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763 youths finish BBT agro-training

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ENGAGING groups of youth to take up agriculture and livestock keeping at a high productivity level has succeeded, the government has declared.

Hussein Bashe (pictured), the Agriculture minister, said at a press briefing yesterday that 763 youths who were enrolled in the youth initiative for agriculture programme have completed their training and await being handed farms to pursue production activities.

The efforts are part of the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) with the initiative as its key component, with the minister asserting that with this group of youths, the initiative had been realised by upwards of 97 per cent.

The youths were entrusted with farms in Chinangali and Ndogoye areas in Chamwino district, Dodoma region, he said, elaborating that 763 youths, being 97 per cent of 812 youths selected to join the BBT programme had completed the training.

A total of 50 youths opted out for various reasons, he said, underlining that the number of those who completed training shows that Tanzanian youth just need to be supported to be productive.



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Those taking up farms are the flag bearer of the BBT programme, being the first batch, he said, noting that the government was optimistic that they will deliver "and inspire more youths to join the programme."

The minister visited incubation centres in Tengeru (Arusha Region) and Uyole (Mbeya Region) as the training was being conducted, remarking that significant improvement was visible to create a better environment for the youth to learn how to engage in agro-sector activities, he stated.

Youths who have completed BBT training will be provided with certificates, land occupancy documents, residential units and a smart card to access agro-sector facilities, he said, highlighting that they will be the first farmers in the country to get such cards.

A number of financial institutions including banks have expressed interest in assisting youth groups pursue production activities, he said, explaining that youths completing the programme will form cooperative units necessary to earn trust from financial institutions.

They will also be required to attend

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Shed potbellies ahead of polls, Samia urges police



Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (standing-L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting a report to Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan shortly before she opened the annual general meeting of senior police officers from the Force's headquarters alongside regional police commanders. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed Inspector General of Police (IGP) Camilius Wambura to ensure that officers and their assistants appear in average bodies and not bellies to enable them to perform their duties properly.

Opening the annual general meeting (AGM) for senior police officers in Dar es Salaam yesterday, she tasked the IGP to ensure that his officers are physically fit, taking into account that the country is heading for two successive elections.

The meeting will discuss the use of information technology to enhance transparency as part of reforming the police force, where the president said that while police officers first undergo professional training, they should also focus on physical preparedness.

They should be able to face their responsibilities at any time including the 2024 local government polls and the 2025 general election. The police force should not hesitate to take action against any person or group that aims to break the laws of the land, she declared.

"The government has given you money and working tools for you to work properly. But insist on justice, security and protection of the general public," she said.

"IGP, build your soldiers on bodies, build more on bodies," the president intoned, quipping that if one looks around the hall "bellies are coming up little by little. Along with professional training, as the election is coming, let's get prepared."

She demanded that the police swiftly work on people's complaints, including the way they handle cases, pointing at the use of information and communication technology as likely to ease the burden facing the police.

The government in 2021/2022 and

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'DITF 2023 sales reached 3.95trn/-'

By Francis Kajubi

INSTANT sales at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) grew to 3.95trn/- in 2023 from 1.36trn/- in 2018, the trade agency has declared.

Latifa Khamis, the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) director general, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday revenue generated by the grew to 9.70bn/- in fiscal 2022/23 from 6.32bn/- in 2018/19.

She said that during the period under review the agency generated 40bn/-



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revenues, short of the targeted 52.56bn/- or 76 percent success, part of its achievements in the past five years.

It paid 627.55m/- in dividends to Treasury coffers while working to unlock foreign markets for honey, cashewnuts and rice, she stated, noting that upwards of \$1.24bn in cashew nut exports to India, Vietnam and China were made.

Rice exports to Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda earned \$684.95m, while maize fetched \$279.49m in exports during the period, she said, highlighting the DITF strong contribution in the growth of exports request value.

Demand grew to \$3.62m in DITF 2023 from \$1.45m in 2018, she said, pointing out that 6,979 traders were trained in 26 programmes for marketing competitive skills as well as in branding, for instance in regard to spices.

TanTrade has conducted market

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ATCL awaits Max B737-9 next month

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

AIR Tanzania Co, Ltd (ATCL) is set to receive a new Boeing B737-9 Max by the end of this month, the National Assembly was told here yesterday.

Transport deputy minister David Kihenzile made this affirmation when responding to a question by Mussa Omar Salim (Gando), noting that the company's Dash 8 Q300 has resumed services, after a short period of servicing.

The MP had demanded when ATCL will start regular flights to Pemba, where the deputy minister said ATCL will start going to Pemba when its fleet has stabilized.

It needs to receive all the planes lined up so far for its fleet, as the planes will allow ATCL to launch flights to different routes to widen local air transport.

The MP had demanded that the government prioritise Pemba Island by scheduling regular flights, obtaining the response that the government was aware of the need for regular Pemba flights to boost business activities in the area.

Martha Gwau (Special Seats) wondered in

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Members of Parliament congratulate Doto Biteko (L) in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday morning on his appointment on Wednesday (Aug 30) as Deputy Prime Minister doubling as Energy minister. The legislative body is currently in ordinary session in the national capital. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



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2022/2023 worked to increase budget allocations to the force, she said, acknowledging that there are arrears of not less than 70bn/-.

"We know there are those who have retired, they have been paid their benefits and they have back claims. We don't want to oppress anyone, we will pay but it needs to be ensured that the debts are true," she said.

She emphasised on digital shift in different projects the police force is carrying out, similarly demanding that training focuses on teaching cadets on being patriotic and what it takes to be effective in that regard.

Corruption is still a problem, she said, expressing hope that digitisation will reduce the problem and set the pace to eliminate it,

pointing at the need for cameras on major roads.

When that is done there will be no need for soldiers to stand on the road as the one who made a mistake will be known and be made to pay this fine at the relevant code, she stated

Home Affairs minister Hamad Masauni said the law on local governments directs the strengthening of protection and security activities, so every region should ensure that it fulfills this statutory requirement to eliminate crime.

In his remarks, the IGP explained that in improving public defense and security, the Criminal Justice Commission has helped to obtain recommendations that have begun to be worked upon, which will have an impact on work regulations.

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in agriculture involves the one-month training in the National Service (JKT) in the programme focusing on those not above 35 years of age. Census data shows that youths and children aged less than 15 years account for 75 per cent of the population. Youths account for 56 per cent of the active labour force, the minister noted.

The BBT and its youth initiative

in agriculture involves the Agriculture ministry, the private sector and development partners, especially the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Agriculture accounts for 66.6 percent of income generating activity, with slightly below 30 per cent contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP), he added.

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analyses showing that Tanzania has potential to export food crops to India, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Switzerland, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, Japan, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United States, she affirmed.

Tanzania has gold export potential for up to \$3.4m but has so far capitalized on \$2.1m worth of exports, alongside a cashew nut market potential standing at \$819,000 which it has accessed by \$306,000 worth of exports so far, she stated.

The sesame market potential is placed at \$207,000 where market penetration valued at \$152,000 was attained during the period, she said, highlighting a \$201,000 market

for legumes for which the level of penetration is valued at \$95,000 so far

TanTrade near future plans are to open new offices at border posts and key urban centres like Moshi, Tunduma, Arusha and Mwanza, where it will be in a better position to coordinate market thrust in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) zone, she said.

A special branding campaign for spices eyeing honey produce stands to attract importers in various countries, while fostering export culture among small and middle businesses, she further stated.

Trade missions were another crucial area of activity for the export promotion agency opening offices in September 2010, she added.

Request for a common African currency to fight climate crisis

NAIROBI

The first climate summit in Nairobi, Kenya intensified calls for a common African currency to address climate finance gaps.

A section of African ministers and experts indicated that currency could stimulate economic growth, enhance access to capital markets, and reduce risks for international investors, all while promoting regional cooperation.

Speaking during the ministerial panel discussion Dr Mohammed Adam, state minister of finance in Ghana emphasised the need for Africa to utilise its own currency in trade and leverage private sector funds to complement public finance in responding to the climate crisis.

He stated: "With a single currency, intra-African trade would become more efficient, reducing trade barriers and transaction costs. This would stimulate economic growth and create additional fiscal space for investments in climate resilience and renewable energy projects."

"Africa should use its currency to trade and tap into private sector funds to complement public finance in response to the climate crisis," he said.

Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa, the deputy chairperson for the African Union Commission, highlighted the

long-standing goal of a common African currency as a symbol of unity and strength. "The goal of a common African currency will be a pillar of African unity, a symbol of the strength that we hope will emerge from efforts to integrate the continent," she said. "A unified currency could make African nations more attractive to global investors."

She added, "A larger, more stable market would encourage foreign direct investment, leading to increased access to capital markets. These funds could be channelled towards green bonds and climate finance initiatives, helping us bridge the climate finance gap."

Barbara Creedy, the Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Fisheries from South Africa, drew attention to the critical issue of climate finance for Africa. She pointed out the stark disparity, saying, "Currently, about half of the climate finance globally comes from the private sector. But in Africa, it makes up only 14 per cent of the total flows."

She highlighted, "Climate projects often involve long-term commitments, and a common currency could provide greater confidence in the stability of investment returns, encouraging more significant flows of climate finance."

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Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has an audience in Dar es Salaam yesterday with the UN Women Country Representative in Tanzania, Hodan Addou, including on the run-up to the Midpoint Moment for Generation Equality meeting to take place on September 17 at the UN headquarters in New York and online. The event, convened by UN Women and the co-leadership of the governments of Tanzania and Iceland, will seek to assess, energise and grow its bold agenda for gender equality acceleration, building from its launch at the Generation Equality Forum in 2021. Photo: Finance ministry

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a supplementary question when the government expects to renovate the Singida airport to open up the region's economic activities.

Godfrey Kasekenya, the Works deputy minister, said that the government has conducted an

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evaluation to make the airport in Singida as a standby airport if emergency arises at the Msalato International Airport, since it is not far from Dodoma

ATCL recently announced plans

to expand its flight schedules, flying twice a week to China and four times to India, starting next month.

Six new aircraft were added to ATCL from 2016 to 2018, debts paid and working capital provided for

improvement and modernization of business.

Air Tanzania plans to grow its operations across Africa and other international destinations, he added.



Residents of Busekera village in Musoma Rural constituency pictured yesterday at a rally addressed by opposition Chadema Vice Chairman (Mainland) Tundu Lissu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

President William Ruto officially opens the Africa Climate Summit

NAIROBI

President William Ruto has opened the first Africa Climate Summit (ACS) at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC).

The summit is scheduled to run from September 4 to September 6, 2023.

He opened the event yesterday, a day dubbed ministerial day, where most activities are run by ministers, as heads of state attend to other responsibilities.

"You have entered the future, a future driven by global partnerships committed to African prosperity, inclusive growth and a liveable planet for all of us. This is no

ordinary summit," Ruto said.

In his opening speech, President Ruto termed Africa as 'the key' to accelerating decarbonisation of the global economy and it was time everyone makes a contribution to generations to catalyze climate action.

The head of state also said that it was time for climate actors to move from the North vs. South conversation, urging them to join forces in ending the climate crisis.

The president has further challenged governments to unlock renewable resources in various parts of the continent, as he called for commitment when investing in climate-smart agriculture, and nature conservation.

"Over 640 million Africans have no access to energy, corresponding to an electricity access rate for African countries at just over 40 percent, the lowest in the world. Kenya is on course towards achieving its 100 per cent clean energy goal by 2030." The president said.

"The country has also set a national target to achieve 100 access to Clean Cooking by 2028. Africa holds the key to global decarbonisation, it's a powerhouse of untapped potential. If tapped, the continent has the potential of creating more than 13 million jobs each year."

According to Ruto, the summit will usher in the Nairobi Declaration, a document that holds the potential to

steer Africa towards a path of radical affirmative action in addressing the pressing issue of climate change.

It is a declaration that seeks to provide the backbone for a world economy that is decarbonised, sustainable, and resilient, he says.

"We have renewable energy as well as resources that can contribute to decarbonizing the global economy, these resources account for multibillion dollars in counting."

He has also emphasised utilising Africa's natural carbon sinks that serve the world and clean the environment.

"Unfortunately Africa gets nothing from this. It doesn't count so much. Africa's renewable resources stand out, we are self-sufficient, our color potential, hydropower can form a green strategy that can help countries around the globe meet their net-zero targets by 2050."

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Yara global CEO Svein Tore Holsether (R) and Yara Tanzania managing director Winstone Odhiambo display a bag of Tanzania-made fertiliser earmarked for distribution under the government subsidy programme. This was when the chief executive, who is in the country for the AGRF summit, toured the firm's terminal at Kurasini in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Skills for high-performing civil servants much higher'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

A new study by the government to assess performance among civil servants has shown that high-level skills have increased.

The success was due to implementation of the programme aimed at improving skills among the youth.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Youth Employment and People with Disabilities Patrobas Katambi made the remarks in the House when responding to a question by Special Seats MP Ng'wasi Kamani who wanted to know what the government was doing to test the level of performance among civil servants.

The deputy minister said however that the government plans to carry an evaluation aimed at establishing the availability of skills among youth.

The legislator asked what system was the government using to test skills in youth in many of the programmes that it was implementing.

Katambi said the level of low skilled performance decreased from 79.0 per cent in 2014 to 76.9 per cent in 2021 after the assessment.

"The government in collaboration

with various stakeholders will continue to administer the implementation of the evaluation programmes so that they are beneficial," he said.

Katambi said the government has put in place an evaluation plan on various programmes including those involving the youth.

"In implementing the programme the government issued a directive in January 2022, for an evaluation of a development programme," he said.

He said the Prime Minister's Office has been collaborating with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to evaluate performance in the public service.

He said there has been a challenge in which most youth who graduate do not enter directly into the employment pool due to lack of skills.

He said the government has also launched a plan in collaboration with district councils to offer loans to youth so that they nurture their employability skills.

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By Guardian Reporter

THE Government has provided more than 500m/- for the current 2023/24 FY Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) for the purchase of new working tools to be used in workshops countrywide.

Eng Hassan Karonda, TEMESA director of maintenance and technical services made the remarks as he addressed reporters yesterday.

Karonda said in the last Financial Year the government dished out

Govt provides TEMESA 500m/- for purchase of working tools

600m/- for the purchase of new working tools.

He said the government continues making major refurbishments in its workshops countrywide including those for Arusha, Mtwara, Mara, Tabora and Kigoma regions while those

for Tanga, Morogoro and Kagera regions are expected to undergo refurbishments shortly.

According to Eng Karonda, as for now the Agency is in the Transformation Strategy plan that aims to provide better services.

"Among issues in the strategy is

being close to our customers and we have started to implement, including entering into agreements with tenderers that will enable us to provide speedy services, as well as making sure the spare parts we purchase are of high quality," Eng. Karonda said.

He also cautioned in regard to procedures and maintenance costs of vehicles taken for inspection at private garages, saying the Agency has guidelines in that regard.

"We have private garages officially appointed to repair government vehicles when

necessary and the procedures thereof are contained in Section 1 (22) B. He called on all stakeholders using TEMESA services to inform the Agency of any private garages that charge costs in violation of the guidelines in order to take appropriate steps against those involved.

Eng Karonda thanked the Phase VI Government for its continuing to make improvements to TEMESA in regard to infrastructures, working tools and new staff, adding that that was the long time request by the Agency.

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Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi, believes that the death of the leader of the Islamist terrorist group, known locally as "Al-Shabaab", Bonomade Machude Omar, along with other senior members of the group, in the northern province of Cabo Delgado, is the result of continued pursuit of extremists in the places where they are continuing to operate in small groups.

According to the President, who confirmed in Maputo on Friday afternoon the death of Omar, his elimination does not mean the end of the conflict, given the complexity of the terrorist phenomenon.

"However, significant progress had been made by the Defence and Security Forces, with the support of partners such as the SADC Military Mission for Mozambique (SAMIM) and the Rwandan Defence Forces, which culminated in the recovery over the last two years of all the district capitals and towns once occupied by the terrorists", Nyusi said.

According to the Chief of Staff of the Mozambican Armed Forces (FADM), Joaquim Mangrassa, who made the initial announcement on Friday, "from the investigation carried out, we have verified, with factual evidence, that the main leader who has directed operations since the outbreak of terrorism in Mozambique, named as Bonomade Machude, also as Ibn Omar, and as Abu Suraka, has been killed".

Omar has often been described as the brains behind the jihadist raids, and is said to define all targets and the necessary

'Death of terrorist leader is result of continued pursuit of extremists'

operational logistics.

Meanwhile, Kenyan private direct investment in Mozambique amounted to 76 million dollars over the last five years, according to the Mozambican Minister of Industry and Trade, Silvino Moreno.

According to the minister, who was addressing a Mozambique-Kenya Business Forum held in Maputo on Friday, most of the investments are in the sectors of industry, agriculture and agro-industry, services, transport and communications, hotels and tourism. The business forum between the two countries comes as result of the three-day official visit of the Kenyan

President, William Ruto, to Mozambique.

At the forum, Moreno also said that direct investment from Kenya will contribute to the growth and diversification of the national economy and exports of raw materials and processed products.

"Aware of the entrepreneurial and innovative capacity of Kenyan businesses, the government invites entrepreneurs from Kenya to focus on areas and projects such as the revitalization of the clothing, textile and footwear, metalworking, chemical, rubber, plastic, and food fortification sectors", he said.

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Africa advised to prioritise gender-responsive policies

By Getrude Mbago

AFRICAN governments have been urged to prioritise having gender-responsive policies so as to attract more women in the agriculture sector, boost production and heighten food security.

Speaking during the pre-session of the 13th annual Africa Food Systems in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dorine Odongo, Senior Communications Manager of the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) said gender-responsive policies and programmes are integral to achieving sustainable agricultural development in Africa.

The Forum which is beginning today, September 5 to 8, will provide a platform to over 4,000 delegates, leaders, and innovators from across the globe to discuss policy, breakthroughs and innovations in agriculture and food systems transformation.

She said that women need to also have greater representation in the whole agriculture value chain from farm, processing, supply and markets saying that current representation was less than 15 percent.

According to her, coordinated efforts also from both government and stakeholders were needed to have concrete action steps and initiatives that will drive positive change in promoting gender-responsive policies, programs, and partnerships in the African agricultural sector.

The event was organised collaboratively by AWARD and Leading African Women in Food African Food Changemakers (AFC) and brought together stakeholders in the agriculture sector to discuss on how to jointly advocate and push for increment of women in the agriculture sector and food systems.

She noted that USAID's partnership with the Grasp fellowship through AWARD highlights the commitment to advancing gender-responsive policies and programs in the agricultural sector. This collaboration aims to empower women in agriculture and promote

sustainable development.

"There is an urgent need to intensify efforts towards achieving gender equality in agriculture and food systems. Women must have a more prominent presence at policy-making levels within the agricultural sector," she said.

She said that IAWARD and AFC, as leading organizations, are committed to working collaboratively with various stakeholders to drive positive change in African food systems.

"The discussions at this event center on empowering women in agriculture by creating an enabling environment that supports their active participation, leadership, and entrepreneurship within the sector," she said.

She also emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to address gender disparities in agriculture through having innovative approaches and the adaptation of existing programmes to ensure they are gender-responsive and effectively empower women in agriculture.

"AWARD and AFC are committed to inspiring change and progress by championing gender-responsive strategies that will ultimately benefit the entire agricultural community and contribute to the sustainable development of the African continent," she added.

Dina Esposito from USAID said: "As all of you are keenly aware, when women in agriculture succeed, we all succeed. And many of you right here in this room are testament to the fact that you have seen up close and personally as successful entrepreneurs the extraordinary effects that women's success can have on families, communities and even nations."

She noted that earlier this year, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)'s report on the Status of Women in Agrifood Systems was sobering, showing that despite some bright spots of progress over the past decade, large gender gaps still persist in agri-food systems.

Over 120 Chinese investors expected to attend China-Tanzania investment forum

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AT least 126 Chinese investors are expected to attend the first ever China-Tanzania Investment Forum to explore and establish long-term partnerships with their counterparts in areas such as pharmaceuticals later this month.

Yang Zeyu, the Attaché in the Commercial Sector at the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania said yesterday in Dar es Salaam. The aim of the forum is to promote investment cooperation, build a platform for B2B talks and economics, trade cooperation for enterprises of the two countries.

The attaché said that nearly 500 attendees, including Tanzanian government officials, local businesses and Chinese enterprises are expected to attend the first ever forum.

Zeyu said that the forum has been organised in collaboration between the Chinese Embassy in the country and the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) and will take place on September 25, this year.

He said that several enterprises within the delegation are keen on investing in Tanzania in fields such as healthcare, sanitation, environmental protection, logistic services and hardware manufacturing with the aim to establish long-term partnership with government departments and businesses.

Zeyu said that the business delegation from Zhejiang province will span other various sectors including machinery and equipment, daily household products, and logistic services featuring many industry leaders.

He said China has been Tanzania's largest source of investment for many years, brought a large amount of investment to Tanzania and made significant contributions to Tanzania's economy.

According to him, cement, ceramics, glass, and cables produced by dry powder, and

sunflower oil produced by Chinese companies have entered tens of millions of Tanzanian households.

"I believe that China and Tanzania will take this forum as an opportunity to continue to carry forward our traditional friendship, deepen our strategic cooperation and work for a brighter future of China-Tanzania relations," he said.

Director of Investment Promotion at TIC John Mnali said that the centre has registered a total of 1134 projects from China in the period between 1997 to June 2023 with a total value of \$10.5 billion.

