maryinka for eight years, creating numerous firing points, trenches and ditches both along residential buildings and beneath them.

The DPR leader also noted that taking control of the city would open the road to Krasnogorovka from where Ukrainian troops were shelling Donetsk.

The DPR People's Militia, in turn, specified that the liberation of Maryinka would put Alexandrovka, the Petrovsky and Tekstilshchik districts of Donetsk out of reach from Ukrainian shelling attacks.

Agencies

IAEA establishes mission at Ukraine's nuclear plant

MOSCOW/KYIV/ANKARA/ZAGREB

THE International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) established the support and assistance mission at the Pivdenoukrainsk nuclear power plant (NPP) in southern Ukraine, IAEA Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi said on Monday.

"We are here to stay to help ensure nuclear safety and security during ongoing conflict," Grossi tweeted after the flag-raising ceremony at the plant.

Soon, the IAEA will be permanently present at all Ukrainian NPPs, Grossi said.

Separately, Ukraine is set to receive 3 billion euros (\$3.25 billion) from the European Union this week as a part of fresh financial aid, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

Shmyhal wrote on Telegram that Ukraine and the EU signed a memorandum of understanding for the macro-financial program for Kyiv worth 18 billion euros.

The funds will help Ukraine to maintain macroeconomic stability and cover all critical expenses this year amid the conflict with Russia, Shmyhal said.

In 2022, Ukraine received \$32.1 billion in international aid, with \$8 billion of the funds coming from the EU, according to the country's central bank.

In another development, visiting chairman-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Bujar Osman called for the immediate return of the organization's field mission to Ukraine.

"The mission would make a big difference on the ground promoting stability, security and human rights for all citizens," Osman tweeted after his meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

'West's arms deepen conflict'

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Pes-



A file photo taken on Sept 20, 2022 shows the Pivdenoukrainsk nuclear plant in Yuzhnoukrainsk, Ukraine. AFP

kov told a daily briefing that supplies of Western heavy armored vehicles, including Britain's Challenger 2 tanks, to Ukraine are not likely to change the situation on the battlefield.

The arms supplies will only prolong the crisis and the Western countries simply use Ukraine as a tool to achieve their anti-Russian goals, he stressed.

The Russian Armed Forces do not strike residential buildings or civilian infrastructure but military targets in Ukraine, Peskov noted.

He denied that the Russian forces caused the deadly collapse of a residential building in the central Ukrainian city of Dnipro last week, saying that it was destroyed by Kyiv's interceptor missile.

Escort German military plane Meanwhile, the Russian Defense Ministry said a Russian fighter jet was scrambled to accompany a German patrol plane over the Baltic Sea.

Russian airspace control detected a target approaching the Russian state border over the Baltic Sea and a Su-27 fighter took off in response, the ministry said in a statement.

After identifying the object as a P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft of the German Navy,

the Russian crew escorted the plane until it flew away from the Russian state border, the statement showed.

The escort mission was carried out in strict accordance with international rules for the use of airspace over neutral waters, the statement added.

Grain deal

Also on Monday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin discussed the grain deal and Ankara's efforts to mediate between Kyiv and Moscow, the Turkish presidency said in a statement.

In a phone conversation, the two leaders discussed the "grain corridor and the export of ammonia, as well as concrete steps to produce flour in Türkiye from the Russian grain and send them to the African countries in need," according to the statement.

Erdogan reiterated that Ankara was "ready to undertake the task of facilitating and mediating for the achievement of a lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine."

In July last year, Russia and Ukraine separately signed a document in Istanbul with Türkiye and the United Nations on

grain and fertilizer exports from Ukraine and Russia to ensure supplies to global markets amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Türkiye has been acting as a mediator between Russia and Ukraine since their conflict broke out in February 2022.

Türkiye has proposed recently that Russia and Ukraine establish a humanitarian corridor mechanism through Istanbul for the swap of injured soldiers and civilians trapped on the battlefield, local media reported.

'Proxy war'

Croatian President Zoran Milanovic has said that the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are engaged in a proxy war against Russia through Ukraine, Croatian media reported.

"Washington and NATO are waging a proxy war against Russia through Ukraine," Milanovic was quoted as saying while addressing a conference in the eastern city of Vukovar on Sunday.

In addition, Milanovic slammed Western sanctions against Russia.

