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Take levies law to MPs - NCCR



President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a Cabinet meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

THE opposition NCCR-Mageuzi yesterday raised the need for a review of the Finance Act, 2022 under a certificate of urgency to facilitate evaluation of mobile money transaction levies.

Joseph Selasini, chairman of the party's board of trustees, issued this appeal yesterday in Dar es Salaam when briefing journalists on the party's view on the controversy concerning the levies adopted by the legislature and incorporated in the Finance Act, 2022.

He said that the party supports the government's intention to raise revenues by that kind of levy, but the relevant authorities "need to look into the issue deeply to thwart rising public complaints."

"The mobile phone and bank transactions levies were established by law and should be respected but the government should take a look at the matter," he said, affirming that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has instructed the Treasury to look in ways to improve the issue.

"Since the president has issued that directive, it is evident that she is touched by the plight of Tanzanians expressed in the complaints," the opposition leader underlined.

The Treasury ought to make use of advice from economists on how to levy such transactions as the current format leads to complaints. The general public could submit their views instead of criticizing without suggesting alternative scenarios for sorting out such complaints, he stated.

The parliamentary standing committee on the budget can liaise with the Treasury to carry out a review of the Finance Act to come up with a friendly format of implementing the levies, he elaborated.

"Levies were instituted as one among government revenue sources. It is evident that the government had good intentions, but small challenges emerged which if well discussed and handled can be ironed out," he emphasized.

The former Rombo MP said civil society organizations and the private sector can put up alternative budget scenarios before the passing of the national budget so that their views are taken

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EWURA cuts petrol retail price after 65bn/- new subsidy

By Guardian Reporter

PETROL users will be in relief after new cap prices for September 2022 were announced by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA).

The price decline is set at 271/- to 362/- per litre from the previous month cap prices depending on the region, the agency said in a statement yesterday.

EWURA director general Modestus Lumato said the reduction in cap prices was facilitated by a 65bn/- subsidy issued by the government.

The new prices that take effect today have a reverse side where diesel prices rise by 31/- to 86/- per litre, with kerosene prices diminishing by 430/- by the same measure.

EWURA explained that oil prices had diminished in the world market during July 2022 compared to June 2022 prices, thus enabling local market price decline by 271/- and 362/- per litre for petrol and by 430/- per litre for kerosene, compared to subsidized prices for August 2022.

For diesel, apart from the Tanga price which slides by 13/- per litre, September 2022 prices increase by 37/- and 86/- per litre for Dar es Salaam and Mtwara together, compared to subsidized prices for August 2022, the statement noted.

On account of those changes, the new prices for Dar es Salaam will be 2,969/- per litre for petrol, 3,125/- for diesel and 3,335/- per litre for kerosene, whereas for Tanga the new prices are 3,033/- per litre for petrol and 3,131/- per

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MPs urge rapid handing over of planes to ATCL

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government needs to quicken legal ownership for 11 planes from the Tanzania Government Flights Agency (TGFA) to Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL), the relevant parliamentary committee on the issues said yesterday.

Jerry Silaa, the chairman of the Investment and Public Investment Committee (PIC) of the National Assembly said at a press conference that the transfer is necessary to liquidate the 238bn/- negative capital situation arising from leasing the planes.

This situation was cited in the annual report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) for 2020/21, identifying ATCL as having huge debts compared to its



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assets.

Briefing the media after meeting with TGFA and ATCL, the committee chairman said the 11 planes are valued at 1.47trn/- and if ownership is transferred this will help ATCL clear negative capital by not carrying the burden of hiring them.

"ATCL negative capital stands at 239bn/-, meaning that it has huge debts than its assets, and this is the area of concern mentioned in the CAG Report," he stated, praising President Samia Suluhu Hassan for issuing a directive to transfer the planes to alleviate ATCL debts.

He said in the past financial year ATCL could have generated a 37bn/- profit, and 18bn/- earlier in 2021 as well as 10bn/- profit

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'Population and housing census a total success'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIANS and the rest of the world will be told the country's new population figure next month following the formal conclusion of the 2022 Population and Housing Census, the census secretariat has declared.

Census commissar Anne Makinda told a press conference after a meeting of the national census advisory committee that 99.99 percent of households and 99.87 percent of buildings were counted in the exercise concluded on Monday, September 5.

The whole exercise went smoothly despite small challenges that were later resolved, she said, describing the census as a historic event undertaken with great enthusiasm.

What follows now is the scrutiny of the data and preparing a covering report for the government, whereupon President Samia Suluhu Hassan will unveil the new figure of country's population as it stood at the time of the census, later next month, the commissar noted.

In time the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) in Zanzibar will take up the report to update their data for various planning requirements, plus involving different stakeholders as for population growth needs in decision making for regions and

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People intending to travel to various upcountry stations and beyond by bus lie stranded yesterday at Dar es Salaam's Magufuli International Bus Stand. Sources said the countrywide reopening of schools had led to most buses being hired to transport students back to school, and hence the crisis witnessed at the terminal in the last several days. Photo: Salome Kitomari



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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (2nd-R) pictured at Julius Nyerere International Airport yesterday moving to welcome Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Norway's Minister for International Development overseeing international development efforts in Nordic countries, who had just jetted into Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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into account.

"This issue has gone too far because it affects the general public since everyone gets money from banks and mobile phones," he said.

One among the key issues raised in the complaints was double taxation

where people are first deducted the Pay as You Earn (PAYE) tax then have to pay again on a similar format when transacting through banks or mobile phones.

The intention was good but the way it has been implemented pushed some people to stop transacting through phones, diminishing

progress in the financial inclusion agenda, he said.

He was convinced that Tanzania has made strides in digital banking but the trend is not being taken up fast enough owing to the levies.

"Complaining without giving solutions will not help. Even going to court against the government will

not do. Let us offer advice," he said, hinting in the direction of the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) which has reportedly filed a case with the High Court questioning the government mandate on the issue.

NCCR-Mageuzi commends President Samia for listening to complaints by the public, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds talks at State House in Dar Salaam yesterday with a Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria delegation led by the Fund's executive director, Peter Sands. Photo: State House

LAAC discovers money allegedly swindled in eight Kilosa projects

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC) has said that it has discovered that a hefty amount of money allegedly swindled in eight projects of the Kilosa District Council due to not getting the details of the relevant financial analysis.

As a result, it has given three months to the Comptroller and Auditor General of Government Accounts (CAG) to conduct a special audit.

LAAC chairman Seleman Zedi noted this yesterday after meeting with the council regarding the audit issues for the year 2020/21.

"The projects are funds for the operation of primary and secondary education, funds for the construction of clinics, construction of health centers, joint health fund (Busket Fund), Education Programme For Results (EP4R), Expanding Rice Production Project (ERPP) and funds

for non-communicable diseases (NTD)," he said.

He noted that the council failed to explain to the committee that they started the year with how much money, if they had surplus, during the whole year how much they received for the projects, how much they have spent and if there is any balance or

surplus left.

"On eight projects, they have completely failed to explain to us how much money they got, how much was spent, and how much is left at the end of the year, now that means that there is a loophole that they are hiding or there is wastage and waste, because there is no

logic in hiding the projects," he said. He said that the inspection will be done for each project on the eight projects that the council failed to provide details of the analysis of the projects.

"For the financial year 2020/21, they implemented 13 projects, of which five have provided a satisfactory analysis, but eight projects have failed to show the analysis of the projects, that is, they explain the projects when the financial year begins, how much was there behind it, the year how much have they got and what is the use and if at the end of the year there is a balance left," he said.

Zedi said the committee has given that time to CAG to review and submit answers.

"I feel there is a problem with the ability of the Kilosa Council accountant because other projects and analyses are prepared well but this has been different," he said.

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back in 2020.

ATCL has been increasing its incomes since FY 2017/8 when it earned 53bn/-, in 2018/19 it earned 11bn/-, 2019/20 (157bn/-), 2020/21 (174.5bn/-) and 2021/22 it earned 239bn/-, he said.

"In fact this company is doing well as losses have been dropping from 2018/19 when the loss was 48bn/-. In 2020/21 the loss stood at 36bn/- and in 2021/22 it chalked up 27bn/- losses," he said.

Profit per passenger seat increased from 251,000/- in 2019/20 to 283,000/- in 2020/21, he elaborated.

The parliamentary committee has directed ATCL to prepare a report to show it assists the country in regard to tourism, farming, government activities and trade, he stated.

In another development, the parliamentary standing committee on Infrastructure Development has called on the government to facilitate ATCL by creating a friendly environment for it to operate.

Committee chairman Selemani Kakoso made these decisions upon receiving an ATCL performance report, as well as the view of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA).

Urging that ATCL operations be placed on a commercial basis, he said despite the good job the two entities are doing, they need to do more and the government has to invest heavily in ATCL.

This way it will do better commercially and settle the debts that have existed in the past, he said, underlining that it is vital for the government to supervise airports' improvement, including Iringa and Musoma, ensuring that construction is speeded up.

"Close monitoring of the construction of airports is vital to enable ATCL to do well. The success of the company is pegged on the quality of airports," he

pointed out.

Atupele Mwakibete, the Works and Transport deputy minister, said that airports' improvement was going on well, and the ministry had received funds for improving Tanga and Lindi airports.

ATCL chief executive officer Ladislav Matindi said that the organization has successfully entered into commercial cooperation with seven airlines—Qatar Airways, Air India, Emirates, KLM, Omani Air, RwandAir and Ethiopian Airlines.

This will ensure a unified journey for ATCL passengers in liaison with those organizations in areas where ATCL has no flights, he said.

The ATCL travel network now reaches 26 stations where 15 stations are domestic and nine are external, namely Bujumbura, Entebbe, Hahaya, Harare, Lusaka, Ndola, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Lubumbashi, along with Mumbai in India and Guangzhou in China.

TCAA director general Hamza Johari said it was undertaking to open the air transport market to improve air transport services, attracting investors into the sector and strengthening competition.

TCAA has issued 1,223 new licenses and renewed 270 licenses in various fields in the aviation sector over the past year, he added.

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districts.

Expressing satisfaction with stakeholders involved in the national exercise, she lauded their input in the planning, undertaking and processing of the census data.

The exercise went on smoothly as expected though there were minor challenges at the early stages but they were quickly rectified, she said, noting that the digital conduct of the census is likely to have lessons for other African countries.

She praised the media for the good work in public education on the importance of census, underlining that media role was more vivid this year than in the past census exercises.

The government timely released funds for payment of hired officials including enumerators and supervisors, with temporarily employed clerks having been fully paid by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), she stated.

Ambassador Mohamed Haji Hamza, her Zanzibar counterpart, noted that

information and communication technology brought great success in the census.

"Every Tanzanian should be proud of this achievement in this year's exercise," he said, affirming that from the look of things all those involved played their part at their level best.

Chief Statistician Dr Albina Chuwa on her part said the remaining 0.01 per cent of households that were not counted is insignificant and lacks effect on national planning.

Globally, such margins are acceptable as it is well known that no African country can achieve 100 percent success in a population and housing census, she explained.

"Scientifically, we have achieved that target in the exercise and this could be much more beyond what other countries report," she said.

On the unrecorded 0.07 of total buildings, she said that housing census normally take place frequently within two or three years. "Those left out, however marginal, will be counted soon," she added.

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litre for diesel.

For Mtwara where petroleum products are offloaded as it is for Dar es Salaam and Tanga, the new petrol price will be 3,082/- while diesel will be sold at 3,213/- per litre.

The price for other key urban centres after subsidy are Arusha, where petrol will sell for 3,090/- and diesel for 3,188/- per litre, while for Kibaha petrol will be sold at 2,973/- per litre and diesel at

3,130/- Bukoba will sell petrol at 3,184/- per litre and diesel for 3,341/-.

For Kigoma petrol will fetch 3,131/- per litre and diesel 3,288/- while in Babati the new price is 3,124/- per litre for petrol and 3,222/- per litre for diesel. Dodoma residents will pay 3,027/- per litre for petrol and 3,184/- per litre for diesel.

In Geita, petrol will sell at 3,134/- per litre and diesel fetch 3,291/- while Iringa coughs up 3,089/- per litre for petrol and 3,195/- for diesel.



Treasury Registrar Benedicto Mgonya (2nd-L) exchanges ideas with Kilombero Sugar Company senior officers during his recent inspection tour of progress in the implementation of the firm's expansion project in Morogoro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dr Mwinyi vows to improve monetary interests of staff in Z'bar CAG's office

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has begun the process to improve pecuniary interests of officials in the Office of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) in order to protect the available human resource.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar State House when he met and held discussions with Tanzania's Controller and Auditor general (CAG), Charles Kichere who, among others, he went for introduction.

He said the government recognizes the importance of the auditors' work, and said already the process to improve their various interests has started.

He said it is important to remove the interests challenge for CAG officials recognizing that many officials who are being audited have huge financial emoluments.

Touching on the issue of Union organs in Zanzibar, Dr Mwinyi expressed his pleasure on the existence of cooperation among the two institutions CAG Zanzibar and its Tanzania counterpart.

He said there are great problems in the Zanzibar immigration department "there was a time a special committee was dispatched to make an inspection and found out that over 8bn/- had not been accounted for within a period of six months, there is still great work to do."

He added that there is a possibility for the Union organs in Zanzibar to hide themselves from CAG auditing, and this has to be rectified, and called for the two audit institutions to collaborate.

He also praised the recent auditing which moved away from books auditing to projects auditing.

"There are officials who are experts in writing books in some of our institutions," he said.

He said Zanzibar is heading towards the oil and gas industry, hence there are many things to learn from the Mainland which has made big strides in the sector, as well as the importance in empowering auditors.

For his part, Tanzania CAG, Charles Kichere praised President Mwinyi for his great work and vision in developing the Isles as well as his supervision of its resources.

He said the responsibility of the CAG is to assist the President in following the vision via various economic and development activities.

He explained that CAG-Tanzania and its Zanzibar counterpart have had amicable cooperation, sometimes even pooling their efforts in performing their duties.

He added that the two institutions as they are the same in implementing their responsibilities are faced by virtually equal challenges, including financial interests, hence called on both governments to look into the issue.

Earlier, Zanzibar CAG Dr Othman Abassa said there has been great collaboration among the two institutions and cited the example of CAG-Tanzania helping its Zanzibar counterpart in the inspection of union organs in Zanzibar including BoT, TRA and embassies abroad.



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Student arrested after allegedly killing fellow student in Mbeya

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

A FORM Four student of Sinda secondary school in Mbeya city, Mbeya Region, Faraja Kasole (16) has died after allegedly being hit by a sharp object by his fellow student, a Form Five student of Iduda secondary school.

The suspect, Humphrey Ngogo (17) is allegedly to have firstly attempted to rape the deceased after being overwhelmed; he took an axe and hit her on the neck.

Regional Police Commander (RPC) Ulrich Matei said the incident occurred on August 2, after the suspect arrived to the deceased home and attempted to rape her but after the deceased refused, he decided to kill her.

"At the time when Ngogo went to the house, the deceased was alone and he took the opportunity to commit the crime," he said.

Commander Matei said the suspect will be sent to court for further legal measures after completion of the

ongoing investigation.

"The police force greatly condemn this abusive act and extend condolences to the family of the deceased, we also call on parents and guardians to create a culture of speaking with their children on various issues which include supervising them to focus on studies and stop engaging in love relationships while in school," he said.

Meanwhile, Commander Matei said the force is also holding a businessman

Mabula Maghembe (35), an Ifumbo village resident in Chunya District, Mbeya Region for allegedly being found selling cannabis at his shop.

He said the suspect was arrested on September 5, this year at around 5pm having three bags of cannabis weighing 20kg, 350 rolls and two boxes of rizla.

"The suspect admitted the offence and said he was collaborating with another trader Hamis Shauritanga whom we are still searching for," commander Matei said.

He wanted the second suspect (Shauritanga) to surrender himself to the police station while warning the general public to report wherever he is seen.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER PROJECT DEMONSTRATION PLANT

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites lab equipment suppliers to express their Interest (EOI) for the Supply of Laboratory Equipment for the Mkuju River Project demonstration plant.

Interested Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Approved Supplier on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter – Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor.
- List of referrals where mineral process lab equipment has been supplied .
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:

- a) Brief scope of work
- b) Value of work in USD c) Contractual Duration d) Client's name
- e) Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).

- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, If any
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to Expression of interest.
- Current Tax Clearance certificate from relevant authority.
- All documents in English

The interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e- mail address; piliseleman@gmail.com and the hard copy to the below address latest on **15 September 2022 at 12h00 hours.**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – FABRICATION, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PIPING FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER PME0 PLANT PROJECT

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River PME0 Plant Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites eligible HDPE and Steel piping fabricators to express their Interest (EOI) for the provision of Fabrication, Supply and Delivery of Piping for the Mkuju River PME0 Plant Project.

Interested Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Approved fabricator on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter – Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor
- Must be able to adhere to the following standards as a minimum:

- o SANS 1123 or equivalent
- o SANS ISO 4427

- Must be able to supply electrofusion weld fittings.
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:

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PM stresses need to observe standards in implementation of Dodoma govt city project

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called upon officials tasked to supervise the Second Phase of the Dodoma Government City to make sure they abide by ethics in regard to financial expenditure in order for the project to be completed in time and to acceptable standards.

Majaliwa also instructed Permanent Secretaries of all ministries some of whose officials are still in Dar es Salaam to make sure they shift to Dodoma as directed by the government.

Majaliwa issued the directives on Monday this week after ending his inspection visit of the government city project in which he thanked and praised contractors thereof.

"The aim of the government is to make sure the construction of the nation's capital is going well and we must be proud of the good job being done by our experts," he said.

He added that the Dodoma Government City will be modern as it will be run digitally, "the money for this is available and I like to assure you that everything will be accomplished, the intention of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is to create the national capital of high quality."

He further stressed on Tanzania's youth employed in the project to work while abiding to work ethics and

directives from their leaders.

The buildings that were inspected by the PM include those for Office of the Prime Minister (Policy, Parliament and Coordination) constructed by SUMA JKT at a cost of 22.8bn/-, and whose construction began on October 11 2021 and expected to be completed April 2023.

Another is the one to house the PM Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities also being built by SUMA JKT costing 18.62bn/- and is 47 per cent complete.

Another building he inspected is the one being built for the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) at a cost of 2.29bn/- and whose construction work is 54 per cent complete.

Another building inspected is the one for the Attorney General (AFG) being built by SUMA JKT costing 26.81bn/- and whose construction work is 42 per cent complete.

Another one is for the Home Affairs Ministry built by NHC at a cost of 22.3bn/- and is 45 per cent complete.

Earlier, the Coordinator of Dodoma Government City project, Meshack Bandawe said the project's second phase began October 2022 and is expected to be completed in October 2023.

The entire project involves 25 buildings for various ministries including two for government institutions.



Jenifa Omolo (R), Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Finance and Planning ministry, has a word with UTT AMIS managing director Simon Migangala when she visited the firm's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Take action against underperforming lands officials, permanent sec urged

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DR ANGELINA Mabula, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development has urged permanent Secretary Dr Allan Kijazi to take action against assistant commissioners of lands who failed to submit the number of undeveloped plots.

The directives go concurrently to all those issued licenses of constructing fuel filling stations against the master plan.

Dr Mabula made the directives yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening a meeting for assistant land commissioners to discuss challenges and way forward in providing services to the public.

She said up-to-date only 17 regions have identified undeveloped plots in their respective regions and submitted them to the ministry, despite time extension.

She urged the Permanent Secretary

Dr Kijazi to take disciplinary action against assistant commissioners of land who had not yet completed the exercise including reshuffle or demotion.

She named the regions that have not submitted so far as Arusha, Geita, Kagera, Dodoma, Njombe, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Songwe.

Dr Mabula also tasked the PS to take action against those who failed to supervise the master plan, hence causing expansion of unplanned cities.

The minister also tasked the permanent secretary to take action against all land commissioners who issued licences for fuel stations in cities that don't comply with the city master plan.

"Recently, there has been an increase in fuel stations against the laws. Take action against them, she said.