He said the projects have created a total of 136,204 employment adding that China is leading with a high number of investments in the country. "The coming of the Chinese business delegation in the country is very important since it will help to establish new investment projects," he said.

Chairman of the Sino-Tan Industrial Park Jason Huang said that the forum is a great opportunity for both the Tanzania and China business community to establish long-term partnerships in trade and business.

He said on the 25th, the delegation of economic and trade representatives led by the Zhejiang Provincial Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the Jinhua Municipal People's government will inspect the China-Tanzania Industrial Park.

Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) Executive Director Leodegar Tenga assured the organisers that all Tanzania companies will participate in the forum. "China is very far in technology, therefore the forum is an important platform to establish trade and investment collaborations," he said. Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)-Lead Business Solution Kinase Seif called on Tanzanian business community to participate in the forum to explore and establish business relationships.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Jerry Silaa (in red tie) exchanges greetings with deputy permanent secretary Lucy Kabwemera on arrival at the ministry's offices in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

'Govt has paid 11.3 bn/- compensation to members of families attacked by wildlife'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has paid 11.3bn/- in compensation to families whose relatives were attacked by wildlife from 2012/13 to 2022/2023 financial year.

Deputy minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Dunstan Kitandula revealed this in the National Assembly when responding to a question by Special

Seats MP Yustina Aracadius Rahhi who wanted to know when the government was setting up a fund for compensation to families whose relatives were attacked by animals.

"Does the government have any plan to establish a special fund for compensating people who have been attacked by wildlife animals," she asked.

In response Deputy minister Kitandula said the government has

been paying compensation funds to people and families who have been attacked by wild animals.

"The payments are being done in line with the compensation guidelines, 2011 but also according to the availability of funds," he said.

According to the deputy minister, the guidelines started being implemented in 2012 in which the last 10 years 11.13bn/- was paid to victims.

The minister said the matter has been met with several challenges which has made some countries to completely stop giving such compensation especially in African countries.

He said Tanzania has continued to offer such compensation due to its importance of offering such compensation to help families cope with the situation after losing their loved ones.



Dr Jim Yonazi (R), Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), exchanges greetings with Monitoring and Evaluation Department director Sakina Mwinyimkuu in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: PMO

MPs urge government to control spread of bats wreaking havoc in Dar es Salaam

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament have urged the government to control the spread of mammals wreaking havoc in Dar es Salaam.

Special Seats MP Neema Mgaya questioned when the government will remove the mammals which are a nuisance to the people of Dar es Salaam especially in Upanga.

In a supplementary question, another Special Seats MP Mariam

Kisangi said the increase of bats in various areas of Dar salaam has been increasing day by day.

"What plan was in line by the government to increase fumigation to remove the bats in the mentioned areas," he said.

In responding to the questions, Deputy minister for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Dastan Kitandula said the ministry has continued to address the matter but also carry out a survey

to see the extent of the damage the bats are making.

He said there are two kinds of bats adding that there are those who eat fruits and use trees as residents and those who use dilapidated buildings.

"In addressing the matter, there are several attempts to fumigate the them such as naphthalene and bat crp which have shown efficiency in ending the problem," he said.

Bats are one of the least

understood and persecuted animals. Most people are frightened of bats because of unfounded myths associated with them.

Common misconceptions are that bats are blind and they can become tangled in a person's hair.

Nocturnal mammals, bats sleep during the day and feed at night.

They are the only mammals capable of sustained flying. Appearing to fly recklessly, bats' frequent turns and dives help them chase prey such as moths, night-flying beetles, black flies, and mosquitoes. Bats eat up to half their body weight in insects every night.

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'WVT project reduces abject poverty among Ketumbeine villagers'

By Guardian Reporter, Longido

The state of poverty at households level in 19 villages of Ketumbeine division in Longido District, Arusha Region has gone down from 77.6 per cent to 37.1 per cent after World Vision Tanzania (WVT) 14-years of efforts to fight poverty.

WVT began its deliberate efforts against poverty in 2009 through Ketumbeine AP project.

This was disclosed by WVT director General, James Andit when he was officially handing over the project to the government at the weekend, saying the task to reduce poverty among Ketumbeine community was not easy because the community needed education and mobilisation.

And it said the organisation will not close the project, but it has handed it to the people for developing from where they left.

Before the handing over, the Chairman of Orkeju-Loongishu and Member of the Kitumbeine AP project, Lekishon Kaika told longido district Commissioner, Marco Ng'umbi that the measure regarding poverty reduction has been discovered out of research done before the WVT project.

WVT has implemented successful project on agriculture, livestock keeping and establishment of loans and saving groups that have left a visible mark by increasing the level of economy to 51,877 people in six wards of Ketumbeine, Noondoto, Elagh'tadapash, Ilerienito, Gilaimeruigi and Gilailumbwa.

"Sale of livestock and crops, VICOBA groups and access to low interest loans have spurred livestock business activities.

"They have also spurred non-farming and non-livestock activities including food vending and transport of passengers via motorcycles," Kaika said.

He said the farming and livestock projects aimed to contribute to food availability and income through increased production.

He said the Kitumbeine AP project enabled the establishment of 177 VICOBA groups of 4,018 members including 2,988 women that saved nearly 1.6bn/-.

In regard to the health and food vending business, WVT rescued the households after empowering and mobilising them in the construction of the Ketumbeine Health Centre that is now serving the villagers including maternal services.

"At the moment we have 1w2 dispensaries in our division, in the past villagers used to walk long distances, more than 15km for health services," he added.

Kaika mentioned other projects as including water and environmental cleanliness, education sponsorship and defence of children's rights.

He said the project also attained the construction of classrooms and teachers' houses in Ketumbeine villages and the reduction of under-age marriages among the Maasai clan.

After the project's handing over, Longido district Commissioner, Marco Ng'umbi thanked WVT for the big project costing more than 15bn/-.



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'CCM members eligible to contest for presidency'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

EVERY CCM member is eligible to contest the presidency even if the sitting president has completed only one term, according to the party's Constitution.

The remarks were made by the former CCM Secretary General for Zanzibar, Dr Abdallah Juma Mabodi, when addressing reporters at his Rahaleo home here.

"A CCM member has the right to elect, or be elected during party elections, procedures are clear and followed by any person so long as people agree that he is fit for the post," he said.

Dr Mabodi further said that according to regulations one post is supposed to be contested by not less than three people by the party has its own culture for the President to remain in office for two terms to give him ample time to implement his government vision and the party's manifesto.

This comes as records show that in 2005, the retired Chief Minister (as he was called then), Dr Mohammed Gharib Bilal emerged and collected forms to contest for the Zanzibar presidency before the sitting President, Amani Abeid Karume had not finished his second term in office, but quit the contest in unclear circumstances while party sittings were in progress in Dodoma to pick the presidential candidate.

In regard the secret behind CCM's achievements to attain 96 per cent victory during 2020 elections, Mabodi said the issue will continue to remain secret until the former CCM Vice Chairman for Zanzibar, Dr Ali Mohammed Shein seeks permission to talk about it.

However, he said CCM leaders to work as one team including members of the Executive Committee, District Commissioners and ambassadors decided to descend at lower levels to the people to help in mobilising unity during the election.

He said the 2020 election was conducted in great respect after all contestants avoided hate politics and only two cases emerged regarding people being beaten, including Konde CCM Chairman who was attacked my machetes.

He said another case involved people who were in protest march lead by senior ACT-Wazalendo leaders including late Maalim Seif Sharif hamada md Ismail Jussa Ladhu, and deputy secretary General Nassor Ahmed Mazrui.

In regard to democracy within CCM, Dr Mabodi said CCM still has great democracy because a member has the opportunity to appeal in upper party sittings if he does not agree with the decision from lower party levels.

He said that during the 2020 elections nine parties including CCM collaborated in making sure the elections were conducted peacefully and that CCM has been making efforts especially because its goals resembled those that established the G9 group.



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Everlyce Wasule (L), an International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) food crop researcher, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend showing delegates to the four-day AGRAF-Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 being held in the city a map pinpointing parts of Tanzania where cassava has been hit especially hard by diseases. She said the agency is busy with research meant to rectify matters. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

Minister stresses proper management of funds allocated for development projects

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Mohamed Mchengerwa, has ordered district and regional commissioners to properly manage funds allocated for development projects.

Mchengerwa made the statement in Dodoma yesterday during a meeting with the ministry's staff shortly after being handed over the office by former Minister, Angellah Kairuki.

He said the government has been providing a lot of funds for various projects at district and regional

levels, hence the needs for district and regional commissioners to ensure the money is spent on targeted projects. He said by so doing they will be fulfilling the government's goal of improving service provision to the people.

"The government has been striving to ensure better services provision to Tanzanians. I would like to see all the money from the central government are directed to specific projects for people to directly benefit with it," remarked the Minister as he thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for appointing him to manage the ministry.

He commended the President

for allocating a lot of funds for development projects to the people, promising to work closely with ministry staff to ensure successful implementation of all the projects.

Mchengerwa added that during his tenure, workers will be assessed by their performance, warning that dishonest employees will be punished in accordance with the laws.

"You have been trusted by the government, you need to be patriotic throughout your working period. We can hardly achieve the targeted goals if some of us are not committed to what they are doing," said Mchengerwa.

He also emphasized that during his tenure, no added time will be given to directors to complete projects, insisting each of the projects should be completed within schedule and as per signed agreement.

Mchengerwa held four ministerial position at different ministries in the past two years. He has served as the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports as well as Minister in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance.

Last week, when President Samia sworn in the newly appointed ministers and Deputy Ministers at the State House in Zanzibar, she described Mchengerwa as hard worker saying he has brought about positive changes in every ministry he served.



Yuan Rui (back to camera), a project manager with China's Yuan Rui Sinohydro Corporation, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing visiting Chinese journalists based in South Africa on progress in the implementation of Phase II of the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Photo: Frank Mnyo

'Promote local initiatives to fight FGM'

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Singida

CONCERTED efforts by the gender-based activists to stamp out a negative wave of female genital mutilation (FGM) in the country's rural communities have been bearing positive results.

FGM comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

Nasra Suleiman, coordinator of Women Wake Up (WOWAP) unveiled this over the weekend when speaking in Merya ward of

Singida Rural District at the tailor-made public campaign to educate the residents in the area over the effects of FGM to girls and women.

Nasra said there has been a significant awareness of the effect of the gender-based violence (GBV) practices among many communities in rural areas.

The coordinator expressed that the non-governmental organisation (NGO) has been successfully running diverse campaigns against FGM practices in most of the country's rural areas, saying the campaigns was attaining meaningful results.

"Since its inception in 1996, WOWAP have been holding positive

public campaigns in several rural communities where the practices are rampant with an eye to educate the perpetrator over the need to shun away from entertaining the gender-based malpractices, and the responses are good," Nasra said, detailing that experience has proved that the poor practices are vastly being propelled by presence of poor traditions and local belief among most families in rural communities.

"The reasons why young women and girls undergo FGM in some communities in Tanzania are deeply rooted in traditional culture and driven by constructed social norms and values," she added.

Statistics show that prevalence of FGM varies greatly across the different regions of Tanzania, whereby the regions with the highest prevalence include Manyara (57.7 percent of women aged 15-49), Dodoma (46.7 pc), Arusha (41pc), Mara (32pc) and Singida 30.9 percent.

The organisation trains community-based leaders or change agents who encourage dialogue within communities and mobilise support from religious leaders, teachers, and ward and village government officials to fight for the elimination of FGM.

The project was initiated in the three villages in the Kondoa district of Tanzania - Mombose, Makorongo, and Donsee - reaching approximately 8,000 people.



Farida Abdallah, a member of the centre for information and knowledge based in Dar es Salaam's Mbabwepande suburb, speaks at a seminar on ways to help women participate more in leadership. It was held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Dar students want African leaders to arrest water woes

By Beatrice Philemon

PRIMARY and secondary school students in Dar es Salaam yesterday called on African heads of state to improve water infrastructure to enable women and girls access clean and safe water amid the impacts of climate change.

They made the call when speaking at the meeting that provided a room for them to extensively discuss the effects of climate change. They were speaking ahead of the Africa Climate Summit and Africa Climate Week 2023 that kicked off yesterday in Kenya's capital Nairobi.

The main goal of the event was to raise their voices for heads of states on what they need from them, uptake and uphold children and youth vulnerability to climate change during the summit.

Emiliana Msole, a Songoro Mnyonge Secondary School student, urged Heads of State to take up this issue as climate change has affected many areas and women and girls.

She stated: "Women and girls walk long distances to fetch water for the family use that put them at risks of physical harm, harassment from their husbands while others raped that is very dangerous."

Mariam Edward from Songoro Mnyonge Secondary School also said that developed countries should support poor countries when the effects of climate change will be occurred in terms of humanitarian aid or introduce exchange programs that will assist people from poor countries to visit in developed countries to see how they cope with climate change or developed countries to visit in poor countries and teach people on how to cope with the climate change.

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Nursery and Primary School said that they demand that all conversations and ultimate decisions of the summit and efforts to address climate change, must include measures to protect and promote children's rights and this can involve policies and actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Msololo Onditi, FORUMCC's Programme Officer said that Africa climate summit 2023 will take place in Nairobi from 4th to 8th September this year and it will be climate African week.

FORUMCC Tanzania has decided to bring together youth and children from different primary and secondary schools to raise their voices for heads of state uptake and uphold children and youth vulnerability to climate change during the summit.

The idea is to make sure that the voices of children and youth are heard by the African head of state and appropriate actions are recommended, especially the Africanizing climate justice movement with special attention to vulnerable groups including children and youth," he said.

During the discussion, the youth were brought from primary and secondary schools including youth-based organizations based in Dar es Salaam.

Africa climate summit 2023 aims to address the increasing exposure to climate change and its associated costs, both globally and particularly in Africa. With the expectation of escalating climate crises in terms of frequency and intensity, urgent action is required to mitigate these challenges.

Africa Climate Week 2023 organized in parallel with the African Climate Summit.

TANROADS allocates 10bn/- for road refurbishment in Shinyanga Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

THE Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) in Shinyanga Region has set aside 10.6bn/- in 2023/24 FY for the refurbishment of road infrastructure.

This was disclosed here at the weekend by Shinyanga Region

TANROADS manager, Eng. Mibara Mbilimbi as he addressed reporters at the Mwendakulima Weigh Bridge, in Kahama District.

Mbilimbi said the cause of roads destruction in the overloading of lorries and each year the government has been setting aside funds from its budget for road repairs.

"We call upon to lorry drivers

not to overload their vehicles that may cause destruction on the roads thereby incurring loss to the government, the money which could be used for the construction of new roads," he said.

He also called on the people to continue taking care road infrastructures and desist from engaging in human activities including farming along roadsides

as well as not uprooting road signs.

For his part, the Mwendakulima Weigh Bridge supervisor, Lugembe Vincent said the number of overloaded trucks passing the weigh bridge has gone down, different to the past and every day they weigh more than 400 vehicles.

For their parts, truck drivers, including Ramadhani Athumani said the problem regarding overloading of trucks is contributed by truck owners themselves, as well as unfaithful drivers by taking in other cargo along their journeys for money.



Roman Selesini, chairman of the Network for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation in Tanzania, pictured in Dar es Salaam on Sunday addressing a members' meeting called to devise strategies to deal with FGM. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Africa's climate fight gets Sh 9bn/- boost from UK

NAIROBI

The United Kingdom has announced new funding to support greener project in Africa.

The new funding will go to initiatives and projects that support environmental conservation and help people cope with the effects of climate change across the continent.

The funding will play a key role in creating jobs, expanding economies and improving the lives of women, farmers and communities that have been affected by the global climate crisis.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said Sh6.2 billion (£34 million) will go towards new projects in 15 African countries to help women, vulnerable communities and more than 400,000 farmers build resilience to the effects of climate change.

The money will also be spent on early warning systems such as text alerts, radio programmes and social network messages to help hard-to-reach communities take action before extreme climate events occur. These projects will also improve water supply for more than 1.5 million people.

Seven new climate finance projects will also be launched at the summit, with investments worth Sh2.7 billion (£15 million) from UK-backed Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSD) Africa investments.

These projects will mobilise capital from private sources and create new opportunities for small businesses to secure finance, innovate products, including renewable energy and healthcare, and pioneer inclusive technology solutions.

"Our partnerships with African countries on green investment and climate resilience are growing economies and improving lives. But more needs to be done as those least responsible for climate change increasingly bear the brunt of its

impacts. The UK is working closely with African partners to tackle climate change, build resilience and help those whose lives are most affected," said Mr Mitchell.

During his visit to Nairobi, the minister also reaffirmed his government's commitment to spend Sh2 trillion (£1.6 billion) on international climate finance over five years.

The commitment was originally made by the UK at COP26 in Glasgow and is part of a collective pledge by wealthy nations to provide Sh14 trillion (\$100 billion) annually in climate finance to developing countries. The commitment was ratified in 2015, but has yet to be fully implemented.

Mitchell also called for rapid reform of the international financial system to unlock trillions of dollars for climate action.

During his visit to Kenya, he will also visit Nairobi Railway City, a regeneration of the city centre designed by British architects with the latest green technology and £11.5 billion of UK investment.

This is one of the six climate investment projects that President Ruto and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will be fast-tracking at COP27.

Groundbreaking for the development took place in December 2022 and when completed will include shops, office blocks and light industrial centres.

Another project underway is the Menengi geothermal project being developed by the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) and Globeleq, with a planned capacity of 35MW.

Other green investment projects included in the agreement are the expansion of the Malindi Solar Power Plant, the Grand High Falls Dam, the United Green agro-industrial processing system and a new guarantee company to de-risk investments in Kenya.

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Zanzibar govt: Mangapwani is special for oil, gas investment

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has officially announced that the 933-hectare Mangapwani area in North Unguja Region is set for investment in oil and gas, residential houses and satellite city.

Addressing reporters here yesterday in his office, the director of Zanzibar investments Promotion Authority (ZIPA) Sharid Ali Sharif said 47.57 hectares of the land area has been set aside for oil and gas

investment.

He said the area is anticipated to be made one among economic zones by starting to advertise for investment areas for oil and gas incorporating the offloading of oil from oil tankers to oil reservoirs on land (CBM system) that can serve all investors in the area in regard to the energy sector.

Sharif said the area has been divided into three main areas according to the needs, including Zone A of 17.8 hectares, Zone B

(16.2 hectares) and Zone C of 13.56 hectares.

He explained that the decision to advertise investment opportunities is the continuation of Zanzibar government efforts under President Hussein Ali Mwinyi for speedy development for economic growth.

"In the circumstances, on behalf of the Zanzibar government, I hereby announce that the 47 hectares Mangapwani area is open for oil and gas investment

according to procedures that will be announced shortly," he said.

For his part, ZIPA research director, Emmanuel Masimba called on investors from within and outside the country to invest in the area.

He also called on firms able to invest in the energy resource (oil and gas) to apply while abiding by conditions including environmental conservation, capability and experience in the business.

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Global investment in minerals will require level playing field

A NUMBER of South Korean firms are showing interest to invest in the country's mineral sector, a situation that the government sees as positive. While at least two Australian mining firms are interested in light metals for the current pursuit of solar energy and electric cars in particular, the Korean firms are also examining the other end, of actually processing and using light metals produce. Car batteries are being cited as one line of manufacturing that the firms intend to pursue, sooner.

A South Korea business delegation was in the country and held talks with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who expressed satisfaction with those intentions, especially as it relates to advanced value addition on the minerals.

As it is often the case, the fact that they are companies based in South Korea isn't proof of their being entirely Korean in ownership or strategies. Many such firms are sector based, floating investment proposals in the capital market and getting various firms to sign. We need to remember that such operations are international in character.

The current investment climate has a number of facilitating policy elements and a legal restraint that a section of opinion, constantly citing fears, do not wish to alter. This was demonstrably the case when the government moved to withdraw a bill to amend the 2017 laws declaring permanent sovereignty on natural resources on the one hand, and land on the other hand. Each of the major investment agreements that we enter with foreign companies one way or another touch some fringes of the provisions of these pieces of legislation. Critics of investments toasted jubilantly.

Welcoming international firms

wishing to invest in the minerals' value chain, for instance in the production of motor vehicle batteries, suggests that the country wishes to actually join globalised operations of big firms. That means observing rules of international investments such that there is a level playing field, where issues of litigation are a last resort. If the firms start by noticing that they may wish to go to court in the aftermath of investments taking off, they drop such projects.

There are countries around the world whose investments legal framework is characterised by legislation like permanent sovereignty or security fears. They don't quite lack investors but they depend on their own Diaspora to collect funds and seek other local partners. At times there are special economic zones whose property holding laws are different from the general framework, even for 50 years.

What may at least be positive is that investors seek assurances from those in office at a particular moment, and then chart out the risk level, and in our case it is low, as there are no deep fissures in civil society or legislature. As for failure to actually amend specific laws that are popular with opinion, suffice it is to say that in any investment dispute there are other channels to follow, for instance the fact that Tanzania remains a member of the International Convention for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). International law supersedes local law provisions.

There is a good number of other areas where the provisions are usable and without massive discrepancy to investment needs. In case of dispute with local people, 'permanent sovereignty' means their interests come first. It isn't a draconian provision.

Rethinking our disaster control strategies could come in handy

WITH powerful El Nino conditions apparently gathering pace in vast sections of the Pacific Ocean - which has no usable demarcation from the Indian Ocean, disaster preparedness is starting worry top level government officials. That is as it should be, as in many disaster situations people are wont to lament amount some tiny precautions that were not taken on time, aside from overall limitation of public resources. This is what some recent appeals basically wish to convey.