"The plan should not be about removing (Russian President Vladimir) Putin. The plan should not be about sanctions. Sanctions are absurd and we can achieve nothing using them," Milanovic said, adding that the US and NATO "are shifting from one war to another."

The decision on the training of Ukrainian soldiers or any involvement in the Russia-Ukraine conflict should be the choice of Croatia, instead of being imposed on by the bigger powers, Milanovic said.

"What should we be? American slaves?" He questioned.

Milanovic has repeatedly voiced his opposition to Croatia's participation in the training of Ukrainian soldiers, claiming that it was "legally doubtful."

Xinhua

Cleanup at Congo church begins after blast kills 14

BENI

THE atmosphere at the Pentecostal church in the city of Kasindi in eastern Congo was upbeat on Sunday as hundreds gathered for a series of baptisms. The congregation swelled beyond capacity, forcing organisers to move the service outside.

Then, about 10 minutes in, a blast rocked the courtyard where worshippers had gathered, three witnesses told Reuters on Monday. Dozens were wounded with burns and cuts from flying debris. Fourteen died, army spokesman Anthony Mwalushayi said on Monday.

"We were listening to the preacher when we heard a loud blast, it threw us to the ground," Aline Pauni told Reuters from the bed of a nearby clinic where her burned feet were wrapped in bandages.

The attack was the latest against civilians by Islamist insurgents that roam eastern Congo and have killed thousands of villagers since 2014.

Islamic State claimed responsibility on Sunday. The army blamed the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan militant

group that pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in 2019. The militant group could not be reached for comment and did not claim responsibility for the bombing.

Cleanup efforts were underway on Monday. A small crater marked the centre of the blast site. A charred pair of trainers and pieces of ripped tin roof were scattered amid mangled plastic chairs and wooden pews. Health workers took away the dead in coffins that they placed in the bed of a pick-up truck.

Kasindi is in a province where Congolese and Ugandan forces have launched a campaign against the ADF, which began as an uprising in Uganda but has been based in Congo since the late 1990s.

"We beg the authorities to bring us security so such acts do not happen again," Paluku Kivugha, a relative of one of the dead, told Reuters. "Every time there are large groups of people there are risks."



The scene of a suicide bombing at the Eglise CEPAC (CEPAC Church) that killed dozens of people in an attack claimed by the Islamic State, in Kasindi, Democratic Republic of Congo on Monday. REUTERS

SPORT

Zanzibar government reaffirms commitment to backing sports

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has reaffirmed its commitment to backing sports development in the Isles.

The affirmation was made on Sunday by Kikwajuni Member of Parliament Nassor Salum Aljazeera at the end of this year's edition of the Mapinduzi Squash tournament, which took place in Zanzibar last weekend.

Aljazeera said the government is ready to support all sporting activities in the Isles and hailed the Zanzibar Squash and Racquet Association (ZSRA) for inviting foreign players to the tournament.

The MP revealed: "We are happy with the efforts which the squash association is making in developing the sport in the Isles."

"We will continue working with them and we want to see many foreign players compete in the Mapinduzi Squash Tournament next year, we will support you," he said.

Kenyan James Dadadi emerged as the champion of the Mapinduzi Squash tournament which took place at Maisara Fitness Squash Club bringing together more than 30 local and international players.

The Kenyan beat Zambian Samuel Kalele 3-0 and went home with 600,000/- in cash prize while Kalele was awarded 400,000/-.

Nassor Salum, ZSRA secretary-general, thanked the government for its commitment to supporting squash in the Isles and promised that next year the showdown will be more competitive.

The tournament attracted players from Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, as well as Mainland Tanzania and hosts Zanzibar.

In the quarterfinals, Enos Mwale beat Preston Martins 3-0, Dadadi beat Marwa Busigara 3-0, and other quarterfinal encounters ended with Saleh Juma cruising to a 3-0 victory against Salum and Kalele walloping Kagera Toda 3-0.

In the semi-finals, Kalele beat Juma 3-0 and Dadadi outclassed Mwale 3-2. The stage's winners went home with 200,000/- apiece.

The Mapinduzi Squash tournament is primarily held as part of celebrations for the Zanzibar Revolution.

Last year, ZSRA disclosed that they have lined up several activities which will help to relaunch the game in the country.