According to her, there are fuel stations constructed 50 metres from each other which is against the master

plan and risk for people and property in case of fire outbreak.

She clarified that laws among others allow construction of fuel stations to be constructed 200 metres from the other, urging them to amend the law and make it 500 metres.

She said all assistant commissioners who failed to implement their duties should self-evaluate before the government takes action.

The minister also urged the authorities in Dar es Salaam to repossess 200 undeveloped plots at Pemba Mnazi and issue them to other people.

Dr Allan Kijazi said the aim of the meeting was to discuss challenges and ways forward from the complaints that emerged during previous meetings including the real estate meeting held over the weekend.

He said upon completion, they will sign a service agreement to ensure they implement their duties as per agreement.

Use knowledge gained in phase I to execute other phases, TRC advised

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Investment and Capital (PIC) has directed the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) to utilize the knowledge gained during the implementation of the first phase of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to speedup other phases.

The committee's chairperson, Jerry Silaa said that TRC should ensure that the implementation of the remaining phases of SGR are conducted effectively and on time as the corporation already has knowledge on key things to consider.

He said this yesterday here when briefing reporters soon after the committee had completed reviewing the implementation report of the corporation.

"The committee wants TRC to ensure that local contractors are well engaged and benefit with the

implementation of the project despite the presence of foreign contractors and other experts. We want our locals to gain this experience but also their funds should be paid on time," he said.

Silaa said the committee wants to see investment productivity in the implementation of the projects saying that it will continue collaborating with the TRC while advising for its growth.

"The first part of the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro has reached 96 percent, it is only four percent remaining which includes some final touches, the 422km-Morogoro-Makutupora has also reached 95 percent and the contractors are already at site for the 368-km-Makutupora-Tabora and the Tabora-Isaka and as well as the Isaka Mwanza. So we are doing well in the first phase of the SGR project," he explained.

He said the directive of President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the

construction of the 506km section from Tabora to Kigoma has been responded well by the authorities and is now in the procurement process.

"Once completed and reach Kigoma and Burundi, this railway will help open up economic opportunities, stimulate trade as well as improve collections at the port because traders will be attracted to use our ports as they are sure of the railway transport. We also hope that the completion of the railway will also see prices of some goods such as cement and fertilizer prices decreasing due to low transportation costs," he added.

TRC director general, Masanja Kadogosa said they are going to implement all the directives issued by the committee so as to ensure that the railway is completed within the scheduled timeframe and open up trade opportunities with neighbouring countries.



NOTICE FOR CONVENING OF THE 24TH NATIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION

The President of the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT), does hereby pursuant to Article 13 of the MCT Constitution give notice to members of MCT that the 24th National General Convention (NGC) of the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) shall be held in Dodoma, on September 28, 2022 at 10.30 am.

The proposed agenda at the 24th NGC is as follows:

1. Opening;
2. Adoption of Agenda;
3. Confirming Minutes of the 23rd National General Convention held virtually from Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam on September 30, 2021;
4. Matters arising from the 23rd NGC;
5. Report of the Executive Secretary;
6. Adoption of 2021 Audited Financial Statements;
7. Appointment of External Auditor for the period ending December 31, 2022;
8. A.O.B;
9. Closing.

MCT members who have not paid their annual subscription fees during the prescribed time are hereby reminded to do so promptly.



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Mfuko wa Maendeleo ya Jamii (TASAF) kwa kushirikiana na Ofisi ya Msimamizi Mkuu wa Mali za Serikali Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam, unawatangazia Umma kuwa mnada wa hadhara wa Magari Chakavu yaliyoko Ofisi za TASAF - Dare es Salaam uliokuwa ufanyike siku ya Jumatano tarehe 7/09/2022 umeahirisha kwa sababu zilizo nje ya uwezo wetu mpaka hapo itakapotangazwa tena.

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68,000 children in Lushoto District receive polio jabs

By Correspondent George Sembony, Lushoto

OVER 68,000 children in Lushoto District, Tanga Region have received polio vaccinations during a four-day campaign in the district.

Lushoto District medical officer, Dr Godfrey Andrew said this here on Monday saying the number is about 108.5 percent higher than the target, which was to vaccinate 63,130 children in the area.

Dr Andrew said that the vaccine was introduced by Kalisti Lazaro, Lushoto District executive director in a move to reduce deaths among children caused by polio as it has been reported in Mozambique and Malawi.

The RMO said that 61,000 children were being immunized in the first phase, which is a 104 percent vaccination rate compared to the objective of 58,000 kids.

According to Dr Andrew, the exercise was difficult because of the district's geographical topography and the challenging environment they had to navigate to get to the kids.

"The activity was carried out from house to house to accomplish the goal," he said.

DED Lazaro congratulated all the parents who have sent their children to be vaccinated, saying: "the exercise has been successful due to self-awareness that they are parents and responsible for their children."

He asked the residents of Lushoto district to give up false beliefs in order to save children from diseases. "If you have ever seen a person crippled by polio, you will not hesitate to bring your child so that he does not become a burden," he said.



George Simbachawene (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), contributes to parliamentary committee debate on a proposed bill on disaster management in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt identifies strategic plan to end problem of street children, beggars

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

THE government has identified five strategic plans to end the problem of street children and beggars, one of which is to conduct an inspection of all trains, trucks and buses in the stations and places they pass from the regions to Dar es Salaam.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking with social welfare stakeholders.

She said the ministry will also engage the police force in detaining parents and those who allow children to leave home to search for jobs in cities.

"Engagement of the Tanzania Police force that will act as watch dog and enforce laws on child trafficking, this is one of the strategies which will help fight street children and children trafficking," she said.

The minister said that the force will work on the illegal chains of parents who transfer children from other regions to Dar es Salaam targeting them to work and gain profit on their behalf.

She said it is time parents possess a report book (RB) in times they are unaware of where their children are to avoid future inconveniences.

She said a parent who does not take effort to search for his/her child which includes having a police report book

(RB) on hand, the government will take action.

"If we interrogate a child and satisfy ourselves with no doubt that a parent is involved, then he/she will have to assist the police force. We want to ensure that our children are protected and achieve their dreams," she said.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Amos Makala, who is also a member of a special task force created in March by the minister, said there is a reserved land prepared for the construction of vocational training institutions and agriculture projects so as to serve children who will be willingly to venture in agriculture, needlework, saloon or music training.

Inspector Mdashu Makora, one of

the members of the task force said the force will continue educating people on the Law of the Child Act so as to enable the public understand well all the rights vested to children.

"There are no children that belong to streets, it's the parents' irresponsibility in bringing up their children as well as other challenges that force them to end up in streets. So the task will focus on educating people on the law of the Child Act so as to enable the public to promote, protect and maintain welfare of a child," he said.

The 2017-2021 headcount findings conducted by railway children fighting for street children revealed that Dares Salaam city had 2,984 children living and working in streets with 71 percent being male children.

While in areas of Mwanza, Arusha, Dodoma, Mbeya and Iringa in (2021) headcount findings for street children revealed that the cities had 5732 children living and working in streets 458 being girls and 1149 being boys.

Kinana pledges to deal with challenges facing L. Victoria fishermen

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

CCM Vice Chairman Abdulrahman Kinana has received 13 complaints from Lake Victoria fishermen including those regarding multitudes of levies and hardships they undergo while fishing in the Lake to which Kinana pledged to refer to appropriate authorities.

He also said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has vowed to solve various challenges facing fishermen including legal challenges; hence their complaints will be dealt with to make the fishing sector more profitable.

Kinana made the remarks on Monday this week as he spoke to Lake Victoria fishermen at BoT Conference Hall here during his inspection visit on activities of the party and the implementation of its 2020 Election Manifesto.

"I have come here because of two reasons, first is that this government is a CCM government and secondly I have come to listen to you, I have listened to all you have said and I have put it all down.

"It has to be understood that when you talk about the private sector it means these small entrepreneurs, they work hard to have better lives. The government cannot remove poverty from the poor, but it can create a conducive environment, including friendly laws, rules and regulations to simplify their endeavours regarding economic activities they engage in," he said.

He said among the complaints aired, there was one regarding 11 levies charged and to withstand these, he added one must have a big income while expressing his surprise on levy charged for parking fishing vessels.

"I almost laughed at this levy, but I assure you that President Samia's intentions have four aims including reconciliation among Tanzanians, improving the structure of the

government in regard to laws and regulations to improve the lives of all Tanzanians," he added.

He said after many years, president Samia has provided funds to subsidise farmers, as well as to some fishermen for establishing fishing ports and for Mwanza Region, 42 of these have been established.

Hence he assured the gathered fishermen that he will work on all the complaints they aired.

Earlier, in his statement on behalf of fishermen, the Secretary of the Lake Victoria advisory Committee, Mayalu Kasiri listed challenges and other problems experienced by fishermen in Lake Victoria that has impacted the fishing sector in Lake Victoria.

He cited some of these as including the increase of illegal fishing activities, rampant trade of Nile perch balls that spurs illegal fishing, widespread of piracy subjected to Lake Victoria fishermen.

He also said the structure of the Livestock and Fisheries is not good as there is only one Director who coordinates all issues in regard to fishing activities countrywide and is glued at the ministry's headquarters.



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GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title : Supply Chain Technical Advisor.
Department/Unit : Capacity Building and Data Use.
Location : Zanzibar.
Reports to : Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead.

OVERVIEW:

The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGOZ) in strengthening supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g. malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Supply Chain Technical Advisor is a project position, will work under the administrative and technical guidance of the Capacity Building and Data Use Team Lead and is responsible for overall technical support to supply chain strengthening activities in Zanzibar. S/he will work in collaboration with national stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health-Zanzibar including its departments, units and vertical programs, Central Medical Stores (CMS) and other supply chain stakeholders. She/he will also dedicate and ensure that MOH staff have the skills required to manage supply chain management activities including usage of data for informed decisions. She/he will be involved in supporting transition of project's initiatives into the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. This position will be based in Zanzibar, with occasional travel.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:
- Serve as a technical resource for the project and stakeholders for implementing supply chain improvement strategies and management approaches.
 - Collaborate with Chief Pharmacist Office and Central Medical Store in the implementation of workplan activities
 - Support the development of work plans, budgets and its implementation.
 - Ensure workplan activities are correctly implemented, completed on time and are of high quality.
 - Provide technical support and capacity building to the Zanzibar Supply Chain Officers at both CPD and CMS.
 - Provide technical guidance on quantifications of health commodities
 - Assist in the implementation of the redesigned ZILS, highlighting and addressing obstacles
 - Support the implementation of the IMPACT approach initiative in Zanzibar.
 - Collaborate with MOH Zanzibar and GHSC-TA-TZ to monitor the performance of IMPACT teams in ZN for supply chain performance improvement.

- Assist in transition of GHSC-TA-TZ initiatives to the RGOZ, monitor the progress of transition, highlight obstacles, and develop plans for addressing obstacles; such initiatives include the LMU, eLMIS, etc.
- Conduct trainings on technical supply chain topics, consulting skills and administrative topics.
- Become a champion in data use; identify challenges in data quality, visibility and use; and develop solutions to address them.
- Strengthen communication and collaboration across vertical programs and supply chain stakeholders.
- Provide technical assistance in supply chain logistic systems performance to minimize wastage.
- Prepare and share monthly, quarterly and annual reports including documenting success stories, best practices, and lessons learned
- Prepare presentations, participate and/or represent the project in stakeholders' meetings.
- Complete and submit in a timely manner and well written technical and trip reports.
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A qualified Pharmacist, degree in Supply Chain Management, Public Health, or related degree with at least five years of experience in health programs.
- Experience working in Zanzibar's public health supply chain.
- Experience providing supply chain trainings.
- Ability to analyze supply chain data, conduct root cause analysis, and prepare quality presentation/reports
- Knowledge of various electronic health information systems such as eLMIS and DHIS2
- Ability to coach and mentor public sector stakeholders
- Proven strong leadership skills and ability to build strong interpersonal relationships
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, set priorities and work independently.
- Excellent technical writing and oral presentation skills highly desired
- Excellent written and verbal English
- A proven ability to work as part of a team and to be self-managing
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Experience working with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.
- Previous work experience with USAID-funded projects desirable.

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letters, Curriculum Vitae with names and contact details of 3 work related references, enclosing certificate copies of relevant education and training.

Submission may be sent to - ghsc.recruitmentt@gmail.com by 20th September 2022.

Only candidates meeting the minimum requirements will be contacted. If you have not heard from us within two weeks after the closing date, kindly assume that your application was not successful.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL, PIPING AND PLATEWORK (SMPP) INSTALLATION FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER PME0 PLANT PROJECT

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River PME0 Plant Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites eligible SMPP Contractors to express their Interest (EOI) for the installation of steelwork, mechanical equipment, platework and piping. The works includes the furnishing of all labour, materials, equipment, and services for the installation of steelwork, mechanical equipment, platework and piping, as well as testing and commissioning for the Mkuju River PME0 Plant Project.

Interested Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Approved contractor on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter - Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor (Class II Minimum)
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
 - Brief scope of work
 - Value of work in USD
 - Contractual Duration
 - Client's name
 - Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).
- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, If any
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to Expression of interest.
- Current Tax Clearance certificate from relevant authority.
- All documents in English

The interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e-mail address; piiliseleman@gmail.com and the hard copy to the below address latest on 15 September 2022 at 12h00 hours.

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NBAA calls on candidates to invest in reading books to improve performance

By Getrude Mbago

THE National Board of Auditors and Accountants (NBAA) has urged youth with dreams of becoming professional accountants and auditors to ensure that they invest time reading several books and online journals so as to expand knowledge and adopt new skills of the profession.

Manager at the NBAA education and training services department, Peter Lyimo said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam that the world was moving so fast with various technological changes being adopted, so the young professionals have to know them well and be able to utilize them in examinations or at work places.

He was speaking during the special training workshop which brought together over 200 candidates who are expected to sit for the board's examinations in November, 2022 and May, next year.

"We have brought these candidates here to train them on various techniques that are important for them to pursue well in studies and the board's examinations. We have been doing this once a year to ensure that our candidates understand well the guidelines and techniques of examinations so as to remove fear," he said.

According to him, the majority of candidates who have been performing poorly in the board's examinations are always filled with fear and pressure prior to the examinations or studies.

He said the training helps the candidates develop effective learning, have confidence and thus improve performance in exams and efficiency at work places.

Anaster Urrio, one of the participants commended NBAA for organising the workshop as it will help them know different techniques to perform in examinations as well as become competent auditors and accountants.

"The trainers have told us a number

of new techniques which I believe will help us while pursuing for the profession, a lot of us have fear and pressure in studies with others taking some of the subjects as difficult which is according to what our teachers told us today, nothing is difficult, so I am sure that we will do better in examinations but also later while serving the public," she said.

Humphrey Sympholian, NBAA education and training officer also named some of the major challenges leading to some of the candidates to fail the board's examinations as lack of seriousness in studies as well as low awareness on how to differentiate between academic and professional exams.

"Some of the candidates have been failing to set ample time for studying, they do not take time reading various books and materials as well as attending review classes and tuition so as to understand the topics well and thus perform well in examinations but also later at work," she explained.

He said the board will continue implementing various initiatives so as to strengthen the accountancy and auditing profession in the country.

NBAA has continued to take robust initiatives to attract and enroll more students in the accounting auditing courses so as to increase the number of the professionals who will support the country to achieve the industrialization drive."



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Clara Urassa, community development officer and gender desk coordinator for Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam Region, makes remarks at yesterday's launch of the fifth phase of the 'Safe Travel Without Sexual Corruption is Possible' campaign. The drive, which is meant to bail out girls and students, was organised by the NGO Women Fund Tanzania Trust. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

TRADE and Health officials from all local councils in Mwanza Region are required to understand the government's intention in making sure it has an extensive network for the control of the quality and safety of food and cosmetics in the country.

The call was made here yesterday by the Acting Mwanza Regional Administrative Secretary, Daniel Machunda at the opening of a training seminar for trade and health officers from Mwanza Region's local councils in regard to laws, regulations and guidelines for the implementation of the collaboration between TBS and the office of the President -Regional Administration and Local Government

Control food and cosmetics quality, council officials told

(PO-RALG).

The training organised by TBS is the initial one, targeting officials from the offices of the regional commissioners, local councils including health and trade officers.

He called upon seminar participants to understand that mentioned laws, regulations and guidelines have been endorsed by PO-RALG and the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade.

"I believe that this seminar is the

right way to bring more benefits in the control of food and cosmetics in our region and the nation in general as well as in making sure the people are promptly served when in need," he said.

Meanwhile, speaking on behalf of TBS director general, TBS Director of Quality Control, Lazaro Msasaalaga said the training aims to empower officials in executing their duties.

He explained that similar training

sessions have been held in other regions including Mtwara, Tanga, Coast and Kigoma and are expected to be held in all regions in the country.

He said TBS has been making inspections on quality control in collaboration with local council officials, hence he believes the training will increase work performance in regard to the protection of quality and safety of food and cosmetics in the country," he said.

Tanzania and Mozambique all ready to collaborate in communications services

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and Mozambique have agreed to work together in promotion of quality communication services particularly in Frequency Spectrum Management, Quality of service (QoS), and Cross-Border Communication.

A visiting delegation of officials from the National Communications Institute of Mozambique (INCM) and officials from the Tanzania Regulatory Authority (TCRA) announced the agreement after a session in Dar es Salaam.

TCRA acting Director General John Daffa explained to the Mozambican delegation about the regulatory role of TCRA in the sector saying progress has been made in various areas.

He also told the delegates that TCRA was ready to work with them under Communications Regulators

Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) and would give them valuable regulatory experience that can help them execute Telecommunication services in Mozambique more smoothly.

"We are confident that this cooperation between our two regulatory bodies will help develop the communications sector in our countries. Without a doubt, our experts will share the skills on how TCRA manages communications from a modern point of view," remarked Daffa.

Head of the delegation One Chate, who is a member of the Board of Directors of INCM, said that they have high expectations for the TCRA's experience in managing telecommunications technology and services in the African region and that they were anticipating huge benefits from their familiarization visit.

"We came to Tanzania with the intention of ensuring that Mozambique receives high-quality communication services. TCRA, in our view, has a valuable wealth of knowledge to share with us, particularly regarding how best to manage and enhance communications services, particularly telephone and internet services," emphasized Chate.

The Mozambicans expressed hope with how TCRA has worked to manage the communications sector with modern technology and unveiled that they have a lot to learn from the Tanzanian ICT regulator.

This is the second time INCM has visited TCRA in 2022 with the aim of gaining expertise and making significant changes to the way it oversees Mozambique's telecom services, including enhancing the quality of services across that country's various provinces.



Diamond Trust Bank staff pictured yesterday presenting foodstuffs and an assortment of other items to Chakuwama Orphanage of Sinza Mori, Dar es Salaam, in commemorating UN designated International Day of Charity (Sept 5). The marking of the Day is meant to increase and enhance social responsibility across the world, chiefly by increasing support for charitable causes and bringing everyone together in solidarity. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



VACANCY: FOREST PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

WWF is seeking to hire a competent and motivated Forest Programme Coordinator to be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Background

I. The incumbent is required to have sound technical background and experience in Projects planning, management, monitoring and evaluation. Moreover, the incumbent will play a great role in developing and strengthening the Water Towers Landscape. The coordinator will also ensure equal representation of forest restoration in the three landscapes and one seascape. The holder will support TCO in contributing to WWF's Global goals and participating in WWF International Practices particularly Forest Practice. The coordinator will also provide technical support to the Africa Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative and other related hosted initiatives in TCO.