The relevant cabinet minister for the matter, located within the Prime Minister's Office, has been issuing incisive directions on the matter of late, and definitely for good reason. Raising a strident alert is in right frame in the wake of a forecast by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) that wide areas of the country are likely to receive above normal rains during the end of year rainy season, owing to what experts call El-Nino conditions. El Nino means the child in Spanish, and hence it is a phenomenon accompanying the Christmas festival.

The minister essentially asked various authorities to take note of the potentially heavy rains expected, thus demanding that they be prepared for waterlogging and flooding causing infrastructure damage. There is also a remote likelihood of the loss of life, in which case disaster management committees need to start taking precautions and educate the public on the possible impacts of the likely weather pattern. That is right, but to whom does the potential disaster bell toll?

Looking at the matter closely, there is at first a problem of where the weather agency falls in terms

of ministerial responsibilities, and without further effort it is likely to belong to PMO, as it is also responsible for disaster management nationwide. That raises key policy and logistical issues, as at what point the regional, district and even ward authorities come into view if or when disasters occur. There was a tone in the minister's remarks that 'the buck stops there,' in which case they take the necessary precautions, which is admittedly unfeasible.

It is precisely this same stance that was noted when the proverbial weatherman issued the end of year rainy season alert, asking all and sundry to take note of those observations. In like manner, the agency (or authority) repeatedly asks farmers to take note of weather predictions, which is disarming in its honesty as to administrative abdication of engagement with disasters. TMA can't in all likelihood address its remarks to farmers but the Ministry of Agriculture, to raise any alerts on planting or the type of crops relevant for specific areas, etc. Similarly, when it comes to potential disasters the relevant door to knock in relation to preparedness is the PMO. The committee ought to meet, take note of preliminary TMA assessments on the situation, and what scale of reaction will be needed. The trouble here is the lack of an attitude of self-reliance, where damage. There is also a remote likelihood of the loss of life, in which case disaster management committees need to start taking precautions and educate the public on the possible impacts of the likely weather pattern. That is right, but to whom does the potential disaster bell toll?



Africa Climate Summit: A critical opportunity for collective action on climate change

By Kennedy Mugochi

AS an African, I have seen first-hand the devastating effects of climate change. I have met communities displaced by floods in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. I have spoken to farmers from Northern Kenya who have lost their crops to drought. These experiences have made me acutely aware of how urgent it is to address the climate crisis.

In fact, the world stands perilously close to breaching the threshold of a 1.5C degree temperature rise, beyond which unimaginably catastrophic and irreversible climate impacts will ravage Africa and the world. Yet, the rich countries that caused this crisis are still refusing to give up their addiction to fossil fuels and are still short-changing the Global South on the funding needed for climate action.

A crucial opportunity to tackle these challenges

Next week, African leaders have a crucial opportunity to tackle these challenges. The Africa Climate Summit, hosted by the government of Kenya from September 4 to 6, will bring together heads of state and

ministers, as well as representatives from civil society and the private sector.

The summit is the moment for African leaders and civil society to agree on a strong action platform, not only for pan-African measures but also for global decisions due to be taken at the UN global climate summit (COP28) this November.

Achieving a robust common agenda depends on three key factors: A people-centered approach: The summit must put the needs of the people at the heart of its deliberations. The voices and needs of women, youth, Indigenous people, and others most vulnerable to climate impacts must be given priority over those of foreign companies and donors.

A justice approach: This means making sure that the benefits and costs of climate action are equitably distributed. Both within countries, so that women, informal workers, Indigenous people, and other vulnerable groups don't lose out. And between countries, so that rich countries, which have done most to cause the crisis, shoulder more of the burden than developing countries. These two principles of justice should underpin the summit's outcomes.

A collaborative approach:

The summit must be a genuine collaborative effort between governments, civil society, and the progressive private sector. Only by working together can we achieve the necessary changes. Too much influence by particular interest groups will likely compromise the summit's outcomes.

However daunting as it may appear, I appeal to African leaders to take a united approach during the summit that will benefit the people of Africa in the long run.

Three vital areas for the summit to produce clear outcomes: Firstly, Africa and the world must rapidly transition away from fossil fuels. African governments and foreign donors and investors must put an immediate stop to the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and ensure that no new fossil fuel projects are financed, licensed, or constructed. Foreign partners must help finance a managed and just phase-out of existing fossil capacity.

Secondly, divert investments and subsidies from fossil fuels to Africa's vast renewable energy potential. But the priority should be to spur inclusive, gender-transformative and sustainable development within Africa, not to satisfy the appetites of foreign countries and companies. As

Hivos has demonstrated in its ENERGIA program, decentralized, community-owned, renewable energy solutions are key to create opportunities and jobs for women, small and micro businesses, youth, farmers and other economically marginalized groups.

Lastly, the summit must loudly redouble Africa's calls for a transformation of the global climate finance system. Africa needs massively increased, non-debt creating finance for adaptation and loss and damage, as well as for the energy and food transitions. And we need more democratic and inclusive institutions to govern climate finance. This means not only giving governments of developing countries a fair say, but also bringing most-affected communities to the table. A portion of global and national funding should be set aside for local communities to directly access and manage.

The African Climate Summit is a critical opportunity for African leaders to take action on climate change. I urge them to seize this opportunity and make bold commitments to protect the planet and its people.

Together, we can build a fairer, more sustainable future for Africa and the world.

Hijackers run the city of Jo'burg

By Zukile Majova

Johannesburg is run by a mayor whose party received less than 1 per cent of the vote. The Speaker of the council also comes from a 1 per cent party. It's the worst version of a betrayal of the vote of residents who tried to rescue their city from malice and incompetence, writes Zukile Majova.

President Cyril Ramaphosa on Thursday night found himself at the heart of the R80-billion City of Johannesburg, with hardly a street light functioning.

The area -- Marshalltown -- is the heart of the decay of a neglected city whose buildings are easily hijacked by criminals, with cables stolen by copper-cable syndicates that have operated in the city for years.

Down the road at Bree Street is the site of an unresolved disaster where methane gas exploded last month from an underground

service tunnel.

Ramaphosa himself was in the vicinity only as a public relations exercise after a fire gutted a five-storey building on Thursday morning, killing 76 people including 12 children.

The building, which belongs to the City, has been ignored by the city council for more than 10 years and simply handed over to criminals.

In its prime, the building was a safe haven for abused women and children and even had a clinic.

It was hijacked by criminals in 2013 and city officials knew the building had been condemned as unsafe for human habitation.

When disaster struck, over 400 people lived in the building, paying monthly rent of R1,600 per household to slumlords.

People desperate to live in the inner city and be close to potential employers go to the extent of

erecting shacks in the passages and stairways of buildings.

This is the reality in hundreds of buildings across Johannesburg, where years of failure to implement city bylaws resulted in criminal syndicates being allowed to take over dilapidated buildings.

Sadly, the residents of Johannesburg have been trying for many years now to save their city from the corruption and incompetence of an ANC government.

The only way people can save themselves from an incapable administration is through the vote, and in the latest municipal elections, the residents took power away from the ANC.

The ANC now governs the city with a "puppet mayor" from Al Jama-ah, a party that received less than 1 per cent of the vote.

The ruling party received just 33.6 per cent of the vote from residents;

the rest (64% of the vote) went to opposition parties -- a clear vote of no confidence in the ANC that has run the city for decades.

In the first year, former DA mayor Dr Mpho Phalatshe united opposition parties under a new vision for the municipalities.

The coalition collapsed when smaller parties took their votes to the ANC in exchange for lucrative positions.

So desperate was the ANC to take power from the opposition that it allowed Al Jama-ah to bully it into taking the position of executive mayor with less than 1% of the vote.

The Congress of the People, another 1% party, was given the position of Speaker of the council.

So spare a thought for the people of Joburg. The city and its finances remain hijacked by a political cabal that has little regard for accountability and consequence management.

China-backed technology skills contest fetes African students

NAIROBI

FORTY-NINE African students have been awarded after they emerged winners of Africa Technology Challenge (ATC) Season 8, a contest initiated and sponsored by AVIC International, a Chinese company.

The eighth season of ATC, which began in July, consisted of 83 teams formed by 332 participants drawn from Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe who were training on CNC lathe machining as well as mechanical drawings and CAD software application.

Rigathi Gachagua, Kenya's deputy president who graced the awarding event on Thursday, lauded AVIC International for the contest because it plays a key role in enhancing the technical skills of students pursuing technical courses in Kenya.

"The skills being learned by the students will help the country in reducing the level of unemployment and reduce the poverty index in the country through cultivating the spirit of entrepreneurship as a way of encouraging innovation among youth in the country," Gachagua said on Thursday evening in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

The ATC is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) youth empowerment project by AVIC International that was launched in 2014 and has so far benefited 1,292 participants from 10 African countries.

Gachagua lauded the competition which he said lays a strong emphasis on youth-driven information communication technology (ICT) potential to support new-age industries that leverage innovations in artificial intelligence, robotics and other technologies that enhance Kenya's productivity and competitiveness.

Esther Muoria, principal secretary of the State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the Ministry of Education, said that the contest is an important tool because it conveys outcomes of a good TVET system.

Muoria added that the competition has emerged as a vehicle for raising awareness as well as informing Kenyans of the diversity of opportunities that may result from advancing skills development.

Technical and vocational education plays a cru-



Rigathi Gachagua (C, Rear), Kenya's deputy president, presents a contestant a certificate at the closing ceremony of Africa Technology Challenge (ATC) Season 8 in Nairobi, Kenya, on Aug. 31, 2023. Forty-nine African students have been awarded after they emerged winners of Africa Technology Challenge (ATC) Season 8, a contest initiated and sponsored by AVIC International, a Chinese company.

cial role in equipping youth with the skills and knowledge needed to drive innovation and economic prosperity through industrialization and modernization. She observed that the ATC aims to enhance the use of equipment provided by technical institutions as

well as the entrepreneurial culture in TVET institutions.

Xu Fei, vice president of AVIC International Project Engineering Company, said that the competition has impacted the knowledge and skills of African students on how to design and

manufacture mechanical parts that are needed for industrial processes.

Xu noted that his organization is keen to share with Africa the expertise it has acquired over the years in cultivating technical skills in the continent.

China's cooperation with Kenya in the technical and vocational education sector has already begun

to yield positive results through joint projects and knowledge sharing that have up-skilled the local labor force.

Victor Ngumbau Mue, who took first place in the CNC lathe machining individual category, said that he was grateful to participate in the ATC contest because it provided him with a platform to interact and understand modern engineering equipment.

The student at the Technical University of Kenya, who also won a scholarship to study in China, hopes to use the training he will acquire in the Asian nation to help drive Kenya's industrialization aspirations.

John Takudzwa Kamutimbe, a student at Harare Polytechnic in Zimbabwe who emerged second overall in the CNC lathe machining individual category, attributed his success to teamwork and mentorship from his instructors.

The 24-year-old who is currently pursuing a diploma in mechanical engineering and won a scholarship to study in China praised the contest because it focused on practical skills that are relevant to Africa's job market.

Xinhua

80 years on, Italian victims of Nazi crimes finally to get compensation

FORNELLI

IN October 1943, after the Nazis began a brutal occupation of their former ally, German troops hanged six Italian civilians on a hillside in southern Italy as collective punishment for the killing of a soldier, who had been foraging for food.

Eighty years later, some of the relatives of the men put to death in Fornelli are finally set to receive a share of 12 million euros (\$13 million) awarded by an Italian court as compensation for their families' trauma.

"We still mark the event every year. It hasn't been forgotten," said Mauro Petrarca, the great-grandson of one of those killed, Domenico Lancellotta, a 52-year-old Roman Catholic father of five daughters and a son.

All but one of the family members alive at the time of the killings are now dead, but under Italian law, damages owed to them can still be passed on to their heirs. This means Petrarca is set to receive around 130,000 euros (\$142,000) under the terms of a 2020 court ruling.

In an ironic twist, it will be Italy rather than Germany that pays up, after it lost a battle in the International Court of Justice over whether Berlin could still be liable for damages tied to World War Two crimes and atrocities.

Jewish organisations in Italy believe Berlin should be paying to acknowledge their historical responsibility. But victims' groups also fear Rome is dragging its feet in dealing with a deluge of claims that could weigh on state accounts.

"This is a very tormented issue, both from a political and a legal perspective," said Giulio Disegni, the vice-president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI), which has been following the issue on behalf of Jewish victims of Nazi horrors.

A study funded by the German government and published in 2016 estimated that 22,000 Italians were victims of Nazi war crimes, including up to 8,000 Jews deported to death camps. Thousands more Italians were forced to work as enslaved labourers in Germany, making them eligible for reparations.

The first people likely to benefit from the new government fund set up to deal with claims are descendants of the six Catholic Fornelli men, who were hanged as German soldiers played music on a gramophone stolen from a nearby house.

Their killing came a month after Italy had signed an armistice with the Allied forces, ending its participation in World War Two and abandoning the Nazis, who immediately started their occupation of the country.

'Cupboard of shame'

In 1962, Germany signed a deal with Italy whereby it paid Rome 40 million Deutsche mark, worth just over 1 billion euros in today's money, which the two nations agreed covered damages inflicted by Nazi forces on the Italian state and its citizens.

Italy gave pensions to those who had been politically or racially persecuted during the conflict, and to their surviving relatives. However, it did not offer reparations for war crimes.

"They didn't look at war crimes and this was a mistake. Maybe at the time they thought everyone had committed war crimes, not just Germany, and didn't want to go down that path," said Lucio Olivieri, the



Teacher Chiara Morabito (right with light blue backpack) explains to students of the Viscontino school the history and the meaning of the square titled Oct 16, 1943, in Rome's Jewish neighborhood, Jan 27, 2021, on the occasion of International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi German extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. AP

lawyer who led the Fornelli litigation.

In 1994, a cupboard was found in the offices of Rome's military prosecutors packed with files documenting hundreds of war crimes that had never been prosecuted.

Spurred on by the so-called "Cupboard of Shame", Italy looked to bring Nazis to trial for their role in multiple massacres, while courts started to award victims rep-

arations. Germany refused to pay, arguing the 1962 accord prevented further claims. In 2012, the International Court of Justice backed Berlin, but Italian courts contin-



A man walks past Jewish symbols hanging on a wall along a street leading to the square titled Oct 16, 1943, in Rome's Jewish neighborhood, Jan 27, 2021, on the occasion of International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi German extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. AP

ued to hear compensation cases, saying no limit could be imposed on war crimes.

'Question of pride'

The Fornelli suit, which opened in 2015, was levelled against both Germany and Italy, which tried, but failed, to shut down proceedings.

"I found it amazing that Italy took the side of Germany in the case against us. It was like they were (wartime) allies again," said Petrarca, who is a workman in Fornelli.

With ever more cases hitting the courts, the then-prime minister Mario Draghi created a fund in April 2022 to cover the growing compensation costs, hoping to close a dark chapter in Italy's history.

A deadline for presenting new legal claims expired on June 28 and the Italian Treasury, which is handling payouts, told Reuters that it had so far received notification of 1,228 legal suits, but said others might not yet have been forwarded to it.

Each suit is likely to involve multiple plaintiffs, meaning the 61 million euros earmarked for the reparations might not be nearly enough to cover all the expected payouts, lawyers say.

The fund has already been topped up from an original 55 million, but the Treasury said it was too soon to say if this would be sufficient.

The government also has given itself the right to review any court verdict before deciding whether to pay out - adding an additional bureaucratic hurdle to claimants, although the government denies creating obstacles for families.

"It is a mockery," UCEI vice-president Disegni said.

For Fornelli, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Under the terms of a government decree issued in July, the first disbursement should be made to locals by January, even though the town insists their case was about much more than cash.

"This wasn't about the money. It was about seeking justice for a war crime, a question of pride," said Fornelli mayor Giovanni Tedeschi. **Agencies**

Lagos traffic jams disappear, but this isn't good news for Nigeria

By Nduka Orjinmo & Gift Ufuoma

LAGOS feels different, the boisterous - often chaotic - energy that drives Nigeria's commercial centre has been subdued by the removal of a fuel subsidy that had kept the price of petrol low for decades in Africa's largest economy.

Since June, fuel costs have tripled, leading transport fares to shoot up and forcing many employees to return to the pandemic era by working from home.

Many private cars are off the roads. And with fewer passengers to tussle over, some of the yellow, fume-belching buses, pride of the city's eternal hustle spirit, now idle at motor parks.

The notorious miles-long traffic jams have drastically reduced.

This bustling city of an estimated 20 million people is quieter, but for once that is not a good thing.

What Lagos has gained in tranquillity it has lost economically since President Bola Tinubu abruptly ended the supply of cheap fuel in his first day in office at the end of May.

Oil-rich Nigeria, he said, could no longer afford to subsidise petrol which was costing billions of dollars a year.

Mr Tinubu also ended currency restrictions that had been put in place by the previous government, and while many experts agree that it was the right thing to do, it has led to a weakening of the local currency.

The double whammy of rising fuel costs and a weak currency has sent the economy into a tailspin, and nowhere is the biting hardship more apparent than in Lagos - a commercial behemoth that is often a snapshot of the rest of the country.

Many small businesses have packed up, and some low-income earners who live in the suburbs of the mainland and commute to the business districts on Lagos Island have stopped going to work.

"I was spending 600 naira a day on transport, it jumped to 1,000 naira. By the end of the month I was spending all my salary on transport," a cleaner said, adding that she had been forced to resign from her job.

She lives in Ikorodu, a congested part of Lagos state, which is popular with low-income earners.

Previously, the 41km (25 miles) between Ikorodu and upmarket Victoria Island took two-three hours during rush hour. Now, it can be done in 45-50 minutes.

Recent data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed that when compared to the second quarter of 2022, the contribution of road transport to the economy within the same period this year fell by around 47%.

As that data only captured one month since the policy changed, things could be even worse now.

That economic hit would have been mostly felt in Lagos, home of Nigeria's busiest port and the city that the Nigerian president prides himself on building.

"He was right to remove [the] subsidy but not at this time, not without fixing the refineries," said professor of Economics Uchechi Ogbuagu. Because Nigeria's oil refineries are not functioning, most fuel is actually imported.

"An essential commodity like energy - if you tamper with the price, there will be a multiplier effect," he said.

What to do with the expensive fuel subsidy was one of the major talking-points before elections earlier this year, with almost all economists and politicians agreeing that it had to go.

Nigeria was spending money it did not have to keep fuel prices low and it was no longer sustainable, the arguments went.

Previous investigations found that the system was riddled with corruption, and as was evident after it was stopped, a large portion of the subsidised fuel was smuggled to neighbouring countries where it was sold at higher rates.

Some experts and government agencies argued that the fuel subsidy benefited rich Nigerians more than the poor, while opponents said removing it would in-



Many of Lagos's famous yellow buses now lie idle without passengers

fluct hardship on the latter group.

But even among those who wanted the subsidy gone was an admission that it needed to be done in phases, certain things had to be put in place first.

The labour unions wanted the local refineries working, the main opposition wanted government to get out of the oil-importation market.

Others asked for subsidised transportation - especially to move farm products, and there were also questions about how the money saved would be used.

But despite having some of these in his

manifesto, Mr Tinubu used an off-the-cuff remark in his first speech as president to remove the subsidy, initially sending the system into shock before prices went up.

How an ad-lib by Nigeria's new president fuelled chaos

"I was possessed with courage and I said 'subsidy is gone'," Mr Tinubu said of his now-famous remark on 29 May.

"We are tired of feeding smugglers, making few people rich and subsidising the next-door neighbour," he later said at a function in France.

With prices of petrol up, small busi-

nesses like the popular motorcycle food-delivery companies, that provided employment to young people, have had to rethink their strategies.

Some workers have been laid off while others like Happiness Emmanuel have resorted to using bicycles for deliveries, a rare sight in the scorching heat of Lagos, where there is a lack of bicycle lanes.

"I make more money and it is less expensive to maintain," he told the BBC at his food court location in the Ikeja area.

Some of his colleagues have also started using bicycles because of the high cost

of fuel, he said.

Even the city's Bus Rapid Transport, which recently added electric buses to its fleet, has seen an upsurge by as much as 30%, a spokesman told the BBC.

This was helped by prices that were halved by the government, he said.

The state is also commencing operations on its metro system on Monday, and its affordable fares should get more residents on the move again.

President Tinubu announced in early August that more than 1 trillion naira (\$1.3bn; £1bn) had been saved since subsidy was removed - money that otherwise would have gone to "smugglers and fraudsters", he said.

He acknowledged the hardship, asked people to "look beyond the present temporary pains," and assured that saved funds would benefit families.

Tuition loans have been introduced for poor families with children in university and talks are ongoing for the minimum wage to be raised.

The government has also distributed grains, announced plans to convert cars from fuel to gas, while some states have introduced electric buses.

For some, the current realities put an end to the arguments about who benefits from the fuel subsidy. Many want it back and now argue that fuel subsidy is not a bad thing if it can be ring-fenced from corruption.

"Subsidy, if implemented well, benefits all," said Prof Ogbuagu.

"Everybody was buying fuel at the same price. The poor may not have lots of TVs and fridges, but transport fares would be low," he said.

Mr Tinubu has assured that there are no further plans for petrol prices to rise - which ought to happen as the naira weakened further - all but signalling that the subsidy was back. He has also announced his cabinet, filling up important posts that are crucial in driving the economy.