Kenyan squash player James Dadadi, the winner of the 2023 Mapinduzi Squash tournament, is pictured after the showdown's completion in Zanzibar last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ZANZIBAR SQUASH AND RACQUET ASSOCIATION

Kenyan player wins Mapinduzi Squash tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

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The other quarterfinal matches ended with

Saleh Juma cruising to a 3-0 win over Salum, whereas Salum Kalele won 3-0 against Kagera Toda.

In the semi-finals, Kalele beat Saleh Juma 3-0 whilst Dadadi outclassed Mwale 3-2.

Salum thanked the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar for supporting the tournament and also expressed appreciation to the players for playing well.

"We are grateful to the government of Zanzibar for the support and also all players who took part in this competition," the official noted.

"This tournament has been a success because of the support we get from the government and the players who come in large numbers," he said.

The Mapinduzi Squash tournament is primarily held as part of celebrations for the Zanzibar Revolution.

Last year, ZSRA leaders disclosed that they have lined up several activities which will help to relaunch the game in the country.

Circulating fading regional players and local 'big stars'

By Correspondent John Kimbute

REGISTRATION has come to an end in the short window and plenty has been done - and is being said - on who went where, why, when, and how.

Quite a few registrations proved a surprise to the fan base and somewhat confusing for pundits, but in the final analysis, all registration is an investment in the number of players available.

In that case, there is a clear difference between strategic registrations like the contested shift of erstwhile top midfielder Feisal Salum, turning out for Young Africans SC alias 'Yanga', to Azam FC, and adding available players as in many others.

It can therefore be said that each registration can be placed under either of the typologies, as a real strategic registration, minor strategic registration, or auxiliary registration for instance to cover the gap for injured players still registered with the club side.

What can be debated is whether any registration lacks a strategic aspect completely, that it is meant to fill a yawning gap and nothing is expected of such a player in the short or medium term.

That is debatable as in playing, just as in coaching, failure in one club doesn't mean that the player is discarded.

In that sense those who recruit players often have reasons to believe that the fading stars can still put up a good amount of effort, and depending on techniques used by the coach, he can figure out what skills the player shows and where they can be used.

At times a chancy pick for instance of a player who is out of contract proves to be a remarkable signing, for instance, the way the London side Chelsea FC registered Edouard Mendy when he was a free player.

He was key to clinching the UEFA Champions League and with Senegal, the African Nations Cup.

While it is expected that a player should be able to deliver under any coach, it remains a fact that a player may fail due to techniques adopted by the coach, and, in several instances, a coach may be terminated for failing to fruitfully use a key player.

Even the new Simba SC head coach was rumoured to fail to fit midfielder Clatus Chama in the tactician's manner of play,



Yanga's midfielder, Feisal Salum, and instead opted to take up Chama's playing method for the basic pattern.

It is easy to see that a team can drop a coach at any moment but can't drop its best player(s) at any moment.

In that sense registering players like picking a coach is finally a game of chess, an adverse game with two unknowns, namely how well the person being recruited is good in the first place and how far the skills he disposes of, or the level of such skills, can help the club.

The key determinant is the price, namely that a club has limited amounts of money to spend at any given period, and only rarely can it make strategic registration decisions, one designed to make a difference to the club.

And even then it doesn't mean they will get an excellent pick for first having to be available, either because he is lowly paid or can't get a regular number.

Such instances are galore, for instance how Sadio Mane shifted from Liverpool to Bayern Munich for reasons that are similar to those of Feisal Salum, being lowly paid for the sort of contribution he makes to the team's profile and success.

Similar to Yanga, Liverpool did not struggle to make a new offer because it would rattle the team; it means restructuring the pay scales anew, an exercise that is unfeasible.

It is more practical to look for a player in the market who can be signed at that level, even if finally he may not be altogether different.

The financial aspect is essential in figuring out who a club can sign and to fill what gap in the team, for instance, if Feisal Salum is leaving someone else might just step into his position and the game is slightly reorganized.

Reports that head coach Nasreddine Nabi told club leaders he needs Salum were something of a public relations stunt, as he knows that the club is putting up a sullen face of desperately wishing to hold on to the player in an unrealistic manner, but as a club employee, he sings the tune as well. It is solidarity, if unprofessional.

Looking at the kind of registration that has been taking place it concurs with the Salum issue from a different angle, as to desperately expecting a player who is well above 30 years of age and has played for five or six Premier League sides (and failed) can be expected to deliver.