II. Major Functions:

- Supervise the Forest Programmes/Projects to ensure effective delivery as per the respective projects objectives and contractual agreements with the donors. This includes supervising the Forestry Programme Officers and PEs and to timely produce their work plan and budgets as well as production of routine projects/programmes technical reports.
- Assist the Conservation Manager in coordinating timely production of projects/programmes technical reports and production of TCO Annual Report
- Assist the Conservation Manager in the preparation and reviewing TORs for various consultancies including project planning, evaluations etc and assist in managing such contracts including ensuring timely receipt of deliverables
- Being the overall coordinator of all Forest Projects supported by WWF in Tanzania to generate lessons that could be shared with similar interventions elsewhere within the WWF-Network.
- Ensuring that forest operations under WWF-TCO support are in line with WWF-Global Forest Strategy, targets and milestones.
- In collaboration with TCO Conservation Manager, liaising with Regional Forest, Africa FLR Initiative, FLR Implementation Hub and related programmes to ensure that national interests are addressed accordingly in priority landscapes,
- Maintain professional knowledge and keep abreast of emerging issues and current global, regional and national environmental, economic, political, social and other trends in Tanzania and regional level (EAC, COMESA, SADC), on relevant policy dialogues and political processes, to generate appropriate information, strategic analysis, direction and proposed actions in policy and advocacy areas.
- Working closely with the Environmental and Social Safeguards Advisor, ensure social policy skills sets are integrated into all conservation activities. For key conservation functions that interface or lead field-based programs, make social policy skills an important conditionality.

III. Required Qualification

A minimum of a Master's degree in Natural Resources Management, Forestry, environmental and/or natural sciences, Development studies, international relations, economics, social sciences, policy, public administration or management and training fields; an advanced degree (PhD) will be added advantage. A deep understanding of forest management issues with 7 years working experience in managing forest related projects; Good management and co-ordination skills and experience in leading a remote team; Experience in technical project planning and implementation; Proven experience in coordinating and monitoring projects including good M&E skills and experience in writing technical project reports; Experience and skills in training, transfer of knowledge, communication and facilitation skills;

Additional information, Interested applicants may get the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) through the following websites: https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/. Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager, via email to: resources@wwftz.org by Wednesday, 21st September 2022 at 3:30 pm. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews.

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



Small traders in business along a street pavement at Karume area in Dar es Salaam yesterday, in part seriously inconveniencing pedestrians. This is only months since they were ordered to relocate to alternative areas earmarked for them. Photo: Owen Bariki, TUDARCO

Buza residents laud Dawasa for connecting the area with water

By Joyce Ntitu, TURDACO

RESIDENTS of Amani Street in Buza Ward in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam have hailed the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) for connecting the area with clean water supply after several years of complaints in search of the precious liquid. They made the remarks when speaking with the reporter in separate interviews. They stated that the move by the water utility has rescued them from the

risks of outbreaks of diseases caused by use of salty and untreated water. Chairman of Amani Street Omary Katoto said the area has been facing water challenges for years saying the untreated water from wells had some health hazards to the residents. "Water is a necessary service to the public, the people in the area have been facing these challenges for a long time. We thank Dawasa for the gesture," he said. He said the water from wells were not suitable for drinking hence residents

were forced to purchase bottled water for drinking. According to the residents, Dawasa started laying water pipes in the area a month or so ago and immediately started working on taking water to the area. A former member of the local governing council Faki Ching'anga said the authorities in the area have been working on the matter by requesting the district authorities to rescue the residents from the long time challenge. "The call has been there since the

fourth phase government led by former president Jakaya Kikwete, we are thankful that we are finally heard," he added. One of the residents of Amani Street Waziri Magastone said he had problems with drinking the salty water saying however that there was no option. "Whenever I take a bath with the water I develop lashes so I opted into buying bottled water which is expensive," said Hamisi Inyimba another resident.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation (Dawasa), CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (5th-R) pictured yesterday welcoming an Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura) delegation led board chairman Prof Mark Mwandosya (4th-R) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The team was on an official visit to the agency's offices. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

EAC delegation on maiden trip to DRC

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) has begun a maiden tour of the bloc's newest Partner State, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) which is aimed at enhancing awareness to the government officials on the existing regional instruments. EAC Secretary General, Dr Peter Mathuki is leading a delegation comprising the Heads of EAC Organs and Institutions and eminent regional business leaders from 6th September

to 9th September, 2022. In a statement, the EAC said the mission to Kinshasa is also aimed at creating trade synergies, exploring and building business partnerships and immediate linkages for business associations. The 4-day mission will kick off with a two-day forum amongst DRC Government officials and the EAC Secretariat, the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) as well as the eight institutions of the

community. The forum will provide a platform for heads of EAC Organs and Institutions to enhance awareness and understanding of various commitments in the integration pillars and the governing instruments that are in place at the EAC level, to DRC government officials. The DRC delegation will be led by DRC's Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala. "On 8th - 9th September, the private

sector leaders accompanying the Secretary General, led by the East African Business Council (EABC) will hold Business-to-Business meetings with DRC entrepreneurs," the statement read in part. The meeting supported by among others, Equity BCDC, a subsidiary of Equity Group Holdings Plc., aims at exploring opportunities for building business linkages and partnerships, on areas of common interests with an aim of developing trade and investment relations.

1,500 tonnes of pigeon peas bought in Tunduru

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduru

MORE than 1,500 tonnes of pigeon peas have been bought at the first auction of the legume crop in Tunduru District, Ruvuma Region. Sarah Chorwa, Tunduru Agriculture Marketing Cooperative Union (TAMCU) warehouse manager said yesterday that the purchase has been done through the receipt system in the warehouse at the primary cooperatives. He said the second one is expected to take place on Thursday this week where so far they already have 135 tonnes and the exercise is still ongoing. "We expect until the end of this season to reach more than 5,000 tonnes of peas," Chorwa said and added that in this season through the receipt system in the barn they were able to buy more than 2500 tonnes of sesame. She said that the warehouse receipt system is good and many farmers have accepted it and that it makes it easier for buyers to get a load together.

fighting to ensure that the system dies so that they can benefit, stressing that the businessmen were robbing the farmers through agricultural inputs where now the government has given fertiliser subsidy from 130,000/-per bag which has dropped between 70,000/- to 50,000/- per bag depending on the type of fertiliser. "I advise and emphasize that the receipt system in the warehouse is more profitable than arbitrary sale", said RC Thomas. Farmers in Tunduru, Songea and Namtumbo districts have given an opinion to the government to ensure that the system is sustainable due to the many benefits that the farmers get. Ahmed Salehe, a farmer from Liguna village in the district said that the receipt system has increased the security of the farmer's money and has contributed to providing employment in various groups. He said that the system gives the same price to all farmers without discrimination. Basilius Komba, a farmer from Ndongosi village in Songea District said that farmers were suffering from an arbitrary system where the receipt system has become friendly to the farmer and they are getting a lot of profit. The crops that are sold through the receipt system in the warehouse in Ruvuma Region are sesame, soybeans, peas, cashews and coffee.

According to her, the system benefits various people including transporters, cooks and nutritionists and that the government gets its income easily. Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Col Laban Thomas said that the receipt system is the savior of farmers because it provides a guaranteed market for farmers. The RC said that there are politics that are being beaten down to make it seem like the system is not suitable, noting that the regional government has communicated with the Ministry of Agriculture to obtain permission to sell pigeon peas through the receipt system in the barn where the first auction has already been held in Tunduru district and many farmers have come forward and are benefiting. He warned that businessmen who do not wish farmers well are the ones

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Dar to host stakeholders' dialogue on application of death penalty sentence

By Guardian Reporter

THE East Africa Law Society (EALS) in collaboration with the Pan- African Legal Empowerment Initiatives and Reprieve UK will on September 9 and 10 convene a stakeholders' dialogue to discuss recent developments in the region regarding the application of the death penalty. According to EALS statement, the event, to be held in Dar es Salaam is meant to enable stakeholders from Tanzania and Malawi to share insights and best practices regarding the death penalty. It will have a specific focus on one aspect of Tanzania's laws: the mandatory death penalty. "The forum comes in light of a November 2019 decision by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights on the mandatory death penalty and its reform in Malawi, and other countries across the region," the statement reads in part.

Anti -death penalty campaigners would wish to see States scrap away the capital punishment as it violates the fundamental principles of human rights, specifically the right to life. Their argument is based on the fact that no judicial system is perfect and there are chances that some people could be convicted to pay for a crime they did not commit simply because they cannot afford to pay for a good defense lawyer. It is also based on the fact that death penalty is irreversible and once implemented it cannot be revoked. Tanzania still retains the capital punishment in its country books and the last time someone was hanged was in 1994.

The event is expected to draw together key actors ranging from lawyers to civil society actors, and leading human rights organizations in Tanzania. Alongside will be legal representatives from Malawi and justice stakeholders across Tanzania to facilitate a dialogue on eliminating the mandatory death penalty in Tanzania. "During the dialogue delegates will share knowledge and engage in capacity building based on the experience of Malawi and thus adapt their insights to the Tanzanian's context," it said. In recent years, the use of the death penalty throughout Africa has greatly declined where in most regions of the world; the number of executions is minuscule, underscoring the exceptional nature of capital punishment even among those countries that retain it as a matter of law. Only four African countries still retain the death penalty in law and practice. Twenty-three African countries have abolished the death penalty, while as twenty-one more are considered de facto abolitionist, including Tanzania as they have not carried out executions in over ten years.

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By Matt Murphy

The Canada stabbings: Relatives identify 'random' victims of Saskatchewan attack

A 62-year-old former first responder who was killed as she tried to help others and a kind-hearted 77-year-old widower have been identified as victims of a violent rampage in Canada that left 10 people dead and a nation in shock.

Locals described Wes Petterson as a "lovely" man who was devoted to his community in Weldon, a quiet farming town of about 200 people in Saskatchewan province.

Sunday's attacks left another 15 people with injuries of varying severity.

Victims were found in 13 locations in the remote indigenous community James Smith Cree Nation and nearby Weldon.

Neighbour Ruby Works said she had been left devastated by Mr Petterson's death.

"I couldn't even catch my breath," she told the Canadian broadcaster CBC, saying she was still in shock.

"If someone needed a hand, he helped. He was a kind-hearted man," Ms Works added about the man she had known since childhood and had looked on as an uncle.

"He didn't deserve this," she said. "Both communities are destroyed. All lives are shattered."

Weldon resident Robert Rush described Mr Petterson as a gentle man who "wouldn't hurt a fly".

Mr Rush added that Mr Petterson's adult grandson had been in the basement at the time of the attack. "He stayed down there until they were gone," Mr Rush said.

Another of the deceased was identified by family members as 62-year-old Gloria Burns.

A former first responder, she had worked at the James Smith Cree Nation health clinic and her brother, Daryl Burns, said she "had devoted her life to helping people".

Ms Burns was killed in the attack after responding to initial calls for aid and while trying to help others in her home, her brother said.

"For her to go into a situation like this where [she was] helping people, even though it cost her life ... that's who she was," Mr Burns told local media.

"She died helping people. And we have to pick up that torch and carry it."

Another victim, mother-of-two Lana Head, has been identified by her former partner, Michael Brett Burns.

He told local media that she had worked as a security guard at Northern Lights Casino and had also been a commissionaire officer.

One suspect found dead after Canada attack

The 49-year-old lived in James Smith Cree nation and leaves behind two daughters, Sable, 31, and Sage, 30. Just hours before the attack she had posted on social media that she had "so many good memories to cherish".

Friends and family paid tribute to Ms Head. In a post to her Facebook page, one friend recalled her "sweet demeanour and caring ways".

In a tribute to Ms Burns, Michael Brett Burns wrote that she will be "missed dearly".

"I just hurt and tonight I cry alone," he added.



Daryl Burns holds a photo of his sister, Gloria, a former first responder

The Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association also confirmed on Facebook that one of its members, Earl Burns, was one of the victims killed in the brutal attack.

"The SFNVA is sending out our most sincere condolences to the Burns Family on the loss of our Veteran late Earl Burns," the group

wrote. It noted that the veteran had been a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Mr Burns' son appeared to confirm his death late on Sunday evening, writing on Facebook that his "heart is broken".

Police are still identifying many of the victims and the manhunt for one

of the suspects continued overnight.

Chakastayasin Chief Calvin Sanderson - one of the region's elected leaders - told the Regina Leader Post that everyone in the community had been affected.

"They were our relatives, friends. Mostly we're all related here, so it's pretty hard," Mr Sanderson said. "It's pretty horrific."

Indigenous rights groups in Canada have urged

the federal government to provide support to the communities.

Daryl Burns echoed that call, telling reporters that the local community was in chaos as it tried to come to terms with the "massacre".

"I know deep down we need healing and forgiveness. That's one of the things my sister taught. And that's one of the things I will carry out in her name," he said.

China-aided bridge in South Sudan to boost regional development

By Su Hang

A TRUCK loaded with basic commodities was moving from Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to the country's second largest city, Wau, in Western Bahr el Ghazal, in the scorching summer heat of the African country.

John was sitting in the driver's cabin of the truck, wiping his sweats again and again. Gradually, he saw more and more trucks lining up in front of him, and he knew that he was about to get to the Jur River.

"Wau is just across the river. I have to wait in line every time I cross the river," John said.

Most daily necessities in Wau are from the eastern and southern regions of South Sudan, such as Juba, and they must cross the old bridge spanning the Jur River in order to get to their final destination.

Speaking of the bridge, John was quite upset.

"It's long been out of service life, but not repaired, and the bridge surface is severely damaged," he said. To ensure safety, cargo trucks have to pass the bridge one by one.

"It takes hours to cross the bridge in the rainy season, as there is mud all over it," John added.

Fortunately, such scenarios are about to be gone forever. Thanks to the "eight major initiatives" of China-Africa cooperation, the construction of a China-aided bridge commenced on the Jur River in January 2021.

The new bridge has a designed length of 240 meters and a width of 14 meters, and spans a total of 1,480 meters. It is expected to be put into use next year. So far, the lower-part structure of the bridge has been completed, and the upper part is well underway.

The construction of the bridge has created hundreds of jobs for the local community. "What I loved the most in the past was coming to the river to



A 3D image of the Jur River bridge in South Sudan. Photo courtesy of CCCC Highway Consultants Co., Ltd.

watch hippos," said Along from Wau, who was once jobless.

In early 2021, he saw a Chinese construction company when he came to the Jur River, which brought many machines. When he learned that the Chinese company was building a bridge there, he waited at the gate of the project site every day, hoping to get a job.

Finally, he was employed. Chinese technicians taught

him welding and trained him to be a skilled welder. With his salary, Along bought furniture and home appliances for his family.

"My friends are all envious of my job. I must thank my Chinese colleagues and thank the project site for offering me this opportunity," Along said.

"This is the largest bridge being built in Western Bahr el Ghazal. Upon completion, the transportation

between the two banks of the river will be more convenient, which is very important for regional economic development," said Peter Baranda, an engineer sent to the project site by South Sudan's Ministry of Roads and Bridges. "The bridge will boost our businesses and logistics, and every one of us is looking forward to the completion of it," he added.

Over the past year, John would catch a glimpse of

the bridge's progress every time he passed by the project site on his truck. Seeing the increasing number of bridge piers, he feels more and more excited.

Lessons from Kenya's knife-edge presidential election

By Greg Mills, Ray Hartley and Marie-Nelle Nwokolo

KENYA'S Supreme Court has upheld the election of William Ruto as president following a post-election tussle with his rival, Raila Odinga, over the outcome of the election held on 9 August.

The relatively peaceful nature of the tussle this time around – hundreds have died during previous post-election confrontations – suggests that Kenya's democratic tradition is alive and well. What were the lessons from the election?

When the polling station at Westlands Primary in Nairobi did not open on time, the crowd gathered at the gate began to chant: "We want to vote! We want to vote!" It was emblematic of the commitment of Kenyans to the most fundamental act of citizenship in a democracy.

When the final ballot box was delivered, the gates opened and voters streamed in to queue up to cast their ballots.

The election, held on 9 August, threw into stark relief the successes and challenges faced by Africa's democracies.

There can be no gainsaying that voting day was a monumental organisational achievement with 22 million registered voters, 46,232 polling stations, 380,000 workers at the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), the deployment of 100,000 armed police, 18,000 election observers from 1,200 NGOs, 700 voters per polling station, 290 constituencies, 47 counties, and six different ballot papers for governors, senators, representatives for women and one president.

From what we saw as members of The Benthurst Foundation's election observer team, which monitored voting day in four major regions (Nairobi, Mombasa, Eldoret and Kisumu), voting took place in a calm atmosphere free from intimidation as the young polling station officials who were in charge showed good leadership and transparency.

But the Kenyan election was more than just a series of statistics. Voting took place against a backdrop of heated political contestation. As Ruto observed ahead of the vote: "We are at a defining moment in an election that is different, where the sitting president is supporting the leader of the opposition. The real candidate I am running against is not the leader of the party, but my boss."

His rival, former prime minister Odinga, the candidate backed by Ruto's "boss", President Uhuru Kenyatta, asked at his final rally: "Whose hands will dismantle the bandit economy of corruption. In whose hands are your families safe?"

Ruto expressed concerns about ballot stuffing, the bias of the Inspector-General of Police, the capturing of the media and those who wish "to foment a situation to introduce the old mistrust".

As a consequence of the tribal make-up of Kenyan society, Ruto particularly drew attention to his home-ground in the Rift Valley as an area of potential electoral malfeasance, while others expressed concerns about the potential for violence, especially in the highly



Kenyan president-elect William Ruto

contested Central Region.

Kenyan politics have traditionally been defined along ethnic lines based on elite-driven deal-making coalitions. The 2002 election was fought by an alliance between Mwai Kibaki and Odinga against Kenyatta, 2007 by Odinga and Ruto versus Kibaki and Kenyatta, and 2012 and 2017 by Kenyatta and Ruto versus Odinga. Now Odinga had effectively teamed up with Kenyatta to fight against Ruto.

It is tempting to focus on these alliances and tendencies rather than the democratisation process itself.

In that regard, this election represented a number of strategic advances for Kenya, including a sitting president retiring after ending a second term. The IEBC had the opportunity to implement learnings from previous elections, and women were much more to the fore than in previous years. The economy, which usually suffers in the lead-up to voting, had proven more robust this time around.

All of this promised to erase the history of electoral controversy and violence. In the December 2007 election, which disintegrated into violence, especially in the Rift Valley, more than 1,000 people died and as many as 650,000 were displaced. The negotiation of a government of national unity followed. The August 2017 election, contested principally by Kenyatta and Odinga, was similarly controversial, with the first round of the presidential contest overturned by the Supreme Court, though Odinga refused to take part in the run-off. The court decision was highly critical of the IEBC.

Odinga's reconciliation with Kenyatta in March 2018 and the subsequent Building Bridges Initiative set the stage for the 2022 election pact.

Then there are the contemporary, more technical aspects, especially concerning the management of the transmission of results from polling stations to constituencies and counties and on to the national tallying centre in Nairobi. The counting process was manual, and the audit of results was possible through their public publication. The (biometric) registration technology created some suspicion, leading to a "triple" hybrid method of voter identification: fingerprints, ID numbers, photographs with identity cards and then, when all else failed, a manual register.

The use of the manual register became the subject of court battles and, finally, on the eve of the election, the Court of Appeal ruled to temporarily stop a High Court order allowing a manual voters' register to be used.

The management of the results – and

their acceptance – is where the rubber hits the road. Voting day's transparency – with votes counted in each polling station in full view of party agents and the agreed-on result being available to all for scrutiny, gave way to opacity as the results were tallied at the IEBC's headquarters in Bomas, Nairobi.

Kenya's complex reporting system begins with the filing of a 34A form by the presiding officer of each voting station. This is the raw data on which the election result ought to be based.

The 34A forms are electronically submitted to the constituency tallying centre.

The constituency returning officer then fills in form 34B, which is used for the collation of presidential results. The 34B forms are then handed to the IEBC where the final tally is made and released using form 34C.

Sceptics have argued that the 34B step is unnecessary and introduces another link into the chain, increasing the opportunity for the manipulation of results. To counter this, the 34A forms are posted at voting stations so that voters can compare the result with that published by the IEBC after tallying.

What played out in the days following voting on 9 August appeared to back this up. The behind-closed-doors tallying process was described as "opaque" by four of the IEBC's seven commissioners, who said they could not back the announcement of Ruto as the winner of the election by the head of the IEBC, Wafula Chebukati.

The result was challenged in court by Odinga, leading to this week's court decision in favour of Ruto.

