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# Govt sets high school, technical training lists



By Correspondent Paul Mabeja, Dodoma

**A** TOTAL of 188,787 students who met the criteria, including 812 with special needs, will join Form Five in various high schools and colleges in various fields in the wake of secondary school exam results recently.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG) said at a press conference here yesterday.

Candidates registered to take the form four exam in 2023 stood at 572,359 where 310,248 are girls and 262,111 boys, with private candidates standing at 29,027 in all, being 17,126 girls and 11,901 boys, he said.

The quality of performance by looking at the grades shows that 197,426 candidates obtained Division 1 - III, a mild 0.47 percent improvement from 192,348 candidates falling in that range in 2022, he asserted.

All qualified students have found a place in schools and technical colleges in pursuit of current government policy in that sphere, he said, highlighting that students joining Form Five stand at 131,986 of whom 66,432 are girls and 65,554 boys.

They will be scattered in 622 advanced secondary schools including 82 new ones that start enrolling students this year, he said, where 1,462 students, being 669 girls and 793 boys, were assigned to eight specified secondary schools.

These are Kilakala, Mzumbe, Ilboru, Kisimiri, Msalato, Kibaha, Tabora Boys and Tabora Girls, marked out for engaging students with the highest scores, he stated.

Beatrice Bandawe (2nd-L), Managing Editor of The Guardian newspaper's Kiswahili sister publication, Nipashe, holds the 2024 Africa laureate of the Women in News Editorial Leadership Award she has won. She was presented with the prestigious award at midweek at the World Association of News Publishers' (WAN-IFRA) World News Congress held in Copenhagen. From-L: WAN-IFRA Chief Executive Officer Vincent Peyregne, the Arab Region winner Dima Khatib, and Melanie Walker, executive director of media development at WAN-IFRA doubling as creator of its Women in News programme. Photo: Special Correspondent

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**TBA collects 4.3bn/- rental obligations out of 14.35bn/-**

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

REVENUES at the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA) reached 4.3bn/- out of 14.35bn/- rental obligations expected from its tenants across the country.

Works minister Innocent Bashungwa made this observation in the National Assembly on Wednesday when tabling the ministry's budget estimates for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Affirming that there was nonetheless an increase in rental collections, he said that efforts were still needed to ensure that all indebted clients pay their rent dues, vowing that no one will be spared from debt collection measures.

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**Norway seeking out Z'bar oil, gas sector**

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

NORWAY has expressed interest in the Zanzibar oil and gas sector, while setting out to assist the Isles authorities in its electricity supply, health and environment plans.

Norwegian ambassador Tone Tinnes expressed this desire in conversation with Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, when he paid a courtesy call at the State House here yesterday.

The president said that the Zanzibar government intends to supply electricity to all villages in Unguja and Pemba islands to accelerate development activities in those areas.

A presidential communications statement affirmed that the talks on the four areas earmarked for cooperation, with emphasis on supplying electricity to all villages.

The president formally invited Norway to look at investment opportunities in the Zanzibar oil and gas sector, meanwhile as it increases cooperation levels in the health sector.

The key project is enhancing facilities at the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital to take up heart surgery when it has the right specialists, the president noted, praising existing cooperation on environmental issues.

Zanzibar has a good partnership with Norway in those areas, especially in relation to empowering women in various sectors, he said, noting that there is room for exploring cooperation in developing Zanzibar's seaweed farmers in line with the blue economy policy.

The blue economy is the centre piece in the government's efforts to foster economic growth, followed by tourism which at present accounts for 30 percent of gross national income.

Ambassador Tinnes assured the president of enhanced cooperation with the Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO) in strategic projects, noting that preliminary talks had already been held on strengthening cooperation in that direction.

Collaboration was being enhanced between the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital and the main hospital in Norway, to enhance expertise in different areas, he state, in similar manner as the Zanzibar Revenue Authority (ZRA) and the main Norwegian tax institution.

He praised the great progress achieved by the Zanzibar government in the six decades of bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Norway. It is fostered on communities cooperating on various economic and social issues, he added.

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Noting that the debt collection drive will be sustained, he cautioned that it is better for tenants to ensure that they pay their rent on time and those with big debts clear them to avoid inconveniences.

Without acting hard on tenants, the funds will be lost and thus affect the agency's operations, so the ministry is working to ensure that the government gets what it is required to collect.

This way the tenants will live peacefully in the buildings, he said, while Selemani Kakeso (Mpanda Rural), who chairs the Infrastructure standing committee, advised the government to put in place new systems which facilitate easy collection of debts if it would penalise those who delay to pay required dues.

"All tenants whose institutions have failed to pay rent should be removed from the houses," he urged, insisting that the government needs to act hard on the matter as it threatens to cripple TBA operations.

"We all know that there are many people out there who need the services," he said, noting that good collection of debts facilitates building more residences to serve people and increase revenues.

An online profile says that TBA is not a real competitor of the National Housing Corporation (NHC) as TBA mainly focuses on housing for civil servants. "As TBA is not a real competitor, it represents an exciting and expansive stage of development in the sector," it says.

Since the inception of the agency back in 2002, it had by the end of the decade put up 1,226 public housing units and sold over 7,499 houses to public servants, it said, affirming that TBA's primary customer base comprises public

servants. The breadth of its customer needs stood at 400,000 with a projected average annual growth rate of 6.2 per cent that was set out in the 2013 to 2017 period. "This customer base and expected growth indicates a significant mismatch between demand and supply of public houses, and increases the need for us to grow our capacity in order to meet our customers' needs," the profile noted.

"Therefore, one of our key goals in this strategy period, 2012 - 2017, is to construct an additional 10,000 for selling and renting to public servants by 2017," it stated, elaborating that to guide this next stage of growth, TBA initiated a major planning process by soliciting input from a broad range of interested parties including TBA staff, key stakeholders within the government, prospective customers and business partners.

Through this process, the agency identified areas of strengths that TBA can capitalize on; uncovered weak areas within TBA that must be addressed in order to achieve the set growth target, and identified key opportunities to unlock and risks that must be mitigated along the way, the profile affirmed.

It singled out one of the biggest challenges TBA faces as the high debt owed by government institutions, which at the time the report was compiled stood at 17.5bn/-, noting that this situation has limited TBA's ability to undertake development activities and in completing assigned consultancy projects. Accomplishing the goals outlined in its strategic plan requires significant resources to be generated and significant levels of energy, commitment and time on the part of TBA, the ministerial advisory board and the government," the write up intoned.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with Norway's Ambassador to Tanzania, Toni Tinnes, who called on him at Zanzibar State House yesterday to introduce herself. Photo: Zanzibar State House

## Carbon trading leads in village earning sources

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Kiteto

VILLAGES dedicating much of their mapped land to conservation say they are earning more from carbon trading arrangements than what they obtain from tourism and commercial hunting.

Supuk Olekao, secretary to the Makame Wildlife Management Area (WMA), said here yesterday that residents comprising the WMA in Kiteto District, Manyara Region, are ranked the country's biggest community conservation entity with 3,716 square kilometres of such land.

Selling carbon credits is far more profitable for the five villages of Irkiushoibor, Makame, Katikati, Ndedo and Ngabolo, indicating that they

earned 2.6bn/- from carbon trading. Lendukushi Moisari, the WMA board chairman, said that the villagers earned what now looks a paltry 1bn/- from leasing out hunting blocks to wildlife trekking firms, designating 1,040 square kilometres of the conserved land to carbon trading.

The five villages mapped within the Ndedo and Makame wards of Kiteto occupy 5000 square kilometres, where they pooled 3,716 square kilometres of the land into the WMA as a joint venture, he stated.

For instance, poaching incidents in the savannah wilderness sprawling the areas fell by up to 95 per cent, he said, underlining that this resulted from community projects and services being funded by money raised through the carbon market. The village authorities pay for edu-

cation and medical costs for all the villagers.

Each village obtained a 206m/- share from the carbon transactions, he said, noting that other Kiteto, District villages of Amei, Lolera, Lesoit and Lembapuli pooled parts of their respective precincts to form Aole grazing plains.

These are rangelands that essentially are protected areas with scores of wildlife species, he said.

The Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF) backed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) empowers the villages to formalise the connectivity landscape, a vital wildlife passage linking nearby national parks and game protected areas, he stated.