Yanga was saying that even in the mood that he is engrossed at present, Salum can still be available to them as a big star, clinging to the name and expecting the best to happen.

It reflects the lack of youthful players being impressive enough, though no one can say we lack them at all, for some reason coaches seek out 'has beens' instead of promoting youths.



Dar es Salaam's wheelchair basketball players showcase their virtuosity in a training session at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's courts in the city on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Nyasa Big Bullets FC set to face Simba SC, Yanga in friendlies

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MALAWI's Nyasa Big Bullets FC is exploring the possibility of inviting teams from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Tanzania for the 2023 International Pre-Season Tournament slated for March 3-5 at Kamuzu Stadium.

Initially, Bullets had invited Zimbabwe football giants Dynamos to take part in the tournament.

However, Dynamos are ineligible to participate in an international tournament due to FIFA sanctions imposed on the

Zimbabwean FA.

Nyasa Big Bullets FC Chief Administrative Officer Albert Chigoga confirmed having been advised by the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) not to invite teams from Zimbabwe.

"We are looking elsewhere, and negotiations are ongoing," he said.

Gomezgani, FAM Competitions and Communications Director, said they stopped the Bullets from inviting Dynamos for the tournament due to the international ban.

The FAM leader noted: "Any FIFA affiliate

under the ban cannot take part in any football-related matter, either a friendly or competitive match."

"Zimbabwe is still banned by FIFA, and Dynamos is an affiliate of ZIFA, which is also banned," he said.

The development has forced Bullets to cast their net wider. Meanwhile, Chigoga said discussions were underway with several teams, including Tanzanian and DR Congo teams.

"We understand the situation of Zimbabwean football, so we are looking at several options within the region," Chigoga

said.

However, Chigoga kept a tight lid on the identities of the teams from the DRC and Tanzania.

Former CAF Champions League winners, TP Mazembe, and AS Vita are strong teams from the DRC, whereas Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC come from Tanzania.

Simba SC however is currently in Dubai for pre-season. The tournament is expected to attract four teams.

Mighty Mukuru Wanderers have already confirmed their participation in the tournament, whereas Mozambique's UD

Songo has yet to confirm.

Last week, Dynamos confirmed that they would use the tournament to prepare for the new season.

However, Dynamos spokesperson Tinashe Farawo was not readily available yesterday to comment on the new twist.

The tournament returns this year after a two-year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chicken Inn FC from Zimbabwe won the 2019 edition at Kamuzu Stadium after beating Wanderers, UD Songo, and hosts Nyasa Big Bullets FC.

Mudryk signs for Chelsea in \$108m deal on 8 1/2-year deal

LONDON

PSG slip-ups give glimmer of hope to Ligue 1 rivals

PARIS

COULD there actually be a title race in France this season? That is the question being asked after Paris Saint-Germain slumped to a second defeat of 2023 on Sunday to give hope to their rivals at the halfway stage of the campaign.

At the start of the season the question was whether the PSG of Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar could go the whole campaign undefeated in the league.

They duly went unbeaten through their first 16 games but that run was ended when they came up against their nearest challengers Lens on New Year's Day.

With Messi still taking a post-World Cup break, PSG were blown away in an intimidating atmosphere in France's far north and lost that game 3-1.

On Sunday they suffered a second straight defeat on the road, losing 1-0 at Champions League chasers Rennes despite fielding Messi, Mbappe and Neymar together for the first time since the World Cup.

Lens and Rennes are two of the best-run clubs in France and two of the strongest teams at home, so losing against these opponents is no disgrace.

But it is the manner in which PSG have been beaten that is a cause for concern for coach Christophe Galtier.

His team are yet to rediscover the form they enjoyed before the season paused for the World Cup.

Now a crunch Champions League last-16 tie against Bayern Munich is on the horizon – the first leg in Paris is on February 14.

"If it is a question of time then it is urgent. We can find a thousand excuses, our players were scattered all over the place for weeks. But the World Cup is finished now," Galtier said after Sunday's game.

PSG's season will ultimately be defined by what happens in Europe, and another exit from the Cham-

pions League in the last 16 against Bayern – a year after they went out to Real Madrid at the same stage – could be very costly for Galtier.