It demonstrates how difficult it is to do away with what is a popular policy, even for President Tinubu who has often boasted of having the will to carry out difficult decisions. He will not be the first Nigerian president to walk back on the scrapping of the fuel subsidy, though predecessors faced far stiffer opposition, such as nationwide protests in 2012.

There have been pockets of protests in some states against the hardship and the labour unions staged lacklustre demonstrations but they barely registered.

Such demonstrations have often kicked off in Lagos in the past, with other parts of Nigeria feeding off its energy to join in.

But for once, the city that never sleeps is low on fumes, literally and metaphorically.



Marches by the labour unions to protest against the current hardship barely registered

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Innovative business ecosystems act as catalysts for transforming agriculture - AGRA's president

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

INNOVATIVE business ecosystems act as catalysts for transforming agriculture and food systems, driving improvements in local economies, according to the president of the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Dr. Agnes Kalibata.

Dr Kalibata made the remarks over the weekend during her field visit to Iringa Region where she highlighted the symbiotic relationship between business ecosystems, agriculture, and food systems as a model for sustainable economic growth at the grassroots level.

"Often, all that is required is catalytic support," she emphasized, highlighting catalytic support as the key to unlocking transformational growth.

Her visit was a part of the AGRF summit activities. A joint field visit was organized by AGRA and the Partners in Agricultural Transformation in Africa (PIATA) Program Advisory Committee (PAC) to the Iringa Region in Tanzania's Southern Highlands.

The group visited a milling plant operated by Super Seki Investment in Iringa Municipal, a maize aggregator and processor, which distributes milled flour within Tanzania and to nations such as Kenya, Rwanda DRC, and Sudan.

Recognizing their significant contribution, Dr. Kalibata praised the company's founder and managing director for fostering an ecosystem that supports over 25,000 farmers, substantially mitigating poverty among this demographic.

She noted that the dynamic nature of business ecosystems, envisioning an era where adaptability-driven by evolving market

demands, technological innovations, and shifting socio-economic patterns—will be foundational to agrarian success narrative.

She was speaking at the Super Seki Investment aggregation centre, led by Ritha Sekiovelle, affectionately referred to as 'Super Seki.' With a specialized focus on maize procurement and processing, it wants to up its purchasing power to double the farmers served.

Reflecting on a trade expedition to Kenya that AGRA facilitated, Ritha shared that it not only expanded her horizons but also connected her with international patrons, marking a transformative phase for her business.

Dedicated to expansion and relationship-building, she has actively participated in several B2B interactions facilitated by PIATA TIJA Tanzania, predominantly within the Ithemi consortium spanning Iringa and Njombe. These interactions have fortuitously integrated Super Seki Investment into the expansive AMCOS network.

Prof Jean Muhinda, AGRA Regional Head for East Africa noted that the PIATA-TIJA initiative in Tanzania is part of a pan-African Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa (PIATA), implemented by AGRA and partners.

Highlighting the successes of the project, he observed: "Through this endeavour, we've seen a tangible rise in the capacity of traders to tap into export market opportunities. This has been achieved by forging strong links between producers, off-takers, and end markets across neighboring countries."

Prof Muhinda also expressed his satisfaction with the project's



From Left: AGRA president Dr. Agnes Kalibata, Youthful Atlio Mhapa, village based advisor (VBA), Ndidi Nwuneli, executive chair of Africa Food Changemakers, Evelyn Mkemwa, director of Alpa Agrodealers, and Dina Esposito of USAID pose for a picture during the AGRA board members and piata pac field visit to the southern highlands - Iringa Region, on September 3rd, 2023

lasting impact, stating: "It's heartening to note that the ecosystem we've helped nurture has not only thrived during our active involvement but has continued to flourish even after our support ceased."

He further pointed out the symbiotic nature of the ecosystem. "Village Based Advisors are not just thriving; they've become an integral part of the established ecosystem. They are interdependent, working seamlessly and collaboratively to ensure sustained progress and growth."

Revocatus Rwegosha, the Regional Agriculture Advisor for Iringa, drew attention to the region's significant agricultural potential.

He commented: "Iringa has always been a breadbasket for Tanzania, a hub of agricultural bounty

and promise, but needed to do better for increased exports."

Highlighting the pivotal role of AGRA and its associates, Rwegosha added: "The cyclical support provided by AGRA and our other esteemed partners has been instrumental. It's not merely about financial or material assistance; it's about elevating the region's agricultural productivity to new heights."

Atlio Mhapa, a young and dedicated Village Based Advisor (VBA), working closely with Alpa Agro Dealer, impressed the delegation as it emerged that she is serving over 3,000 villagers in a single season with inputs at Luhota ward in Iringa.

"As a young woman, I've come to realize that

agriculture holds tremendous business potential. While challenges exist, the opportunities for growth are immense," she shared

The AGRA Board Members and PIATA PAC Field Visit to the Southern Highlands - Iringa Region, Tanzania on September 3rd, 2023, encompassed a comprehensive exploration of various value chain participants. The entourage was privileged to visit the hub Agro dealers and processors, contributing significantly to the local agricultural landscape.

IITA out to improve cassava yields, enhance food security

By Shukuru Manyama

AFRICAN researchers have been urged to do more research to control cassava diseases, which thwart production of the root crop in the continent, despite its significance to people's livelihoods.

Adebayo Abass, a post-harvest specialist and coordinator at Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)'s cassava compact made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the field visit organized by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in collaboration with Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centres (CGIAR).

The event was part of the week-long journey of the Africa Food Systems Summit that kicked off today to September 8th in Dar es Salaam.

He described cassava as one of the most important root crops and considered food commodities that constitute starch in Africa, hence the move to research more on its diseases remain paramount.

"It's important for our researchers to play their part so as to promote this important root crops," said Abass.

The expert also stated: "Cassava has become a substitute for wheat importation in the country, and can play a vital role in food security in Tanzania as well as other regions in Africa."

Abass also said that due to its importance, cassava crop can produce value added products such as starch, flour and investigating the use of cassava for making glue for the plywood and paper industry.

Accordingly, food quality studies support crop improvement, promote value addition and reduce post-harvest losses.

"Research plays a magnificent role in research activities in relation to food safety, nutritional analysis and quality assurance. Because of its significant contribution, it is important."

James Legg, IITA principal scientist said that to identify disease, the team and farmers use Nuru plant village application that diagnose the cassava diseases and advise farmers on how to control them.

Fatma Musa IITA's researcher said that crop diseases spread in different ways into farmers' fields. Winds and farmers exchanging cultivars/plantlets and other varieties of seedling. Fatma said that transferring seedling across fields is a big challenge facing the seeds system. "When you transfer one seedling to another without knowing their plant health status, adding that farmers need to be educated on the matter."

So far, cassava production in Tanzania stood at 5.58 million tonnes in 2019. In that year Tanzania was the 11th largest cassava producer in the world and the 6th largest



Cassava farmer showcases the crop yield

in Africa after Nigeria (top producer in the world), Ghana, DRC, Angola, and Mozambique.

Cassava is cultivated and produced in all regions of Tanzania. The main producing areas are: Mwanza,

Mtwara, Lindi, Shinyanga, Tanga Ruvuma, Mara Kigoma, Coast regions and most regions in Zanzibar. The Sunday's field visit aimed at giving the participants opportunity to learn, explore and experience the contributions of IITA's and partners' research activities on sustainable intensification of mixed maize-legume-livestock farming system to improve productivity and food security in the

country. IITA works closely with local communities, government agencies and research institutions to address critical challenges facing agriculture in the country. The research conducted by IITA assists in identifying resilient crop varieties, innovative farming techniques and sustainable solutions to fight pests and diseases, controlling major pests and diseases, mitigating the harmful effects of aflatoxin, and supporting the development of sustainable value chains of important staple crops.

Four sons set out on a perilous migration route. Only one came home

By Joel Gunter

ADAMA and Moussa Sarr had lost track of the exact number of days they had been at sea. The brothers were drifting somewhere off the coast of West Africa, in a traditional Senegalese fishing canoe known as a pirogue. They were two of 39 passengers in total - all malnourished, many close to death.

When a fishing vessel appeared in the distance one day, Adama, 21, was so weak he could only stare, he said. Moussa, 17, slipped into the water to swim.

He would almost certainly have drowned, had the fishing crew not spotted him in the water and plucked him to safety.

When they drew alongside the pirogue, they found Adama and the rest of the survivors and seven bodies. The pirogue had set out from Senegal five weeks earlier, with 101 souls on board.

The survivors had drifted hundreds of miles on one of the most dangerous migrant routes in the world - the North Atlantic sea passage from Senegal to the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago about 1,000 miles away by sea.

They had left on 10 July, from the coastal village of Fass Boye. Adama and Moussa came from a long line of fishermen in the village. The boys learned to fish together and worked a pirogue together.

But like many young people in Senegal, they felt the pull of Europe. "Everyone wants to go on the boats," Adama said. "It's the thing you're supposed to do."

He was sitting in the shaded courtyard of a family home, safely back in Senegal but noticeably thinner than before. The journey had begun at dusk, he said. He and Moussa, along with two cousins, Pape and Amsoutou, aged 40 and 20, joined the pirogue a little way off the coast as it set off into the night.

Unlike the Mediterranean, there are no patrols on the North Atlantic route - no-one proactively searching for lost or distressed boats. It is easy to founder without being seen. If you miss the Canaries, or Cape Verde, you can drift into the Atlantic and disappear.

For the first three days, Adama and Moussa's pirogue, powered by an outboard motor, battled against strong headwinds. But on the fourth day, the wind died down and the boat began to progress, Adama said. The passengers believed they had only a few more days at sea.

When the sixth day passed with no sight of land, an argument erupted over whether to push on or turn back.

"The captain ruled that we should push on, because we had enough food and water and the wind was quiet," Adama said.

The passengers grew confident again and began to eat lots of food, he said, and they used drinking water to wash their hands for prayers.

Short presentational grey line
It was around day six that the food and water began to run out. There were four children on board, and some older people gave the last of their food to the young. Some hoarded even after people began to die.

Adama couldn't remember the exact date of the first death, but it was shortly after the first week passed, he said - a fishing captain, used to being on the water but not young. It was six more days until the next person died. Then the deaths came every day.

"At first, we said a prayer for each dead person and laid their body onto the ocean," Adama said. "Then later we just threw the bodies into the water because we didn't even have the energy to pray. We just needed to get rid of the corpses."

Back in Fass Boye, news was spreading through the village that the boat had not arrived. "We all knew it should be five or six days by boat to Spain," Adama's mother, Sokhna, said. "When a week had passed with no news I stopped eating. I became sick from stress."

Nearly everyone on the pirogue was from Fass Boye or nearby, and everyone in the village seemed to know someone aboard. The families began to do anything they could, alerting local authorities and migration NGOs. The founder of one NGO even tweeted a warning that the boat was missing, two weeks after its departure, but the warning went unheeded and the boat drifted for three more weeks.

On the pirogue, the four men from the family stuck together, but they were growing weaker and weaker. The eldest cousin, Pape, died first, Adama said. "Before he passed, he said, 'If death must happen, I wish



Adama Sarr at home in Senegal. "In the beginning we all had hope," he said.

that I die and you three survive."

Then Adama's younger cousin, Amsoutou, disappeared. One morning they woke up and Amsoutou was simply gone.

Adama and Moussa hung on, sipping seawater and baking under the sun. Each night they looked for lights from the Canary Islands but the lights never appeared.

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Nobody in Fass Boye seemed to blame the migrants for taking the risk. More than a third of the country lives in poverty, according to the World Bank. The young see few opportunities at home. "Macky Sall sold

the ocean," said Assane Niang, a 23-year-old fishing captain, referring to the Senegalese president. Fishermen in Fass Boye say the government has granted too many licences to foreign trawlers, which overfish their waters and deplete the catch.

Niang was sitting on the beach in the shade of a pirogue, knitting generator covers he can sell to help make ends meet. "If we had other alternatives we would stay, but we cannot sit here and do nothing," he said. "We are trying to support our families."

There is social pressure on the young to try to leave on the boats, and there can be

stigma attached to those who fail or never try.

So much so that the sea route to Spain has earned its own grim slang in Senegal's Wolof language: "Barcelona or death."

The wooden pirogues the smugglers use are not suitable for the voyage. They are often poorly constructed. They lack navigation technology and are liable to run out of petrol and be pushed off course. And yet the number of migrants using the route to reach Spain has been rising every year.

According to the International Organisation for Migration, about 68,000 people have successfully reached the Canary Islands by boat from West Africa since January 2020 and about 2,700 have been recorded dead or disappeared. But the number of casualties is likely significantly higher, because fatal accidents are more likely to go unrecorded on this route.

"We call them invisible shipwrecks," said Safa Msehli, a spokeswoman for the IOM. "A boat washes ashore with nobody aboard, or a body washes ashore not linked to a known capsized boat."

Part of the problem was that people leaving Fass Boye, particularly fishermen, were too confident in their chances, said Abdou Karim, a lifelong fisherman and the father of Pape Sarr, who died on the boat.

"The fishermen think that, if they get into trouble, they will be able to swim," he said. "But there is a limit. You cannot swim forever. The ocean will not hold you."

And yet, young fishermen in Fass Boye said they were still willing to take the risk.

"I am thinking about going on a boat right now," said Niang, the fisherman on the beach. "The tragedies will not stop us from trying."

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About a month into Adama and Moussa's voyage, a large ship appeared on the horizon and more than 20 people decided to take their chances in the water, Adama said. But he knew it was too far.

Many of the remaining survivors were barely able to move, he said. Then on 14 August, exactly five weeks after they had departed, they caught sight of the Spanish fishing boat that would rescue them.

The Spanish crew helped them aboard and put the seven bodies into plastic sheets. Adama and Moussa lay together on the deck of the fishing vessel.

They had survived the pirogue. But Moussa was too weak. He was the last of the 63 people who died on the voyage.

"He died right there on the deck," Adama said. "In front of my eyes."

The survivors were taken to Cape Verde and spent six days receiving medical treatment, before the majority were flown back to Dakar. Those who could walk were given prescriptions and sent back to Fass Boye.

When news had broken of the number of deaths, there was a brief spasm of violent protest in the village that brought the police to town. Some relatives were arrested, including a member of Adama and Moussa's family.

The survivors were harassed in their homes by curious residents and relatives of the dead, families said. So one day after they arrived home, they were all sent back out of Fass Boye to recuperate elsewhere. Adama and his mother Sokhna went to stay with close relatives nearby. They were spending their days resting, praying, and avoiding asking Adama about his ordeal.

The family had lost three sons and got one back. Fass Boye had seen 101 set out on the water and 37 come home.

"It changes a place," said Abdou Karim, Pape's father, silently counting prayer beads in one hand.

"Even one soul is a lot," he said. "And this is more than 60. It is a lot for one place."



Young fishermen in Fass Boye say poverty is driving them to risk all on the water.

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Investors' paper wealth slims by 765bn/- in 11 months at the DSE

By Mnaku Mbani

INVESTORS' wealth on paper at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) declined by 765bn/- over the last eleven months ending September 1st, this year, due to decrease of share prices by both cross-listed and local companies.

The DSE market report shows the overall market capitalization reached 14.7trn/- on September 1st, a decline from 15.5trn/- recorded during the end of September last year.

The cross-listed companies which their shares declined during the reviewed period were East African Breweries Limited (EABL), Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) and KCB Bank.

"Several factors have contributed to this decline, including the prevailing political situation in Kenya, foreign reserve challenges, and the erosive impact of inflation on purchasing power," said Ramadhan Kagwandi, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Exodus Advisory, financial advisors and members of DSE.

"As an illustrative example, let's consider East African Breweries (EABL), which has witnessed a substantial 28 percent decrease in its share price from December 2022 to September 2023."

Similarly, the Kagwandi said, KCB has faced a steep decline, plummeting by 44 percent from 710/- in December 2022 to 395/- in September 2023.

Likewise, JHL has experienced a 17

percent decline, with its share price falling to 2,960/- in September 2023 from 3,560/- in December 2022.

"The declines in the stock prices of these prominent companies, which are part of the large-cap segment on the stock exchange, have inevitably resulted in a significant reduction in the overall market capitalization," he said.

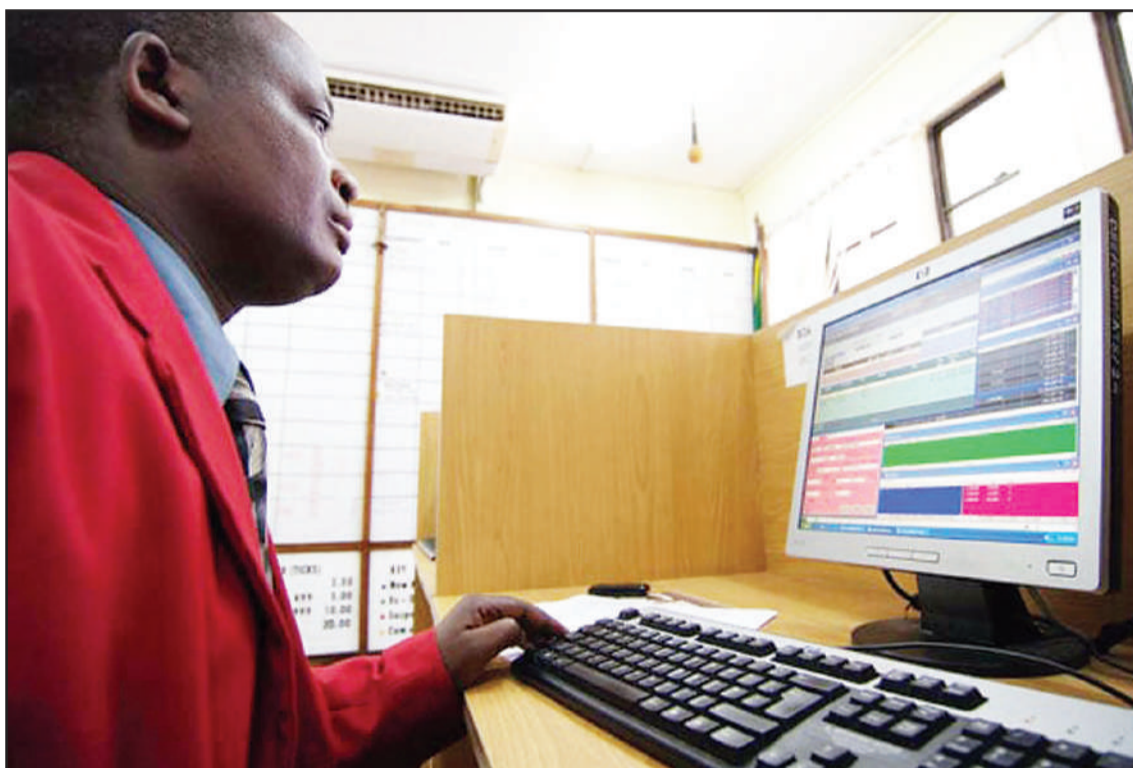
"This trend contrasts with the performance of most domestic companies, where share prices have shown substantial increases."

However, local companies including TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL), TOL Gases Limited (TOL), Swisport, Mufindi Community Bank (MUCOBA), Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) Maendeleo Bank (MBP), DCB Commercial Bank (DCB) and DSE also saw their share prices declining during the reviewed period.

According to the market report, the DSE share price closed at 1,820/- on September 1, this year, compared to 2,000/- and DCB Bank Plc, which went down to 145/- compared with 170/- respectively.

The Maendeleo Bank Plc share price also dropped to 315/- compared with 400/-, while Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) share price decreased to 690/- compared with 710/- respectively.

The share price for Mucoba decreased during the reviewed period to 320/- compared to 400/- respectively and Swisport, which its share price declined to 1,600/- compared with 1,700/- respectively.



TOL Gases Limited share price also faced the same trend after its share price decreased to 620/- from 650/- and TICL, which its share price closed at 150/- compared with 215/- respectively.

However, the paper wealth for domestic companies increased by 700bn/- during the period, driven by the increase of share prices of some local companies.

The market reports shows the highest share price increase was recorded by NMB Bank, which closed at 4,040/- on September 1, this year, compared with 2,800/- recorded 11 months ago.

This has enabled the NMB Bank, the second larg-

est bank in terms of assets, to elevate to the second top listed company on DSE, with the market capitalization of 2.2trn/- behind Tanzania Breweries Limited, which has the market capitalization of 3.2trn/-.

Another increase of share price was recorded by Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC), after closing at 17,000/- on September 1st this year compared with 16,200/- recorded eleven months ago.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) share price gained to 4,120/- compared to 3,880/- while Vodacom Tanzania share price increased to 770/- from 740/- respectively.

The market reports show that the share price of CRDB Bank, the largest bank and top performing counter, increased to 460/- compared with 380/-, while the share price for NICO, the first ever collective investment scheme, went up to 485/- compared to 330/- respectively.

The share price for Precision Air (PAL) increased to 400/- compared to 360/-, while the share price for Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL), the largest in terms of market capitalization, closed at 10,900/- compared to 10,400/- respectively.

According to the market report, the share price for Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) increased to 1,720/- compared to 1,500/- respectively, while the share price for Yetu Microfinance, which was recently merged with NMB after facing the regulatory capital challenges closed at 510/- compared with 500/- respectively.

The market report shows the remaining local companies including Swala Oil and Gas (SWALA), Tanzania Tea Packaging Company (TTP) and JATU remained unchanged during the period reviewed.

Africa's Agriculture Status Report for 2023 to be unveiled at AGRF summit

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Agriculture Status Report 2023 (AASR23) is expected to be launched during the 13th Africa Green Revolution Forum Summit which is starting today in Dar es Salaam.