Ngushani Lengohoke, the Aole connectivity landscape chairman,

said the villagers were pursuing efforts to start participating in carbon trading arrangements, as teams of conservation organizations visit the area to draw the villagers into the scheme, remarks that were backed up by Aole secretary, Kambona Lemanda.

Sangaive village in Babati District is recording considerable income from the area dedicated to conservation. Two companies have leased plots from the village land for tourist lodges, earning the villagers nearly 1.2bn/- annually, distinct from what they obtain for their portion of Burunge WMA, he stated.

Marian Manso, the area's chairperson, similarly noted the pursuit of engaging in carbon trading, in the wake of the TNRF-USAID conservation rollout drive.

## Papua New Guinea landslide survivors appeal for support

PORT MORESBY

RESIDENTS from a village in Papua New Guinea that has been left devastated by a landslide last Friday have appealed for aid.

The United Nations has estimated that 670 villagers were killed in the disaster and over 1,000 displaced.

A mass of boulders, earth and splintered trees devastated Yambali in the South Pacific nation's remote highlands when a limestone mountainside sheared away on Friday.

"When our enemies attack us, there are warnings and alerts before the attack," said Frida Yeahkal, a local affected by the disaster.

"This natural disaster took us by surprise and shocked everyone. It destroyed everything we had."

Yeahkal outlined her and other locals fear that the area was still not stable and called on the government to help relocate residents to safer ar-

eas.

"Gardens and houses have all been destroyed, so we need food to eat and houses to sleep," said Yuri Yapara, a community leader. "Even the good places to build houses have been destroyed and we urgently need help and if there is none coming or help is delayed, the lives of the ones living are in danger."

Authorities in Papua New Guinea were searching on Wednesday for safer ground to relocate the thousands of survivors at risk from a potential second landslide.

Emergency responders said that up to 8,000 people might need to be evacuated from the area.

Papua New Guinea's government has told the United Nations it thinks more than 2,000 people were buried.

Aid from Australia to help those in need has arrived in the country and was seen being placed into trucks on Wednesday.



Health minister Ummy Mwalimu addresses the May 27 to June 1 Seventy-Seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva on Wednesday. She underlined the need to use community health workers in the provision of health services at the primary level. Photo: MoH

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Form Five day secondary schools will take up 6,576 students, namely 3,449 girls and 3,127 boys, while 123,948 students, with 62,636 girls and 61,312 boys, join Form Five national boarding secondary schools, he further noted.

A total of 56,801 students, with 17,332 girls and 39,469 boys, join

various diploma courses and technical education colleges under the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NACT-VET).

The Arusha Technical College (ATC), the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), the Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) as well as the Water

Development and Management Institute (WDMI) will share out 2,107 students, being 804 girls and 1,303 boys, he elaborated.

He said another 2,019 students including 1,011 girls and 1,008 boys have been selected to join health colleges at the Diploma level.

A hefty batch of 52,675 students including 15,717 girls and 37,158

boys join various courses including agriculture, animal husbandry, administration, business and various certificate courses in technical education colleges countrywide.

The first term for Form Five students starts on July 1, so all those selected need to have reported to school by June 30, with July 14 slated as final reporting day, he added.



Mohammed Mchengerwa, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), briefs the media in Dodoma city yesterday on students selected to enrol for Form Five education and training in technical colleges. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja



Makete constituency legislator Festo Sanga (R) seeks an answer from Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa during yesterday's weekly 'Questions to the Prime Minister' session in the National Assembly in Dodoma city. Photo: Correspondent Ibarhim Joseph

## Women-owned firms open for intra-African trade than men's

By Special Correspondent

BUSINESSES owned by women are more open for intra-African trade than male-owned ones, a new survey shows, highlighting the need for market diversification.

The research focused on trade-led industrialization featuring auto, personal care products, clothing, and textile value chains, which offers women and youth support for inclusive value chain industrialization.

These findings are important as state parties are beginning to implement the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement. AfCFTA is an ambitious initiative to create a single continental market for goods and services, supported by the free movement of people and capital.

They will also be useful for the AfCFTA Secretariat and other organizations, such as Afreximbank and UNECA, as they implement value chain support programmes.

Trade Law Center (TRALAC) Executive Director Trudi Hartzenberg highlighted progress made by AfCFTA towards supporting women entrepreneurs to take up new trade and value chain opportunities under the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade to address the systemic challenges faced by women and youth traders.

"From the research findings, we have noted that substantially, women-owned businesses are more likely to focus on intra-Africa trade than the male-owned enterprises," said Hartzenberg.

With support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Tralac carried out a gendered analysis of value chains in the AfCFTA, drawing on existing data on trade and value chains. The research survey was conducted with over 500 small, medium, and micro enterprises covering 21 countries in East, West, and Southern Africa.

It further complemented existing World Bank and other enterprise surveys with a focus on non-tariff barriers, transport costs, and the business environment.

## Southern African countries fear losing more jumbos to droughts

By Nyasha Chingono, Livingstone

SOUTHERN African countries home to the largest elephant population in the world fear a rise in animal deaths in the coming months as food and water sources dwindle following severe droughts.

The region experienced an extended hot, dry spell during its 2023/24 rainy season, attributed to El Nino, a weather phenomenon marked by the warming of the waters in the east-

ern Pacific, leading to hotter weather across the world. El Nino has worsened the impact of climate change, scientists say.

The drought has affected water and food supplies for humans, livestock and wildlife.

Zimbabwe lost 160 elephants in its premier Hwange National Park in the year to January 2024, according to the country's wildlife authority.

Botswana lost 300 elephants to drought last year, according to its

environment ministry. Others like Zambia have also confirmed deaths of elephants in its national parks, with Minister of Environment Rodney Sikumba describing the drought as "devastating."

The five countries making up the Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) conservation area - Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Angola and Namibia, home to a combined 227,000 elephants - are meeting in Livingstone, Zambia, to discuss sustainable wildlife man-

agement.

"The drought has had an adverse effect and you would notice that most of the watering holes in parks around KAZA are drying up," Sikumba said on the sidelines of the conference.

"In the absence of water and food, you will see carcasses dotted around the parks."

The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority (Zimparks) said it had received \$3 million from the country's

disaster fund to boost water supply in national parks, but its director general Fulton Mangwanya said this was not enough to save wildlife.

"We have over 150 solar powered boreholes. However, it will not stop the elephants from dying when the drought hits hard. We are ready for the drought, but some situations cannot be avoided," Mangwanya said.

Delegates said climate change has worsened human-wildlife conflict as

elephants encroach on human habitat in search of food and water. Last year Zimbabwe lost 50 people to elephant attacks.

Philip Kuvawoga, the International Fund for Animal Welfare's (IFAW) director for landscape conservation, said wildlife faced a bigger risk of food shortage due to the drought and heightened fire risk. "Fire management is important so we retain and sustain food available for wildlife," he said.

## Experts want legal framework on AI usage to protect privacy

By Getrude Mbagu

TECHNOLOGY stakeholders have underscored the need for the government through its regulatory authorities to put in place robust measures to protect consumers from the ongoing development of artificial intelligence (AI).

According to them, despite massive opportunities that the AI value chain offers, many consumers are at high risk of losing their right to privacy but also find themselves in the hands of scammers or fake companies, something which affects the economy and development in general.

Speaking during a stakeholders' workshop on AI in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the experts said that the government needs to establish legal and ethical frameworks on development and deployment of AI through data privacy, security, transparency and accountability in AI systems.

"Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and internet of things are key in digital transformation to produce more jobs and promote socio-economic development but when adopting these, we need to be very careful with their negative impacts that may harm people," said Judge Salma Maghimbi, Chairperson of the Fair Competition Tribunal (FCT).

According to her, without controlling technological systems which provide

services to people, the risk of increased supply of substandard products through fake systems can increase thus affecting the economy in general.

She said it is important to ensure that AI developers create models that respect user privacy by minimizing data requirements through implementation of robust data protection measures.

"Artificial intelligence, a fast-evolving technology that taps into the intelligence of machines or software, is transforming all social spheres globally. Nevertheless, the introduction of these cutting-edge solutions poses substantial challenges in clinical and care environments, necessitating a thorough exploration of ethical, legal and regulatory considerations," she said.