But a deep run in Europe may make them more likely to drop points in Ligue 1, like in 2021 when they reached the Champions League semi-finals and missed out on the domestic title to Lille.

That was just the third season since the Qatari takeover of 2011 in which they have not finished as champions.

- Lens and Marseille give chase -
Halfway through this campaign, PSG are three points clear of Lens and five ahead of Marseille, who they still have to play away from home.

Lens, whose only league title to date came in 1998, have been outstanding this season under coach Franck Haise and have won 10 in a row at their rocking Stade Bollaert, where packed crowds of 38,000 are greater than the population of the town itself.

Steeped in the working-class tradition of a coal-mining region, Lens is a world away from the bright lights and glamour of Paris.

The club has a modest budget and they were forced to sell several key players in the last close season, but they are a shining example for other mid-ranking French sides of what can be achieved.

Meanwhile Marseille have put a painful exit from the Champions League in early November behind them and have won all six league games played since then.

Under Croatian coach Igor Tudor, they played with a level of intensity and urgency in their weekend win over Lorient that was in stark contrast to PSG.

They already have more points than when Marcelo Bielsa's thrilling Marseille side topped the table halfway through the 2014/15 season before ultimately falling away.

"We have 42 points but we are only third," Tudor said.

"That means two other teams are doing great work. We are halfway through a marathon and we will see who can keep it going."

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'Football Leaks' trial ends with whistleblower facing April verdict

LISBON

THE trial of the whistleblower behind the 'Football Leaks' revelations, a 34-year-old Portuguese man accused of hacking and attempted extortion, concluded in Lisbon on Monday, with the court due to deliver its verdict on April 28.

"I am fully aware of having committed illegalities," defendant Rui Pinto told the judges at the end of the hearing of a trial which opened more than two years ago.

The documents unveiled by 'Football Leaks' from the end of 2015 have brought to light dubious football business practices involving famous players and clubs, leading to tax adjustments and the opening of legal proceedings in several European countries.

Pinto was being tried for 89 hacking offences, which he allegedly committed against the investment fund Doyen Sports, Sporting Lisbon, the Portuguese Football Federation, a law firm and magistrates of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic.

He was also on trial for attempted extortion.

The prosecution argued that Pinto tried to blackmail Nelio Lucas, the boss of Doyen, which is based in Malta and controlled by a family of Kazakh-Turkish oligarchs, by demanding between 500,000 and one million euros to stop him publishing compromising documents on the Internet.

He then leaked documents in 2015. They were published in Germany's Der Spiegel and other European outlets and sparked criminal investigations in countries including Britain and France.

"There is no doubt that he is a whistleblower" and not "a computer criminal", his lawyer Francisco Teixeira da Mota pleaded on Monday, stressing that his client had "never earned a penny" from his activity.

Pinto confessed to hacking and regretted his behaviour towards Doyen Sports prompting his lawyer to say: "I was not going to plead acquittal, it wouldn't make sense. A suspended prison sentence would be sufficient."

The public prosecutor, who did not recognise his status as a whistleblower, call for a conviction without specifying whether he should receive a custodial sentence.

Pinto spent more than a year in pre-trial detention following his arrest in Hungary in January 2019 before agreeing to cooperate with authorities in other cases, becoming both a defendant and a protected witness.

Pinto was also behind the "Lugada Leaks", published in January 2020 accusing Angolan businesswoman Isabel dos Santos, daughter of former president Jose Eduardo dos Santos, of fraudulently accumulating a fortune estimated at almost 2 billion euros.

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Barca's young stars hoping Super Cup trophy is first of 'new era'

BARCELONA

BARCELONA's young players, led by teenage sensation Gavi, were at the heart of the club's first trophy for nearly two years as they thumped rivals Real Madrid in the Spanish Super Cup.

Gavi, 18, scored and fashioned two more in their 3-1 victory on Sunday, including one for 20-year-old Pedri, while defender Ronald Araujo shackled Vinicius Junior and Alejandro Balde excelled on the other flank.

"A new era has started," yelled an ecstatic Araujo as he ran back to the dressing room with his medal, after wild celebrations on the pitch in Saudi Arabia.

The ushering in of a new start for Barcelona is the club's fervent hope, after they lifted their first trophy in the 21st century without Lionel Messi being part of the squad.