Despite the assurances received from the IEBC chair, commissioners and staff to the contrary, the delegation heard oft-repeated concerns from stakeholders and key actors that the IEBC had not undertaken the reforms required of it by the Kenyan Supreme Court in its findings on the 2017 general elections. These concerns lead many, though not all consulted, to conclude that the IEBC was not adequately prepared to administer a free and fair electoral process going into 9 August. Views are mixed on whether this was by design or due to lack of competence, or an unfair assessment of the preparations.

This is not an easy time to host an election in Africa. Democracy is under siege. The number of "free" countries across the continent has declined in recent years as populists and malign foreign players such as Russia and its Wagner militia attempt to hollow out democratic institutions and turn countries into vassals for a powerful elite. Foreigners remain tempted by the "big man" thesis in Africa, but only if they can influence which big man seizes power. And African governance systems have usually been too weak – or too predatory – to resist such influences.

From what we saw across the 461 polling stations viewed by our observer mission, Kenya's people were determined to stop this pestiferous tide and entrench democracy. But the full value of this competitive process – and its veracity – will be determined by what comes now; whether the result is accepted on the ground by the majority, and how the government performs in the interests of the people.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: m-mama Tanzania Field Specialist
Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Job Status: Full time employment

Touch Foundation, an NGO working to save lives and relieve human suffering by strengthening healthcare services in sub-Saharan Africa, providing better access to care and improving the quality of local health systems, is seeking an outstanding individual to join its team as its Field Specialist for the m-mama Tanzania Program. The Field Specialist will join a team of highly mission-driven professionals with diverse backgrounds and experiences, ranging from management consulting to global public health. The Field Specialist will support the regional roll out of the m-mama Emergency Transportation system in Tanzania, by working closely with program teams from Touch, implementing partner and the regional Tanzanian Government, becoming an integral part of Touch's commitment to improving health in sub-Saharan Africa.

BACKGROUND

Touch Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 to help strengthen the healthcare system in Sub-Saharan Africa. Touch's founder, Lowell Bryan, a former Director with McKinsey & Company, initially founded Touch to address the healthcare crisis in Tanzania where he understood that the country faced a daunting healthcare environment, with declining life expectancy and increasing maternal and infant mortality. One of the biggest impediments to access to healthcare was the dearth of medical professionals. Touch supported the development of a new medical school in Tanzania, created a program to improve training and delivery of services by graduates of the medical school, and started addressing the most critical challenges in the local resource-constrained health system. The success of Touch's initiatives in Tanzania led to the expansion of programs across multiple Sub-Saharan African countries. In the recent years and in collaboration Vodafone Foundation and other funding partners, Touch has developed and implemented in multiple countries (Tanzania and Lesotho) the m-mama program which tackles maternal and infant mortality by providing emergency transportation to pregnant women and newborns in distress during and after childbirth. Touch's work is data driven and evidence based, and we strive to share the knowledge and the information obtained through years of implementation with policy makers and other stakeholders globally.

Most of Touch's staff work in Africa to implement our programs on the ground, with the administrative and development functions centered in the U.S., in New York City. The people who work at Touch are very smart, focused, collaborative and driven to excel which has contributed to the impact that Touch has made.

OVERVIEW OF THE M-MAMA PROGRAM

The m-mama program is an innovative and cost-effective at-scale Emergency Transportation System for pregnant women and newborns led by Vodafone Foundation and implemented by Touch Foundation.

Vodafone Foundation and Touch Foundation launched m-mama in 2013 in Tanzania in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania. This program addresses the high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality in rural areas by reducing delays in access to care using safe and timely emergency transportation for pregnant women and newborns experiencing an emergency. The central component of m-mama is an emergency transport system enabled by innovative digital solution to address complications as quickly and effectively as possible.

This digital technology is used to triage a patient remotely 24/7 and then dispatch an ambulance or community driver to bring the patient to a health facility.

In Tanzania, after a successful proof of concept implemented in Shengere and Buchosa districts, and scaling the program to Singu region, the m-mama program will be scaled up across the country in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania starting from October 2021.

POSITION SUMMARY

We are seeking for three (3) Field Specialists to support the m-mama program team in the implementation and national scale-up of our m-mama program in Tanzania.

The m-mama Field Specialist will work with the m-mama program team (Vodafone Foundation, Touch Foundation, Implementing Partner - Pathfinder International, and LGA stakeholders), conduct m-mama training during regional roll out and support post Go-Live activities, and perform other program support activities as required. She/he will report to the Project Manager and will be under the overall direction of our m-mama Director of Programs at Touch Foundation. Responsibilities of the role may be adapted based upon the experience of the successful candidate.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- m-mama regional implementation**
- Assist and support Project Manager in planning and coordinating regional roll out of the m-mama system country wide
 - Support m-mama team in data quality check during system configuration in each new region
 - Support activities for the set-up of each new regional

- Dispatch Centers (e.g., procurement of equipment, tools set-up)
- Coordinate logistics and implementation of Go-Live activities in new regions according to regional roll out plan:
 - Set-up and deliver technical training (dispatcher and admin) sessions for m-mama dispatchers and LGA stakeholders for system launch
 - Capacity building of government appointed stakeholders (e.g., ICT officers) in delivering dispatchers and admin training
- Provide support to implementing partner, local government, and dispatchers to ensure smooth Dispatch Center operations and monitoring in each region during immediate post Go-Live period
- Build collaborative relationships with implementing partner and local government stakeholders to establish regular communication and ensure provision of support and progress updates on regional m-mama activities

m-mama ICT System

- Collaborate with the Government ICT teams to capacitate implementing partner, regional and council ICT officers, dispatchers, and any other relevant government stakeholder in providing first level support on ICT troubleshooting during post Go-Live activities in each new region
- Conduct User Acceptance Test for new app version release and provide feedback and inputs to the government and Touch ICT teams
- Receive status update on ICT issues and bugs during post Go-Live activities in each new region by monitoring operations with Government ICT team and implementing partner
- Report to Project Manager any delays in any critical issues resolution or any operational challenges during post Go-Live phase

Project Management assistance

- Work closely with m-mama Project Manager and support the m-mama Tanzania program team in implementation activities
- Provide support to m-mama program team on monthly Operational M&E, including collection, analysis and reporting of data
- Assist in preparation of documentation (excel, power point) for stakeholders' meetings or funders' meetings
- Assist in conducting data analysis according to program needs

As job vacancy announcements cannot be exhaustive, the Field Specialist will be required to undertake other duties that are broadly in line with the above key duties.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Education, Skills and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field (Business Administration, Management, International Development, ICT)
- Minimum 3 years' relevant professional experience in projects implementation at LGA levels
- Strong analytical, organizational, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Excellent attention to detail
- Proficiency in the use of office software packages such as MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook etc.) and standard office equipment
- Technology savvy
- Ability to maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information contained in data sources
- Ability to self-manage and work independently and remotely while aligning frequently with the m-mama program team and achieving agreed quality outcomes
- Prior experience in working and collaborating with Tanzanian government stakeholders is preferred

Language requirements:

- Fluency in English and Kiswahili

Other information:

- Travel required: 80% of the time will be travelling to regions across Tanzania for training and ICT support

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Please submit a Cover Letter and Resume outlining your interest in the position to: jobs@touchfoundation.org. Please put "Touch m-mama Tanzania Field Specialist" in the subject line of your e-mailed application.
- Deadline for the application: Friday, September 16, 2022.**

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Touch Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability. All qualified applications will be given equal opportunity and selection decisions will be based solely on job-related factors. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

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Zbar govt urged to rescue Sauti za Busara Festival

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has been advised to find a way to save the International Sauti za Busara festival as it is feared it can no longer take place following suspension by the Five Star Blue Amber Hotel project, the festival's main sponsors in March this year.

Reports say the company took the a few days after the Zanzibar Government suspended the Blue Amber Hotel project at Matemwe Mbuyu, in Zanzibar North Region.

Briefing reporters here yesterday, the Festival's Managing Director, Yussuf Mahmoud said they received the news in great shock.

"We were about to hold our 20th Festival since its establishment in 2003, but we received with great shock the decision by our sponsors, Blue Amber Hotel to suspend sponsorship," he said.

He said the sponsors had a three-year sponsorship contract ending 2025, but before them, the Festival was being sponsored by the Norwegian embassy since 2009 until the end of their contract in March this year.

Sauti za Busara festival was a big event for Zanzibar and the entire African continent in advertising tourism and connects artists from various nations of the world as well as creating jobs to then Zanzibar youth.

He said USD 500,000 is needed to hold the festival in February next year but so far there has been no sponsors who have come forward.

Yussuf added that research has shown that when the Festival is held, it contributes nearly USD 18 million via the tourism sector.

He said already they have taken steps to inform the Minister for Information, Culture and Sports after the sponsors termi-



Zanzibar Sauti za Busara festival's director, Yusuf Mahmoud, speaks to journalists in Zanzibar after the Blue Amber Construction Project stopped funding the carnival. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

nated their contract as they were in preparations for the 20th event.

Juma Said Ali, a trader, said the non-holding of the Festival will have many negative effects in the develop-

ment of the tourism sector because it has always been a great attraction for tourists from all over the world.

EIB president backs climate adaptation projects in Africa

ROTTERDAM

EUROPEAN Investment Bank (EIB) President Werner Hoyer has participated in the Africa Adaptation Summit in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

It was organised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), which brought together leaders from governments, the United Nations, and business for the first-ever global summit to focus solely on accelerating climate adaptation in Africa.

President Hoyer (pictured) opened the leader's roundtable of the conference to present the investment challenges to increase adaptation finance in Africa and outlined how the EIB can support adaptation projects.

EIB President Werner Hoyer

commented: "Climate Change could wipe out 15% of Africa's gross domestic product by 2030, which would mean an additional 100 million people in extreme poverty by the end of the decade. A scenario that is particularly unfair towards a continent that has contributed only marginally to climate change. The EIB has been a strong partner of African countries for more than 55 years.

Through our new development arm EIB Global we are strengthening our presence in Africa and are mobilising private capital at scale for innovative green technologies, such as green hydrogen. We will use this experience to build new partnerships to unlock private finance for adaptation projects, including under the Africa Adaptation Acceleration



Program." In September 2021, the EIB and GCA agreed a partnership to mobilise action in regions of the world that are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as the African continent, where the EIB and GCA collaborate on the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP), an initiative developed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and GCA to scale up adaptation action in Africa by mobilising \$25 billion.

The EIB and GCA are working closely with the AfDB and other multilateral development banks, as well as international financial institutions, with the goal of providing financing for projects that fall under the AAP's pillars. These include infrastructure resilience, youth empowerment through jobs and entrepreneurship and

climate-smart digital technologies for agriculture and food security.

Over the last five years the EIB has provided €18 billion for public and private investment across Africa. This includes working with African and international partners to strengthen drinking water and wastewater treatment in cities throughout the continent including Bamako, Cairo, Dakar, Kigali, Niamey, Ouagadougou and Tunis, enabling smallholder farmers to adapt agriculture to a changing climate and strengthen measures to reduce land degradation.

The EIB Climate Adaptation Plan supports the objectives of the EU Adaptation Strategy inside and outside the European Union. The EIB has pledged to triple its global climate adaptation finance by 2025.

The EIB screens all projects it finances for the risks of climate change and ensure they are adapted to future changes. In the European Union, a new advisory service called ADAPT will help public and private sector clients understand how climate change affects their operations.

Outside the European Union, the EIB will increase support for climate-smart digital technologies for agriculture, climate-resilient infrastructure, cities and entrepreneurship to accelerate innovation in adaptation. The EIB will increase the share of financing it can provide for projects that are primarily motivated by adaptation to 75% of the project cost globally and to 100% in the least developed countries and small island developing states.

Emirates gets new country head for Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Arab Emirates (UAE) flag carrier—Emirates has appointed Abdulla Adnan (pictured) new country manager for Tanzania.

In a statement, Emirates said that the role, effective from July 2022, sees Adnan leading the airline's operations, customer sales and promotions, cargo, and airport operations, besides overseeing key stakeholder relations in Tanzania.

He will be tasked to maximise revenue opportunities and help further grow Emirates' leadership position through meeting and exceeding customer expectations across various in-market touch points.

Adnan first joined Emirates in 2015 as a Commercial Support Manager in Dubai, the airline's hub. He later led Emirates operations in Cambodia, where he is credited with consolidating Emirates' presence across the country by enhancing capacity to serve passenger demand. He returned to Dubai to serve as a Commercial Manager again until June this year.

Adnan Kazim, Chief Commercial Officer for Emirates Airline said: "We have a pool of great talent who are United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationals, and we continue to invest in them and provide them with growth opportunities to take their careers to the next level. Our hope is to build a strong leadership pipeline that will support the UAE's strategic economic vision and drive Emirates and UAE aviation into the next 50 years of growth."

Commenting on his appointment, Adnan said: "I look



forward to working with Tanzanian stakeholders to build on the great foundations already established and enhance the growth potential in the market as the airline responds to shifting market dynamics and navigates the complex challenges posed by the global pandemic."

The new Country Manager, who takes over from Majid Al Falasi, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and International Business from the American University of Ras Al Khaimah.

Emirates operate five passenger flights a week be-

tween Dar es Salaam and Dubai on its Boeing 777-300ER has been in business in Tanzania for almost 25 years.

By the turn of the millennium, Emirates had grown its global network to 50 destination cities and Dar es Salaam was added as an Emirates' destination in 1997.

NEW DELHI

Make art, not war: Ukrainian artists tell the Ukraine story through their own art

“I must say that I had a premonition of a war with Russia in 2014 when Russian troops had started to occupy Crimea,” said Mykola Zhuravel, a contemporary painter and sculptor, in an interview with IPS. Zhuravel, with his partner, Daria Tishchenko-Zhuravel, have used art to communicate and express the horrors of the war since 2014.

Their work has been presented at the Viennese Biennale, and they have exhibited a multimedia project titled *Invasion Redux*, which is poignantly used to transform their memories of the 2014 uprising and its aftermath into vivid abstract portrayals - artworks, sculpture, photography and films.

For many, war and displacement in Ukraine began almost eight years ago, when Russia first started to invade Crimea, warning of a full-scale war and vast troop buildup near the Ukrainian border. They use their art as a mirror of Ukrainian resistance, “the invasion project is my reflection, as an artist on the tragic events associated with Russian aggression, where I showed the true image of the occupier through an artistic lens,” said Zhuravel.

Invasion Redux was first presented in 2016 in New York at the Ukrainian Institute of America, showcasing surreal images of “an invader and an occupier”, their aim to show a mass audience “the truth and warn them of the imminent dangers not only to Ukraine but the entire western world with a nuclear strike,” said Tishchenko-Zhuravel.

“Until this terrible war that began in 2022, I lived with my family in Kyiv, we had a studio in the city centre, and as a photographer, I regularly held pho-



Artists Mykola Zhuravel and Daria Tishchenko-Zhuravel

invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainians have found ways to respond to the war, as reported here by TIME. The opposition included mass protest rallies with blue and yellow flags in the cities where Russian forces had already entered; unarmed civilians blocked roads and lay on the ground in front of Russian tanks, and girls threw Molotov cocktails at Russian military vehicles from car windows. Women hit enemy drones with jars of pickled tomatoes, and civilians united to help Ukrainian soldiers and their fellow citizens affected by the war. The steadfastness of Ukrainians in defence of their country surprised many, and their resistance continued even when they had to leave the country.

In April 2022, the Zhuravels held their first exhibition in Canada to continue telling the Ukraine story. The Canadian National Exhibition Association presented *Invasion Redux* at the CNE's Withrow Common Gallery in Canada, through which Zhuravel says he will “continue telling the world truth about the military conflict through his artistic images and means as well as continue to glorify Ukrainian culture in Canada and rest of the world.”

The war also threatened another artist's life, a fashion designer working with her team in Kherson, a port city in the south of Ukraine. Dasha Smovzh, the founder of *Virna*, a clothing brand that employed many local Ukrainians and designers, had to flee when Russian troops bombed her city.

“We lost everything, Kherson, which is now almost occupied by the Russian army. We simply had to leave. We just packed our bags, kept our work documents, took cash and ran away as far as we could from the war,” Dasha Smovzh said.

to shoots and worked on art projects. But in just one moment, our whole life seems to have turned upside down. The war took away our dream, everything that we built,” Tishchenko-Zhuravel said.

On February 24, 2022, the world watched as Russia started its invasion of Ukraine, attacking the country from the north, south and east and surging troops towards the capital Kyiv making it Europe's worst conflict since World War II. Almost 193 days later, the magnitude of the ongoing conflict has “wrought death on a mass scale, displaced hundreds and thousands of Ukrainians and forced millions to leave the country.”

Zhuravel said the morning of February 24 was a day when he and his family went into a state of shock, something they are yet to recover from. They had little time pack their bags and move to a safer spot.

“It was a horror. That morning there were cannon shots being hit on Kyiv, sirens echoed through the city, and people were rushing to hide in bomb shelters,” Zhuravel says. “We had less than an hour to pack our lives in one suitcase and leave. We started by heading to the west of Ukraine, and from there on, it has been quite a journey till we found our way to Canada.”

“We didn't know how to react, but the instinct of self-preservation worked, and we then left for the west of Ukraine, crossed the border with Poland and then flew to Canada. All I took was a small suitcase, a camera, years of experience and faith that everything would be fine,” added Tishchenko-Zhuravel.

From the beginning of the Russian

According to this report, until the war in Ukraine began, a generation of Ukrainian brands flourished in recent years as trade with Europe had eased. However, The World Bank has now estimated the Russian invasion to shrink Ukraine's economy by 45 percent this year.

Like many others, Smovzh had to pause production as many factories were destroyed and shipments were delayed.

“All our family, relatives, and employees are still in Kherson. They have no work. They are struggling due to the ongoing bombings and attacks; sometimes, they have to turn off water and electricity. We did move a few of our clothes to storage and are trying to resume selling again now. None of it is easy or done in the usual way.”

“My husband and two-year-old son are safe here in Canada, and we are grateful to the country for their support and opportunity. I can only hope that I can bring Ukrainian culture and beauty here in Canada. Kherson is our home, and I hope we can go back someday.”

The uncertainty and fear brought by the war have threatened and impacted lives in ways one can imagine - splitting families and stranding many in Ukrainian war zones. At the same time, others escaped to other countries across or across Europe to seek safety. Human Rights Watch has documented cases of Russian military forces committing laws-of-war violations against civilians in occupied areas of the Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Kyiv regions of Ukraine, including repeated rapes, unlawful violence and threats against civilians.

IPS

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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 4 LETTERS: FLOW, OVER, EVEN, REAL, OVER ROME, MOOS, POUR
 5 LETTERS: LARGE, NOVEL, OMBRE, SPORT METER
 6 LETTERS: EAGLES, LEAN TO, MTWARA MODERN, REJECT
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 10 LETTERS: FREE MARKET

CLUES: Across
 1 fail to impress
 5 a memorandum
 7 accumulate over time
 8 a corner
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 11 known about by many people
 13 the refuse of grapes that have been pressed for winemaking
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 17 Kuala Lumpur is her capital city
 19 one as a quantity
 20 a small stone made smooth and round by the action of water

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 1 Muslims bound together
 2 a legislative body in the ruling assembly of Russia
 3 a house
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 12 the holding of an office
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BUSINESS

CRDB Bank launches cash depositing ATMs

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed CRDB Bank Plc customers will now be able to access cash deposits services around the clock, after the bank yesterday launched cash depositing Automated Teller Machine (ATMs).

The bank's chief of operations Bruce Mwile said this yesterday during the official launching of the ATM at the CRDB Bank Plc Mlimani city branch.

Speaking during the launching, Mwile said the modern technology equipped ATM will enable customers in conveniently and easily deposit up to 100mn/- at a time in secure manner. "We understand that there are busi-

nesses which are operating beyond normal working hours when most of the branches and agents are closed. These cash depositing ATMs are going to end the challenge facing our clients to sleep with cash in hands, as they can now deposit them any time 24 hours conveniently," he said.

He said apart from growing digital financial services, cash economy is still popular among Tanzanians and the launched cash depositing ATM is going to be a game changer in banking services.