Dr Anthony Kigombola, Lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam, said it was time to develop national strategies that align with global principles, fostering an environment where responsible AI can flourish and consumer rights are protected.

Dr Aggrey Mlimuka, Chairman of the Fair Competition Commission (FCC), said that researchers have a big role to play to dig deep and come up with alternatives which will ensure the rights and interests of consumers.

"We need to ensure that we all know the advantages of AI along with its negative impacts and how they can be addressed to continue to promote a safe society," he said.



Ireland's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mary O'Neill (R) and the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Livestock and Fisheries ministry, Prof Riziki Shemdoe (2nd-L), grace yesterday's launch in Tanga city of Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (western zone) infrastructure recently refurbished with funding from the Irish government. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tanga

## Local govt polls: CCM warns aspirants who engage in campaign before flute

By Henry Mwangonde, Singida

CCM Secretary General Dr Emanuel Nchimbi has warned the party's members who aspire to vie for various positions in the coming local government election to stop campaigning before official whistle.

Speaking during an internal meeting with CCM leaders in

Singida Region yesterday, Dr Nchimbi said there has been a tendency by some aspiring members to campaign before time, creating pressure on current elected leaders who end up underperforming hence threatening the party's unity.

"This has to stop for the unity of our party; these elected positions are meant to serve

the people and therefore we should focus on serving until the right time comes," he said. He said that the party will be vigilant at national level to ensure the process to get strong party candidates to vie for various positions during the election is participatory and fair.

Dr Nchimbi also told regional party leaders to be

exemplary by refraining from being used by aspirants to get positions.

"Leaders should be chosen by merit and not otherwise; we need to scrutinise who is ready to serve and who is here to seek positions," he said.

Dr Nchimbi said CCM as a party belongs to members, asking the regional leaders

to involve them in decision-making processes.

The local government election is set to take place later this year and various political parties hold intra-party elections as part of efforts to strengthen their institutions ahead of the polls.

Before holding the meeting, Dr Nchimbi inspected the CCM regional office which

has been under construction for a long time where he promised to lead fundraising for its completion.

Earlier, Secretary for Ideology and Publicity Amos Makalla said the government has put in place strategies to end poverty in Singida Region.

Dr Nchimbi is continuing with his tour of five regions

aimed at strengthening the party and inspecting implementation of the party's 2020/25 election manifesto.

He is accompanied by the party's Secretary for political and International Affairs Rabia Hamid and Makalla whereby after Singida, he is expected to proceed to Manyara, Arusha Kilimanjaro and Tanga regions.



Dr Juma Malik Akil (3rd-L), Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar President's Office (Finance and Planning), pictured in Nairobi yesterday leading the Tanzanian delegation at a meeting with Africa50 officials. The agency is meant to narrow Africa's infrastructure funding gap by facilitating project development, mobilising public and private sector finance and investing in infrastructure. Photo: Finance ministry

## UNICEF reports surge in violence against children in Africa's Sahel

By Special Correspondent

VIOLENCE against children in the central Sahel region of Africa surged dramatically in the last quarter of 2023, skyrocketing by 70 percent over the previous three months, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported yesterday.

The agency revealed that in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, cases of recruitment and use of children in armed groups along with killings and maiming increased by more than 130 per cent between the two time periods.

Gilles Fagninou, UNICEF's regional director for West and Central Africa, underscored the need to curb the distressing rise.

"Civilians need protection from all forms of violence. Communities caught up in fighting need protection. Far too many children are being affected by grave violations of their rights, including killings, abduction and recruitment by armed groups," he said.

Ensuring the protection of children is critical, and the violent incidents in the central Sahel region must stop if children are to realise their basic rights to life under the international Convention on the Rights of the Child and the regional African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

"UNICEF calls on all involved in the ongoing crisis in central Sahel to put an end

to all forms of violence, killing and abuse of children, in line with their obligations under international law," he added.

The security situation across central Sahel remains volatile, with frequent attacks on civilians against a backdrop of political tensions and rising humanitarian needs. Between February and April, over 1,180 security incidents were reported, which claimed the lives nearly 3,400 people.

Emblematic of the dire situation, several hundred people were reported killed in Burkina Faso, with reports that more than 220 civilians, including 56 children, were killed in attacks reportedly carried out by the military in two villages on a single day in late February.

Similarly in Mali, some 110 civilian men travelling on three buses between the towns of Bandiagara and Bankass were abducted by armed groups in mid-April. They are yet to be released.

UN Security Council resolution 1612, adopted in 2005, identified six grave violations against children: recruitment and use of child soldiers, killing and maiming, sexual violence, abduction, attacks against schools or hospitals and the denial of humanitarian access.

By highlighting these violations, the resolution sought to galvanise global efforts to protect children in conflict zones and mitigate the devastating impact of war on young lives.

## Mine inspections unearth accidents in artisanal pits

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

THE Ministry of Minerals has inspected a total of 21,686 mines in the past ten months and found rampant accidents in small-scale operations.

The inspection, conducted between July 2023 and April 2024, covered eight large-scale mines, 56 medium-scale mines and 21,622 small-scale mines.

Msafiri Mbibo, Deputy Per-

manent Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals unveiled this yesterday here during the annual general meeting of mine inspectors under the Mining Commission.

He emphasized that the inspections have been instrumental in raising performance, boosting revenue collection and contributing significantly to economic growth.

"Despite the sector's improvement and progress, some challenges still persist, particu-

larly accidents in small-scale mining operations caused by pit collapse and insufficient ventilation," he said.

He explained that in response to the challenges, the Mining Commission has been directed to intensify and ensure regular inspections, particularly in small-scale mining areas where accidents are more frequent compared to medium and large-scale operations.

Mbibo also highlighted the

importance of providing continual education to small-scale miners, many of whom lack adequate knowledge of workplace health and safety practices.

"You have a big responsibility to manage and guide them towards safe mining methods and safe use of explosives to prevent accidents that jeopardize their safety and impede the growth of the small mining industry," he said.

Going forward, the DPS said

that for the mining sector to reach its goal of contributing 10 percent to the gross domestic product by 2025, mine inspectors must continue to manage and strengthen inspections.

He also directed mine inspectors to enhance inspections across all mines to prevent accidents and ensure increased production.

"Continue to provide education on health, safety, safe use of explosives, and environmental care to all miners.

I urge you to perform your duties with integrity, responsibility and leadership, avoiding corruption and unfair treatment of miners and to continue working together to achieve our goals," he said.

Yahya Samamba, Executive Secretary of the Mining Commission, acknowledged the critical role of mine inspectors in ensuring safe mining operations and reducing accidents.

He reported a decline in accident statistics, including

fatalities, injuries and environmental impacts since the commission began its official work in April, 2018.

Samamba attributed the improvement to the efforts of inspectors and the guidance from the Ministry of Minerals.

"Excluding wars where large numbers of people die at once, the mining sector is another area where significant loss of life can occur. During an incident, 40 to 50 people can lose their lives at once," he said.

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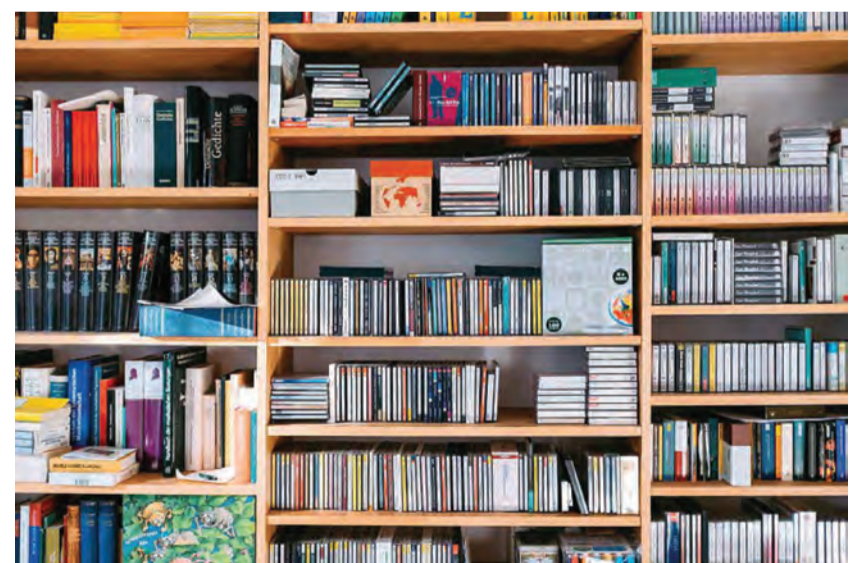
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## National dialogues to boost efforts against child labour

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA Coalition Against Child Labour (TCACL) has organized a one-day national dialogue to shed light on effectiveness of initiatives deployed to curb child labour in the country.