When the Argentine icon left for Paris Saint-Germain in 2021 after spending his whole career at the club, it shook Barca and the football world.

Deluged by debt, the Catalans spent big in the summer, a spree funded by mortgaging part of their future television income, among other methods.

They signed Robert Lewandowski, who also netted against Madrid in the Super Cup triumph in Saudi Arabia, as well as Jules Kounde and Raphinha among others.

Gradually the Barcelona team which conquered Europe in 2009, 2011 and 2015 is being dismantled, with only a couple of veterans remaining.

Xavi was one of the first to depart, leaving on top of the world after winning the treble in 2015, and now he has been working on reshaping a club which president Joan Laporta said was "almost dead" when he took over.

There is a young core to Xavi's team, with Gavi and Pedri key to



Barcelona players celebrate with a trophy after they won the final of the Spanish Super Cup between Barcelona and Real Madrid in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Jan. 16, 2023. (Agencies)

the reshaped midfield, while Araujo and Kounde are in their early 20s.

Balde, 19, has displaced veteran Jordi Alba at left-back more often than not this season, while hopes Ansu Fati can become the team's star still remain.

The 20-year-old forward scored a stellar volley against Real Betis in the Spanish Super Cup semi-final on Thursday, and is still rebuilding his game and his form after serious injuries.

- 'Present and future' -
Gavi was particularly devastating against Real Madrid, operating from the left but coming inside to help Barcelona dominate the midfield.

Madrid defender Dani Carvajal was totally overwhelmed by the combination of the midfielder and Balde on the left wing.

"When you see (Gavi) compete like that, putting his soul out there, he's a character that is contagious for the team, he has an innate capacity for leadership," said Xavi.

"It comes from inside, it's spectacular. At 18, I have said it many times, but don't let it stop, he has no ceiling this boy."

Busquets labelled Gavi a "competitive animal" while Laporta heaped praise on both him and Pedri.

"They are two players with both a present and a lot of future," enthused Laporta.

"They can give Barca glorious games and win many titles. Pedri is a magician and Gavi is spectacular, the energy he has in every game and now with more patience, and goals."

A month ago Xavi said both

Gavi and Pedri were better than he and former team-mate Andres Iniesta were at the same age.

"When Andres and I were 20, we weren't at the level they are now," said Xavi in January.

"(And) Balde's potential is marvelous, he will be Barca's full-back for the next fifteen years."

Barcelona celebrated the win joyously at the King Fahd International Stadium and later, singing songs and dancing in the dressing room.

"It's a Clasico and a final, we celebrated it to the max," Gavi told reporters.

"A title with Barca is something that I have been desiring since I made my debut."

Barcelona -- who are three points ahead of Real at the top of La Liga -- are hoping it is the first piece of silverware of many, and the start of the new era heralded by Araujo.

AFP

Klopp searches for solutions to Liverpool 'low point'

LONDON

EIGHT months after Liverpool came within touching distance of an unprecedented quadruple, Reds boss Jurgen Klopp is battling to save his side's troubled season from imploding.

Klopp's men crashed to a dismal 3-0 defeat at Brighton on Saturday that left them languishing in ninth place in the Premier League and added to the soul-searching at Anfield.

AFP Sport looks at the reasons for the malaise ahead of Liverpool's FA Cup third-round replay at Wolves on Tuesday.

Quadruple bid takes a toll

Liverpool's pursuit of four trophies last season ultimately ended in frustration after Manchester City piped them to the title and Real Madrid won the Champions League final.

And the cost of that epic history bid, which brought Liverpool victories in the FA and League Cup finals, is still being felt this season.

Klopp admitted on Friday that Liverpool have showed signs of being mentally and physically exhausted after last season's 63-game campaign, in which the Reds played every possible fixture in all four competitions.

"It must have (had an effect). We can say that now," Klopp said when asked about Liverpool's fatigue.

"There was no book written about it, there was no data about it, because nobody played that many games before."

The most visible sign of the debilitating effect of Liverpool's marathon season has been in the Anfield treatment room -- crammed with injured stars throughout this term.

Klopp's forward line for the match at Brighton was missing a host of stars with Luis Diaz, Diogo Jota, Darwin Nunez and Roberto Firmino all absent, while centre-back Virgil van Dijk was also sidelined.