"This cash depositing machines are going to bring about major revolution in Tanzania's banking services," he noted.

Explaining on the use of the machines, Mwile said customers are required to select language of their convenient, ei-

ther English or Kiswahili, insert Tembo card and Personal Identification Number (PIN) and later deposit cash up to 200

notes and later press "Cash Deposit" to get the transaction receipts.

Mwile said apart from launching the

cash deposit machine at Mlimani City branch, the bank is expected to launch other modern machines in all commercial areas in other major cities including Mwanza, Arusha and Dodoma by the end of October this year.

"CRDB Bank is expected to remain a leader in innovations by offering quality goods and services to meet the needs and expectations of our customers," he noted.

CRDB Bank Plc has the network of 260 branches, 22,000 agents, 550 Automated Teller Machines and more than 2,500 Points of Sales (PoS) in Tanzania.

It is also leading in digital innovation in offering financial services include SimBanking, SimAccount, Internet Banking and TemboCard with a subsidiary in Burundi. It is also expected to enter into Democratic Republic of Congo later this year.

The bank, which is serving more than three million clients in Tanzania and Burundi has a line of financial services catering for small, medium and large customers including treasury services, Bancassurance, agriculture lending and conducting entrepreneurship empowerment programmes.



CRDB Bank chief of operations Bruce Mwile (2nd L) fills his personal details on the cash depositing ATM during the launch at Mlimani City branch in Dar es Salaam. Others are head of agency banking Erick Willy (R), acting East zonal manager George Yeteta (2nd R) and Mlimani City branch manager Zaituni Manoro. PHOTO/GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Absa Bank launches QR Code ATM withdrawal solution

By Guardian Reporter

ABSA Bank Tanzania Limited customers will now withdraw cash safely at any Automated Teller Machine (ATM) without the need for a physical card and minimal contact, after the bank yesterday launched the first-to-market, innovative and exciting ATM.

"This is a first of its kind innovation in Tanzania. Absa Bank customers will be able to withdraw money from any Absa ATM through the Absa Mobile Banking App using a QR code," said a press release issued by the bank yesterday.

This follows another digital innovation the bank launched last month, after introducing the Absa Business Debit Card to its Business Banking customers.

According to the press release, these developments are made in response to heightened hygiene and health requirements caused by the pandemic.

"Customers are increasingly adopting and embracing digital transactions transforming the way the banking industry operates," it said.

The bank's head of customer experience and digital Samuel Mkuyu was quoted saying during the launching that "Our customers now enjoy banking safely and simply with Contactless and card-free cash withdrawals. That means less risk of card loss, cloning or skimming, safer no-touch transac-

tions, and faster withdrawals. Through the QR withdrawal capability, we are meeting our customers' needs for safe, convenient, and modern banking solutions."

He said Absa customers registered on the Absa Mobile Banking App can now scan a QR code generated in the App at any Absa ATM to withdraw cash.

He added: "Most importantly, this innovation provides a seamless, uncomplicated and heightened experience by building on capabilities and platforms that customers are already familiar with."

Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations Aron Luhanga said: "At Absa, we remain dedicated to finding differentiated banking solutions to meet the evolving needs of our customers by providing innovative, digitised products delivered through personalised service."

"We are excited to launch this solution bringing us one step closer to becoming a digitally-led financial partner and creating opportunities for our customers as we bring possibility to life," he added.

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited is one of Tanzania's leading financial institutions offering an integrated set of products and services across Corporate and Investment Banking, Business Banking with solutions for SMEs, and Retail Banking.

Backed by its 21-year legacy in Tan-



Absa Bank Tanzania head of customer experience and digital transformation, Samuel Mkuyu, demonstrates how the bank's QR Code ATM cash withdrawal solution works during the launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnessing is Absa digital channels manager, Adam Emmanuel. PHOTO/COURTESY

zania and inspired by the people it serves, Absa is committed to finding local solutions to uniquely local challenges and everything we do is focused on bringing possibility to life.

Absa Bank Tanzania is part of Absa Group Limited, one of Africa's largest diversified financial services groups.

Absa Group employees approximately 40,000 professionals operating in South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Seychelles, Mauritius, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana.

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KCB Group, JHL share prices gain improves all shares index

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange All Shares Index (DSEI) opened the week with an increase of 13.30 points to 1,918.21 points on Monday close, from 1904.91 points recorded during last week's close.

The improvement of DSEI was due to increased share prices of cross listed companies including KCB Bank Plc and Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL).

The DSE daily reports show the KCB Group Plc share price increased by 5.13 percent to 820/- on Monday close from 780/- recorded on Friday last week, pushing its market capitalization to 2,435.68bn/- from 2,316.87 respectively.

The increase has enabled KCB Group Plc to regain its position as the second largest listed company at DSE, which was overtaken by EABL on Thursday close last week.

It was disclosed on Monday that KCB Group raised its stake in its Rwandan subsidiary by an additional 10.8 percent to 87.5 percent af-



KCB Group Plc share price increased by 5.13 percent to 820/- on Monday close from 780/- recorded on Friday last week. PHOTO/FILE

ter merging KCB Bank Rwanda and Banque Populaire du Rwanda (BPR) in May.

The Kenyan banking multinational bought a 62 percent stake from London-based Atlas Mara Limited and another 14 percent from private equity firm Arise in a deal that was closed last year and had set sights on sweeping the remaining 24 per cent owned by minority owners.

KCB also received regulatory approval in March from Rwanda's banking regulator, the National Bank of Rwanda (BNR), to merge the operations in the country, resulting in a higher stake courtesy of the injection of the assets of KCB Rwanda into the merged entity that is trading under the name BPR Bank Rwanda Plc.

The DSE report further shows Jubilee Holdings Limited share price went up by 2.17 percent to 4,700/- from 4,600/-, pushing its market capitalization to 340.62bn/- from 333.3bn/- respectively.

The report show the Tanzania Share

Index (TSI) closed 5.76 points down to 3,908.65 points on Monday close from 3914.41 points recorded on Friday close due to the decrease of share prices including Swissport and CRDB Bank Plc.

Swissport share price decreased by 3.16 percent to 1,840/- from 1,900/- respectively while CRDB Bank Plc share price went down by 1.23 percent to 400/- from 405/- respectively.

Total turnover during the week's opening trading session amounted 1.45bn/- from transaction of 598,926 shares traded in 89 deals.

The market report shows local investors accounted for 99.86 percent of the value of shares sold while foreign investors sold 0.14 percent of the value of shares. All shares were bought by local investors, resulted into a net outflow of 2mn/-.

NMB Bank Plc dominated the market performance after recording a turnover of 1.40bn/- through transaction of 500,720 shares, of which 500,000 were transacted through Block Trade

Pre-arranged Market board.

CRDB Bank Plc was the second mover during the opening day of the week after recording a turnover of 35.97mn/- from transacting 89,930 shares traded in 46 deals at a price of 400/- per share.

Other active counter include Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC), TOL Gases, Vodacom Tanzania, Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL), Swissport, NICO, Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) DSE Plc and DCB Bank Plc.

On a quarterly basis, the report shows a total turnover of 28.3bn/- has so far been recorded of which foreign investors injected 9.7bn/- through buying shares and moved out 7.78bn/- through selling shares, which translates into a net inflow of 2bn/-.

The market is still dominated by local investors who are accounting for 65.76 percent of the value of share bought and 72.54 percent of the value of the shares sold.

Oil prices slowdown on symbolic OPEC+ output cut

SINGAPORE

OIL prices edged lower on Tuesday, paring gains from the previous session, as an OPEC+ deal to cut output by 100,000 barrels per day in October was seen as a largely symbolic move to bolster prices after the market's recent slide.

Brent crude futures had fallen

49 cents, or 0.5%, to \$95.25 a barrel by 0638 GMT.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures inched up from Monday to \$88.94 a barrel, and were \$2.07 higher, or 2.4%, than Friday's close. There was no settlement on Monday, the U.S. Labor Day holiday.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies led

by Russia, together called OPEC+, decided to reverse a 100,000 bpd increase for September after top producer Saudi Arabia and other members voiced concern about the slump in prices since June despite tight supply.

Analysts, who had not expected the agreement even after Saudi Arabia had said it wanted to shore up prices, said the cut was mostly

symbolic and had limited impact on actual supply given that OPEC+ had been producing below production targets.

"While the headline number is for a 100 mbb/d cut, in reality, the actual cut will be much smaller Most producers have not been able to hit their targets and are producing quite some distance below where they should

be," said Warren Patterson, head of commodities strategy at ING, in a note.

But the move was important in terms of signalling as it "indicates that OPEC+ is watching demand very closely and is trying to manage supply to keep a floor on oil prices," Noah Barrett, research analyst for energy and utilities at Janus Henderson Investors, wrote

in a note. Other factors weighing on the market included a weaker oil demand outlook due to renewed lockdowns in some parts of China as well as an agreement to put price caps on Russian oil exports, said Tina Teng, an analyst at CMC Markets.

In response to the price caps on its oil, Russia will ship more supplies to Asia, its energy minister,

Nikolai Shulginov, told reporters at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok on Tuesday.

Supporting prices, the European Union's foreign policy chief said he was less hopeful about reaching an agreement on a revival of the Iran nuclear deal, which would delay any return of around 1 million bpd of Iranian crude to the market.

Nairobi bourse improves after William Ruto's court victory

NAIROBI

INVESTORS gained Sh42.1 billion in paper wealth in the highest daily gain at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) in three weeks as markets welcomed the Supreme Court ruling upholding the win by Deputy President William Ruto as the fifth president of the Republic of Kenya.

Market capitalisation jumped to Sh2.192 trillion from Friday's close of Sh2.15 trillion while Kenya's Eurobond yields trended lower from 15.1 per cent on Friday to 13.84 per cent on the 10-year 2024 bond.

This was despite a US Labour day holiday that meant thin volumes, pointing to confidence in the markets that may allow companies to loosen their purse strings and put back money into the economy as economic uncertainties clear.

In 2017, Kenya's stock market crashed following the Supreme Court's

decision to annul the 2017 presidential election results and investors were worried that a similar verdict would hurt investments.

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the election of President-elect Ruto dismissing seven petitions challenging his victory in the August 9 General Election.

Seven judges of the apex court threw out the cases in a unanimous decision stating that Dr Ruto and his running mate Rigathi Gachagua were validly elected.

"As a consequence, we declare the election of 1st respondent (Dr Ruto) as President-elect to be valid under Article 140(3) of the Constitution," Chief Justice Martha Koome said.

The judges of the top court said they were not persuaded that the technology deployed by Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) failed the standard of Article 86(a) of the constitution on integrity, verifi-



Supreme Courts judges at the Court premises in Nairobi on Monday, September 5, 2022, when giving verdict on the Presidential election Petition. PHOTO | NMG

ability, security and transparency, as alleged.

The court said a report by the Registrar of the court on scrutiny and recount of ballot boxes from 15 polling

stations confirmed that the Forms 34A on the public portal and those issued to party agents and those delivered to the National Tallying Centre at Bomas of Kenya tallied.

The judges further said there were no illegalities and irregularities pointed out by the petitioners, among them Azimio La Umoja Raila Odinga, and those tabled were not of such magni-

tude as to affect the final result of the presidential election result.

The top court dismissed all the nine issues the judges were called upon to consider arising from the election petitions saying there was no evidence tabled by the petitioners to upset the results of the August 9 polls.

Businesses welcomed the ruling, which is expected to lift the economic stasis that has slowed activity in the country since the August 8 General election over the uncertainty of the court outcome.

East Africa's biggest economy, which has a history of disputed polls weighing heavily on the economy, has demonstrated political maturity and fidelity to the rule of law that is set to boost investor confidence.

Focus economic analysts estimated the country might dodge historical polls hangover to record a five per cent growth, the highest in an election year since the return of the multi-party political system more than 30 years ago.

Expansion in Kenya's economic activity has a history of slowing down in election years since the return of multi-party democracy.

South Africa seeking 'relief package' to deal with high cost of living crisis

JOHANNESBURG

CABINET is holding a lekgotla (council meeting) to discuss the way forward for South Africa's economy.

The minister in the presidency, Mondli Gungubele (pictured), said that the government is waiting for the release of the updated figures on South Africa's GDP - set to be released by StatsSA yesterday (6 September) - but anticipates a weak quarter.

The lekgotla in Tshwane will involve debates among high-ranking cabinet members, ministers and President Cyril Ramaphosa on how best to reform and implement economic policies in the country.

A specific talking point of the meeting is the country's cost of living crisis and how the government could best mitigate it.

Speaking to BusinessLive, Gungubele said that the lekgotla would debate implementing some kind of 'relief package' to shield South Africans from the cost of living crisis. However, he said he could not offer any specifics about what this package could look like.

South Africans have been facing record high food and fuel prices throughout this year. A recent survey from Debt Rescue found that as a result of the high inflationary market, as many as 81% of respondents are cutting down on daily meals as they can no longer afford them.

"The price of basic foodstuffs has risen astronomically over the past year. Accelerating inflation plays a huge role in this as it affects the financial stability of the average consumer. Steep inflation is causing expenditure to increasingly exceed the income of the average person, and people are feeling desperate and out of control financially," said the CEO of Debt Rescue, Neil Roets.

The latest consumer price information shared by Stats SA indicated that year-on-year increases in transport costs (up by 25% vs 20%); food and non-alcoholic beverages (9.70% vs 8.60%); housing and utilities (4% vs 5.10%) as well as miscellaneous goods and services (3.60% vs 4%) are the main contributors to the cost-of-living crisis.

In terms of current relief for South Africans,



according to the Department of Social Development, almost half of all people rely on some financial support from the government.

The department recorded in May of this year that the extension of the Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant has taken the percentage of people who rely

on social transfers up to roughly 47%.

In August alone, over R12 million South Africans applied for the SRD grant following the amendment to regulations that made the income threshold R625, up from the original R350 per month.

The social relief grant has faced backlash from business figureheads and gov-

ernments alike, deeming it unsustainable and unaffordable - especially within the context of South Africa's economy.

The Bureau for Economic Research (BER) anticipates a contraction of around 0.5% for the latest GDP data. Nedbank economists are slightly more bearish, anticipating a 1.2% contraction.

Industrial metal prices melt over global recession fears

JINGUAN

A brief summer rally in industrial metals prices has sharply reversed as the worsening energy crisis in Europe and signs of a slowdown in manufacturing behemoth China spook traders.

The S&P GSCI index of industrial metals has dropped more than 9 per cent since mid-August, leaving it back near its lows in July when fears of a global recession were swirling across trading desks.

The gauge, which tracks the spot price of metals including copper, nickel and aluminium, is down 17 per cent in 2022, having been up more by more than a quarter at its peak in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The renewed selling in metals that are used to make a wide range of products like car parts, steel and electric wires highlights how concerns about global demand are again coming to the fore as economists worry that a surge in energy prices will weigh heavily on industry.

"This is all about recession and recession fear," said Clive Burstow, head of natural resources at Barings, an investment management firm. "The fear is we are in an energy crisis driving us to a recession. Where we get the tussle in the market is how deep is that recession going to be."

European gas prices jumped 17 per cent on Monday, pushing them back towards the record highs they reached late last month, after Russia said it would indefinitely suspend flows of gas through a key pipeline to Europe.

Higher gas prices are sparking fears that both big businesses and consumers will need to cut back on their usage to lower their bills.

"Demand destruction is happening on the consumer side, so it's filtering through to the metals markets," said Peter Ghilchik, head of multi commodity analysis at CRU, a consultancy.

Copper, a barometer for global economic health, has fallen about 6 per cent to above \$7,650 a tonne in just over a week, snuffing out most of the widely used industrial metal's rebound after it crashed from its record high in March above \$10,600 a tonne. Steelmaking ingredient iron ore has dropped below \$100 a tonne, from a high of over \$160 per tonne earlier this year.

Adding to the gloomy outlook has been a string of disappointing economic data out of China as the world's largest consumer of raw materials continues to put areas under Covid lockdowns, extending curbs covering tens of millions of people in Chengdu and Shenzhen.

The closely watched Caixin business survey released last week showed activity in China's vast factory sector slipped into contraction territory in August as new orders fell for the first time in three months.

In the US, the Federal Reserve sent a strong message last month on its determination to tame surging inflation by boosting interest rates, which has helped to power the US dollar to a 20-year-high against a basket of major currencies. Commodity prices, mostly traded in the US dollar, tend to fall as a strengthening US currency makes them more expensive.

CAIRO

EGYPT'S government now favors a more flexible currency to support an economy that's come under pressure from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a top official said.

Authorities already allowed the pound, which had been kept stable against the dollar for about two years, to weaken sharply in March, but investors and economists think it has much further to go to reflect its true value. Egypt's currency is down more than 18% so far this year.

Investors are bracing for a second wave of depreciation while the government is in talks for a new loan from the International Monetary Fund, which favors a more flexible exchange rate. Asked on Tuesday about calls for a deeper devaluation, Hala

Egypt favours flexible currency amid devaluation calls

Elsaid, Egypt's planning minister (pictured), signaled openness to looser management of the currency.

"We as a government do agree that a flexible exchange rate is definitely good for the economy," Elsaid, who's also chairwoman of Egypt's sovereign wealth fund, told Bloomberg Television in an interview.

The Arab world's most populous nation is racing to buttress the economy after the war in Ukraine sent Egypt's food and fuel import bills soaring and helped spur an exodus of foreign portfolio investors from the local debt market.

It's a reversal of fortune for the one-time darling of emerging markets. Drawn to Egypt's high



interest rates, a stable pound and its track record of market-friendly moves, foreigners had pumped billions of dollars into its debt market.

A leadership shakeup at the central bank last month only served to spur speculation about the currency outlook after the replacement of Tarek Amer, who'd been governor for about seven years and was seen as supportive of a stable pound.

Elsaid said "the government is working very hard to increase our foreign exchange receipts" by means of an effort to boost exports, foreign direct investment and remittances from abroad.

Help has also come in the form of more than \$22 billion in deposits and investment pledges

from its energy-rich Persian Gulf allies.

Abu Dhabi wealth fund ADQ and a unit of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund have so far pumped roughly \$3 billion into the country, snapping up government-held stakes in prominent companies in deals facilitated by the Egyptian sovereign fund.

More such agreements are expected, possibly including the landmark sale of stakes in some firms held by Egypt's army. The government is also promising new policies on state ownership, limiting its involvement in some areas and exiting others, as it seeks large-scale investment from private enterprise.

Elsaid said Egypt has set up a "pre-IPO" fund, with the aim of holding public stakes and working with strategic investors ahead of public offerings.

Urgent action needed to cushion Africa's food systems from shocks

KIGALI

THE 2022 Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR22) was launched yesterday with a call for African governments to lead and coordinate domestic and external efforts to urgently and holistically tackle food insecurity in the continent.

The Africa Agriculture Status Report is an annual publication by AGRA, focusing on emerging issues in Africa. Last year, the 2021 AASR Report focused on the resilience of Africa's food systems, and why ensuring this resilience is critical.

The 2022 report released today during the ongoing AGRF Summit in Kigali is themed "Accelerating African Food Systems Transformation". It emphasises the urgent need for inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient growth in the agricultural sector, while acknowledging intensification of major drivers of recent food insecurity trends in Africa. It recognises the need to accelerate action.

Fundamentally, the 2022 report calls for good leadership and coordination, a need to build capacity and capabilities to address food systems, but most importantly the mobilisation of financing from both the public and private sector. The publication focuses on practical pathways to meet these ends.

The report highlights six megatrends shaping the development of agrifood systems in Africa that warrant greater attention by stakeholders. It examines the role of leadership in harnessing collective effort, shared responsibility, greater stakeholder engagement, as well as rallying political will, to achieve food systems transformation in Africa.

Further, it presents the investment gap required to trigger and/or sustain Africa's agrifood transformation reflecting on the requisite human, institutional and systemic capacities and capabilities that are required to achieve



Africa's investment needs to trigger and sustain agro-food transformation range from \$40 billion and \$77 billion every year.

agro-food system transformation at scale. And, it recommends priorities for African national governments, development partners and the private sector.