According to the press release issued by AGRA yesterday, the report is being released at a time when the continent's food systems are dealing with a number of critical issues brought by increased food demand amidst production difficulties due to climate change.

"The report will delve into strategies to support African countries in transforming their food systems, based on a keen assessment of past and current food system failures," the statement noted.

The themes covered in this year's report include: assessing the state of Africa's food systems amidst global crises, climate-related shocks, the formulation of Sustainable Food Systems Transformation Plans, the role of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in driving Africa's food systems' recovery, the significance of innovation and technology in food system transformation, and the exploration of Africa's "demographic dividend" in agri-food sector transformation.

The Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) is an annual publication that is published by the AGRA since 2013.

The AASR has become an important reference point and handbook for Africa's leaders in their plans to transform the continent's agricultural prospects for emerging topics on agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa, such as Feeding Africa's Cities (2020), Building Resilient and Sustainable Food Africa Systems (2021) and Accelerating African Food Systems Transformation (2022).

The Report puts forward recom-



Coffee is Tanzania's third biggest export crop, contributing 14.1 percent of the country's total export value

mendations based on immense scholarly effort and valuable expert contributions for immediate actions and steps that African governments, Pan-African organizations, development partners, the private sector, and civil society must take to accelerate the transformation of food systems.

Among the trends observed in past reports include increased public private partnership, adoption of technology, use of improved agricultural inputs, a greater focus on capacity development and an expanded focus on extension services.

Against this backdrop, the 2023 AASR report will not only provide a comprehensive analysis of Africa's progress but also inspire discussions and collaborations that shape the future of African agriculture.

The AGRF Summit, which takes place from September 5th -8th, is an annual gathering bringing together heads of states and governments, agriculture ministers, members of the civil society, private sector leaders, scientists and farmers in discussions meant to define the future of Africa's food systems.

Under the theme, Empowering Food Systems for the Future, this year's AGRF Summit will explore the pathways and actions needed

to steer the continent towards food systems that deliver sufficient and nutritious food, protect the environment and create sustainable jobs.

The welfare of nearly 1.5 billion Africans and the future of their food systems underscores the urgency for immediate, well-informed decision-making.

It is estimated that Africa spent about \$50 billion as its net import bill for all food products in 2021, with \$18 billion net import bill for sub-Saharan Africa. The 2022 Africa Agriculture Status Report highlighted the possibility of staple food imports growing by 50-60 percent, or even doubling, over the next decade.

Despite these challenges, key stakeholders have been rallying together to harness Africa's natural assets and untapped potential, aiming to significantly boost staple food production and achieve a resilient and secure food supply.

"To achieve a true transformation of food systems in Africa, there is a growing recognition that we need to think about food systems differently, taking into account the true values and full costs involved in growing, distributing, and consuming food," the AASR22 noted.

India Oil Corporation to support cleaner energy drive

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

INDIAN oil Corporation Limited has named areas where it can support Tanzania's cleaner energy drive in both consumption and commercial sides.

S. Lakshminarayanan, the company's chief general manager (LPG-sales) said this recently during the just ended one-day India-Tanzania B2B meeting on clean energy cooperation that took place at the India High commission in Dar es Salaam.

"Tanzania is endowed with natural gas, we are ready to set up fractionators for extraction of LPG from natural gas, consultancy and execution of projects for setting up Import facility and LPG bottling plants and help in production of LPG transport facilities including vehicles," he said.

Also, the Indian corporation will supply LPG equipment like cylinders and valves, with the possibility of setting up manufacturing facilities by Indian entrepreneurs.

Other areas include consultancy for development of business models including subsidy administration, statutory laws, safety requirements for LPG marketing, providing inputs and help in implementation of software for enabling Domestic LPG Business and providing High thermal efficiency LPG stoves.

Lakshminarayanan, is in Tanzania to showcase success stories from India on LPG and how it can be duplicated to help people access clean energy.

He said LPG has health, economic cost, safety, environment and empowerment benefits.

"We want Tanzanians to utilize LPG because it has a massive impact on the health and well-being of women. LPG aides in the transition from drudgery to economic opportunity, safety concerns of LPG usage are discussed, no adverse impact on environment and the time saved in cooking is used to pursue activities/ jobs for economic gains," he said.

Elaborating on where they are and LPG supply chain network in India, he said the company has capacity to deliver 5.5 million cylinders per day and 1.8 billion cylinders per year.

Currently total LPG Consumption is 31 MMT out of which 26 MMT is for domestic purpose and near universal coverage of clean cooking fuel.

So far, the company has been able to reach 314 million customers, 25,406 LPG

distributors, 208 bottling plants, refineries that have production capacity of 10.9 MMT, LPG import terminal, which has a capacity of 18.2 MMT and LPG fractionators.

Highlighting on Direct Benefits Transfer for LPG (DBTL) consumers scheme in India, he said, so far, total number of households with LPG are 314 million, total Cash Transfer Compliant Customers 290 million and total give it up customers are 11 million.

Elaborating on Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), he said the programme was officially introduced in May 2016 to provide LPG connection to the deprived people in India.

So far, total 96 million LPG connections provided as of date, target enhanced to 16 Million in 2022, beneficiaries received a 14.2kg / 5kg cylinder, a pressure regular and an LPG Hose, loan option for LPG Stove (Hotplate) and first LPG Refill were available for beneficiary.

Also 50 million LPG connections and 1.1 billion USD initially allocated by Govt of India and enhanced target of 80 million and additional allocation of 0.64 billion USD Scheme till March 2020 under the name Expanded Ujjwala.

Elaborating on the history of LPG in India 1961-1980, he said LPG was officially introduced in India as a cooking fuel. It was seen as an option to use flared Gas while refining and there were very few takers.

Supply was restricted to availability of LPG as well related infrastructure.

From the 70s Product price was fixed irrespective of cost of production. Difference was provided to marketing companies in the form of subsidy.

For his part, Daudi Riganda, Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)'s investment promotion manager lauded Indian delegates to come in Tanzania and showcase success story on how Indian has managed to utilize compressed biogas, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), indoor solar cooking system, Ethanol Blended Petrol, biofuels, bio mobility technology and other clean energy for domestic use and implement different projects within the country.

He said why Indian companies should invest in Tanzania, because is one of the most peaceful and politically stable countries since its independence in 1961.

"We have a lot of natural resources that Indian investors can come and invest in Tanzania," he said.

DIGITAL MARKETING

Barbie movie's masterful marketing strategy

By Alley Mtatya

DID you watch the movie Barbie? Now ask yourself, how did you hear about it?

Barbie (the doll) is a culture icon from many generations, representing aspiration and youth. Barbie came into existence around the year 1959 and ever since she has been a symbol of femininity, ambition, and empowerment. She has evolved to reflect society's changing times and values, becoming more diverse, inclusive, and socially conscious. Moreover, transcended into different cultures while also changing her look. Many women and teens can recall playing with their Barbie dolls while in their childhood. Well, you're never too old to own one either!

The movie debuted at the big screen on 21st July 2023 with an estimated production budget of US\$145 million but also an extensive and expensive marketing campaign budget which was estimated to cost US\$150 million. Barbie, which starred Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling as real life size versions of the dolls, crushed box office expectations. To be honest publicity was everywhere across the world, to the point



that it had to be banned in some countries due to fear of its cultural influence.

How it was done digitally?

Market Research and Audience Segmentation. The Universal Studio team began by understanding the target audience. The Barbie movie typically targets young girls and families, so they had to identify their demographics, interests, and their online behavior. The team created a compelling website that was a dedicated movie website with interactive features, trailers, character bios, and a release countdown. Which was also mobile-friendly for easy access on all devices. The team leveraged on social media marketing. Utilized Barbie's existing social media channels (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok) by creating a content calendar to consistently post teasers, behind-the-scenes footage, character spotlights, and engaging visuals.

Engaged movie and supermodel influencers. Partnered with Xbox, Forever 21, Zara, Fossil, mommy bloggers, toy influencers, family-focused content creators plus many more to review and promote the movie. Which encouraged them to share their thoughts, create unboxing videos, and

engage with their audiences. Created interactive content like polls, quizzes, and challenges related to Barbie and the movie. Used interactive formats like Instagram Stories, Facebook Live, and TikTok Challenges to engage the audience. Encouraged fans to create their own Barbie-themed content, whether it was artwork design, videos, or stories. They invested in paid advertising on platforms like Google Ads, Facebook Ads, and YouTube to reach a wider audience. They used targeted keywords and demographics to maximize their ROI.

Host virtual events, premieres, live Q&A sessions with the movie's cast and crew which created a sense of anticipation and engagement among the audience. Merchandise Promotion (this took out a lot from the budget) of the toys in collaboration with retailers. Partnered with schools, libraries, and community organizations to host Barbie-themed events, reading sessions, or workshops related to the movie's themes.

Post-Launch Engagement. They kept the momentum going after the movie's release. By sharing their fans reactions, the team created discussions, and encouraged ongoing engagement through discussions on social media and forums. This and so much more. The campaign ran digitally and in both below and other forms above the line medium marketing channels across many countries (to break barriers).

Connecting with audiences by building a strong online presence is a top priority for brands today. The Barbie movie has been successful on expertly leveraging social media while integrating the brand seamlessly through an effective online and off-line experience.

Marketing take away

Audience engagement is vital, diversity and inclusivity matters, influencer collaborations, adaptation and evolution and multichannel marketing inside and across borders. Above all, the Barbie movie marketing team campaign demonstrated that a purposeful and community driven approach to marketing can make a significant impact and create a lasting value. A digital marketing strategy depends on the understanding of your audience and creating engaging, creative, and interactive content that resonates with them (across cultures). Build anticipation and maintaining engagement throughout the campaign's lifecycle, is key to a successful brand marketing campaign.

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Fossil fuel dependency makes Europe pawn to geopolitical superpowers

By Olof van der Gaag & Rens van Tilburg

THE current bout of high inflation began with unprecedented price rises for gas and oil due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The geopolitical unrest in Eastern Europe could lead to new price surges at any time. It is fast becoming clear that the best way to protect Europe against such price shocks is to accelerate the energy transition, thereby reducing its dependence on gas and oil.

But while the tools and technology are in place or in development, rising interest rates are slowing down the transition by adding billions of euros to the price tag. In the Netherlands, a third of all sustainable energy producers report that they have already delayed or even cut projects due to high funding costs.

Sources of sustainable energy have long been in contest with fossil fuels, financially and

operationally. However, the investment costs tend to be much higher as the development of sustainable energy sources is a capital-intensive undertaking. Interest rates will therefore have a considerable effect on costs.

Still, the operational costs of renewable power plants are very low. Once the wind farms, solar panels, heat pumps and electricity cables are all in place, the sun and wind show up for free. Meanwhile, fossil fuel energy production needs a constant supply of oil, gas and coal. Fossil fuel dependence means Europe remains reliant on fossil fuel-exporting countries of dubious reputation and reliability. That dependency makes Europe a pawn for geopolitical superpowers.

Such reliance can have disastrous outcomes, causing uncertainty about the availability of energy and severe price increases. The energy transition is the

best weapon against this dependency and its associated financial risks. Sustainable energy is the best investment in price stability.

With interest rate rises designed to curb inflation adding billions of euros to the price of the energy transition, this is bound to affect projects in energy infrastructure, solar and wind energy, geothermal energy and heat pumps. In the Netherlands, the capital costs for eight important technologies will rise by €17bn by 2030, according to research by the Berenschot consultancy commissioned by the Dutch Association for Renewable Energy (NVDE). Each percentage point increase in the interest rate will raise those costs by €6bn by 2030, then by as much as €55bn by 2050.

The sector is already feeling the effects. A survey of the sustainable energy sector found that more than a third of respondents were experiencing negative impacts on their funding options. Another third

were anticipating those impacts to materialise soon, but more than 80% of businesses expect moderate to serious delays to the energy transition.

There is no reason to expect this will be much different in the rest of Europe, particularly in countries that have no fiscal room to compensate for higher costs with extra subsidies to keep the energy transition at speed.

The European Central Bank could neutralise this drawback of its own monetary policy, according to an analysis by the Sustainable Finance Lab. Over the past few years, the ECB has made it possible for banks to secure funding at favourable rates on the condition that they maintain a certain level of lending to consumers and businesses. This emergency intervention, known as the 'targeted longer-term refinancing operation', is now being wound down. It would be sensible to newly deploy this instrument for the energy transition. Banks could then pass the lower 'green interest rate' they secure from the ECB on to their customers for sustainable energy investments.

This lower green rate for sustainable energy investments would tackle the problem at the source and make a structural contribution to reducing inflation by reducing our dependence on fossil fuel energy sources. A green ECB monetary policy of this kind is most important for countries with

high national debt and thus a low fiscal capacity.

This solution would support the main objective of the ECB: safeguarding price stability. It would make the economy less vulnerable to future price shocks related to fossil fuel energy and would mitigate the disrupting impacts of climate change. The latter is important for long-term price stability as it will prevent crop failures and other disasters. The overarching message to central bankers: safeguard price stability and introduce a green interest rate.

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Top 5 things to watch in markets this week

WASHINGTON

AFTER Friday's jobs report cemented expectations that the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates on hold later this month, the economic calendar will be lighter in the coming holiday-shortened week. Stocks go into September after notching up strong weekly gains last week, while data out of China will likely add to concerns over the outlook for the world's number two economy. The Reserve Bank of Australia will likely stand pat for a third straight meeting and supply worries look set to underpin oil prices.

US economic data, Fedspeak

Friday's jobs report was the latest in a series of economic data indicating that the economy is heading for a so-called soft landing, adding to the view that the Fed is nearing the end of its rate hiking cycle.

Data in the week ahead is unlikely to do anything to alter this view significantly. On Wednesday the Institute for Supply Management will release August data on service sector activity, with economists expecting it to soften slightly.

The same day the Fed will publish its Beige Book, a survey of economic activity across all the bank's 12 districts.

Investors will also get the chance to hear from several Fed speakers during the coming week, including Dallas Fed President Lorie Logan, who speaks Wednesday followed a day later by appearances from New York Fed President John Williams, Governor Michelle Bowman, Governor Michael Barr and Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee.

Stocks kick off September

The Dow and the Nasdaq climbed 1.4 percent and 3.2 percent last week, respectively, posting their strongest weekly performances since July. The S&P 500 gained 2.5 percent for its best week since June.

Friday's jobs report bolstered expectations for the Fed to pause rate hikes at its meeting later this month.

"The data makes the case for the Fed becoming more dovish as we head into the fall. If the end of tightening comes sooner than later, that could lead to a substantial rally in stocks," Keith Buchanan, a portfolio manager at GLOBALT Investments in Atlanta told Reuters.

Interest rate futures suggest traders now see a 94% chance the U.S. central bank will keep interest rates unchanged at its Sept. 19-20 meeting, according to Investing.com's Fed rate monitor tool.

The US stock market will remain closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

China data

Economic data out of China in the coming week is likely to indicate that the economic recovery in the world's second largest economy remains fragile amid weak demand in key export markets and a deepening domestic property crisis which has added to downward pressure on growth.

The Caixin services PMI for August is due on Tuesday and is expected to show the expansion in the service sector slowing slightly last month.

Trade data on Thursday is forecast to show that exports and imports contracted again in August from a year earlier, albeit at a slower pace than in July.

Market watchers will also be looking to August CPI data on Saturday with consumer prices expected to tick higher after slipping into deflation territory in July.

Chinese authorities have rolled out a series of measures aimed at reviving the faltering economy, but many analysts see only a slim chance for more drastic stimulus amid concerns over mounting debt risks.

Oil surges on supply concerns

Oil prices surged to their highest level in more than seven months on Friday, snapping two weeks of losses amid concerns over the tightening supply outlook. For the week, Brent rose about 4.8 percent, the most it has increased in a week since late July. Crude Oil WTI Futures advanced by 7.2 percent, their biggest weekly gain since March.

Saudi Arabia is widely expected to extend a voluntary 1 million barrel per day oil production cut into October, prolonging supply curbs engineered by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies, known collectively as OPEC+, to support prices.

"There is a realization the economy is not falling off the map, and signs that demand is near record highs," said Price Futures Group analyst Phil Flynn. "People have to face the cold, hard reality that supplies are below average."

The demand outlook in the U.S. remains robust, with commercial crude inventories declining in five of the most recent six weeks according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Reserve Bank of Australia decision

The RBA is expected to hold rates steady for a third straight meeting on Tuesday, after recent data pointing to a faster-than-anticipated cooling in inflation. Rates are at an 11-year high of 4.1 percent after 400 basis points of increases since May 2022. Traders expect that to be the peak, after inflation unexpectedly eased to 4.9% year-on-year in July, the lowest rate since it peaked last December at 8.4 percent.



UK rising wages may push for interest rates hike

LONDON

UK wages are rising at their fastest pace on record and more quickly than in most other major economies, adding to pressure on the Bank of England to further raise interest rates.

Official figures show that in the three months to June, nominal regular pay, which excludes bonuses, rose at an annual rate of 7.8 per cent, the highest since records began in 2001 and much faster than in the US and the eurozone, where wages are rising by just over 4 per cent.

Markets believe that both the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank are at or near peak interest rates, but they are pricing that Britain's central bank will raise them by another half percentage point to 5.75 per cent by the end of the year.

Although the tightness of the UK labour market is easing, demand for workers still far outstrips supply, with over 1mn unfilled job vacancies in the three months to July according to official figures.

That has helped push up wages across many sectors, with the impact of higher interest rates only starting to show in slowing pay growth in construction.

Britain's largest retail employers predict that labour costs will remain a challenge even as other input prices come down.

"Simply put, you just have to differentiate between structural and transitory inflation," Tesco's chief executive Ken Murphy said. "We see structural wage inflation in the system through our producers, our supply chain and our own retail operations."

According to the Office for National Statistics, regular wages in retail rose at an annual rate of 7.7 per cent in the three months to June, up from 6 per cent in the previous quarter.

As in other sectors, wages have been pushed up by labour shortages both because of Brexit and the effects of the pandemic.

Hospitality

Regular wage growth in accom-



modation and food services in the 3-month to June, annual % change

Faced with high vacancy rates – there are currently 124,000 unfilled jobs in the sector according to the ONS – hospitality businesses have been forced to offer generous pay rises simply to retain staff.

The government's decision to up the hourly minimum rate by nearly 10 per cent to £10.42 has also added to the wage bills of restaurants, pubs and hotels.

Wages in accommodation and food services rose at an annual rate of 6.5 per cent in the three months to June, up from 4.4 per cent in the previous 3 months according to the ONS.

Jonathan Neame, chief executive of pub chain and brewer Shepherd Neame, said the minimum wage hike was the "main driver" of wage growth in the sector.

Manufacturing

Regular wage growth in manufacturing sector in the 3-month to June, annual % change

A severe shortage of manual labourers is forcing UK manufacturers to increase wages, adding to pressures on employers who have had to spend more on energy and parts over the past year.

Factory owners say they are also grappling with an ageing workforce and the loss of EU workers after Brexit, as well as the impact of the pandemic.

"Companies have paid whatever it takes to maintain their skills base," Verity Davidge, director of policy at industry group Make UK.

Construction

Regular wage growth in construction sector in the 3-month to June, annual % change

Higher interest rates and cuts to public spending are hitting confidence in the construction sector and starting to limit wage growth.

In the three months to June, pay rose at an an-

nual rate of 5.8 per cent, down from 6.5 per cent in the previous quarter.

Financial services

Regular wage growth in finance and business services sector in the 3-month to June, annual % change

Financial services companies have been beneficiaries of a revenue windfall as interest rates rise, with high street lenders among the biggest winners.

"Since interest rates started rising, banks (particularly the big ones) have made rather a lot of money," said Mark Mullen, chief executive at digital lender Atom Bank. "To put it bluntly, bankers benefit when the profits roll in."

But as in other sectors, wage growth is also driven by persistent high inflation. Official figures show that wages in finance and business services rose at an annual rate of 9.4 per cent in the three months to June, up from 8.8 per cent in the previous quarter.

Staff costs rose by around 4 per cent year-on-year across Lloyds, NatWest, Barclays and HSBC in the first half of 2023.

Health sector

Regular wage growth in health and social work services sector in the 3-month to June, annual % change

The biggest wave of industrial action to hit the UK's taxpayer-funded health service for decades has been under way since last December as staff have fought to boost recruitment and restore pay levels eroded by inflation.

Helga Pile, deputy head of health at Unison, the union, said the industrial action had been fuelled by a cost of living crisis, with inflation outstripping levels of pay at the same time as other industries were making more generous offers.

Private, public sector apprentices graduate CEOrt's third cohort

By Francis Kujubi

A total of 18 apprentices of which five are from the public sector have graduated from the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) third cohort of the CEO Apprenticeship Programme (CAP) which started October last year.

David Tarimo, Chairman of the CEOrt said on Friday evening at a graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam that 40 percent of the apprentices were women.

"Since the inception of the programme in 2019 eight graduates have made it to the CEO position. In the first and second cohort we had enrolled 16 apprentices who came from the private sector," said Tarimo.

According to him, some of the apprentices who were groomed by the programme are Songas managing director Anael Samuel, Unguu Sulay managing director at Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd, Julius Ruwaichi, CEO of AccessBank Tanzania, Faru Graphite Corporation Tanzania CEO Alimiya Osman, Resham Vessa CEO Reni International, Shreeesh Karia CEO DHL East Africa, Obedi Laiser CEO Absa Tanzania and Manzi Rwegasira CEO Stanbic Bank Tanzania.