The dialogue to mark World Day against Child Labour on Wednesday next week will also review implementation of policies, laws, programmes and other tools that are aimed at fighting child labour by both the government and the private sector stakeholders.

TCACL National Coordinator Scholastica Pembe told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the dialogue is themed 'Enhancing Child Protection Policies: Towards Ending Child Labour in Tanzania.'

Pembe said that the dialogue to be held next week will be graced by Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs Dr Pindi Chana.

"We need to come up with a common stance on fighting child labour as a nation. Data by NBS show that child labour is rampant in the agriculture sector by 87.8 percent followed by

business and trade, mining and tourism," she said.

Ibrahim Samatta, Director of Project and Communication at The Right Way, said that this year's World Day against Child Labour will be commemorated at national level in Simiyu under the theme: 'Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour.'

According to him, in every five children under the age of 15 in Tanzania, one is a victim of child labour.

He said that Section 2 of the Employment and Labour Relations Act Cap 366 of R.E 2019 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) 1989 are clearly against child labour but are not implemented fully in the country.

Irene Kitoti, member of the coalition, said that it is set to organise media sensitisation campaigns towards this year's commemoration.

According to her, the coalition will participate in community radio programmes to sensitise the general public on the essence of fighting child labour in the country.



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Albert Chalamila (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday showing one of the AI-powered smart cardiac home-monitoring devices meant for deployment soon at the city's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Friends helped pay for private jet - Ruto

NAIROBI

KENYA'S President William Ruto has said that the private plane he used to fly to the US last week only cost about 10m shillings [\$73,000; £60,000], following criticism that he was being extravagant.

He said "some friends" of the country offered it at that price when he had opted to use the national airline to save money.

He said there was "no way" he could have spent about \$1.5m - the figure that was reported to have cost to hire the Boeing 737-700 VIP plane.

"I am not a mad man," he said, speaking at a National Prayer Breakfast event in Nairobi yesterday.

But the remarks have provoked more backlash, with some

Kenyans online asking who the friends are.

Ruto (pictured) went to the US last week on a three-day official state visit - the first such trip by an African leader in more than 15 years.

While he was there, Kenya secured a number of investment deals worth billions of dollars.

After returning to the country, the president defended himself against concerns over the cost of the trip, saying the luxury jet he had used was cheaper than the national airline - without disclosing the amounts.

Criticism continued, with some questioning his statement and others saying that he should have used Kenya Airways.

Yesterday, the president explained that he was told that the cheapest plane would cost



about \$530,000 and he instructed his office to book Kenya Airways for himself and his entourage of about 30 people.

But when some friends heard that he was going to travel on a commercial flight, they asked him how much he was willing to pay for a hired plane, he said.

"We have built a big reputation as a country and we have built friends... I said I was not ready to pay more than [\$153m]. They said bring [\$73,000] we'll give you the plane," the president explained.

He insisted he was not going to allow misuse of taxpayers' money. "I must lead from the front as I tell others to tighten their belt, mine must be where it begins".

"So relax and the debate must end," he said.

But the debate has not ended and some Kenyans online are asking whether it was appropriate to accept the offer.

"Who are those 'friends' giving a president a gift? He needs to disclose this," Karani Mutunga said on X (formerly Twitter).

"If it was a gift from an external source, it comes with some geopolitical implications. No free lunch," said Mwangi Maina.

The continued row over spending by the government has come amid concerns that the government has been using taxpayers' money to fund extravagance - which officials have regularly denied.

Since coming to power in 2022, Ruto has raised several taxes and imposed new ones, angering many Kenyans.

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## Africa's economic growth not enough to fight poverty-AfDB

NAIROBI

AFRICA'S economy has shown resilience overall despite global conditions but growth needs to be in double digits to truly tackle poverty on the continent, the African Development Bank (AfDB) said yesterday.

The pan-African economic institution also emphasised the need to create more jobs and further industrialise, during a presentation on Africa's economic outlook at the bank's annual meetings in Nairobi.

"African economies are operating like everybody else within a very, very challenging global context," AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina said.

He noted high inflation and the war in Ukraine as well as the difficulties -- and costs -- faced by African nations seeking to raise money on global capital markets.

"Despite all of these headwinds... African economies have done pretty well," he said.

The bank is forecasting overall African economic growth at 4.3 percent next year from an estimated 3.7 percent in 2024 and 3.1 percent last year.

And it said 10 out of the 20 fastest growing economies in the world are in Africa. But Adesina warned: "We need to be very clear as well, that just having real GDP growth at that level is not enough to be able to get our hundreds of millions of people out of poverty," he said.

"We believe that African economies ought to be growing at double digits for probably the next decade or so to be able to have the kind of transformation that we need as a continent."

In 2023, more than 460 million of the 1.2 billion people in sub-Saharan Africa were considered extremely poor by the World Bank.

The AfDB estimates that between 10 and 20 million young Africans join the job market each year, while only three million new jobs are available.



The US Ambassador to Tanzania, Michael Battle, speaks at yesterday's launch of the American Library in Dodoma city. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

## Young Africans innovative, hard-working, shows study

DAKAR

YOUNG people in sub-Saharan Africa are "innovative and hard-working" despite the obstacles to finding a job, African researchers say.

In Africa, the vocabulary of the Western media and organisations is sometimes pejorative when describing the present and future of young people. The prevailing stereotypes conjure up a picture of them as "careless, lazy and unwilling to take charge of their lives", but the reality is quite different, according to a study by the Part-

nership for Social Research and Governance in Africa (PASGR) presented in Dakar Wednesday.

Conducted by researchers from the Consortium for Economic and Social Research (CES) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, the study was carried out in 2021 in seven countries on the continent, most of them English-speaking (Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria) and Senegal. The aim of the study was to "determine the resilience of young people and capture their aspirations" following the difficult period of the

Covid-19 pandemic.

The study, which was carried out by a team of African researchers, finds that young Senegalese men and women have a "strong desire" for training and entrepreneurship.

The researchers find that "young men want to work in diversified sectors, while women are mainly oriented towards commerce."

Most of the young people questioned also believe that "money and training remain the main needs for a successful life."

On the other hand, "few young

people are aware of the government structures responsible for promoting youth employment," said the team led by Mamadou Abdoulaye Diallo and Jim Katch, one of the main authors of the study.

During the workshop, which was presented using the "Utafiti Sera" model, which means linking evidence to policies and programmes in Kiswahili, James Ochieng, head of research at PASGR, highlighted the "enormous challenges" facing African countries in overcoming unemployment.

"We need to unite and make a collective effort to overcome this problem", he said, before calling for massive investment in young people and the involvement of the "private sector" in the fight against unemployment.

Adopting a participatory research approach led by young people, the study shows that in Senegal, with the onset of the pandemic, young people have had to face a variety of difficulties, including containment measures leading to school closures, salary cuts, an increase in the cost of living and loss of

employment. Taking part in the workshop, the representative of the Senegalese Ministry of Youth notes that PASGR's approach was "directly in line" with the policy of the new authorities.

Representing over 70 percent of the population, "Senegal's young people are the country's lifeblood", and the Ministry of Youth has set itself the main task of putting in place mechanisms to "promote youth entrepreneurship" or offer them "decent jobs." With this in mind, the Senegalese official stresses that "African solutions" were welcome.



Tanga district administrative secretary Dalmia Mikaya (C, in head-cloth) launches the marking of zebra crossings and the installation of various other road signs in Tanga yesterday, assisted by pupils from the city's Azimio and Makorora primary schools. Photo: Correspondent Cheji Bakari

## JKCI to use novel AI device to monitor progress of patients

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has introduced an artificial intelligence device known as Dozee's device that will be used in home-based care services to monitor progress of heart patients after surgery.