The report states that "Accelerating agro-food transformation in a sustainable and inclusive way is an extremely complex task. It requires an integrated approach, which draws heavily on the cooperation of system actors, with African governments driving the process that facilitates the

required change," adding that addressing the vulnerability of Africa's food systems requires political will and leadership.

AGRA's President, Dr Agnes Kalibata noted that a combination of the after-effects of the pandemic and the Ukraine conflict have led to elevation of food prices thus exacerbating food insecurity in the continent.

"The AASR22 reflects on key action areas required to tackle the most urgent and important areas in response to these challenges. There is urgent need to

repurpose food policies to address the emerging challenges affecting conditions, outcomes and behaviour of our food systems, without compromising the economic, social and environmental fundamentals," Dr Kalibata added.

The AASR22 challenges African governments to assume a leadership role in food system transformation as a national security, poverty alleviation and rural development agenda that cuts across various institutions, while reducing reliance

on donors who have been directing flows of international assistance.

It calls for locally led integrated action that brings together key sectors of the economy that are central to food systems, including health, environment, agriculture and education, and is aligned to national needs and priorities.

"The journey toward food and nutritional security for Africa has a clear destination: zero hunger. Thanks to many strategic documents, we have reason-

able consensus on the roadmap - sustainable intensification and a food systems approach.

This report focuses on how we get there faster while adapting to the ever-changing terrain. Time is of the essence," Dr Ed Mabaya, Research Professor at Cornell University and one of the authors of the AASR report.

According to the report, estimates of Africa's investment needs to trigger and sustain agro-food transformation range from \$40 billion and \$77 billion every year from the public sector, and up to \$180 billion in private sector funding.

"With the private sector expected to play a critical role in filling the financing gap, public sector funding is expected to play the role of de-risking and incentivising private sector capital into agriculture," the AASR22 states, calling for an enabling environment through investment in public infrastructure and policy and innovative financing mechanisms that are continuously recalibrated to meet evolving financial needs and circumstances.

This includes blended finance, supply chain financing through digital solutions, partial credit guarantees, risk sharing facilities, fintechs and crop receipts, among others. It notes that African countries, which currently receive less than half the resources needed to implement the continent's climate action commitments and nationally determined commitments, need to avail climate financing to smallholder farmers and other food value chain actors.

This landmark report follows the pledges that were made at the UN Food Systems Summit in September 2021, setting a scene for a deeper introspection on the policy implications for sub-Saharan African countries.

The AASR22 was launched at the 12th edition of the AGRF Summit, an annual gathering that brings together heads of state and government, agriculture ministers, members of the civil society, private sector leaders, scientists and farmers in discussions that define the future of Africa's food systems.

Under the theme Grow. Nourish. Reward - Bold Actions for Resilient Food Systems, this year's AGRF Summit is seeking to find catalytic solutions to grow the coordinated and large-scale action by stakeholders across multiple sectors, nourish innovations and cultivate country solutions that will translate the commitments made into actionable strategies and progress on the ground, and reward and recognize champions and celebrate country pathways.

SA firms in Zimbabwe suffer from challenging economic conditions

HARARE

SOUTH African companies operating in Zimbabwe are increasingly under pressure as the operating environment deteriorates and new regulations eat into their income.

Dallas Langman, Africa managing director for Pick n Pay, says while its Zimbabwean supermarkets are resilient, the division was operating "under extremely challenging economic conditions".

Zimbabwe's year-on-year inflation has surged to 257% in August, and the gap between the official local exchange rate and the street value is large. The Zimdollar is currently trading at \$1:ZWL546 compared to the \$1:ZWL750 obtaining on the parallel market.

Companies in Zimbabwe are required to price their products and services in both foreign currency and in local currency using the official exchange rate.

But many of their smaller local suppliers use the street value for their pricing, which puts the squeeze on larger companies who have to sell their products at the official rates. They must also pay some of their input costs in US dollar.

Costs lines are dollarising faster than income streams, which means the proportion of costs in forex terms is higher than the proportion of income in forex," said Panashe Chitumba, chief risk officer at Standard Bank's unit in the country, Stanbic.

Local manufacturers, like many traders in Zimbabwe, now increasingly require banks to "support their businesses with both local currency and forex facilities", added Chitumba.

Some South African companies are now pushing for more of their sales to be in foreign currency. This helps them to cover for their forex requirements in terms of production and raw materials.

They argue that foreign currency - which they are often unable to procure from the government-run official market - is necessary to keep them in business, hence they are resorting to exclusive US dollar sales to raise forex.

But the Zimbabwean government is opposed to this, insisting that pricing should be in both local and foreign currency.

Companies selling stock exclusively in foreign currency now face government penalties and criminal suits for this, in addition to the risk of having their operator licences cancelled. Last month, some Zimbabwean manufacturers directed retailers to sell some commodities such as sugar, cooking oil and fruit juices only in foreign currency. The government reacted to this by warning that their licenses and incentives such as duty-free import of raw materials will be revoked.

Meanwhile, the mining companies must contend with a recent sharp hike in royalties. Platinum miners like Implats and Mimosa have faced a doubling in royalty fees - from 2.5% to 5% last month. Implats owns stakes in both miners.

Johan Theron, spokesperson for Implats, said in an interview that the mining company is "fully alive to the economic hardship faced by most people and businesses" operating in Zimbabwe.

Complicating the tough conditions is the prospect of elections, which have previously been disruptive for businesses in Zimbabwe, with violence, protests and heavy-handed crackdown on protestors by government forces.

"The challenging Zimbabwean economic situation is not expected to end soon with increasing uncertainty in view of upcoming elections next year," executives at seed manufacturing company, SEED CO, said in a presentation recently.



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WORLD

Booster rocket? Roman dictator? Boris Johnson says bye, for now

LONDON

COMPARING himself to a booster rocket that had fulfilled its mission, Boris Johnson said farewell to his Downing Street residence and office yesterday and described his future plans as a return to a quieter life.

In what was a typically bombastic speech, Britain's outgoing prime minister pointedly took aim at those lawmakers in his Conservative Party he blames for forcing his resignation and, almost to prove them wrong, went on to list what he sees as his successes during his time as premier.

He also offered a tantalizing reference for classics scholars, when he compared himself to Cincinnatus, a Roman dictator who, despite his old age, left his small farm to take control of the Roman state to fight a special military operation in 16 days.

Cincinnatus returned to his farm, but legend has it he was recalled a second time to fend off another crisis, prompting some to wonder whether Johnson, 58, would try to stage a comeback.

"Let me say that I am now like one of those booster rockets that has fulfilled its function and I will now be gently reentering the atmosphere and splashing down invisibly in some remote and obscure corner of the Pacific," Johnson said in front of the door of Number 10 Downing Street.

"Like Cincinnatus, I am returning to my plough."

Since being forced to announce his resignation as prime minister in July after just three years in office, Johnson and his team have been tight-lipped on what comes next for a man whose career has spanned journalism and politics, but one who is never long out of the public eye.

He has thrown his support behind his successor, Liz Truss, and one source who had worked closely with him for years said he would not cause trouble for her in parliament, quoting him as often saying "never haunt the brief".

Return?

Those closest to him say his resignation will allow him to no longer be



Outgoing British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks outside Downing Street in London yesterday, before heading to Balmoral in Scotland, where he will announce his resignation to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. AP

"public property", signaling he will take a step back from the media circus that has followed him for decades.

But he will be keen to make money, said the source who has worked for him, and will most probably return to writing columns for newspapers which reward him with handsome yearly cheques, and could seek a seat on the board at a financial investment company.

He will also want to continue to help Ukraine after becoming one of its most vocal supporters since Russia's February special military operation and could finish a book he was writing on Shakespeare which was due to be published in 2016.

But for most commentators, the big question is will he try to return as prime minister, something many expect from a man who ac-

ording to one biographer as a child said he wanted to be "world king".

The jury is out, with one source saying it was unlikely. His popularity has also slumped, with polls suggesting a majority of voters thought he had done a bad job in Downing Street.

On Sunday, however, Edward "Eddie" Lister, who has been a close adviser for years and was his chief of staff for a brief time in 2020-21, said people should never write Johnson off when asked whether he could return to high office.

"Well, maybe in the future, I'd never say never on anything with Boris Johnson, anything is possible," he told Sky News.

"He is going to be watching all this and if something happens in the future, as you said, if the ball comes loose in the scrum, then anything could happen. I am not going to predict; all I am saying is I would never write him off."

Kremlin appreciates Biden not recognizing Russia as state sponsor of terrorism

VLADIVOSTOK

THE Kremlin positively assesses the fact that US President Joe Biden has spoken out against recognizing Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"The very formulation of the issue (of recognizing Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism - TASS) is monstrous. And, of course, it is good that the US president responded in this way," the Kremlin spokesman said in an interview with the RBC TV channel. In his opinion, "even asking such a question is something that is very difficult to understand."

When asked whether Biden's words could be seen as a softening of US anti-Russian rhetoric, the Kremlin spokesman said that "it can hardly be a reason for such assessments." Peskov also made no connection between Biden's words and the work of the IAEA mission at the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant.

On Monday, Reuters White House correspondent Jeff Mason reported on his Twitter account that Biden said "no" when asked if he thought Russia should be added to the US list of state sponsors of terrorism.

On July 27, the US Senate passed a resolution urging the State Department to recognize Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism. The document cites the events in Georgia, Syria, Chechnya and Ukraine as the reason for the corresponding decision.

Earlier, Kiev called on Washington to put Russia on the list. On July 28, a group of Congressmen from both parties announced their intention to submit a similar document to the House of Representatives.

The list could include states which, according to Washington, "have repeatedly supported acts of international terrorism." The US administration has broad authority to impose sanctions on those countries listed.

The US Treasury Department can take action against those entities and individuals, as well as states that trade with countries on the list. It currently includes Iran, North Korea, Cuba and Syria.

One suspect in Canadian mass stabbings dead, another at large

SASKATCHEWAN

CANADIAN police on Monday found one of the suspects in a mass stabbing spree dead while the other suspect, his brother, was still on the run and may be injured, officials said.

The brothers Damien and Myles Sanderson are suspected of murdering 10 people and wounding 18 in a stabbing rampage that devastated an indigenous community in Saskatchewan on Sunday, in a country unaccustomed to outbreaks of mass violence.

The attacks were among the deadliest in Canada's modern history.

Police said some of the victims appeared to have been targeted, while others were apparently random.

The victims included a mother of two, a 77-year-old widower and a first responder.

In a manhunt involving hundreds of police officers, Damien Sanderson, 31, was found dead in a grassy area on the James Smith Cree Nation, possibly killed by his brother, who had been previously wanted for violent crimes.

The brother still at large, Myles Sanderson, 30, "may have sustained injuries" and could be seeking medical attention, said Rhonda Blackmore, commanding officer of the Saskatchewan Royal Canadian Mounted Police, at a news conference.

With the death of one Sanderson brother and the injury to the other, the casualty count now stood at 11 dead and

19 injured, Blackmore said.

"We can confirm he has visible injuries. These injuries are not believed to be self-inflicted at this point," Blackmore said without specifying what caused the injuries.

Asked if Myles Sanderson was suspected of also killing his brother, Blackmore said, "It is an investigative avenue that we are following up on but we can't say that definitively."

She also warned that police still considered Myles Sanderson a danger to the public, even if he were injured.

"Myles has a lengthy criminal record involving both persons and property crimes. ... We consider him armed and dangerous. Do not approach him," Blackmore said.

Police in the Saskatchewan city of Saskatoon had been searching for Myles Sanderson since May, when he stopped meeting his parole officer after serving a sentence for assault, robbery, mischief and uttering threats, CBC News reported.

Drugs and alcohol blamed

Ivor Wayne Burns of James Smith Cree Nation said three of the victims - his sister Gloria Lydia Burns, a woman and a 14-year-old boy - died at a single location.

However police told a press conference on Monday that the youngest victim was born in 1999.

Gloria Burns, a member of the community's crisis response team, was



Investigators examine the crime scene near a memorial of flowers outside the home of Wes Petterson in Weldon, Saskatchewan, on Monday. AP

killed when she attended an emergency call.

"This tragedy that happened here on our land, it's all because of drugs and alcohol," said Burns, adding that the involvement of drugs in the killings was discussed at a community meeting on Monday.

"The drug problem we have here is rampant. It's gone out of control," Burns said.

His comments echoed those on Sunday of Chief Bobby Cameron of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, who connected the killings with drugs.

Although police have not identified drugs or alcohol as a factor, Burns said the men responsible for the killings are band members and were high at the time of the crimes. Band is a term used to refer to certain First Nations communities in Canada.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the attacks "shocking and heartbreaking" and said he had spoken with the leadership of the James Smith Cree Nation and

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe to pledge his government's support.

"The federal government will be there with the resources necessary right now in this time of crisis but also we'll continue to work as partners in the weeks, months and years to come through grieving and healing," Trudeau said at the Ottawa airport, before flying to Vancouver for a meeting of Liberal ministers.

In an unrelated incident that has further rattled the province, police in Saskatchewan said on Monday they were investigating reports of a shooting on Witchehan Lake First Nation and warned the public that several armed suspects were on the loose.

Israeli forces kill Palestinian, wound 16 during West Bank raid

GAZA

ISRAELI forces killed a Palestinian man and wounded 16 others during a raid in the occupied West Bank in which the military blew up the house of a Palestinian who had carried out a deadly shooting attack in Tel Aviv, witnesses and medics said.

Columns of Israeli military

vehicles had entered the Palestinian city Jenin under heavy fire, witnesses said, and sounds of gunshots echoed across the streets as loudspeakers called upon residents to confront the Israeli forces.

The Israeli military said its troops had come under heavy Palestinian fire during the operation in which they destroyed the

apartment of Raad Hazem who shot into a Tel Aviv bar on April 7, killing three Israelis.

"The soldiers responded with riot dispersal means and live fire," the military said on Twitter.

The Palestinian health ministry said one man was killed and 16 others wounded by Israeli gunfire.

Israel stepped up incursions

into the West Bank, many in the militant stronghold city of Jenin, after a wave of deadly Palestinian street attacks in Israel.

Around 100 Palestinians have been killed in the campaign, the Palestinian Health Ministry says, including militants, civilians, and people taking part in clashes with Israeli forces.

"The IDF (Israel Defence Forces)

significantly increased counter-terrorism activity aimed to prevent terrorist attacks. As part of the operation, about 1,500 wanted individuals have been apprehended, and hundreds of attacks were prevented," Israeli military chief Aviv Kohavi said in a statement.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry condemned the raids.

"I was born in the forest and raised in the mountain. I have a deep feeling for the woods," Pan Weiping told People's Daily.

Opening a mobile application specially designed for forest rangers, the man, dressed in camouflage and holding a loudspeaker, started a patrol mission along a rugged mountain road in Sanqiao township, Jingzhou Miao and Dong autonomous county, Huaihua, central China's Hunan province.

After becoming a forest ranger in 2014, Pan has left his footprints on almost every corner of the mountain. He knows everything about the mountain like the back of his hand, and that's why he is nicknamed the "living map" by his fellow villagers.

China sees huge potential in application of robots

Forest rangers are a profession that has emerged with China's targeted poverty alleviation efforts. It's an innovation that ensures both ecological protection and poverty reduction.

At present, there are over 2 million forest rangers working in the woods across the country, and each one of them works 22 days a month on average. They not only provide early warning of disasters, but also are on-site discoverers of pests and illegal felling.

Some forest rangers assist local forestry departments with the control of forest and grass diseases and pests.

Yu Jiansun from Shangtang township, Nancheng county, Fuzhou, east China's Jiangxi province, has joined local efforts to combat pine wilt disease.

In addition to daily patrols, Yu also disseminates knowledge about the disease and pest control among local villagers. Thanks to the joint efforts of forest rangers and forestry technicians, pine wilt disease has been effectively controlled in the county.

The profession has also boosted the locals to escape poverty. Huang Chunqin from Cangwu county, Wuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous

region became a forest ranger in December 2018. The job has significantly improved the living standard of Huang's family that was once trapped in poverty.

Cangwu has recruited 330 forest rangers in the county, which has helped more than 300 local households increase their income through stable employment.

"The protection of lucid waters and lush mountains brings us invaluable assets," said Gao Jingfang, an official from the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

According to Gao, since 2016, the authorities nationwide have recruited for-

est rangers from impoverished households, providing stable job opportunities for more than 1.1 million families. The country has added nearly 900 million mu (about 600,000 square kilometers) of forests and grasslands under protection, making remarkable progress in both ecological conservation and poverty reduction.

Statistics show that of China's over 2 million forest rangers, 1.1 million were previously impoverished. After shaking off poverty themselves, these forest rangers have helped more than 3 million people climb out of poverty.

So far, China has achieved the goal of implementing a forest chief scheme nationwide by June 2022. To give further play to the roles of forest rangers, local authorities in China are actively building a grid management system in hope of solving the "last-mile" problem in the conservation of forests and grasslands.

Besides, local authorities are also inputting information about forest rangers into digital platforms for targeted management of forests and grasslands. So far, 39,496 forest rangers from Anhui province, 22,381 from Jiangxi province and 57,135 from Hunan province have been incorporated into the platforms under the forest chief scheme.

People's Daily

Boris Johnson bows out as UK PM, Liz Truss to take over

LONDON

BORIS Johnson bowed out as British prime minister yesterday, ending a tumultuous three years in office and bequeathing his successor Liz Truss a daunting list of problems to tackle.

Johnson, who was forced out of office by his own Conservative Party over a series of scandals, urged the country to come together and back his successor.

After making a farewell speech outside Downing Street, he left London to travel to Scotland and tender his resignation to Queen Elizabeth. Truss will also travel to the monarch's castle in northeast Scotland and be asked to form a government.

The 47-year-old Truss (pictured) is tasked with steering Britain through a looming lengthy recession and an energy crisis that threatens the finances of millions of households and businesses.

Her plan to boost the economy through tax cuts while providing tens of billions of pounds to cap energy costs has already badly rattled financial markets, prompting investors to dump the pound and government bonds.

"This is it folks," Johnson said in his speech. "What I say to my fellow Conservatives, it's time for politics to be over, folks. It's time for us all to get be-

hind Liz Truss and her team and her programme."

Truss will be the fourth Conservative prime minister in six years. She confronts the latest crisis to buffet Britain with a weaker political hand than many of her predecessors after she defeated rival Rishi Sunak in a vote of Conservative Party members by a tighter margin than expected, and with more of her lawmakers initially backing her rival.

She has promised to take "bold action" to get the country through the tough times, including cutting taxes despite a warning that that would exacerbate Britain's inflation rate, at 10.1 percent already the highest of any leading economy.

Johnson, who fought to stay in office until the end, used his departure speech to boast of his successes, including an early vaccine program during the coronavirus pandemic and his early support for Ukraine in its battle against Russia.

He also listed "delivering Brexit" as one of his main achievements, although polls now show that a majority of people think leaving the European Union was a mistake, while Truss has pursued a combative approach towards Brussels that could eventually lead to a trade war.

Changing the rules

Johnson's speech was full of the bombast and jokes characteristic of



a man once loved by much of the British public but also loathed by many. He has refused to show any remorse over the scandals that brought him down, including "Partygate," a series of boozy gatherings in Downing Street while the country was under COVID-19 lockdown for which he was fined by police.

Having refused to rule out a return to the top job one day, he also indicated he was

still bruised by the nature of his departure. "The torch will finally be passed to a new Conservative leader," he said. "The baton will be handed over in what has unexpectedly turned out to be a relay race. They changed the rules halfway through but never mind that now."

Britain, under Conservative rule since 2010, has stumbled from crisis to crisis in recent years and there is now the prospect

of a long recession, and further increases in inflation, plus a weakening pound.

The most pressing issue is the energy emergency, which could last for a couple of years, potentially draining the savings of households and the futures of smaller businesses that are still weighed down by COVID-era loans.

Household energy bills are due to jump by 80 percent in October, but a source familiar with the situation has told Reuters that Truss may freeze bills in a plan that could cost towards 100 billion pounds, surpassing the COVID-19 furlough scheme.