Born out of the need to develop local talent and build capacity at a national level, CAP is a 12 month leadership training programme designed to attract experienced Tanzanians both within the public and private sectors to establish peer and CEO networks through training, coaching and mentorship to prepare them to become future CEOs.

Tarimo said the CEOrt recognized the existing leadership gap and need for additional investment in Tanzania's human capital and with deserved support from the government, worked in partnership with Strathmore University Business School (SBS) of Nairobi Kenya to launch the specialised leadership programme for the first time in 2019.

"The main objective of the CAP initiative is to facilitate the succession of CAP graduates into CEO positions over time, and in turn create a pipeline of ethical, competent, experienced, and visionary leaders in Tanzania," he asserted.

He said the recent appointment of Resham Vassa, a Cohort 2 participant, as Chief Executive Officer of Reni International is also testament to the programme's impact in terms of both developing visionary leaders and championing gender inclusivity.

Brenda Msangi, CEO Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) who doubles as the member of the CEOrt Board of Directors said that CAP is delivering socio-economic impact in communities, through the implementation of projects that stemmed from the programme.

She said the programme targets grooming senior executives from the public, private sector and non-profit organisations who are eligible to participate in the programme and bring more locals to top positions in both private and public institutions.

Sponsors of the programme include Songas Limited, NMB Bank, KCB Tanzania, Kioo Limited, Primefuels, Multichoice, Reni International, Chemi Cotex, Stanbic Bank, National Bank of Commerce Limited (NBC), Spedag Interfreight Tanzania Ltd, and Empower Limited.



David Tarimo, Chairman of the CEOrt

VIEW FROM THE TOP



Sanlam Life Insurance relationship manager Abdalah Ikimbia (4th R) poses for a photo recently after handing over a repaired vehicle to Assistant Commissioner Mairi Makori (3rd L) for use by Dar es Salaam Kigamboni Police Station. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

LONDON

INVESTORS in sovereign bonds are mispricing a growing risk that has the potential to trigger downgrades, according to a study by analysts at Barclays Plc.

The risk in question is the failure of countries to adequately protect their natural capital, putting water, air and soil resources in jeopardy and impacting key sectors such as agriculture, a team of analysts led by Maggie O'Neal, Barclays' global head of ESG research, wrote in the report published on Monday.

"Over half of global GDP is dependent on nature," O'Neal and her colleagues wrote. "Reversing biodiversity loss is imperative to limiting

Barclays warns of ESG bond risk

physical risks and avoiding severe repercussions for the economy." Some of the most exposed markets are those that already carry junk ratings, they said.

According to the Barclays study, nature loss is "projected to cause sovereign downgrades," with higher borrowing costs "compounding credit risk for bondholders."

Concern that financial markets aren't taking natural capital into account is increasingly shaping regulations, amid signs that real-world losses pose an ever-greater threat to societies across the globe.

According to the Barclays study, the costs are

already starting to materialize and can include everything from impaired business capital to stranded assets to defaults.

Issuers also face disruptions to production and value chains, as well as volatile commodity prices, all of which can hurt exports and drag down the banks, investors and insurers exposed to such risks, the Barclays analysts wrote. They also warn that the arrival of biodiversity regulations has opened the door to litigation, putting bad actors at ever greater legal risk.

Barclays estimates that by 2030, almost \$1 trillion will be needed in annual investment to protect biodiversity, compared with the rough-

ly \$160 billion being spent today. What's more, there are about \$725 billion in what Barclays identifies as "harmful subsidies" being spent on things that hurt biodiversity.

Most of the sovereign bond markets facing a biodiversity-related financial hit are junk rated, according to the Barclays analysis. Many of these are particularly exposed via export markets, with Argentina, Brazil and Indonesia standing out as most vulnerable among the G20. And when it comes to water scarcity, no G20 nation is more at risk than Saudi Arabia, they wrote.

Investors can reduce their exposure to such

risks by engaging with issuers. Alternatively, investors can opt for sovereign green bonds and debt-for-nature swaps, though the allocation of proceeds tends to be skewed toward decarbonization rather than nature, the Barclays analysts wrote.

"Biodiversity is a productive asset that generates crucial ecosystem services," the analysts wrote. "However, as an asset without a price, it is systematically mismanaged."

Global frameworks are emerging to help set a price. These include the Partnership for Biodiversity Accounting Financials and the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures.

WORLD

President Ruto urges Africa to seize climate financing opportunities

NAIROBI

KENYAN President William Ruto kicked off Africa's first climate summit yesterday by urging thousands of delegates in Nairobi to see the climate crisis as a unique opportunity for the continent to attract billions of dollars in investment.

Organizers say they anticipate hundreds of millions of dollars in deals to be announced at the three-day summit, during which they aim to showcase Africa as a destination for climate investment rather than a victim of floods, drought and famine.

African leaders are pushing market-based financing instruments such as carbon credits in a bid to mobilize funding that they say has been slow to arrive from rich-world donors.

"For a very long time we have looked at

this as a problem. It is time we flipped and looked it from the other side," Ruto told delegates. "We must see in green growth not just a climate imperative but also a fountain of multi-billion dollar economic opportunities that Africa and the world is primed to capitalize," he said.

Many African campaigners, however, have opposed the summit's approach to climate finance, saying it advances Western priorities at the expense of the continent.

They say carbon credits, which allow polluters to offset emissions by funding green activities, are a pretext for wealthier countries and corporations to continue polluting.

"Africa needs funding from countries that have got rich off our suffering. They owe a climate debt," said Mohamed Adow, the director of energy at the Power Shift



Kenya's President William Ruto delivers his opening remarks during the Africa Climate Summit 2023 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi yesterday. AFP

Africa think tank.

About 500 people marched in downtown Nairobi yesterday to protest the summit's agenda and demand financial compensation for climate damage from rich countries.

Investments

During Monday's sessions, environment ministers, business executives and climate campaigners will discuss how to scale up climate finance and transform food systems.

More than 20 presidents and heads of government are expected to attend the summit from Tuesday. They plan to issue a declaration outlining Africa's position ahead of a UN climate conference later this month and the COP28 UN summit in the United Arab Emirates from late November.

Companies and governments began announcing investments and financing commitments.

One of the top lenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rawbank, and global energy trader Vitol announced a \$20 million investment in renewable energy, clean cooking and

forest conservation in Congo.

Britain's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office said UK-backed projects worth 49 million pounds (\$62 million) would be announced over the course of the summit.

African countries are also hoping for debt relief from creditors to free up money to invest in renewable energy, conservation and climate adaptation.

A new working paper released by the Debt Relief for Green and Inclusive Recovery Project found that sub-Saharan African countries face annual debt servicing costs that are nearly the same as their climate finance needs.

Even as they push for investments in renewable energy, many African governments also want to develop hydrocarbons resources, particularly natural gas, arguing they can accelerate the continent's development while not contributing significantly to global carbon emissions.

Protesters at the Nairobi march voiced opposition to gas development, which they said would worsen climate change and was part of a "neocolonial scramble" for Africa's resources.

Chinese premier to attend 18th G20 Summit

BEIJING

AT the invitation of the government of the Republic of India, Premier of China's State Council Li Qiang (pictured) will attend the 18th G20 Summit to be held in New Delhi, India on Sept. 9 and 10, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced yesterday.



At a time when the world economy is under increasing downward pressure and global sustainable development is facing more difficulties, the G20, as the main forum for international economic cooperation, should strengthen partnership, work together to address prominent challenges in the international economy and development, and make positive contributions to promoting the recovery and growth of the world economy and global sustainable development.

"China hopes that the G20 Summit in New Delhi will build consensus on this, convey confidence and jointly promote prosperity and development," Mao added.

Ukrainian defense minister submits resignation letter

KIEV

UKRAINIAN Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said yesterday that he has submitted a letter of resignation to parliament chairman Ruslan Stefanchuk.

"It was an honor to serve the Ukrainian people and work for the Ukrainian army for the last 22 months, the toughest period of Ukraine's modern history," Reznikov said on the social media X, formerly known as Twitter.

In the letter, Reznikov, who was appointed as defense minister in November 2021, said that all the key tasks set for his mandate have been accomplished.

On Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that he plans to dismiss Reznikov and ask parliament this week to confirm Rustem Umerov, head of the country's main privatization fund, as his replacement.

"I believe the ministry needs new approaches and other formats of interaction with both the military and society as a whole," Zelensky said.

The parliament is set to vote on the appointment later this week.

Agencies



Sudan's army strikes to cut off paramilitary's supply routes

THE Sudanese army staged a large scale attack on its paramilitary rival's supply routes on Sunday, eyewitnesses said, as its leader appeared to reject a negotiated solution.

The almost five-month war since April 15 has devastated Sudan, worsening hunger, destroying infrastructure, and killing hundreds of civilians.

The army sent volleys of air strikes into the city of Omdurman on Sunday, one day after military sources said it had also deployed large numbers of ground forces and heavy weaponry in an effort to cement control of the city.

That would cut off a key supply route to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which sends supplies from the Darfur region into Omdurman, and then across the Nile into Bahri and the capital Khartoum.



People queue outside a Passports and Immigration Services office in Wad Madani on Sunday, following an announcement by the authorities of the resumption of issuing travel documents in war-torn Sudan. AFP

Strikes also continued in southern Khartoum, after a local volunteer group said 20 people were killed late on Saturday in an air raid. Multiple international initiatives to negotiate a solution to the conflict, which erupted over plans to integrate the forces, have failed to quell the fighting.

Speaking in the city of Kassala on Saturday, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, who has been Sudan's head of state since 2019, vowed to vanquish the RSF. "This war will only end with the end of the rebellion," he said. Burhan emerged from army headquarters for the first time since the war began late last month, after fierce battles over the army's only other stronghold in the capital.

The RSF said on Sunday it controlled part of that stronghold, the Armoured Corps base in southern Khartoum.

Rwanda vows to maintain nature conservation as baby gorillas named

KIGALI

RWANDAN officials pledged to sustain the progress made in nature conservation during the annual gorilla naming ceremony on Friday.

Prominent personalities gathered at the foothills of Volcanoes National Park in northern Rwanda for the 19th edition of the ceremony locally known as Kwita Izina, where 23 baby gorillas born within the last 12 months were given names.

Audrey Azoulay, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, named her baby gorilla "Ikirango," meaning symbol of Rwanda's progress in biodiversity conservation.

Since the first naming ceremony in 2005, a total of 374 baby gorillas have been named.

"Today, we gave a name, we gave an identity, and we gave a future to 23 new baby gorillas, who only a few decades ago, would have been threatened by extinction," said Clare Akamanzi, chief executive officer of the Rwanda Development Board, during the ceremony.

Commending the park residents for their cooperation in conserving the primates, Akamanzi stressed the importance of investing in nature. "The environment is the foundation of the economy, the reason why Rwanda invests heavily in building an eco-tourism industry that benefits both the people and the planet."

"To us, mountain gorillas represent more than a source of tourism or adventurers' entertainment. To us, our gorillas are custodians of a nature we truly cherish," Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame said, adding that there is no choice between economic growth and nature but maintaining investments in conservation efforts.

To rally residents behind conservation, Rwanda introduced a revenue share program in 2005, where some 10 percent of all park revenue is returned to the communities surrounding the various national parks aimed at improving livelihoods.

Rwanda has been hailed for its conservation and sustainable tourism efforts on the continent.

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Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame (R) greets Clare Akamanzi, chief executive officer of the Rwanda Development Board, at the 19th gorilla naming ceremony in Musanze, Rwanda on Friday. Xinhua

To pass down friendship between Chinese, American peoples from generation to generation

THE foundation of China-U.S. relations lies in the people and the source of strength lies in the friendship between their peoples, said Chinese President Xi Jinping when replying a letter from John Easterbrook, grandson of former U.S. General Joseph Stilwell.

In his reply, Xi thanked Easterbrook for the letter sharing the story about the friendly exchanges between General Stilwell and several generations of the Stilwell family and China.

Xi said he is glad to see that General Stilwell's dedication to friendship between China and the United States has been passed down to the fifth generation of his family, expressing his hope and belief

that the Stilwell family would continue to contribute to the development of friendship between the two peoples.

"I am quite honored to have received his letter," said Easterbrook when receiving a telephone interview from People's Daily, adding that he was still digesting the most kind words from Xi.

The octogenarian noted that Xi is very familiar with General Stilwell's experience in and contribution to China, as well as the long-term friendly exchanges between the Stilwell family and China.

He said he is very moved by Xi's knowledge of the commemora-

tive events to mark the 140th birth anniversary of General Stilwell recently held in Chongqing, China, and by Xi's humanity in noting that the fifth generation of the Stilwell family is being immersed in the Stilwell legacy.

Recently, Easterbrook wrote a letter to Xi, recalling Stilwell's exchanges with China and the Chinese people, introducing the efforts by the Stilwell family and his descendants to enhance cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the United States and China, paying tribute to Xi's long-term support in this regard, extending gratitude to the Chinese

government and people for not forgetting old friends, and expressing the Stilwell family's wish and determination to promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

Easterbrook said he wrote to Xi because he wanted to thank the Chinese President for his support of people-to-people activities between the United States and China.

This year marks the 140th birth anniversary of General Stilwell. The Stilwell Museum in Chongqing, preserving the shared historical memory of the Stilwell family

and the U.S.-China relationship, has become another important venue for U.S.-China people-to-people exchanges and a witness to the friendship between the two peoples.

Easterbrook told People's Daily that the commemorative events to mark the 140th birth anniversary of General Stilwell held in the museum were successful and meaningful, adding that the two countries must ensure that the friendship between the two peoples is passed down from generation to generation.

Xi said that General Stilwell was an old friend of the Chinese

people, who gave active support to China's cause of liberation and progress and made positive contributions to the friendship between the two peoples, which the Chinese people will never forget.

General Stilwell served as commander of U.S. forces in the China-Burma-India Theater from 1942 to 1944 and is fondly remembered as a hero who fought side by side with the Chinese people during the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression (1931-1945).

The Stilwell family has long fostered friendly exchanges

between China and the United States. His youngest daughter Alison Stilwell Cameson and youngest son Benjamin Watson Stilwell were both born in China.

In 1982, General Stilwell's oldest daughter Nancy Stilwell Easterbrook and Alison started a scholarship program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey in the United States.

By raising funds through art sales, the program has sponsored over 50 Chinese students to study in America over the past 40 years. Currently, John Easterbrook serves as honorary chairman of the Stilwell Scholarship.

People's Daily

Zambian entrepreneur empowers homeless youth through recycling

LUSAKA

JOHN Ngoma, a 40-year-old man who owns a recycling company in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, has helped homeless youth earn a sustainable living through the collection of recyclable wastes, giving them a sense of dignity and hope for life.

Having witnessed the hardship the youth endured in finding a job, Ngoma felt that he could change their lives for the better through the collection and sale of recyclable materials.

He opened a waste collection point on the periphery of Kamwala trading area, a busy trading place in Lusaka,

and employed young people lack of social supports.

This has not only helped bring them more incomes but also contributed to environmental sustainability in Kamwala and surrounding areas. It has been three years since Ngoma registered the company called Ngoma Recycling that provides jobs for 21 young people aged 19 to 28 years.

Aside from a weekly pay, they have been provided with free accommodation to ensure they do not end up back on the street. "This job puts food on my table and a roof over my head. I am grateful for the opportunity to earn



Two young men carry recyclable materials to sell in Lusaka, Zambia, Aug. 15, 2023. File photo

a living through earnest work," said Mapalo Zulu, 24, a beneficiary of the Ngoma Recycling initiative.

Zulu's colleague, Amos Mwape, said that he is grateful for working in the recycling company as many home-

less young people could hardly get a job because they are considered to be social misfits. "This recycling initiative has been a lifeline for me.

Collecting recyclables not only provides an income, but also gives us a sense of purpose and the desire to do better in life," Mwape said.

Ngoma's quest to uplift the lives of homeless and troubled youth through recycling has earned him praise from community leaders and local authorities.

Bobkins Chipeso, a local official, said Ngoma's efforts are creating opportunities for earnest living for underserved individuals. "His efforts have been significant. By empowering vulnerable youths to become part of the recycling value chain, he has helped them gain financial stability and accorded them a dignified life. We need more social entrepreneurs like him to reduce unemployment among young people," Chipeso stated.

Germany's Bavaria govt in trouble in run-up to state election

BERLIN

THE government of the German state of Bavaria got in trouble after accusations of anti-Semitism emerged against its deputy Premier Hubert Aiwanger, weeks before the state election due in October. The state's Premier Markus Soeder announced on Sunday that he would not sack his deputy, one week after Aiwanger, head of the conservative Free Voters party, was first accused of writing an anti-Semitic flyer during his school days back in the 1980s.

Before the decision, Soeder had a long conversation with Aiwanger, who was to answer a catalog of 25 questions that Soeder gave earlier this week.

Soeder said at a press conference in Munich that it would not be proportionate to sack Aiwanger, but he also stressed that "anti-Semitism has no place in Bavaria." "This isn't just a foolish youth prank," Soeder said earlier this week, adding that "even the suspicion" that Aiwanger was behind the flyer "damages the image of Bavaria."

Still, he stressed that his deputy should be given the opportunity to speak, "reasonably, fairly, and yet also comprehensively." For Aiwanger's part, he has repeatedly spoken of a "smear campaign" against him that is politically motivated. While he admitted to possessing such flyers, his brother claimed to be the author: "I deeply regret if I hurt feelings by my behavior in relation to the pamphlet in question or other accusations against me from my youth," the deputy premier said in an apology issued earlier this week.

Aiwanger must regain the lost trust and seek talks with Jewish communities, Soeder said at Sunday's press conference. Germany's education policy has been active against anti-Semitism since World War II.

Schools usually organize visits to former concentration camps and regular commemorative events. Nevertheless, there were 2,480 anti-Semitic crimes last year, with the number of "extreme violent" cases reaching a new high of nine since data collection began in 2017, according to the Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Anti-Semitism. **Xinhua**

India's G20 Presidency: Steady strides towards a developed economy

NEW DELHI

WITH the global economy facing uncertainty and instability in recent years vis-à-vis geopolitical developments, the role of the G20, as a platform connecting the world's major developed and emerging economies, assumes greater significance in shaping the global trends.

India assumed the G20 Presidency on December 1 last year with an opportunity to bring more focus on the issues of critical global importance being the fastest-growing major economy among the leading economies.

A leading forum of the world's major economies, G20 seek to develop global policies to address today's most pressing challenges.

The G20 has 19 member countries and the European Union. The G20 grouping represents 90 per cent of global GDP and 80 per cent of global trade and 2/3rds of global population.

An analysis of GDP growth of the G20 Countries indicates that India is the growth leader in all the G20 countries.

India's GDP growth rate for the years 2023 to 2026 (average) would be highest at 6.1 per cent followed by China at 4.4 per cent and Turkey at

3 per cent. Being the fastest-growing economy, India holds a great position to enhance its bilateral economic relations with the G20 countries.

The G20 is designated as the premier forum for international economic cooperation, has over the past two decades, formulated an agenda for strong, sustainable and balanced growth; strengthened the international financial regulatory system; reformed the mandate, mission and governance of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); deliberated on energy security and climate change strengthened the support for the most vulnerable countries and placed quality jobs at the heart of the recovery.

Over the past 15 years, the G20's agenda has expanded to include issues affecting the financial markets, trade, health care, education, anti-corruption, women's development, skill building and youth promotion.

An analysis of India's bilateral trade with G20 countries during the recent financial year 2022-23 indicates that the US is India's largest trade partner in the G20 countries with USD 129 billion in merchandise trade of which India's exports to US are USD 78.5 billion and Imports from the US are USD 50.9 billion with a trade surplus of USD 27.7

billion.

China is India's second largest trade partner among the G20 countries with a total merchandise trade of USD 113.8 billion of which India's merchandise exports to China are USD 15.3 billion and Imports from China are USD 98.5 billion with a trade deficit of USD (-) 83.2 billion.

Saudi Arabia is India's third largest trade partner in the G20 countries with a total merchandise trade of USD 49.9 billion of which India's exports are USD 10.7 billion and Imports are USD 42 billion with a trade deficit of USD (-) 31.3 billion.

Russia is India's fourth largest trade partner in the G20 countries with a total merchandise trade of USD 49.4 billion with India's export worth USD 3.1 billion and Imports USD 46.2 billion leaving a trade deficit of USD (-) 43.1 billion.

The only regional group in the G20, the EU, is an important trade partner of India with a total merchandise trade of USD 135.9 billion with India's exports to EU at USD 74.8 billion and imports from the EU at USD 61.1 billion leaving a trade surplus of USD 13.8 billion.

Overall, India has a USD 742.8 billion total merchandise trade with the

G20 countries of which USD 287.8 billion are exports and USD 454.9 billion are imports with a trade deficit of USD (-) 167.2 billion.

Through the years, the G20 remained committed to the principles of "strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth" with more and more improvement in the developmental indicators for better terms of trade, ease of doing business and state-of-the-art innovation systems.

An analysis of major lead indicators including ease of Doing Business and Global Innovation

Index indicates that India's ease of Doing Business is ranked 15th among the G20 countries whereas Global Innovation Index, India is ranked 12th in the G20 countries.

India's G20 Presidency is one of the most significant milestone moments of Indian democracy. It is widely felt that in times when there is a crisis of multilateralism, India has the responsibility for bringing stability to a deeply divided multipolar world and crafting broader global responses to the challenges.