Through this service, patients who undergo heart surgery at JKCI will stay for a short time and soon be discharged and doctors will be able to monitor their progress through the AI-powered device.

Dozee's device, placed under a patient's mattress, non-invasively monitors vital signs such as heart rate, respiration rate and blood pressure without any direct contact with the patient. It can also connect to wireless peripherals to collect data such as oxygen saturation levels and ECG reading.

The technology has been introduced at JKCI in collaboration with Sakaar Health-Tech of India.

Speaking at the launch ceremony on Wednesday night, Executive Director of JKCI Dr Peter Kisenge said the service will

reduce patients' costs of staying in hospital for a long time.

He said the AI-powered smart cardiac home monitoring device is new and Tanzania joins a few countries in the world to start using the service.

"Follow-up of patients at home using AI will reduce costs. But if a patient's condition is not satisfactory, a nurse advises the patient's supervisor to return them to hospital for further treatment," he said.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila commended JKCI for introducing the technology which he said would be a great relief to patients who would have otherwise spent a long time in hospital.

He said the good progress that JKCI continues to make is due to the freedom of its officials to set their plans and implement them without interference from political leaders.

"You can be a professional expert but if you are not free and you are interfered with by politicians, you would not be able to achieve the success that you have achieved. I congratulate JKCI, you make us proud," he said.

## Make all loan terms open to customers, loaners told

By Correspondent Josephine Majula,

Bukoba

FINANCIAL service providers have been urged to educate consumers on conditions set in various loan products including time-frame and interest rates to avoid unnecessary conflicts.

Dastan Sebastian, Kagera-based financial services expert made the remarks yesterday here when speaking during a public awareness campaign conducted by officials from the Ministry of Finance.

Sebastian said that it is time financial service providers educate their customers on all issues related to loans so that they are

conversant with terms and conditions.

"This will make people fully aware of all information related to loans," he said.

He said that loan conditions should be openly availed to customers to make it easier during repayment of the funds as there will be mutual agreement before issuance of the loan.

The expert said that many people have low understanding of conditions in loans, so educating them about what is in the agreements prior to the provision of loans will greatly reduce conflicts which arise later.

He thanked government of

officials for educating residents in various parts of Kagera Region on financial literacy and the importance of reading contracts before taking loans.

"This awareness will help reduce conflicts which have been arising between microfinance firms and their customers due to lack of transparency, we have been told of the importance of financial institutions to open all the loan conditions to loan seekers prior to signing of the contracts," he said.

Haji Chakula, Mutukula Ward Councillor, called on residents of the area to ensure that they conduct investigations and satisfy

themselves if the loan companies are genuine before taking loans.

"We should not prioritise taking the money; we need to think deeply before signing agreement papers because doing it recklessly drags many into challenges," he said.

Anna Domisiani, a trader in Mtukula Ward said: "I am one of the victims of exploitative loans because when they come to our areas they have attractive language which later convinces us to take loans without knowing that there are hidden conditions."

She said that the awareness provided by the Ministry of Finance team is important and has

awakened many people in the area who will no longer fall into the trap of exploitative loans.

Gladness Mollel, Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) senior financial analyst urged people to ensure that they sign every document during issuance of loan in order to prevent providers from adding other papers that contain harsh conditions after signing of the agreement.

She also highlighted the need for all microfinance companies to ensure that they educate consumers to have a wider understanding of the loans before issuing them.

The team is in Kagera Region to educate residents in Missenyi,

Muleba, Bukoba and Biharamulo districts on financial literacy.

The team also involves officials from CMCA and the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government).



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## AU pledges to work with media to maintain peace

NAIROBI

AFRICAN Union will integrate media and civil society organisations in programmes and activities to foster peace and security in the continent.

This was revealed during a one-day colloquium on international peace and security in Nairobi yesterday on the sidelines of the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference.

The colloquium organised by AU's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC) brought together Kenyan media, CSOs, academia, think tanks and experts in peace and security.

ECOSOCC's Head of Secretariat William Carew said the colloquium was showcase the contribution of CSOs under AU's African Peace Security Architecture (APSA's) to peace and security and engage with media on the same.

"We want to engage with the media to promote accurate reporting and build instructional working relation with them on how we can address issues related to peace and security in the continent. An institutional working relationship will be well structured and coordinated in terms of whatever intervention we

want to undertake," he said.

Already, European Union has committed Ksh5.7 billion through APSA to support and strengthen the capacity and coordination of its component in adapting to emerging security challenges in Africa. Carew said it is important for them to work with media considering that it acts as an early warning system because they provide information to the affected communities on issues including peace and security.

During the colloquium's panel discussions, it was noted that most media organisations may not financially support journalists to travel to areas that have insecurity issues to cover stories and therefore require support from both CSOs and AU.

It was also noted that there is need to capacity build journalists covering peace and security just like its being done to those covering climate change, health among other sectors. Carew said the media should expect training opportunities on peace and security unlike the way it has been. He said in the call for membership into ECOSOCC, there is a space for media to be represented into its General Assembly once accredited as its member.



A member of the Higher Education Students' Loans Board staff (R) briefs Tanga regional commissioner Dr Batilda Buriani (in head-cloth) at the board's pavilion at the Education, Skills and Creativity exhibition in Tanga city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

## Repaired dairy research centre set to increase milk production, processing

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tanga

AMBASSADOR of Ireland to Tanzania Mary O'Neill during and government officials yesterday witnessed the official inauguration of a refurbished dairy research facility at Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) Eastern Zone Center.

In her remarks, Ambassador O'Neill said that her county which supported the rehabilitation was keen on supporting the government's efforts to boost the daily subsector in the country.

"This research-based project is

very strategic to us as it works to further cement bilateral cooperation between the two countries through creating a podium to exchange lessons and experiences between dairy experts from Ireland and Tanzania, targeting to bring about major changes," she said.

The initiative will base on production of recommended improved forage, grassland research systems, systematic use of research, growing and management of grasslands as well as advisory and education services to dairy farmers in Tanzania, especially the

smallholder.

The over 500m/- worth facility, including modern laboratory, cloud-connected computer room and office has been built with funds from Embassy of Ireland to support professional rolling out of Maziwa Faida Project which has been designed to help curtail constraints upsetting local dairy farmers through supporting long-term sustainable growth of the subsector.

The five-year project is a brainchild of the TAEGASC Moorepark Ireland under the financial support amounting to euros 3 mil-

lion (about 8bn/-) to bolster capacity of key institutions across the dairy value chain in Tanzania.

She said that the dairy subsector in Tanzania has a significant potential as the country stands second in the continent for having a large number of cattle together with sufficient land.

"Currently, the dairy subsector in Tanzania produces around 3 billion liters annually, most sold at free markets but the country has the potential to increase production if prevailing constraints are addressed," she

said.

Speaking on behalf of the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the ministry Prof Riziki Shemdoo said the government was working on a number of strategies to improve dairy subsectors.

He said the subsector has kept on realising impressive growth, including increasing annual milk production from 3.6 billion litres in 2022/2023 to 3.9 litres in 2023/2024.

During the mentioned period, he said the country's milk processing capacity also catapulted

from 77.9 million liters to 81.8 billion liters whereby milk collection through the formal sector also increased from 71.8 million liters to 93.4 litres.

Dr Eric Komba, Director General of TALIRI, thanked the Irish Embassy for the cooperation with the government of Tanzania towards capacitating the state-owned livestock research institute.

With the project, he said the Institute was in a better position to support dairy farmers across the country to improve production and productivity.



Temeke mayor Abdallah Mtinika (4th-L) presents a gas cylinder donated to women entrepreneurs in the municipal yesterday as part of a countrywide campaign to distribute over 2,000 cylinders to women entrepreneurs as a way of popularising the use of clean cooking energy. Photo: Correspondent

## Microbiome studies in Africa 'lack leadership'

By Dane McDonald

MICROBIOME studies targeting the African continent lack local scientific leadership and input, African scientists have argued in an article for Nature Medicine.

Despite a growing interest in African microbiomes, local researchers have played only tangential roles in study design and execution, one of the authors said this recently.

Stellenbosch University microbiologist Thulani Makhwanyane said that studies focused on African microbiomes tend to be led by researchers in the global north, with teams mostly made up of scientists from the US or Europe.