Ageing midfield



Jurgen Klopp

Klopp's desire for a frenetic game-plan based on relentlessly pressing Liverpool's opponents into submission is best suited to a midfield packed with energetic workaholics.

For most of his reign at Liverpool that is exactly what he got from Jordan Henderson, Fabinho and James Milner as his "heavy metal" philosophy delivered Premier League and Champions League glory.

Now, however, Liverpool are beginning to pay the price for failing to freshen up a midfield that is showing its age.

Henderson (32), Milner (37), Thiago Alcantara (31) and Fabinho (29) are unable to consistently carry out

Klopp's demands, while the younger Naby Keita and Curtis Jones have been sidelined by injuries.

"It's a real low point for us as a team," Liverpool captain Henderson said. "We are low on confidence. You can see that when we're playing, the energy levels are low. We need to stay together."

Missing Mane

Sadio Mane's value to Liverpool was never in doubt but it is still surprising how much the Senegal star has been missed since joining Bayern Munich last year.

With Mane roaming across Liverpool's front line there was more than one dangerman for opponents to focus on, allowing acres

of space for Mohamed Salah to exploit.

Mane's lethal finishing, creativity and work-rate made him indispensable and Klopp has yet to replace his output despite bringing in Luis Diaz, Darwin Nunez and Cody Gakpo in the past 12 months.

Netherlands forward Gakpo arrived from PSV Eindhoven earlier this month despite interest from Manchester United after shining at the World Cup.

The 23-year-old is without a goal in his first two appearances, but Klopp will hope he can fill Mane's boots in time.

Trouble at the top

Klopp has been coy when asked about the impact of the Fenway Sports Group's decision to put Liverpool up for sale in November, but there is no doubt the potential for a boardroom change has created uncertainty at Anfield.

Although US-based FSG sanctioned Klopp's £40 million (\$48 million) move for Gakpo, it was notable that the German has quietly grumbled about Liverpool's transfer investment compared with their main Premier League rivals.

Klopp reportedly wanted Aurelien Tchouameni in the close season but the France midfielder went to Real Madrid instead, while Borussia Dortmund's England star Jude Bellingham is understood to be another top target.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Barca's young stars hoping Super Cup trophy is first of 'new era'

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Yanga's goal-getter Kennedy Musonda (2nd L) seeks to beat Ihefu SC players when the clubs took on each other in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel that took place in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Ihefu SC made Yanga work hard for the win, says Nabi

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AFTER defeating Ihefu SC 1-0 in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, Young Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabi said that he is happy with the results as they came after battling it out with a strong team.

The defending champions took all three points from the Monday night clash courtesy of a lone goal netted by attacker Fiston Mayele.

Coach Zubeir Katwila's side made it tough for Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, keeping the game goalless until the 64th minute when the visitors were made to pay for a goalkeeping howler.

Speaking to the press after the match, Nabi spoke about how Ihefu SC made it difficult and praised them for a good performance but also lauded his players' commitment and resilience to dig out a hard-fought victory at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The gaffer revealed: "Congratulations to the opposing team and its staff because frankly, they had a very good performance today, they improved a lot and were good."

Nabi disclosed: "I also thank all my players who did well and gave everything for the match. I am very happy with their attitude, sense of responsibility, and love for the club."

The gaffer pointed out: "We found it difficult because we encountered a team that was physically ready, and you should know that we too are coming back from a league break."

"I don't like a lot of games that come directly after the break. I'm not going to complain saying that I have many games, there is no sense in that."

"I trust the players who are present and there were changes in the team, that is to say, there are two new players."

"The way of playing was based on the qualities of the players who were there but unfortunately it's the other players who we missed that could have made a difference in the final decisions around 18 meters."

Nabi noted: "That's why opportunities didn't materialize in the first half. At half-time, I told my players to stay calm and content and not to get frustrated and I think with the energy that Ihefu SC footballers were using they were going to get tired and allow us opportunities."

The gaffer stated: "The substitution of three players brought us freshness and physical impact in front of us which helped us to create more chances."

The results have moved Yanga nine points clear at the top of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League having played one more game than second-placed Simba SC.

The table leaders are set to take on Ruwu Shooting on Saturday before turning their attention to the Azam Sports Federation Cup with a fourth-round tie against Championship League side Rhino Rangers to be played in Dar es Salaam on January 28.