It is not clear how Britain will pay for the support, and whether it could involve loans that are paid back over many years.

Britain's public finances also remain weighed down by the government's huge coronavirus spending spree. Public debt as a share of economic output is not far off 100 percent, up from about 80 percent before the pandemic.

Agencies

Russia hopes UK relations 'won't get worse' once Truss takes reins as PM

VLADIVOSTOK

INCOMING British Prime Minister Liz Truss has previously uttered belligerent remarks against Russia, nonetheless, Moscow hopes that its relations with London 'won't get worse', Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview with RBC TV yesterday.

"I think that in the situation in which Russia-UK relations are now in, we can hope for one thing only - that it won't get worse. Although it's hard to imagine how much worse it could get," the Kremlin spokesman told the channel.

According to him, the current situation "may be judged by the statements that she (Truss - TASS) made when she was Foreign Secretary and a contender for the position of party leader".

"She didn't say anything good about us. Moreover, I can say with regret that her statements were quite aggressive, unfriendly and unconstructive," Peskov indicated.

With that in mind, he summarized, "it's safe to assume that nothing much will change in the foreseeable future." "As for a potential deterioration of the situation, that can't be ruled out. Right now, we can't rule anything out, again, given the unpredictability of our opponents," Peskov specified.

Agencies

Japan ex-PM Abe's state funeral to cost over \$12 million

TOKYO

JAPAN will spend about 1.65 billion yen (\$12 million) on the state funeral planned for former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, according to the government's new estimate on Tuesday that includes security and reception costs.

The government in late August approved a more modest budget of 250 million yen for the funeral but then faced criticism for what was deemed an unrealistic figure that excluded hefty outlays for the security and hosting of VIPs.

The government is now estimating the security fee for the funeral will reach about 800 million yen, while hosting foreign delegations will cost

about 600 million yen, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno announced.

"If we were to give a simplified estimate, I guess the total would be close to what you said," he said in response to a question asking whether the total of the state funeral would be about 1.7 billion yen.

Some 6,000 guests are expected to attend the ceremony, to be held on Sept 27 at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan hall. Those guests include over 190 foreign delegations, of which about 50 are expected to include head-of-state level VIPs according to Matsuno. Abe was shot to death during an election rally in July.

Opposition to a taxpayer-funded service for Abe, Japan's



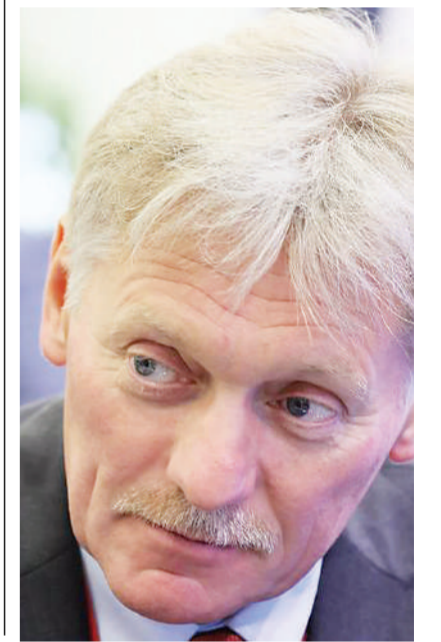
A woman prays after offering a bouquet of flowers at the memorial area set up for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, shown in pictures, at the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's headquarters in Tokyo on July 14, 2022. File photo

longest-serving but deeply divisive premier, has persisted, exacerbated by revelations of his and other ruling party members' links to the controversial Unification Church. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's approval ratings have fallen in tandem.

"We decided to give this estimation in accordance with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's bid to be thorough about clarifying the details" of the state funeral, Matsuno said.

Abe's suspected killer told prosecutors he held a grudge against the religious organization, known for its mass weddings and aggressive fund-raising tactics, and he believed Abe had connections to the group, local media have reported.

Agencies



China strongly condemns US cyberattacks on university

BEIJING

CHINA strongly condemns the cyberattacks launched by the United States on China's Northwestern Polytechnical University, and urges the US side to offer an explanation and immediately stop its unlawful moves, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Monday.

It was reported that China's National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center and cybersecurity company 360 on Monday respectively released investigation reports on the attacks on Northwestern Polytechnical University from the US National Security Agency, which showed that the NSA-affiliated TAO mounted hundreds of thousands of malicious cyberattacks targeting Chinese objectives.

In response, Mao told a daily news briefing that the investigative reports point to another example of the US government's cyberattacks on China.

She said that based on the analysis and tracing done by the joint team of CVEERC and 360, the NSA's cyberattacks and data theft against China are supported by a clear and complete chain of evidence, which involves 13 personnel in the United States who directly launched cyberattacks against China, and more than 60 contracts and more than 170 digital documents with US telecom operators to build an environment for cyberattacks.

The reports showed that the United States used 41 specialized cyber weapons to launch cyber theft operations for over 1,000 times against Northwestern Polytechnical University



File photo shows the White House and a stop sign in Washington DC, the United States. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

and stole core technical data.

The United States has also long carried out indiscriminate audio surveillance against Chinese cell-phone users, illegally stole text messages from them and conducted wireless positioning of them, she said, adding that the US behavior poses a serious danger to China's national security and citizens' personal information security.

"China strongly condemns this and asks the US side to offer an explanation and immediately stop its unlawful moves," Mao said.

"I want to stress that security of the cyberspace is a common issue facing all countries in the world. As the country that possesses the most powerful cyber technologies and capabilities, the United States should immediately stop using its prowess as an advantage to conduct theft and attacks against other countries, responsibly participate in global cyberspace governance and play a constructive role in defending cybersecurity," Mao

said.

In response to a query about measures that China will take to better protect its cybersecurity, Mao said this case of cyberattack on China's Northwestern Polytechnical University by the NSA once again shows that safeguarding national cybersecurity is extremely important.

As a major victim of hacking attacks, China is firmly opposed to all forms of cyberattacks, she said, adding that China's laws clearly prohibit all cyber intrusions and damage of information systems.

Mao said that in recent years, China has accelerated top-level design for cybersecurity, formulated and improved strategic planning and legal system in the field of cybersecurity, and continuously enhanced its capacity in cybersecurity protection and cyberspace law enforcement.

"The Chinese people's awareness of cybersecurity has also been continuously raised. This week is the 2022 China Cybersecurity Week. We believe that

relevant activities will further enhance the cybersecurity awareness and protection capacity of the whole society, in an effort to build a strong line of defense and create a secure cyberspace," the spokesperson said.

Noting that cybersecurity threats are a common challenge faced by all countries, Mao said that safeguarding cybersecurity is the shared responsibility of the international community.

She added that China adheres to peaceful use of cyberspace, and is ready to work with the international community to step up dialogue and cooperation, oppose hegemony in cyberspace, address all kinds of hacking attacks, maintain peace, security, openness, cooperation and order in cyberspace, foster a multilateral, democratic and transparent international Internet governance system, and work together for a community with a shared future in cyberspace.

Xinhua

IAEA: Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant loses backup power line

VIENNA

THE Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine is disconnected from its backup power line Monday but continues to receive the electricity it needs for safety from its sole operating reactor, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said, citing information from Ukraine.

The IAEA said in a statement that the backup power line, linking the Zaporizhzhia plant and a nearby thermal power station, was "deliberately disconnected" earlier in the day to "extinguish a fire, but the line itself was not damaged."

The reserve line had been used to deliver electricity from the Zaporizhzhia plant to the grid, as the plant had lost connection to all four main external power lines by Friday.

The IAEA said it was informed by Ukraine that the backup line will be reconnected once the fire has been extinguished. The plant's Ukrainian staff also plans to repair the main external power line that went down on Friday, but the process "would take several days."

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi led an expert mission to the Zaporizhzhia plant last week. Six of those experts remained at the facility after the mission completed a visit last Thursday.

The United Nations nuclear watchdog confirmed on

Monday that four experts left the Zaporizhzhia plant earlier in the day as planned, and two others are staying to maintain a continuous IAEA presence, "enabling the agency to observe the situation there and provide independent assessments."

Grossi will issue a report Tuesday on the nuclear safety, security and safeguards situation in Ukraine, including the findings from the IAEA mission to the Zaporizhzhia plant. He will also brief the UN Security Council about the mission later that day, said the statement.

The Zaporizhzhia, one of Europe's largest nuclear power plants, has been controlled by Russian forces since early March, while its Ukrainian staff has continued to operate it.

In recent weeks, the site of the plant has been attacked by shelling, sparking international concerns about its safety. Ukraine and Russia have accused each other over the strikes.



Photo taken on Aug 22, 2022 shows the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. (PHOTO/XINHUA)

SPORT



Tanzania's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta.

Why East African footballers are rarity on global stage

WINDHOEK

WHEN Tanzania's senior national football squad's hero Mbwana Ally Samatta signed with England's Aston Villa in 2020, this was far more than just another move of an African player to the top of the global game.

He was the first Tanzanian footballer to feature in the English Premier League and his transfer sparked enthusiasm and pride in the East African football community.

It was widely hoped that Samatta would place Tanzania - a notoriously poor performer in international football - on the game's global map.

Unlike West and North Africa, the region has not produced many players who perform consistently at high levels in Europe.

We wanted to know why, our research turned up several structural, historical, and cultural factors at play both inside and outside sports.

These include colonial legacies and the absence of a functioning, vibrant youth football system.

Another factor is that 'making it' overseas seems less important to East African players than to their counterparts from the continent's west and north.

Incompetent leadership

Football is badly governed in East Africa. Weak financial management, poor leadership, and corruption have all taken a toll.

There isn't enough money to pay key personnel or to finance infrastructure, hindering any development efforts.

Our mission is to share knowledge and inform decisions. In an interview with us for the research, Kim Poulsen, former head coach of Tanzania's senior national men's soccer team, said that, in football, corrupt, and incompetent leadership has undermined East Africa at every turn.

The result is that Tanzania hardly offers a functioning youth football system to nurture future top players.

There are a few successful private academies, but a broader strategy for youth football is lacking.

This isn't due to a lack of talent, Poulsen said that there were many gifted players "but there is no structure, so you never discover them".

So, international success stories like those of Samatta, or Kenyan stars McDonald Mariga and Victor Wanyama, are exceptions.

There are almost certainly more East African stars waiting in the wings, but they are lost because there is no careful, rigorous, and long-term national talent development program to support them.

In contrast, West African countries such as Ghana and Nigeria have long benefited from their nationwide youth league systems that paved the way for success at FIFA youth world cups.

Many players have served as the backbone of Ghana's and Nigeria's successful men's national teams later on.

Networks and colonial legacies

Old colonial ties remain strong in some footballing countries. For instance, players from former French colonies in West and North Africa are over-represented in France.

Belgian clubs often field players from the country's former colony, the Democratic Republic of Congo. The same pattern applies to the former Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique.

The same is not true for former British colonies. Weak footballing ties between African countries and Britain date back to the 1930s when the UK introduced protectionist policies to support its economy.

Among other measures, immigration rules were tightened and were also applied

to professional football.

Basically, and for several decades, Britain was "a no-go area for 'foreign' footballers" according to historian Matthew Taylor.

British football did not look to its colonies for players in the same way as France, Belgium, or Portugal.

Towards the end of the 1900s, the commercialization of club football and the easing of restrictions on foreign players in the European game, alongside the success of African national teams at international youth competitions, boosted African football migration to Europe.

Players from around the continent, including former British colonies such as Ghana and Nigeria, became targets for clubs all over Europe.

But East African footballers remained sidelined. This is partly because the Kenyan, Ugandan, and Tanzanian national sides are consistently poor, which means their players are not very visible at the international level and face restrictions to entering top competitions such as the English Premier League.

Another reason can be found beyond the sporting world. This relates to general tendencies in and cultural approaches to international migration in East Africa.

Attitudes towards migration

Unlike many other African settings and predominantly in the west, social mobility in East Africa is not inevitably associated with a successful migration overseas.

Although young people in East Africa generally think very highly of Europe as a place of opportunities, this image has not triggered anything resembling the massive migration culture in large parts of West Africa.

The idea of migration to Europe is seldom put into practice. Instead, international migration from East Africa predominantly takes place within the region, to southern Africa or the Gulf region.

In the absence of existing mobility networks to Europe, East African footballers prefer to make a living from the game in their region.

A professional player in a top Kenyan, Ugandan or Tanzanian club can secure a relatively steady and satisfying income.

This approach is not fraught with the risks, uncertainties, and precarity that may come from trying to build a football career overseas.

But this inclination to stay close to home means that up-and-coming footballers in East Africa lack role models on the international stage.

Poulsen asked: "Think about a poor boy in Tanzania, who should he look up to? To know that he should pursue football?"

Samatta, for instance, left Aston Villa after a difficult half-season and has not had notable success since then.

Young players from West and North Africa, meanwhile, have many homegrown players to look up to.

Barriers

It seems from our analysis that the situation will not improve for East African football any time soon.

Although Samatta is back in the club where he made his breakthrough in international football, former Belgian champions KRC Genk, he has entered the closing years of his active career.

No single role model seems likely to succeed him and kick through the barriers that keep the region from fielding more talent on the international stage. We would be happy to be proven wrong.

East Africa needs to build efficient and lasting structures in football, then, one day, a national team from the region may receive recognition on the global stage.

THE CONVERSATION

SPORTS

Tanzania sadly chucked out of CHAN qualifiers

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

DESPITE narrowly losing 1-0 to Uganda's Cranes in the first leg of their African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers, the Taifa Stars still had high hopes that they would be able to turn things around in the second leg.

However, in the return leg, disaster struck for Taifa Stars as they were sorrowfully on the receiving end of a 3-0 hammering dished out to them last Saturday by ascendant Uganda's Cranes.

Our capitulation in the second leg means that we lost the tie 4-0 on aggregate and consequently, our return leg loss also put paid to our hopes of progressing to the CHAN finals next year.

Indeed, our failure to get the better of the Cranes has put a dampener on the national mood as many of us had been expecting the Taifa Stars to turn the tables in the second leg.

Dispiritingly, matters did not unfold according to the script. Nevertheless, instead of pointing fingers at one another, now is the time for us to engage in some sober reflection on the areas in which we were found wanting.

Doing so will arm us with vital lessons which we can then put into practice once the 2023 AFCON qualifiers pick up from where they left off.

Let us now delve into local women's golf where the national ladies' golf team is presently readying itself for the immensely esteemed All Africa Ladies Golf Championship later this year.

Indeed, for the first time, our country will host the continental ladies' golf showpiece event from September 6-8 this year.

Encouragingly, our national ladies'



Tanzania's senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' midfielder, Faisal Salum (R), gets the better of Uganda's Cranes player as the teams faced off in the 2022 African Nations Championship qualifiers' second leg that took place in Kampala last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

golf team that will lock horns with the crème de la crème of continental ladies' golf consists of seasoned veterans such as Hawa Wanyeché, Madina Iddi, Neema Olomi, and Angel Eaton.

At this point, it should be recalled that the likes of Hawa, Madina, and Angel are no strangers to capturing pieces of silverware as the trio has enjoyed a lot of success during the last 13 years.

Indeed, in 2009, the formidable trio formed the backbone of the national ladies' golf team which lifted the East African Ladies Challenge Golf trophy on hostile territory in Uganda.

Two years later in 2011, the same redoubtable triumvirate retained the East African Ladies' Challenge Golf trophy in thrillingly impressive fashion.

And, since 2011 to date, the likes of Hawa, Madina, and Angel have been crisscrossing the continent

winning titles in various countries such as the Uganda Open, the Coast Open of Kenya, and even the Zambia Open among others.

Disappointingly, though, despite the aforementioned dazzling exploits of our lady golfers, there was little investment channeled into national ladies' golf during this period of sublime success.

It is hoped then that our national ladies' golf team can put their best foot forward at the All Africa Ladies Golf championship that will take place on home soil.

More importantly, one hopes that massive funds will be channeled into local ladies' golf no matter how our national team performs at the prestigious All Africa Ladies Golf Championship.

Harab Motors Pak Stars close in on 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney semis

By Guardian Reporter

HARAB Motors Pak Stars cricketers have boosted their pursuit of the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans Cup tournament's last four after commanding a 33-run victory over Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani last weekend.

Top order batsmen played a pivotal role in Harab Motors Pak Stars' success, having notched impressive figures when the squad batted.

Harab Motors Pak Stars cruised to 181/2 in 20 overs once the team had won the toss and chose to bat.

Opening batsman Ivan Ismail seemingly got his tenacity back after several disappointing spells with the bat, the youthful cricketer ended with 51 runs that included seven fours and three sixes.

There was notable showing that Zafar Khan and Mohamed Omary as well put to show, as the team was determined to notch a convincing figure.

A brief spell that Ismail's fellow opener Nisar Ahmed had faced, ending with five runs, did little to frustrate Harab Motors Pak Stars, following scintillating batting put to show by Omary and Khan.

Omary was the batsman with the most runs, having recorded 66 runs not out, which included eight fours.

The promising cricketer had a great partnership with Khan as the latter added 53 runs not out, blasting four fours and three sixes.

Veteran player Khuzeima Janooowala (one wicket) and Murtaza Shk Kaderbhai (one wicket) were Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani's bowlers that attempted to hold their own against Harab Motors Pak Stars.

In response, Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani cricketers played their hearts out, seeking to turn the tables on Harab Motors Pak Stars, only to end up scoring 148/7 in 20 overs.

Captain Mustafa Lukmanji did his best to have Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani mounting the chase, notching 46 runs.

Failure by several other batsmen to put on good displays, though, made it difficult for the side to reach the target.

Opener Janooowala posted 24 runs whereas Quresh Karimje and Mufaddal Seifuddin recorded 18 runs and 14 runs respectively as Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani vainly fought to reach the target.

Zamoyoni Ramadhani and Pafrod Anacet had an impressive outing during Harab Motors Pak Stars' turn with the ball as the duo notched two wickets apiece.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum



Harab Motors Pak Stars veteran cricketer, Zafar Khan, showcases his batting tenacity as the club locked horns with Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans Cup tournament last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jihusu, Flashnet, Ashtan Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamatics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, and GI Security complete the showdown sponsors' list.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of TCA and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the

year. The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakembe, his deputy, Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Mbappe brushes off Pogba 'magic spell' rumours

PARIS

PARIS Saint-Germain star Kylian Mbappe on Monday confirmed that Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba reached out to him and denied that the two had differences after Mbappe's name came up in an extortion scandal currently under criminal investigation by French prosecutors.

French prosecutors are investigating allegations that Pogba was the target of extortion by his elder brother Mathias Pogba and childhood friends. They allegedly demanded €13 million (nearly \$13m) from the France midfielder.

French media reports said Paul Pogba told investigators the extortionists wanted to discredit him by claiming he asked a witch doctor to cast a spell on Mbappe -- an allegation denied by his France teammate.

On Monday, Mbappe told a news conference that he had no issues and confirmed that Pogba had already reached out to him.

"I don't think it will alter my relationship with him," Mbappe said during the news conference prior to PSG's Tuesday Champions League match against Juventus. "As of today, I prefer to trust the word of a teammate. He called me, he gave me his version of the story and as of today, it is his word against his brother's word."

"So I will trust my teammate, in the best of interest of the national team as well. We have a big competition coming up. He has some issues at the moment so it is not the moment to add to them for him and that's it."

"We will see what happens. I am pretty detached about it."

Mathias Pogba last week appeared to ad-

dress the witch doctor claim in a Twitter post directed at Mbappe: "Kylian, do you understand now? I have nothing against you, what I am saying is for your own good, everything is true and known, the witch doctor is known!"

Pogba reportedly made a €100,000 (\$100,000) payment after he was threatened by masked, armed men in a Paris apartment in March while he was in France for national team duty.

He also denied the accusation about Mbappe, telling media in France that he had not sought to cast any type of spell to harm Mbappe and only used the sorcerer in a bid to be protected from injuries.

Pogba, whose knee injury requires surgery, is sidelined for Juve's clash with PSG on Tuesday and faces a battle to be fit for France's defence of the World Cup trophy in Qatar starting in November.