"This has some clear implications," he said. "For example, because these authors typically do not understand the dietary habits of the people they study, they tend to make flawed inferences and speculations."

To right this imbalance, Makhwanyane and his co-authors proposed a framework in their article, published on 23 May, for establishing more equitable research partnerships between African and international researchers.

A lack of clear data-handling policies is also limiting the expansion of microbiome research on the African continent, he said.

Microbiome research provides deep insights into the relationships between the microorganisms living in and on the human body and our overall health.

By revealing how microbial imbalances contribute to illness, such research can change the management of a range of diseases, from gastrointestinal disorders to mental health conditions.

## AfDB President: Africa to lead global renewable energy, green transitions

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) Group President Dr Akinwumi Adesina has said that Africa will drive a global agenda on renewable energy and green transitions.

Adesina said this yesterday at a media conference in Nairobi, on the sidelines of the ongoing AfDB Annual Meetings 2024.

While articulating Africa's inherent advantage in renewable energy, Adesina said the continent has abundant solar potential and a catalyst for driving

green energy initiatives on a global scale.

"Globally, we have been talking about global energy transitions. Everybody worries about continued CO2 emissions and the need to contain that through energy transitions and moving into more renewable energy.

"Africa will drive the global agenda on renewable and green energy transitions for two reasons. We have great sunshine, which has about 11 terawatts of solar potential.

"That is the highest solar potential you have anywhere in the world. And the level of solar radiation

in Africa is the highest anywhere you will find in the world.

"So, therefore, as the world now transitions into renewable energy, Africa will be front and centre in terms of harnessing the power of renewable energy to drive our world," he said.

According to Adesina, there is a lot of interest in green hydrogen, green ammonia, fertilisers, jet fuels, and other things that require renewable energy, such as solar energy. He said that Africa's rich reservoir of natural resources, including platinum, copper, and lithium, positioned the continent as a

key player in the burgeoning Electric Vehicle (EV) market.

He emphasised the importance for Africa to harness these resources strategically for its transformation and to assert its prominence in global value chains.

"And so Africa today has 90 percent of all the platinum in the world. It has well over 60-70 percent of all the copper you have worldwide. 50 percent of all the other metals, whether nickel or lithium. Africa has a massive amount of these natural metals that will determine the future of electric vehicles in the world.

## Samia slowly building formidable heritage, in just one term of office

WITH President Samia Suluhu Hassan starting a six-day working tour of South Korea, also known as Republic of Korea, a formidable legacy is being built.

The main part of the visit will be the usual business exploration talks and cooperation agreements, notably envisaging a US\$2.5bn soft loan for funding crucial development projects in Tanzania over the next five years.

The minister handling those issues has spoken of strong bonds and considerable potential for investment growth between the two countries, ahead of accompanying the president.

The range of expected areas of discussions and agreements lined up should be wide indeed but, much like with respect to other countries with which we cooperate, each has a strong area where energy is likely to be directed especially in relation to investments.

One such area of specific interest for South Korea is aviation, while it is expected to chip in regarding the blue economy, strategic minerals and agriculture as well as culture and arts.

What is of particular significance in this regard is that President Samia is slated for an honorary doctorate on aviation management from the Korea Aerospace University (KAU) for transformative actions, policy interventions and pragmatic leadership.

These pragmatic actions have generated a better image of the state aviation industry in the region, helped to propel commerce, and improving airfreight competition with regional air transport stalwarts.

That this is being felt around the world rather than singularly for the region is evident in the Korean university citation decision.

In a sense, it can be said that this citation is testimony to industry appreciation that our president is committed to it, not just its Tanzanian component but to the global industry at large.

It is rare that poor or not so poor

countries put up demands for a fleet of planes, paying upfront and obtaining not five or six such planes but ten or more, with the past three years standing as evidence.

President Samia has had an instrumental role in policy making to a considerable extent, and it is just fair that a doctorate citation is offered that takes up that experience generally.

Airline or aviation stakeholders and watchers in many parts of the world, and specifically in our sub-region, will have taken heartily to this innovative period in the industry.

This is going by what can be gleaned from the feelings of Korean aerospace university decision makers.

Many stakeholders still be marvelling at the manner in which our country has seen a vast development of airport infrastructure.

This is particularly vivid with respect to investment in capacity building for systems and technical personnel and supporting staff alongside a singular expansion of fleets for both passenger and cargo planes.

Imagining the situation may not be easy at all for many of those largely because we take it casually as normal, since we started receiving new planes around 2018 or thereabouts.

We had one working airplane back in 2015 and now the national carrier boasts 14 aircraft, phenomenal growth hard to match.

The president's South Korea visit has the potential of seeing our dreams in this and other respects come true sooner than earlier projected or imagined.

For one thing, Tanzania and South Korea boast long years of a rich variety of close links, with the fact that the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has for quite long played a crucial in supporting the implementation of in scores of health, education, water and other projects in Tanzania being one of many illustrative examples. This is sure cause for stepped-up optimism as President Samia tours South Korea.

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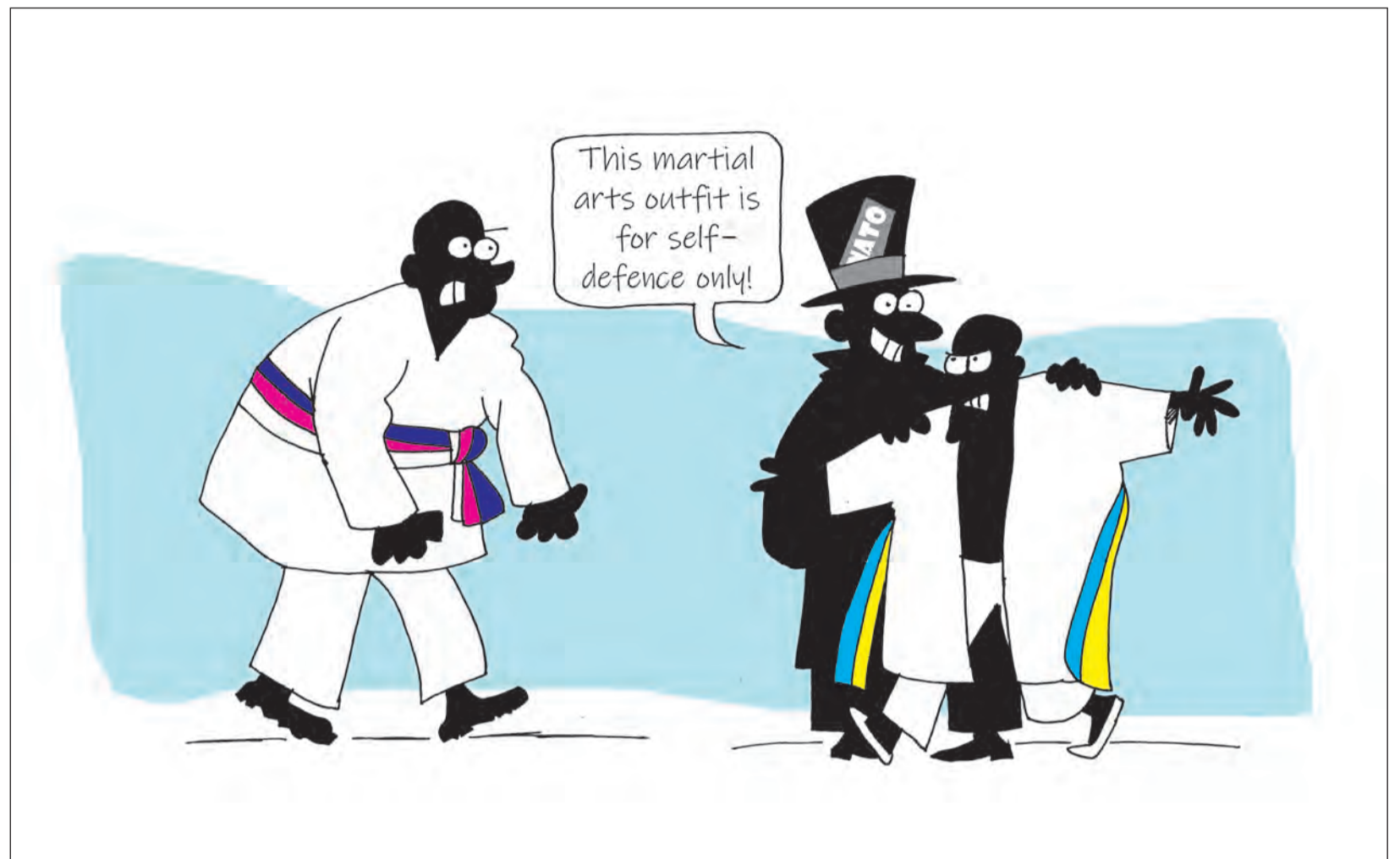
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## It's now time for South Africa to take Zuma's MK party seriously

By Rebecca Davis

FROM virtually the moment of its inception in December 2023, the uMkhonto Wesizwe party launched by former president Jacob Zuma has been embroiled in chaos.