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Dar to host swimming course next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AGNES Swimming Foundation (ASF) will, at the end of next month, organize a swimming, life-saving, and diving skills course in Dar es Salaam.

Agnes Kimimba, the ASF Director, said the course will be in two modules, practical and theory.

She stated that theory will take place at various secondary schools and primary schools in Dar es Salaam while practical lessons will take place at Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial College (Navy Beach) and Mwalimu Nyerere Bridge (Vijibweni).

She said the targeted participants are students, pupils, mothers, young people, and children as they are the main victims of water calamities.

According to Agnes, the course will also be used to identify new swimmers who will master diving and life-saving skills as a source of living.

"It will be a four-week continuous course, each intake will have 200 participants, it will be in both practical and theory and all participants will be awarded certificates of attendance, we will also teach beginners how to swim," she said.

Agnes said registration for the course will start soon, adding the course is in line with the foundation's missions of dedicating to nurturing and advancement of hidden skills, training the community on general water skills and life-saving skills that will enable trainees to either rescue or survive from water dangers.

The ASF is one of the leading agencies which promote, life-saving, swimming, and diving courses.

Other ASF aims are educating the community and bringing awareness of life-saving skills.

Organizing regular swimming events for different group categories and acting as legal representatives (hence agents) for professional sports figures such as athletes and coaches are moreover the foundation's motives.

The foundation further aims to include procuring and negotiating employment and endorsement contracts for the athletes and coaches or any other professional figures in water sports industry activities.

It moreover aims to provide the opportunity for young boys and girls to be inventive and creative in water sports activities.

Participating in designing water sports or activities including publicizing, promoting, and organizing events, and providing an outlet for advanced participation and competition in water sports are also in the foundation's plans.

The ASF further deals with all aspects of swimming industry clients' finances from investments to all aspects of financial management and identifies barriers and challenges to water sports promotion in various communities.

All eyes on Robertinho's Simba SC debut against Mbeya City FC



Simba SC players participate in training in Dubai recently to prepare for the 2022/23 NBC Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ROBERTO Oliviera, alias 'Robertinho', will be desperate to get off to a winning start in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League as Simba SC boss and will fancy his chances against Mbeya City FC whose form has taken a nosedive since a promising start to the season.

The Brazilian took charge for the first time in Simba SC's two friendlies played in Dubai and it was quite the introduction, with a 1-0 defeat to Al Dhafra followed by a pulsating 2-2 draw with Russian Premier League giants, CSKA Moscow.

Robertinho certainly has the credentials to keep Simba SC in the title race, having won Premier League titles with Rwanda's Rayon Sports and Uganda's Vipers SC last season.

With 19 games in the books, Simba SC finds itself sitting second in the NBC Premier League table - nine points behind table leaders Yanga.

It is going to be an important match for Simba SC, as they need to keep within touching distance of Yanga.

They cannot afford to drop points in home matches against bottom-half teams. Robertinho will understand the importance of being clinical and maintaining a good home record.

With center-back Henock Inonga sidelined with an injury, Joash Onyango and Mohamed Ouattara should pair up in front of keeper Aishi Manula.

Fullbacks Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein both started against CSKA Moscow and are seemingly guaranteed to hold their spots here - the same can be said for Sadio Kanoute in the middle of the park.

Midfielder Mzamiru Yassin who came in the second against CSKA Moscow should also retain his spots in the engine room, keeping Jonas Mkude and Erasto Nyoni at bay.

After a slow start to the season, forward John Bocco has been performing better in recent weeks and he is finding his stride in front of the goal.

With fellow attacker Moses Phiri still

sidelined, Bocco will be the go-to guy for goals though Habib Kyombo, who bagged a brace against CSKA Moscow, could get the nod.

As for Mbeya City FC, a 6-1 loss to Azam FC, made it three ten games in a row without a win for the former so head coach Abdallah Mubiru desperately needs a win to get the outfit's disgruntled fans back on the side.

There was optimism after an impressive start which saw the side rise as high as second place.

However, the side has looked stale and has not carried the attacking threat required to win matches.

Mubiru is an experienced coach, who should be able to breathe life into the playing squad.

Striker Sixtus Sabilo has faded away however, he remains one of Mbeya City FC's biggest goal threats.

This season, he has contributed seven goals and five assists in the league, therefore, he will want to prove his doubters wrong with another goal involvement.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
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17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
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