During its Presidency, India has set the tone that the G20 must continue to fight the crisis of climate change and continue to send clear signals to

decarbonize the economic systems. Also, G20 must do everything in its power to keep inflation within the range, and to protect the living standards for vulnerable people.

In a nutshell, the economic fundamentals of India are strong as compared with many of the G20 countries; India is the fastest-moving economy among the G20 nations and holds a trade surplus with eight G20 countries.

At this juncture, the time is most opportune to explore potential with capacity building at the domestic level with the expansion of production possibilities to enhance the size of the economy to the level of 3rd largest in the world economic system in the next few years and thereafter, a developed economy by 2047. **ANI**

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China vigorously promotes construction of modern industrial system

SINCE this year, China's industrial development has been moving forward steadily, with continuous progress in industrial upgrading.

The country's first domestically-built large cruise ship has successfully completed its first test mission, and is expected to be named and delivered by the end of this year.

Recently, two of China's self-produced C919 large aircraft both began serving routes, marking another milestone for the steady expansion of its commercial operation.

The world's first 16-megawatt offshore wind turbine has been installed in China's Fujian province, showing a major breakthrough in deep-sea wind power construction capabilities.

Statistics indicate that as the economy and society have fully resumed normal operations, China's primary, secondary and tertiary industries are recovering with development fundamentals consolidated.

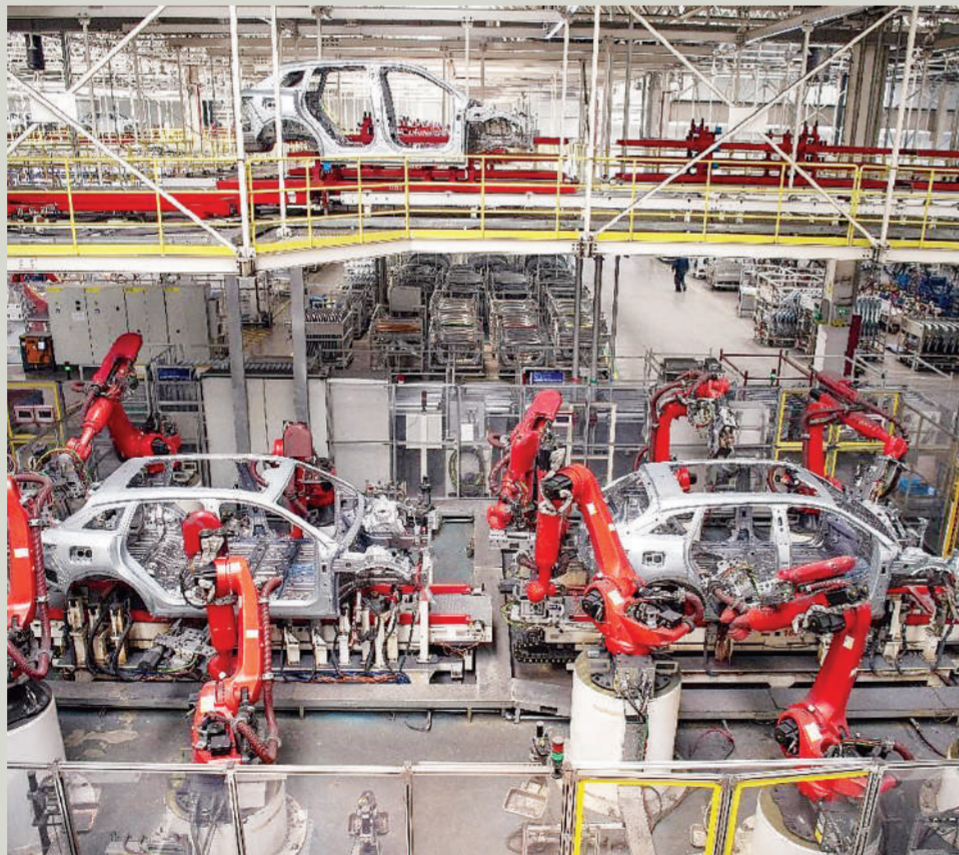
In agriculture, the market supply of vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products has been generally sufficient in the first half of this year, with another bumper harvest of summer grain.

In industry, the value-added industrial output grew 3.7 percent year-on-year in July.

The service sector also maintained relatively fast growth, with the modern service industry expanding rapidly. In July, China's service production index grew 5.7 percent from a year ago.

While development fundamentals have been strengthened, the industrial structure is also continuously optimized.

On Aug. 15, an overflow ball



New energy vehicles are manufactured in an intelligent workshop of Chinese automobile manufacturer Leapmotor in Jinhua, east China's Zhejiang province. File photo

mill passed the factory acceptance test and was delivered to its customer. With a diameter of 8.2 meters and a length of 127 meters, the ball mill also adopts a smart load-sensing system.

The machine, independently developed by Chinese company CITIC Heavy Industries, was China's largest ball mill exported overseas, marking a breakthrough in domestic R&D and manufacturing of large grinding equipment. So far, the company has delivered over 1,700 sets of large mills, with exports to 68 countries and regions.

This year, the manufacturing sector is following the trend of high-end development, with a continuous rise of technological intensity degree in industrial production.

In the first seven months, the value-added output of the equipment manufacturing sector rose 6.1 percent, continuing to outpace that of overall industrial enterprises above the designated size. Among them, High-tech sectors like electrical machinery and auto industry grew fast, providing solid support for the steady recovery of industrial production and optimization of industrial

structure.

On Aug. 9, Chinese new energy vehicle (NEV) manufacturer BYD rolled off its 5 millionth NEV, becoming the world's first automaker to reach this milestone. Data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers show that China's NEV production and sales grew around 40 percent year-on-year in the first seven months of this year, with market share reaching 29 percent.

In a factory of Shandong Fuhai New Materials Technology Company in east China's Shandong province, trucks were seen lining up, ready to transport metal plates to ports for global shipment. From signing in with a WeChat mini-program, to loading and weighing cargo automatically by scanning QR codes, trucks can serve in a smart way in the factory.

Thanks to the application of an industrial internet platform, personnel, vehicles and goods were intelligently managed by the company, and the warehousing efficiency was improved by 15 percent, said Song Zhigang, a deputy general manager of a Shandong-based company providing such service.

This year, China's strategic emerging industries are thriving, with accelerating innovation breakthroughs in key sectors such as lithium battery, photovoltaics and NEV. They have become an important pillar for China's high-quality economic development.

"Driven by green and smart development, industrial foundations have been continuously strengthened, energizing economic growth," said Hong Qunlian, researcher with the Academy of Macroeconomic Research of the National Development and Reform Commission.

In the second quarter, the prosperity index for the NEV and the new energy sectors reached 143.7 and 149.4 respectively, up 11.7 percent and 13.3 percent respectively compared with the end of last year. They are currently the two most vibrant industrial sectors, Hong said.

"Strategic emerging industries have been growing positively since the beginning of this year, with markedly improved performance and confidence," said Wei Qijia with the State Information Center.

According to Wei, during the April-June period this year, the entrepreneur confidence index and prosperity index for strategic emerging industries reached 131.3 and 126 respectively, up by 6.7 percent and 2.3 percent respectively from the end of last year.

The Chinese economy has maintained strong resilience and great potential, and its long-term positive fundamentals remain unchanged. China will systematically implement policies and continue promoting the construction of a modern industrial system. **People's Daily**

Violent protests after Quran burning in Sweden

MALMO

Three men have been arrested in connection with a violent riot following a Quran burning in Sweden.

Unrest erupted after an Iraqi anti-Islam activist Salwan Momika set fire to a copy of the Islamic holy book on Sunday.

Police said they detained 10 people for disturbing public order in the city of Malmö. Several vehicles were set on fire after about hundred people gathered in response to the burning.

Mr Momika set fire to a Quran in Varnhemstorget, a main square in the city on Sunday afternoon. He has previously desecrated the Quran, in a series of anti-Islam protests, and his actions have caused diplomatic outrage across the Middle East.

Officers said they were pelted with stones, while some demonstrators threw electric scooters at police vehicles.

Several police cars were set on fire in Malmö's Rosengård neighbourhood, which has a large immigrant population, and has experienced other violent protests in the past.

"I understand that a public gathering like this arouses strong emotions, but we cannot tolerate disturbances and violence like the

ones we saw on Sunday afternoon," Malmö police area commander Petra Stenkula told local media.

"It is extremely regrettable to once again see violence and vandalism at Rosengård."

Scandinavia has witnessed a spate of Quran burnings this year.

In June, Mr Momika set fire to a copy outside Stockholm's central mosque, as Muslims celebrated the first day of Eid al-Adha - one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar.

Swedish police had given Mr Momika a permit for the protest, in accordance with their staunch free-speech laws. It later emerged the incident was being investigated for incitement of hatred.

In January, Rasmus Paludan, a politician from the Danish far-right Stram Kurs (Hard Line) party, burnt a copy of the Quran outside the Turkish embassy in Stockholm.

Last month, neighbouring Denmark, which has also seen a several public burnings of the Quran, said it planned to ban public desecration of holy books.

Sweden has pledged to explore legal means of abolishing protests that involve burning texts in certain circumstances.



A group of angry protesters tried to stop the burning, which resulted in a showdown between them and police.

SPORT



Dar es Salaam Secondary School's students are pictured showcasing their football skills at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's venue recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Taifa Stars players urged to approach Algeria tie with discipline

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Tanzania's senior national soccer team head coach Jamhuri Kihwelo has warned the squad's players to approach the Group F clash of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers against Algeria with discipline and desire to win.

The decisive fixture is scheduled to take place at 19 May 1956 Stadium in Annaba, Algeria on Thursday, and Taifa Stars just need a victory or at least a draw to qualify for the 2023 AFCON finals.

Speaking on Taifa Stars' decisive encounter, Kihwelo said: "In games like these, players need a winning mentality that goes hand in hand with discipline throughout the match, we have experienced players that know all about making it to the AFCON finals, we have a chance and it's down to the players to accomplish the mission."

"We all should have a higher ceiling in a match

like this. The coach has invested in the players that have secured a call-up and it is the responsibility of each player to return the trust to put on great performance and get good results," he said.

In Group F, Algeria is the only team that has already sealed qualification for the 2023 AFCON finals, enjoying the driver's seat with 15 points, and has not suffered any loss so far.

Taifa Stars are placed second with seven points while Uganda is sitting third, posting four points, followed by bottom-placed Niger with two points.

The full 25-man squad paraded by Taifa Stars' head coach Adel Amrouche consists of footballers plying their trade in Tanzania and their counterparts based outside the country.

The footballers are goalkeepers Beno Kakolanya (Singida Fountain Gate FC), Metacha Mnata (Young Africans SC), and Erick Johora (Geita Gold FC).

Defenders are Bakari Mwamnyeto (Young Africans SC), Ibrahim Bacca (Young Africans SC), Dickson Job (Young Africans SC), Kennedy Juma (Simba SC), Abdi Banda (Richards Bay FC, South Africa), and Haji Mnoga (Aldershot Town, England)

Midfielders include Mzamiru Yassin (Simba SC), Jonas Mkude (Young Africans SC), Abdulmalik Zakaria (Namungo FC), Sospeter Bajana (Azam FC), Himid Mao (Tala'ea El Gaish, Egypt), Mudathir Yahya (Young Africans SC), Lameck Lawi (Coastal Union), and Novatus Miroshi (Shakhtar Donetsk, Ukraine).

Attackers are Clement Mzize (Young Africans SC), Mbwana Samatta (PAOK Salonika, Greece), Ben Starkie (Basford United, England), Simon Msua (JS Kabylie, Algeria), Kibu Denis (Simba SC) and John Bocco (Simba SC).

After the 2023 AFCON Qualifiers fate, Taifa Stars will set sight on Group E fixtures of African Qualifiers for the 2026 FIFA World Cup playing away to Niger before hosting Morocco in Dar es Salaam between November 12-21.

Taifa Stars will welcome Eritrea in the city before travelling to Lusaka to lock horns with Zambia between June 3-11 next year.

The next clash, slated for March 17-25 next year, will have Taifa Stars hosting Congo in Dar es Salaam before travelling to take on Morocco while between September 1-9, Taifa Stars will face Congo away before hosting Niger in Dar es Salaam.

Gymkhana Club set to host 2023 BQ Junior Open tennis tourney

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of the BQ Junior Open tennis tournament will be held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) courts in November.

The tournament's sponsor, John Bura, said the showdown is expected to be held in the third week of November, saying that is the time many schools are on vacation.

He, however, could not issue the dates for the tournament, saying they will be known after discussions with the sport's stakeholders- Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA), Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association (TWA), Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association, and others.

Bura pointed out that invitations have been extended to all of Tanzania's regions where tennis is played, as well as beyond the borders.

The BQ Contractors Limited's Managing Director revealed: "The BQ Junior Open tennis

tournament will be held in November. That is our plan, but I can not mention the dates as we need to discuss with stakeholders including TTA and Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association."

"However, the plan and idea is that it should be held during the period when pupils are on holidays," he said.

He said junior players will compete in age categories of U-6, U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, and U-18, adding there will further be Singles and Doubles matches.

According to Bura, there will moreover be a wheelchair tennis tournament.

The sponsor could not disclose awards to be handed over to the showdown's winners, promising to make them public soon.

The BQ Junior Open tennis tournament is one of the annual tennis competitions that are used as a platform for unearthing young tennis talent.

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SPORTS

Tanzania, Malawi defense forces heads laud CDF Trophy tourney sponsorship

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S Chief of Defense Forces (CDF), Jacob Mkunda, and his Malawian counterpart, Vicent Nundwe, have commended a Tanzanian bank for its generous and sustainable sponsorship of the CDF Trophy golf tournament.

The bank has assured that it will continue sponsoring the event, adding the key to such a move is the strong partnership between the institution and the Tanzanian People's Defense Forces (TPDF).

The Tanzania bank sponsored the 2023 CDF Trophy Golf Tournament, dishing out 30m/- for the showdown.

The tournament brought together 228 talented golfers from TPDF, the Malawian Defence Force, and the two neighbouring countries that battled it out for three days at the Lugalo Golf Club's course to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the establishment of TPDF on September 1, 1964.

During the showdown's closing ceremony and presentation, Mkunda and Nundwe acknowledged the significant contribution of the bank and the other sponsors in making the tournament a success.

They highlighted that the tournament provided a platform for participants to improve their health and engage in diplomatic exchanges between Tanzania's and Malawi's defense forces.

Mkunda praised the Lugalo Golf Club, owned by the army, for the innovative concept of the tournament.

He mentioned that without the strong and substantial support from the bank, proposed by the club's Chairman-retired Brigadier General Michael Luwongo-, the showdown would not have been organized.

The CDF said: "It has been a great experience that brought us together and allowed us to collaborate and discuss various sporting and diplomatic matters."

He added: "We appreciate the significant contribution of the institution and the other sponsors. Without them, this tournament wouldn't have been as successful."

Mkunda also stated he was appreciative of the sustainable sponsorship provided by the bank.

He also stated that they are assured of continued support from the institution and affirmed that they will utilize the CDF Trophy tournament as a practice platform, to be used by golfers to shape up for the World Defense Forces Golf Tournament to



Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) Chief of Defense Forces (CDF), Jacob John Mkunda, Lugalo Golf Club's Chairman, Michael Luwongo, and other officials are pictured with the 2023 CDF Trophy tournament's champion, Michael Massawe (holding trophies), after the showdown's conclusion at the club in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

be played in San Diego, USA, later this year.

Nundwe, who was represented by Malawi's retired Chief of Staff Henry Odilo, expressed his gratitude and described the CDF Trophy tournament as a captivating and highly competitive showdown, attributing the aspect to the excellent coordination by the TPDF Lugalo Golf Club and the generous sponsorship provided by the institution.

He further congratulated the organizers and extended an invitation to Tanzania's golfers to participate in a tournament, which will be held in Lilongwe, Malawi, in November.

Filbert Mponzi, the institution's Chief of Retail Banking, commended the organizers, this year's winners, and all participants.

He assured TPDF that his institution would continue sponsoring the tournament in the coming years since it values the existing partnership, which supports various sporting activities conducted by the defense forces in the country.

Mponzi said: "We have sponsored the CDF Trophy for eight consecutive years. We promise the Lugalo Golf Club and TPDF that they can rely on us not only for this tournament but also for funding teams that prepare for national and international tournaments in various sports, including golf, boxing, wrestling, athletics, soccer, and more."

The official noted: "The institution is a big supporter of TPDF, an institution with numerous customers, and we are dedicated to enabling sporting activities in the armed forces."

"We also assure you of excellent and friendly services provided in all our branches, including specialized branches at Mlimani City, Tegeta, Ohio, and Oyster

Plaza," Mponzi noted while introducing the institution's product.

Michael Massawe emerged as the overall winner of this year's CDF Trophy tournament.

Abdallah Yusuf won the professionals' category, while Abdallah Gunda from the institution was crowned champion in both the Sponsors' Category and Division C.

Sigfrid Urassa from the institution won the Men's Smart Golfers category and was, as well, the runner-up in the Sponsors' Category.

Other winners and their categories include Amina Khamis (Combat Fiddle-Ladies), David Mziray (Combat Fiddle- Men's), Private Lawrence Sangawe (Division B), Vicky Elias (Ladies), Mtei Mwamapala (Men's longest drive), Loveness Konky (Ladies' longest drive), and Prosper Emmanuel (Division A).

JATA president to use African Congress to advocate for judo promotion

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Judo Association of Tanzania (JATA) president, Zaidi Omari, has said he will use the coming African Judo Congress to be held in Casablanca, Morocco to lobby for the promotion of the game in Tanzania.

Omari departed for Morocco on Monday to attend the African Judo Congress that takes place alongside the Africa Judo Championships slated for Wednesday to Sunday.

He said despite having many judo players, the game faces a lot of challenges that are hindering its growth on the continent.

Omari noted: "Today (yesterday) I'm traveling to Morocco where I will attend the African Judo Congress, to me, that is the opportunity to lobby for more support for the game."

"Judo is loved in our country but faces a lot of challenges, I'm sure the congress will help to solve some of those challenges," he said.

The Africa Judo Championships, which will be used as a qualifying showdown for the 2024 Paris Olympics, are slated for September 6-10 and three judo players representing Tanzania are Andrew Mlungu, Adam Mwakisoma, and Ahmed Magogo.

The three judo players are currently outside the country to shape up for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and are expected to join the JATA president on Tuesday.

France has hosted Mlungu's training camp while Mwakisoma and Magogo are attending camp in Uzbekistan.

Mlungu's camp is sponsored by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) while Mwakisoma and Magogo are sponsored by the International Judo Federation.

Recently, JATA secretary-general Innocent Mallya- who was supposed to accompany the team but failed due to

other commitments- disclosed that the association's focus is now on preparations for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"After the Africa Zone Five Judo Championships hosted by Tanzania, our focus now is on the preparations for the 2024 Paris Olympics, we have three judo players that are expected to start preparations for the 2024 Paris Olympics," he said.

The JATA official also recently hailed the government's plans to construct a modern state-of-the-art sports and arts arena in Dar es Salaam.

"Building of the sports and arts arena is vital for the development of judo and other sporting activities in the country, we thank the government for this," the official noted.

"It has come at a good time when many sports associations whose activities are conducted indoors face a shortage of venues, a good example is JATA, we had problems securing a venue to host the just-ended Africa Zone Five Championships," he said.

The news of the construction of the modern sports and arts arena was disclosed by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Saidi Yakubu at the closing ceremony of the Africa Zone Five Judo Championships.

He said the sports and arts arena to be built in Kawe, Dar es Salaam with a capacity of 16,000 people will be the biggest in Africa.

"Our President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, is very committed to sports development in the country. Her government is doing a lot to take this sector to another level, and she has promised the country that construction of the sports and arts arena will start very soon," he said.

The Africa Zone Five Judo Championships that took place at Don Bosco, Upanga, in the city witnessed Mainland Tanzania coming second with five gold medals, Burundi was crowned champion having amassed six gold medals

while Zanzibar ended third with one gold medal.

Mainland Tanzania's gold medals were won by Asiatu Juma in the women's 57kg category, whereas Thomas Mwenda (66kg), Andrew Mlungu (81kg), Adam Mwakisoma (100kg), and Saleh Baraka (100+kg) secured gold medals in men's category.

There were, as well, three silver medals and four bronze medals won by Mainland Tanzania via Anangisyewe Pwele (73kg), Jeremia Makeme (100kg), and Danny Mkaime (100+) players with silver medals. Laurent Mtaka (60kg), Philemon Kaberege (73kg), Hamis Mrutu (81kg), and Yohana Jiji (90kg) were bronze medallists for Mainland Tanzania.

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Jadon Sancho hits back at Erik ten Hag: 'I've been made a scapegoat'

By Sam Dean

JADON Sancho took the extraordinary decision to hit back at his own manager after Erik ten Hag dropped him from the Manchester United squad and accused him of not performing in training.

Ten Hag did not even include Sancho on the bench for United's 3-1 defeat by Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium, when his team collapsed in stoppage time after appearing to have won the game through a disallowed Alejandro Garnacho strike.

The United manager said after the match that Sancho had not reached the required levels in the build-up to the game and was dropped as a result of his "performances in training". But in a strong rejection of those comments, Sancho then released a statement on social media, denying that he had trained poorly and claiming that he is currently being made a "scapegoat" at United.

"Please don't believe everything you read! I will not allow people saying things that is completely untrue, I have conducted myself in training very well this week," Sancho said.

"I believe there are other reasons for this matter that I won't go into, I've been a scapegoat for a long time which isn't fair!"