There have been legal disputes centering on copyright issues around the party name. There have been legal disputes relating to the eligibility of Zuma to be elected to the National Assembly.

There have been legal disputes relating to the battle for supremacy between Zuma and the man at one stage declared to be party leader, Jabulani Khumalo, who has now been ousted.

As things stand, the day after voting, it is still totally unclear who actually leads this party, who they would send to Parliament, or who they might put forward as provincial premier candidates.

The role of a figure like Duduzile Zuma – Jacob Zuma's daughter, whose video footage suggests requires an isi-Zulu translator to address party events – is also ambiguous. And her apparent lack of ease in the language is relevant, because the MK party has been branded by some as “ANC yamaZulu”, or “ANC of the Zulu people”: namely, a fundamentally Zulu-interest breakaway.

The levels of disarray around this political outfit, together with its distressingly anti-constitutional outlook, have led many of us to want to disregard it altogether.

But with the first results from voting districts starting to trickle in steadily, it is now clear that fairly significant numbers of voters around the country feel differently. It is also evident that although the MK party's best results will come from KwaZulu-Natal, as was expected, the party does indeed also have pockets of support in other parts of the country, so it cannot be dismissed as an entirely localised phenomenon.

With MK votes having comfortably reached six digits by 1 pm on Thursday, it might be time to remind ourselves of what its manifesto promised voters.

The MK party wants to “re-centre” South Africa on “African cultural and moral values”, without specifying further what exactly that might look like.

Its manifesto promises to do away with what it calls “constitutional supremacy” towards “unfettered parliamentary supremacy”.

The party has at several points in the recent past shown open disdain for the judicial system and the Constitutional Court in particular, railing against the influence of “11 unelected individuals” on the lives of 60-million-plus South Africans.

The manifesto further proposes that post-apartheid reconstruction “cannot be facilitated by a liberal Constitution that constrains the political power of



Former South African President and leader of the newly formed uMkhonto Wesizwe (MK) Party, Jacob Zuma, addresses supporters during the People's Mandate Launch at Orlando Stadium in Soweto on May 18, 2024.

the majority”. The party would champion a referendum to scrap the Constitution.

It wants to expropriate “all” land without compensation and transfer ownership to “the people under State and traditional leadership custodianship”. That last part has raised alarm bells, even among some people who enthusiastically support radical redress, because the example of the Ingonyama Trust in KZN shows how this can become a repressive feudal system.

It would nationalise “strategic” mines, and make a year of military service compulsory for “every young person reaching the age of 18” in order to “cultivate discipline and patriotism among our youth”.

It also favours nationalising the South African Reserve Bank, all

large banks and all large insurance companies.

With regards to the environment, the party refers to the move away from coal as the “Un-Just Transition”. It wants to “renew” Eskom's coal fleet and – surprise surprise – accelerate South Africa's nuclear programme.

On the the LGBTQIA+ community, Zuma also holds strong unconstitutional views. It was reported that during an MK rally in January this year Zuma showed solidarity with tribal leaders over their alleged concern about same-sex marriages. He also implied that legislation supporting same-sex marriage lacks support from the majority of South Africa. Zuma's January comments aligned which his 2006 sentiments that same-sex marriage

is a “disgrace to the nation and to God”.

GroundUp published an opinion piece by Zackie Achmat on the matter. Why is Jacob Zuma attacking queer people?

It's important to note that there is no indication yet that the MK party will win sufficient votes to take sole control of any major territories, and nobody sensible is predicting that they will come anywhere close to doing so.

But their results are likely to establish the party as a non-trivial arrival in the South African body politic – and they also remind us that the figure of Jacob Zuma is by no means an entirely spent political force.

## Submitting procurement grievances, appeals electronically will experiment e-government

JUST how much there will be enthusiasm in the procurement sector now that the government is demanding bidders to use the National e-Procurement System (NesT) for submitting complaints and appeals is something both stakeholders and outsiders are waiting to ascertain.

Those heralding the move, in the Treasury, say that it offers a streamlined and efficient solution to procurement-related issues to which doubters could apply the usual disclaimers like ‘with the necessary changes,’ or ‘everything else remaining equal’.

Those optimistic about the system operating as it is being described will settle with waiting to see how changes adjust proceedings or developments.

One can rapidly put up a battery of lawyers to attest to the preliminary impression that being heard in court notably demands being seen in court, as everything that happens in court matters.

There was lately a two-day seminar of sorts on a complaints and appeals management module, with bidders learning to use NesT for submitting and follow-up on handling complaints and appeals electronically.

A deputy minister said that the roll-out and the training on its use would be conducted in phases, not for its complexity but for the areas it needs to cover and the number of officials tasked with propagating its use.

The key point was enabling the relevant stakeholders to take up

the module and seek clarification where necessary. Many will presumably be troubled figuring out how exactly online presentation of complaints is much the same as appearing before a real tribunal.

Introductory remarks by a Treasury executive were eloquent on the submission or filing of complaints and what is described as the processing of complaints, and indeed appeals which thus relate to decisions already made either by a tribunal or a similar, vetted authority.

In that context, the other part of onlookers' views comes up – including whether the module is designed merely for submission and processing or also covers the delivery of results – that is, sidestepping what courts or tribunals know as hearing.

The deputy minister talked of complaints or appeals as arising from violations of procedures, as the only relevant aspect.

This e-filing system is designed for application to the whole breadth of procurement activities from start to finish.

That covers top official summaries as the beginning of the process, management of contracts and completion of all stages, including payments to suppliers.

As admitted, when there is competition, equality and justice for participants is an issue that ought to be accorded due importance.

As importantly, activities carried out using the system in handling complaints also ought to be done through the same electronic system.



# Navigating Tanzania's democratic journey: The role of media and youth in shaping the future

By Adonis Byemela

TANZANIA stands on the threshold of a historic moment as it prepares for both civic elections in October 2024 and the general elections slated for 2025. In this pivotal juncture, the convergence of politics and media dynamics holds the power to redefine the future landscape of governance in the nation.

With the proliferation of social media platforms and the evolving role of traditional journalism, Tanzanian citizens are embarking on a journey through a complex web of information dissemination, opinion-shaping, and electoral discourse unlike any experienced before.

Dr. Francis Ng'atigwa, a seasoned senior lecturer in journalism at a prestigious university in Dar es Salaam, underlines the significance of this juncture, stating, "The upcoming elections represent a critical moment in Tanzania's democratic journey, where the media's role in informing, engaging, and empowering citizens cannot be overstated." Indeed, as Tanzania prepares to exercise its democratic rights, the media landscape has undergone significant transformations.

Mussa Lugete, a historian based at Alpha Secondary School in Dar es Salaam, observes, "The traditional boundaries between mainstream media and social media have blurred, creating a dynamic environment where information flows freely, but also where misinformation and propaganda can thrive."

Against this backdrop, the role of journalists and media practitioners assumes heightened importance. James Kamala, a former reporter with a leading daily newspaper in Tanzania, reflects on the evolving nature of journalism in the digital age, stating, "Journalists now face the dual challenge of navigating traditional reporting norms while also adapting to the fast-paced world of social media, where news breaks in real-time, and public opinion can shift in an instant."

One of the key dynamics shaping the media landscape in Tanzania is the rise of social media as a potent force in shaping public discourse. Platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp have become battlegrounds for political messaging, activism, and citizen journalism.