Early reports say he might not return to action for the Serie A club until January. Last month Pogba decided not to have surgery after he damaged his meniscus in training following his move back to Juve from Manchester United in the close season.

"This morning he trained for the second time but then stopped and it was then decided that he undergo surgery. We will realistically get him back in January," Allegri told reporters before Tuesday's Champions League clash at PSG.

Allegri was unsure if 29-year-old Pogba would be ready for France's world title defence at the Nov. 21-Dec. 18 World Cup in Qatar, adding: "The World Cup is not my problem, Juventus' problem is that he comes back in January."

Ancelotti: 'Good sign' Madrid aren't UCL

GLASGOW

CARLO Ancelotti said it's a "good sign" that last year's winners Real Madrid aren't among the favourites to retain the Champions League this season.

Madrid beat Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea, Manchester City and then Liverpool in the final in May on their way to winning their 14th European Cup.

Despite that success, they find themselves behind City, PSG, Liverpool and Bayern Munich in the odds offered by many bookmakers to win the Champions League this year.

"It doesn't surprise me," Ancelotti said in a news conference on Monday ahead of Madrid's opening Group F game away at Celtic. "I see it as a good sign. Last year, we had even fewer possibilities in the statistics."

"This year we've improved a bit! What happened last year will happen [this year]. We'll compete until the end, and let's hope we can compete in the final."

Madrid's start to the season has seen them continue the form that claimed a LaLiga and Champions League double

last year, with four wins out of four in the league.

The Spanish giants have dominated Europe's premier club competition in the last decade, winning the tournament five times in the last nine years.

"Real Madrid have always been respected in this competition," Ancelotti said. "It's not just about last year, it's about our history. You never know what will happen. We have to think about the group, going through, and then we'll see what happens after the World Cup."

Vinicius Junior scored the only goal in Madrid's 1-0 win over Liverpool in the final in Paris on May 28, and the club confirmed on Monday that the Brazil winger's application for a Spanish passport had been completed last week, freeing up one of the three non-European player spots in the squad.

"The club, the fans and the people of Madrid have given me a lot," Vinicius said. "I arrived here at 18 when I had just started my career in football, now I'm 22. I love being at Madrid, and my family to. I want to be here for a long time."

(Agencies)

Spanish league moves to expand in Middle East, North Africa

MADRID

THE Spanish league is set to announce a new joint venture to expand its reach in the Middle East, North Africa and the Indian subcontinent on Tuesday, continuing its push to grow internationally and narrow the gap to the Premier League.

The deal is expected to generate 3 billion euros (\$2.9 billion) in revenue and will be similar to what the league did with entertainment group Relevent Sports to help promote soccer and the league in North America, a source close to the agreement told The Associated Press.

The Spanish league will have a 50-50 participation in the 15-year joint venture with multinational esports and gaming organization Galaxy Racer, which has expertise in the region, the source told the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been officially announced.

The league wants to significantly increase the presence of its clubs and Spanish soccer in this "strategic part of the world." The

goal is to target younger audiences in an area with 1.3 billion people under the age of 30.

The Spanish league said it already is one of the most popular leagues in the area. Dubai was the first international office the league opened back in 2013.

The German has not broadcast in the region in the recent past, and the Italian league has limited distribution in the area, backers of the new venture said.

The 15-year deal signed in 2018 with Relevent, co-founded by Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, included an agreement to play regular-season games in the United States, but the league is yet to make it happen because of challenges involving some clubs and the Spanish soccer federation.

The Spanish league in August signed a multi-year deal to have videogaming company EA Sports as its title sponsor beginning next season.

AP

'Kvaradona' leading upbeat Napoli's charge against Liverpool

NAPLES

KHVICHA Kvaratskhelia is the name dancing around Napoli fans' lips thanks to a stunning start to life in Italy which has swept away the summertime blues ahead of today's visit of Liverpool.

Kvaratskhelia has been nicknamed "Kvaradona" after scoring four times and setting up another goal in the first five rounds of Serie A fixtures.

The Georgian will be leading Napoli's bid for a big win in their Group A opener at the Stadio Maradona, especially as Nigeria forward Victor Osimhen is a doubt with a muscular problem.

And while comparing him to Napoli's and possibly football's greatest ever player might seem like blasphemy, it is testament to how well he has slotted into a team which until the first day of the Serie A season appeared to be deep in crisis.

Such has been his impact he has also been called the "new KK" after Kalidou Koulibaly, one of four big players to leave the club since their league title challenge collapsed at the tail end of last season.

Napoli coach Luciano Spalletti has been keen to dampen expectations of the 21-year-old, who arrived from Dinamo Batumi in his home country but who had already impressed over three years at Rubin Kazan before leaving following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"He's a really sweet kid, a good kid, one of those who at times doesn't want to be in certain situations because he's so timid," said Spalletti on Saturday after his latest match-winning display at Lazio.

"When you see him walk about he's all floppy like he's on springs, but when you give him the ball he knows



Khvicha Kvaratskhelia

how to move.

"He's got a quality in how he strikes the ball and brings down anything you throw at him."

- Bad feeling banished -

Kvaratskhelia smashed home the decisive second in Napoli's 2-1 win at Lazio which put them two points behind Serie A leaders Atalanta, and he could easily have had more.

His beautifully struck effort from distance cannoned off the post in the first half and he should have put Napoli ahead moments before his 61st-minute winner, shaving the bar from an almost identical chance.

His instant impact and obvious delight at playing for such a storied

club have been the perfect antidote to the negative vibes which had been almost as suffocating as the heat of a Neapolitan summer.

Fans were livid after seeing some of their crown jewels sold off with few of the replacements seen as adequate for a team who were in last season's exciting Scudetto race until April.

They implored owner Aurelio De Laurentiis to sell the club, using the hashtag "A16" on social media as a reference to the motorway which connects Naples with Bari, another southern city where the film mogul owns the club.

During a summer training camp

event organised to present the team Spalletti was interrupted by an enraged supporter who shouted at him to "wake up" from his supposed torpor.

But nine goals from their first two games, Kvaratskhelia's sparkling form in both and the subsequent arrival of Italy starlet Giacomo Raspadori, Giovanni Simeone and Tanguy Ndombele swept away the ill feeling.

A fresh league title bid looks on the cards, but the question is now whether Kvaratskhelia and Spalletti's exciting side can make the sort of impact on the Champions League that Italian clubs have failed to do for too long.

AFP

Serena Williams gets well-earned rest following US Open exit

NEW YORK

SERENA Williams has reached her break point – she caught up on her rest following her last match at the U.S. Open.

The 40-year-old Williams posted a photo on Instagram Monday of herself under a "Moana" blanket and seemingly asleep as she used a stuffed animal as a pillow. The mother of 5-year-old Olympia, Williams wrote, "How was your weekend? This was mine."

Her career seemingly came to an end when she lost last week in her final U.S. Open. Williams won 23 Grand Slam titles and was celebrated by celebrities, fellow competitors and fans throughout her matches at Flushing Meadows. The tributes from tennis players to the NFL stretched into Monday.

Rising American standout Frances Tiafoe recalled after his upset win Tuesday over Rafael Nadal the inspiration he received from watching Serena and her older sister, Venus.

"At that time watching Serena and Venus play finals of Grand Slams at that time, when I was super young, I was like, how cool would it be to play Wimbledon, to play on Arthur Ashe and stuff like that," Tiafoe said after his big win at Ashe.

Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady – like Williams, another age-defying championship athlete – praised Williams on Monday on his weekly podcast.

"What a joy it was to watch her play," Brady said. "She didn't play for a little while, and I think she realized it's a lot of fun to play. And I think sometimes when you're in the middle of it, you take it for granted to a degree, like, 'Oh, it will be there.' And then it's not there for a year and you go, 'God, I really love it. I really want to play.' And then you get out there and play and you enjoy it."

Williams turns 41 on Sept. 26 and says she wants to grow her family and pursue business interests.

Meanwhile, Frances Tiafoe's vision was blurry from the tears. He was thrilled – overwhelmed, even – when the last point was over and it hit him that, yes, he had ended Rafael Nadal's 22-match Grand Slam winning streak Monday and reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the first time.

"I felt like the world stopped," Tiafoe said. "I couldn't hear anything for a minute."

Then Tiafoe found himself "losing it in the locker room" when he saw that NBA superstar LeBron James gave him a Twitter shoutout.

"Bro," Tiafoe said, "I was going crazy."



Serena Williams, of the United States, motions a heart to fans after losing to Ajla Tomljanovic, of Australia, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, in New York. (AP Photo)

What meant the most to Tiafoe about his 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over 22-time major champion Nadal in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows, though, was looking up in his Arthur Ashe Stadium guest box and knowing his parents, Constant and Alpha, were there.

"To see them experience me beat Rafa Nadal – they've seen me have big wins, but to beat those 'Mount Rushmore' guys? For them, I can't imagine what was going through their heads," said Tiafoe, a 24-year-old American seeded 22nd at the U.S. Open. "I mean, they're going to remember today for the rest of their lives."

His parents both emigrated to the United States from Sierra Leone in West Africa amid its civil war in the 1990s. They ended up in Maryland, where Constant helped construct a tennis training center for juniors, then became a maintenance man there; Alpha, Frances said, was "a nurse, working two jobs, working overtime through the nights." Frances and his twin brother, Franklin, were born in 1998, and soon would be spending hour upon hour where Dad's job was, rackets in hand.

Maybe one day, went the dream, a college scholarship would come of it.

"It wasn't anything supposed to be like this," Tiafoe said Monday evening, hours after by far his biggest victory.

He is the youngest American man to get this far at the U.S. Open since Andy Roddick in 2006, but this was not a case of a one-sided crowd backing one of its own. Nadal is about as popular as it gets in tennis and heard plenty of support as the volume raised after the retractable roof was shut in the fourth set.

"It's something to tell the kids, the grandkids: Yeah, I beat Rafa," Tiafoe said with a big smile.

He served better than No. 2 seed Nadal. More surprisingly, he returned better, too. And he kept his cool, remained in the moment and never let the stakes or the opponent get to him. Nadal, a 36-year-old from Spain, had won both of their previous matches, and every set they played, too.

"Well, the difference is easy: I played a bad match and he played a good match," Nadal said. "At the end that's it."

This surprise came a day after Tiafoe

followed along on TV as his pal Nick Kyrgios "put on a show" and eliminated No. 1 seed and defending champion Daniil Medvedev. That makes this the first U.S. Open without either of the top two seeded men reaching the quarterfinals since 2000, when No. 1 Andre Agassi exited in the second round and No. 2 Gustavo Kuerten in the first.

That was before Nadal, Novak Djokovic, who has 21 Grand Slam titles, and Roger Federer, who has 20, began dominating men's tennis. Djokovic, 35, did not enter this U.S. Open because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19 and was not allowed to enter the United States; Federer, 41, has undergone a series of operations on his right knee and last played at Wimbledon last year.

Now come the inevitable questions about whether their era of excellence is wrapping up.

"It signifies that the years go by," Nadal said. "It's the circle of life." Tiafoe now meets No. 9 Andrey Rublev, who beat No. 7 Cam Norrie 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 earlier Monday.

Late Monday turned into early Tuesday when third-seeded Carlos Alcaraz beat No. 15 seed Marin Cilic 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 54 minutes and ended at 2:23 a.m.

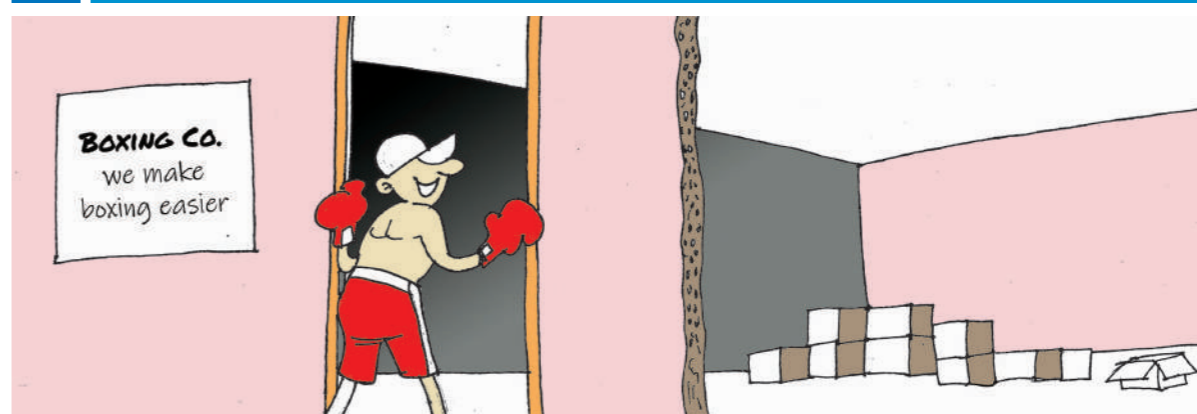
No. 11 Jannik Sinner rallied from two games down in the fifth set to beat Ilya Ivashka 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

The No. 1 woman, Iga Swiatek, moved into her first quarterfinal at Flushing Meadows by coming back to beat

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Zoran Maki. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Simba SC parts ways with coach Maki

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC has confirmed parting ways with its head coach Zoran Maki in the wake of the team's back-to-back defeats in friendlies with Sudan's Al Hilal and AS Arta Solar 7 of Djibouti last week.

Maki was tasked with overseeing Simba SC's revival after last season's failure to defend the Community Shield, Federation Cup, and the Premier League title.

He was expected to do well in the NBC Premier League, and Federation Cup as well qualifying for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League semi-finals. He failed in his first silverware quest when Simba SC lost 2-1 to bitter rivals Yanga in this season's Community Shield match.

In the league, the team has managed to win its first two opening games against Kagera Sugar and Geita Gold FC.

However, Simba SC's two international friendlies against Sudan's Al Hilal and Djibouti's AS Arta Solar 7 are the ones that sealed the fate of the tactician.

On Wednesday last week, Simba SC lost 1-0 to Al Hilal in Sudan and then lost 1-0 in a friendly match against AS Arta Solar 7 in another friendly played in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

In a statement issued by the club's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, Simba SC confirmed parting ways with Maki and his two assistants, fitness coach Sbai Karim, and goalkeeping coach Mohamed Rachid.

The outfit revealed: "Simba Sports Club has reached an agreement to mutually part ways with our head coach, Zoran Maki. Furthermore, the club has reached a mutual agreement to part ways with our fitness coach Sbai Karim and goalkeeping coach Mohamed Rachid."

"Simba Sports Club wishes them all the best in their future endeavours, they will always remain part of the Simba family."

"Ahead of tomorrow's league match against KMC FC, the team will be under coach Selemeni Matola. The recruitment of the new head coach is underway, and shall be announced once the new candidate has been identified."

Maki, the former Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco) and Angola's Primeiro de Agosto boss had been appointed Simba SC's new head coach ahead of the 2022/23 season, the 59-year-old agreed terms on a one-year renewable deal.

He became Simba SC's sixth head coach in the space of five years. He took over the reins following the dismissal of Pablo Franco Martin, who guided the Simba SC to the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals but failed to defend the league and Federation Cup titles in the 2021/22 campaign.

Maki has vast experience in African football, having handled the likes of Primeiro de Agosto (Angola), Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco), Al Hilal Club (Sudan), CR Belouizdad (Algeria), and Angola's Sagrada Esperanca.

Azam FC appoints former Cameroon coach Denis Lavagne

By Correspondents Michael Mwebi & Joseph Mchekadona

AZAM FC's Board of Directors headed by Yusuph Bakhressa has settled for Denis Lavagne as the club's new first-team coach to fill in the vacant position. The French gaffer has been given a one-year deal.

He comes in to replace the Somali-American Abdihamid Moallin, who was demoted last week and follows the likes of Zambian George Lwandamina and Dutch Hans van der Pluijm into the hot seat at the Chamazi-based club.

Fifty-eight-year-old Lavagne (pictured) arrives at the club with a wealth of experience and a proven track record, having coached several clubs on the African continent.

He counts Coton Sport (Cameroon), Etoile Du Sahel (Tunisia), Al Itihad Alexandria (Egypt), Mas De Fes, Difaa el Jadida (Morocco), and Al Hilal (Sudan) among his former clubs.

Last year Lavagne was appointed coach of USM Alger of Algeria but, three months later, he parted ways, taking charge of eight games.

The French tactician also had a brief run in charge of Cameroon's national team, nicknamed Indomitable Lions.

He had eight games in charge of them with five wins, one draw, and two defeats but got fired after a 2-0 loss to the Cape Verde Islands in the qualifiers for a place in the 2013 African Nations Cup finals that took place in South Africa.

Before that, Lavagne built his reputation in Cameroon with Coton Sport, who dominated the league and won four titles, and went to the CAF Champions League final, losing 4-2 on aggregate to Al Ahly of Egypt in the final.

His coaching career highlights include winning the Tunisian Cup with Etoile du Sahel, and qualification for CAF Confederation Cup final with JS Kabylie in 2021.

In 2019, he reached the CAF Champions League quarterfinal with the Algerian club, CS Constantine.

Azam FC confirmed the appointment of the new coach on the club's official website on Monday night.

The outfit noted in a statement: "We are happy to inform you that we have reached an agreement with Denis Lavagne, to be our head coach." "The French coach, with a high profile, with a high coaching license (UEFA Pro Licence), is coming to replace Abdihamid Moallin."

Lavagne arrived in Dar es Salaam yesterday before he officially took over from interim coach Daniel Cadena who will continue with his double role of assistant tactician and goalkeeping coach for the club.

The gaffer pointed out: "It is a great honour to join this club, I hope that, with support from everyone, we will achieve our goals."

At Azam FC, Lavagne's immediate task will be to guide the outfit in the ongoing NBC Premier League and also in next month's CAF Confederation Cup preliminary round.



Simba SC aims to stretch winning run in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC continues to be one of the best teams in the NBC Premier League this season, boasting a 100 percent winning record.

This Wednesday the outfit will be eager to keep this trend going in front of the home crowd against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

The team, popularly known as 'Msimbazi Reds', is the only team in the whole tournament not to have conceded a goal so far and will be out to make it three wins in three opening games of the campaign.

The Msimbazi Street giants are unbeaten against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in eight games, having won eight.

Ahead of the encounter that will take place at Benjamin Mkap Stadium in Dar es Salaam, Simba SC's assistant coach Selemeni Matola exuded confidence that his side will maintain their good run against KMC FC.

The gaffer noted: "We are glad that our preparations are going well, it is an important game, KMC FC is not an easy team."

"There has never been an easy game when Simba SC faced KMC FC but we go into this game fully focused to win."

"We have a clean bill of health and all our players are in the training camp ready to face KMC FC."

"Joash Onyango has not trained with us for the past two days and won't be part of the game, the management is aware of his issue, and they are working to resolve it."

Simba SC captain Mohamed Hussein said the squad is beaming with confidence to take to the pitch in search of a third consecutive victory this season.

The Msimbazi Street squad started the season with a 2-0 defeat of Geita Gold FC before thumping Kagera Sugar 3-0 at the same venue.

The left fullback stated: "The league has begun, we are heading to our third game. It is an important match as we need to win three points to remain at the top of the table."

"Our aim this season is to win every game to reclaim the league



Simba SC's Zambian forward, Moses Phiri (L), dribbles past Kagera Sugar's center back, Laurent Alfred, as the clubs faced off in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League match that was played in Dar es Salaam last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

title that we lost last season."

KMC FC hardly seems to be affected by injuries at the moment.

Ahmad Ally, KMC FC's assistant coach, expressed his satisfaction with the team's preparation following a two-week break that has allowed them to work on problematic areas seen in the defeat to Coastal Union and a draw with Polisi Tanzania.

Ally stated: "We have done 90 percent of our preparation, the remaining 10 will be on the pitch. In the two-week

league break, we have seen improvements in our squad. We have seen how we played in the opening two games, we have tried to resolve the apparent issues."

The gaffer revealed: "We are heading into our third away game, tough match. We are up against a big team, they have quality players who can hurt you any time in any zone. We have analyzed Simba SC's areas of weakness and strength so that we get the right approach."

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