"All I want to do is play football with a smile on my face and contribute to my team. I respect all decisions that are made by the coaching staff, I play with fantastic players

and grateful to do so which I know every week is a challenge. I will continue to fight for this badge no matter what."

"Everyone can see it's a simulation"

On another galling day for United, who have lost two of their opening four league fixtures this season, Ten Hag also railed against a series of controversial refereeing decisions as he claimed "everything" went against his team.

Ten Hag complained that Arsenal's Kai Havertz should have booked for diving, said United debutant Rasmus Hojlund should have been awarded a penalty, accused the officials of misusing Var technology to deny Garnacho and finally claimed that Arsenal's winner should not have stood because of a foul on Jonny Evans.

Havertz initially won a penalty for Arsenal but the decision was overturned following a Var review. "Let's start at the penalty that was given but then rejected," said Ten Hag. "Everyone can see it's a simulation but he did not get booked for it."

"Then the foul on Hojlund in the penalty area - I don't think it was even noticed by the Var. Then the disallowed goal from Garnacho. I think they looked from the wrong angle and it is onside. Then the final goal. How can they allow that? It's a clear and obvious foul on Jonny Evans otherwise he would have blocked the shot from Declan Rice. So, it is a lot."

Messi assists Miami to big win over MLS champions LAFC

LOS ANGELES

INTER Miami delivered the most impressive win of their Lionel Messi era, 3-1 over Major League Soccer champions Los Angeles FC on Sunday, with two assists from the Argentine boosting their playoff hopes.

Goals from Argentine forward Facundo Farias, Spanish full-back Jordi Alba and substitute Leonardo Campana of Ecuador earned Miami a statement victory that moves them within nine points of the playoff places with nine games remaining.

Messi's first MLS appearance in Los Angeles, attracted a capacity crowd, swollen by a host of A-List celebrities including Leonardo DiCaprio, Selena Gomez and Prince Harry. But the home fans left frustrated as last year's MLS Cup winners wasted a series of chances.

French-born Gabon international Denis Bouanga had the first opportunity, bursting goalwards but with Mexican Carlos Vela unmarked to his right, unwisely chose to shoot and his effort was blocked - to the fury of his teammates.

Bouanga had another great chance in the 11th minute after a fine through ball from former Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini but Miami keeper Drake Callender pulled off an excellent save.

After surviving those early scares, Miami took the lead in the 14th minute when Tomas Aviles split the LAFC defence to find Farias who beat John McCarthy with a low shot on the slide.

Miami struggled to contain Bouanga but the LA forward was again unable to make the most of his opportunity when he burst through the middle but fired wide.

Mario Gonzalez should have done better when he was given space for a shot but blasted into the side-netting as Miami were increasingly threatening on the counter.

Paraguay midfielder Diego Gomez broke forward and played a clever back-heel to Messi but the Argentine's shot was weak and easily dealt with by McCarthy.

Before the interval, Messi had his best chance of the game, again set up by the outstanding Gomez, but one-on-one with McCarthy, Messi saw his lofted shot pushed away by the LAFC keeper.

- 'Nice test' -

LAFC paid the price for the wastefulness in front of goal in the 51st minute when Miami's for-

mer Barcelona trio combined in style.

Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets fed Messi who picked out the overlapping Alba and he burst into the box to score with a cool, left-footed finish.

Miami were in firm control and wrapped up the win in the 83rd minute when Messi burst from midfield and slipped the ball outside to Campana who made no mistake with a curling finish.

"You know what Leo is, what he can give on the pitch. He gets the best (out) of everyone," said a beaming Campana. "Right now, the goal is to achieve the playoffs and I hope we can do it to give happiness to the people of Miami," added the striker.

LA got a 90th-minute consolation via Ryan Hollingshead's glancing header from a corner and while the third-placed team in the Western Conference should have little trouble making the playoffs, they had been given a lesson in finishing.

Miami were bottom of the East and winless in 11 games in MLS before Messi's arrival and after winning the Leagues Cup, the Florida club have won two and drawn one in regular season action.

"It was a nice test for us to see where we stood, what we were able to do on a difficult ground against a very good opponent, the winners last year and we earned a very important victory for what is coming," Messi told broadcasters Apple TV.

"This group grows more every day, we have been saying it since the beginning of all this. We were lucky to get a tournament and get into a final and now the goal is to get into the playoffs and fight for the league," he added.

"I feel good physically. Thank God I can continue playing and help the team in whatever way I can and hopefully we continue in this dynamic," he added.

In Sunday's other game, last year's runners-up, the Philadelphia Union, beat the New York Red Bulls 4-1 to keep their playoff hopes on track.

The score was 1-1 when Red Bulls' Sean Nealis was sent off after handling the ball and picking up a second yellow card.

Philadelphia took full advantage of the extra man after the break with goals from Jamaican Damion Lowe, Argentina Julian Carranza and Hungarian Daniel Gazdag.

AFP

Declan Rice rises to the moment as Arsenal avoid disastrous slip-up

By Miguel Delaney

DECLAN Rice has his first big moment in an Arsenal shirt, and their season may have lift-off. His 96th-minute goal to give Mikel Arteta's side a late 3-1 win over Manchester United was all the more uplifting for the home crowd and all the better for him because neither he nor the home side had been at their best. It was an erratic game.

None of that will now matter, as everything about their performance will feel so much better. Gabriel Jesus's late breakaway strike to make it 3-1 made it look even better on paper. It also genuinely matters in the table, even as early as the 3rd of September. Had United hung on for the draw here, Arsenal would have found themselves four points behind Manchester City already, something that didn't happen until May last season.

That could have been it, even now. You could feel that weighing over the game in Arsenal's raucous celebration, and how Arteta so vigorously enjoyed it. There was more here than beating a historic rival, even this late.

There was also much more to Arsenal than United. They are so much further along in development, even allowing for injuries, although these also framed the game.

Even Rice's crucial goal came because United's massed defence started to come apart for the first time. Whereas the match had been characterised by Arsenal barely having any space to move in the United box, late fatigue amid an injury crisis left Rice with five yards of space and the chance to collect himself after a heavy-chested ball.

He did more than that, firing the ball through substitute Jonny Evans for a deflection to also take it past Andre Onana.

It was all the more galling for United given that they'd gone from the relish of celebrating a late breakaway goal for Alejandro



Declan Rice is making a difference for Arsenal. Agencies

Garnacho, ruled out by the thinnest of margins, to the complete opposite emotion.

There was even the irony of Jesus's final late touch coming from the kind of counter United had been using as their only source of attack all game.

Arsenal had the idea and the ball. United could only work around that, a side that still represent so much of a compromise to what Ten Hag wants.

Arteta has this so much closer to what he wants from his own team, even if elements emphasised they are not there yet. They still cough up so many counter-attacks and chances. It did contribute to a strange match - you couldn't take your eyes off but it wasn't always pretty to watch.

For a long time, the two earlier goals felt like an aberration in an otherwise erratic game, all the more so because they came in such quick succession. There were just minutes between the balls hitting either net but a mere 35 seconds in actual play.

That feeling was all the more pronounced for the Rashford goal given it came out of nothing. It was not just their first shot of the game but their first attack of any note. The move did admittedly come from something that set the pattern of

the game. Arsenal were completely imposing their game on United, but it meant there were often at least 10 players around Onana's box. That made it very difficult for Arteta's side to play through, all the more so when Kai Havertz totally mis-hit the best chance of the match.

It was almost comic but represented a contradiction in the German's game. He can go from a Dennis Bergkamp touch one moment to looking like he doesn't know how to control a ball or even where to position himself.

The United goal did come after a misstep from a player who has been much more reliable for Arsenal. With his side trying to rebuild an attack, Gabriel Martinelli played a ball straight to Christian Eriksen.

The Dane suddenly had the space of the Arsenal half to play the ball into, a contrast from the other end which allowed the opportunity. Eriksen, of course, used that superbly.

The through ball to Rashford was divine, exploiting a slight misstep from Ben White. Rashford then took it on superbly, both in terms of the aesthetic fluency of the move and his next touch. The forward cut inside to drive the cleanest strike in high off the post.

The irony is that it was the bit of

spark Arsenal needed. They had been the better team without actually looking that good themselves. What followed was pure quality. For one of the few times in the game, Arsenal worked their way around the massed defence with an exquisitely exact passing move, the extra focus no doubt elevating them. United didn't even have time to know where to go.

Odegaard knew exactly where he was putting it from Martinelli's pass, powering the ball into the corner.

This was to be the game now: Arsenal forced into more elaborate build-ups as United looked to break at pace. The numbers almost aided Arteta's side again as Havertz got caught between Casemiro and Aaron Wan-Bissaka. He went down, but there was no contact, and a penalty was overruled by VAR.

That did gradually evolve into an absorbing final spell, especially when Rasmus Hojlund came on for his United debut. They looked like they felt the benefit of having a reference, even if Arsenal's greater development as a team meant that they still had much more of the ball. Bukayo Saka, who wasn't at his best due to heavy attention from the United backline, should have had the ball in the net late on. Onana did superbly to deflect an effort from right in front of him, another rare moment which Arsenal worked through.

It was the warning. United were tiring. Ten Hag tried to address it with subs. That initially seemed to work with Garnacho. But he'd gone that bit too early.

It allowed Arsenal to claim it late, and ensure the title race doesn't get away from them this early either. It might seem harsh to fixate on that so early in the campaign and with a finish like this. Arteta, more than anyone, will no doubt emphasise that these are the stakes.

Rice has maybe now risen to them.

THE INDEPENDENT

Mohamed Salah shows no sign of falling out of love with Liverpool after Saudi bid

By Chris Bascombe

JÜRGEN Klopp says Anfield will fall in love with his rebuilt Liverpool. Here was a day when new romances began to bloom, while old flames kept pulses racing.

Mohamed Salah does not look like a man thinking of a separation. There was no hint of a head turned by Saudi riches as he was involved in all three goals against Aston Villa, scoring the third in front of the Kop. Even his celebration was reassuringly low-key for those fearing this could be part of a grand, emotional farewell to a stadium where he has left a permanent imprint.

Salah has scored in 11 of Liverpool's last 12 home games, underlining why Klopp offered a firm 'yes' when asked if the club's 'not-for-sale' stance is entrenched, no matter how absurdly high the Saudi bids reach. As the attacking focal point of an emerging side, losing Salah now would be self-defeating. The accounts could receive a £200 million injection, but what price do you put on a sense of rejuvenation? How do you put a value on those emotional gemstones of hope and belief that another stellar Klopp team is flowering?

There will be a point in the near future when conditions are more favourable to letting Salah go. On the back of this reassuring hammering of a good, expertly coached Aston Villa team, it certainly does not feel like now.

One of Salah's new teammates, Dominik Szoboszlai, went so far as to suggest Salah has told the players he is going nowhere. "He wants to stay, he wants to be here and be with us. We are really happy - we need people in the team like him," said the Hungarian.

Has Salah communicated to his manager? "No. He didn't tell me, but he didn't have to. He speaks with his training and performances and behaviour," responded Klopp.

"We had meetings this week, and the meetings were not about what



Mohamed Salah played a part in all three of Liverpool's goals in their routine win over Aston Villa. Agencies

we did in the past, it was about what we will do in the future. Mo was with the players' [leadership] committee and had his moments where he was talking and it was nothing like 'by the way, this is only until next week' or whatever. He is completely here and if Dom said that, fine. Mo doesn't have to come into my office and tell me 'by the way, boss... [I'm not going]'. For me it wasn't a subject for one second, to be honest."

Whatever Salah's private thoughts, publicly he looks energised by what is developing around him.

Liverpool's summer business is reaping instant reward.

It is worth remembering that Klopp is marking a harrowing an-

niversary as Liverpool manager this week. On September 7 last season, in the immediate aftermath of a dire 4-1 defeat to Napoli in the Champions League, Klopp made his first vow to 'reinvent' Liverpool.

Aside from the traumas of lockdown, that proclamation ushered forward the most challenging 12 months of Klopp's Liverpool career.

Overseeing a transition during the season left Liverpool exposed to inconsistent, occasionally dreadful performances. Klopp had to strike a balance between keeping players he knew were reaching the end of their Anfield career motivated, while reassuring his support base that he shared their concerns about the ur-

gent need for a revamp.

The reconstruction has also had to be undertaken in a world in which Manchester City and Chelsea will never be outbid for the most coveted players, whereas Liverpool must and will stick to their financial plan despite the clamour to live beyond their means.

It has led to some awkward moments such as the club removing itself from the pursuit of Jude Bellingham, and losing out on Moises Caicedo and Romeo Lavia.

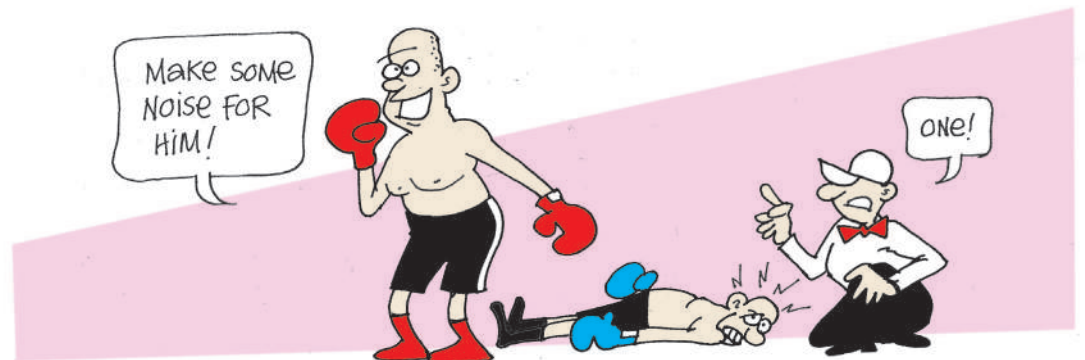
For all the withering criticism of those mishaps, a clearer vision of Klopp's Liverpool 2.0 is emerging. Two-thirds of one of the most feared strike forces in Europe has gone and the midfield completely reconfigured.

Two of the four recent signings in the last transfer window - Alexis Mac Allister and Szoboszlai - purred with class on Sunday. Mac Allister was an exhibit in game intelligence as the deep-playing No 6, while Szoboszlai's superb start continued with the opening goal. His ball striking adds a new dimension to a midfield of pace, vigour and threat.

In this age of overstatement, Klopp usually plays down the qualities of a performance as he looks to the next game. He made an exception this time declaring the performance 'close to perfect.'

THE TELEGRAPH

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Director General of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Athuman Ngenya, speaks during the conclusion of this year's edition of a sports tournament, termed '2023 Standards Bonanza', held at TCC venue, Chang'ombe in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE

National volleyball team ready for 2023 Men's African Nations Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national volleyball team's head coach Alfred Selengia says he is confident the team will register positive results in the ongoing Men's African Nations Volleyball Championship which tipped off last Sunday in Cairo, Egypt.

The 12-member team arrived in Egypt on Sunday night for the championship which runs up to Thursday next week.

The 24th edition of the championship is organized by the African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB) and is the official competition for senior men's national volleyball teams across the continent.

Selengia said he has assembled the best players who have prepared well, adding he is confident that they will not disappoint.

The tactician called on Tanzanians to give support to the team which, according to Selengia, is made up of experienced and upcoming players.

The 2023 Men's African Nations Volleyball Championship's participating teams have been divided into four pools for the first phase of the tournament, competing to secure the best positions before the knockout stages.

Tanzania's national volleyball team is in Group B alongside Mali, Chad, and defending champions Tunisia.

The national volleyball team was yesterday in action against Chad, and will today face Mali before winding up the Group Stage encounters with a clash against Tunisia tomorrow.

Teams placed in Group A are Egypt, Burundi, and Algeria, Group C has Cameroon, Kenya, and Ghana, and Libya while Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Gambia make Group D.

"We are now in Egypt, we are in Group B, and I am confident that we will do well. Yes, it will not be an easy task but my charges are well prepared for the challenge," he said.

The players making the national volleyball team are Ezekiel Machunde, Rashid Lazi, Deodatus Mhandiki, Ramadhan Ramadhan, Anthony Mangengu, David Nneeke, Ford Edward, Omary Hassan, and Lameck David accompanied by team manager, Riziki Mahenge.

The top three teams in the tournament will qualify for the 2025 International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)

Men's World Championships

The 2025 FIVB Men's World Championships will be the 21st staging of championships and, starting this staging, the World Championship will be expanded to include 32 teams, increasing from 24 teams.

The tournament will henceforth also be held bi-annually instead of quadrennial.

Boost for Taifa Stars as Msuva, Himid join camp in Tunisia



Footballers making Tanzania's senior national football team are pictured participating in drills in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for qualifiers for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, which is slated for January 13–February 11, 2024, in Ivory Coast. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' camp has been boosted by the arrival of Algeria's JS Kabylie forward, Simon Msuva, and defensive midfielder Himid Mao ahead of Thursday's clash against Algeria in Group F of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers.

Tanzania national football team Taifa Stars had huddled up in a dedicated residential camp in Tanzania to fine-tune their skills and strategies for the crucial tie with Algeria.

Msuva joined his international teammates in Tunisia for a training camp and his arrival follows that of goalkeeper Benno Kakolanya (Singida Fountain Gate FC) and Nickson Kibabage (Young Africans FC) on Saturday.

With his 76 caps and 19 goals, the 29-year-old goal-getter is part of Taifa Stars' dependable players. He will most likely start for the match against Algeria.

Meanwhile, Mao who missed the last game reported directly to Algeria where the game would be played, and was to be joined by the rest of the squad which was en route from Tunisia.

Taifa Stars put their chances of qualifying for the 2013 Africa Nations Cup finals on track with a 1-0 victory over Niger at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in June courtesy of a goal scored by Msuva.

They are now second behind the group leader, Algeria which has already secured a place in the finals to be played in Côte d'Ivoire.

To secure the remaining Group F ticket, Taifa Stars, under head coach Adel Amrouche, only need to avoid defeat in the final game against Algeria.

The Tanzanian squad can still qualify even if it loses to Algeria provided Uganda fails to beat bottom-placed Niger.

Uganda must beat Niger and hope Tanzania slips up in Algeria. Even then, Uganda will need to have a superior goal difference than Tanzania to qualify. Niger, currently positioned fourth in the group, is out.

Taifa Stars full squad:

Goalkeeper; Beno Kakolanya (Singida

Fountain Gate FC), Metacha Mnata (Young Africans SC), and Erick Johola (Geita Gold FC).

Defenders: Nickson Kibabage (Young Africans SC), Ibrahim Hamad 'Bacca' (Young Africans SC), Bakari Mwamnyeto (Young Africans SC), Dickson Job (Young Africans SC), Kennedy Juma (Simba SC), Lameck Lawi (Coastal Union), Haji Mnoqa (Aldershot Town, England), Abdi Banda (Richards Bay FC, South Africa)

Midfielders: Jonas Mkude (Young Africans SC), Muzamil Yassin (Simba SC), Sospeter Bajana (Azam FC), Himid Mao Mkami, (Tala'ea El Gaiash, Egypt), Mudathir Yahya, (Young Africans SC), Abdulmalik Zakaria (Namungo FC), Maurice Abraham (FK Spartak Subotica, Serbia), Novatus Dismas (Shakhtar Donetsk, Ukraine).

Forwards: John Bocco (Simba SC), Clement Mzize (Young Africans SC), Kibu Denis (Simba SC), Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' (Azam FC), Ben Starkie (Basford United, England), Simon Msuva (JS Kabylie, Algeria) and Mbwana Samatta (PAOK FC, Greece).

Singida Fountain Gate FC set for international friendly match

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINGIDA Fountain Gate FC is set to play an international friendly match against Arta Solar 7 of Djibouti on September 7 at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The Singida-based team will use the fixture as part of their CAF confederation pre-group game fixture against Future FC of Egypt.

Arta Solar 7 has similar ambitions as the club is set to host Egypt's Zamalek SC in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup Second Preliminary Round's first leg at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Singida Fountain Gate FC secured a progression to the showpiece's Second Preliminary Round after beating Zanzibar's JKU SC 4-3 on aggregate after winning 4-1 in the first leg clash and losing 2-0 in the rematch.

So far Singida Fountain Gate FC has experienced managerial changes in the outfit's technical bench after the departure of Dutch tactician Hans van der Pluijm.

He was followed by his assistant, Ugandan Mathias Lule, who had earlier assumed Pluijm's position on an interim basis. Lule parted ways with the Singida side last week.

The Ugandan had led the team to a goalless draw with Tabora United in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League match before the introduction of a new head coach- the former Moroka Swallows and Kaizer Chiefs head coach, Ernst Middendorp.

Under Pluijm's guidance, Singida Fountain Gate FC made significant strides having taken fourth place in last season's Premier League and consequently secured a spot in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup.

The new coaching panel's journey at Singida had commenced with promise, guided by Pluijm's coaching philosophy, with Middendorp set to bring new heights to the club.

In the 2023/24 NBC Premier League, Singida Fountain Gate FC has been short of goals despite not conceding a goal in either of the squad's two fixtures.

The sunflower farmers drew 0-0 with Tanzania Prisons in the first duel and notched the same results when it played against Tabora United.

Middendorp is set to address the situation early in the fixture against Arta Solar 7 to see how his club can shift its scoring form in the continental showdown to Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League.

In the NBC Premier League, Singida Fountain Gate FC will return to the pitch after CAF Confederation Cup Second Preliminary Round duties, confronting Mtibwa Sugar in Morogoro on October 5.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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