Dr. Ng'atigwa emphasizes, "Social media platforms offer unprecedented opportunities for citizen engagement and grassroots mobilization, but they also pose challenges in terms of misinformation, echo chambers, and the spread of divisive narratives."

Moreover, the proliferation of online news portals, blogs, and digital media outlets has democ-

ratized the dissemination of information, providing a platform for diverse voices and perspectives.

However, as Lugete notes, "The abundance of online sources also presents challenges in terms of credibility, accuracy, and the erosion of traditional gatekeeping functions performed by professional journalists."

In this dynamic media landscape, the role of traditional media outlets remains crucial. Despite the emergence of new digital platforms, newspapers, radio, and television continue to serve as primary sources of news and information for millions of Tanzanians.

Kamala observes, "While social media has transformed the way news is consumed and shared, traditional media still play a vital role in setting the agenda, providing in-depth analysis, and upholding journalistic standards."

As Tanzania prepares for the upcoming elections, media practitioners face the imperative of upholding the principles of accuracy, fairness, and impartiality in their reporting. Dr. Ng'atigwa stresses, "Journalists must strive to provide balanced and comprehensive coverage,

ensuring that citizens have access to accurate information to make informed decisions at the ballot box." The media has a critical role to play in fostering civic engagement, promoting voter education, and holding political actors accountable. Lugete emphasizes, "In the lead-up to the elections, the media must serve as a watchdog, scrutinizing political campaigns, exposing corruption, and amplifying the voices of ordinary citizens."

Looking ahead, as Tanzania navigates the complex terrain of democratic governance, the media's role in shaping public discourse and facilitating informed participation will be paramount. Kamala concludes, "Ultimately, the integrity of the electoral process and the health of Tanzania's democracy depend on a vibrant and independent media sector that serves the public interest above all else."

As the nation embarks on this democratic journey, the media stands as a beacon of transparency, accountability, and democracy, guiding Tanzania toward a future where the voices of the people are heard, and their rights are respected.

In Tanzania, as in many parts of the world, the youth represent a demographic with significant influence and potential for driving social change. For Tanzanian youth, social media platforms serve as powerful tools for expressing their views, organizing movements, and mobilizing support for causes they believe in. However, the fate of social media for Tanzanian youth is not without challenges. While these platforms offer unprecedented opportunities for connectivity and activism, they also present risks in terms of misinformation, online harassment, and exploitation. As Dr. Ng'atigwa observes, "Tanzanian youth must navigate the digital landscape with caution, critically evaluating information and engaging in responsible online behavior." Despite these challenges, social media remains a powerful

catalyst for change in Tanzania. From the #Fees-MustFall movement to campaigns for environmental conservation and gender equality, Tanzanian youth are harnessing the power of social media to amplify their voices and effect meaningful change in society.

Approaching the upcoming elections, the pivotal role of Tanzanian youth in shaping the political landscape cannot be overstated. Armed with their digital savvy and fueled by a fervent passion for social justice, young Tanzanians wield immense potential to drive voter turnout, demand accountability from political leaders, and champion policies that resonate with their aspirations for a brighter future.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I Thulasee das Thekkepulippa Gopalan, S/o Late shri Velu Gopalan, an Indian citizen, holding a valid Indian passport number **M-1470775** and also holder of valid United Republic of Tanzania's resident permit number **WPC64734/23 & RPQB011867923A00** and permanent R/o 212-B, Pocket C-II, Mayur Vihar Phase -III, New Delhi 110096, and currently residing in Dar Es salaam and working with M.M. Industries Ltd have changed my expanded name from Thulasee das Thekkepulippa Gopalan to **Thulasee Das T.G** to all future purpose.

## THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



### IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 2 OF 2024

BETWEEN

**ANNA TIBAJUKA AND 9 OTHERS** ..... APPELLANTS  
AND

**BARREL PETRO ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED** ..... 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT

**ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY** ..... 2<sup>ND</sup> RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) in Complaint Number GA.71/309/EZ/2023/16 dated 28th March, 2024 in which EWURA held that it has no jurisdiction to determine the legality and authenticity of a construction approval granted to the 1st respondent having being the body that granted the same, thus directed the appellants to take the matter to the appropriate forum.

The appeal is based on the grounds that EWURA erred in law by ignoring its statutory obligations under the EWURA Act, Cap 414 R.E. 2019 and misapplying the general rule against bias while ignoring the legal exceptions stated by the courts. Thus, the Appellant prays that the appeal be allowed with costs.

**BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE** any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL** of the Tribunal this 31st May, 2024.

REGISTRAR

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### PUBLIC AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

VICTORIA FINANCE PLC WISHES TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT WITH THE AUTHORISATION IT GIVES TO THE APPOINTED AUCTIONEERS TO SELL THROUGH THE PUBLIC AUCTION THE SECURITIES OF LOAN DEFAULTERS AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

SN	CREDITOR'S NAME	SECURITY	DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SECURITY	AUCTIONEER	DATE
1	AISHA WAZIRI NTALE	HOUSE	TITLE DEED OWNED BY ALLY R. NKANYANGA PLOT NO. P23603 ULONGONI (B) ILALA	LEHAREL GROUP OF COMPANY	14-06-2024

All auctions shall be held at the appropriate location on the time and day on which they shall be broadcast through brochures and advertising vehicles subject to permission from the relevant agencies of the Government.

**AUCTION TERMS:**

- 25% of the price will be paid on the day of the auction and the remaining 75% will be paid within fourteen days.
- Failure to complete the payment will repeat the auction and the money paid will not be returned.
- The buyer will bear the costs of changing ownership.
- The guarantee will be sold as it is.

**PAN AFRICA PLASTICS LIMITED**  
COMPANY NUMBER K3385748  
P.O. BOX 21207 DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA

SPECIAL RESOLUTION DULY PASSED AT THE EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF PAN AFRICA PLASTICS LIMITED HELD AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

1. ABDULSULTAN HASHAM JAMAL	CHAIRPERSON
2. SHAM SALEEM	SECRETARY
3. BARKATALI SABUDIN NATHANI	MEMBER
4. ASHIK SHABUDIN NATHANI	MEMBER

The following Special resolutions were duly passed:-

- Members of the Company RESOLVED that, the Company be wound up voluntarily effective from 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.
- That, **MR. HANZAALI AMIRALI PATWA OF H. A. PATWA & CO.** be appointed as the liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing assets of the Company.

We, the undersigned shareholders of the company, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and bona fide resolution passed by the Company on 21st day of May, 2024.

*(Signatures of Shareholders)*

**GENESIS SCHOOLS**

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REF: 0269/GEN/2024  
7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Board of Directors

Are you passionate about shaping the future of education in Tanzania? Do you possess the skills and expertise to guide a dynamic educational institution towards greater success? Genesis Schools Tanzania Limited (GNS) invites visionary leaders to apply for vacant positions on its Board of Directors, effective from the 1st day of August 2024.

**About GNS:** Established in 2002 under the laws of Tanzania, GNS is committed to providing quality education to empower the next generation. With our registered office located at Ali Bin Said Road, Oyster Bay, P.O. Box 3550, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, we stand as a beacon of educational excellence in the region.

**Join a Managed and Passionate Board:** At GNS, we believe in effective governance and prudent management. Our Board boasts a manageable size, ensuring efficient decision-making and impactful leadership. We seek individuals who are driven by integrity, dedicated to GNS's interests, and committed to serving without personal bias.

**Qualifications Needed:** We are seeking individuals with specific expertise to complement our Board's composition:

### Board's composition:

- One member with a PhD or Master's in Law, possessing expertise in legal matters related to educational institutions.
- Another member with a PhD or Master's in Education, bringing extensive knowledge of international education, particularly the Cambridge curriculum.
- The third member should be a CPA holder with PhD or Masters in Finance/Accountancy with a background in business management and leadership, along with experience in school accounting systems, tax, and business laws.

**Responsibilities of Board Members:** As a member of the GNS Board of Directors, you will play a pivotal role in shaping our organization's future.

### Key responsibilities include:

- Defining our mission and purpose.
- Selecting key personnel and providing oversight.
- Ensuring financial stability and resource allocation.
- Upholding legal and ethical standards.
- Engaging in strategic planning and organizational development.
- Enhancing our public image and stakeholder relations.
- Monitoring and improving our curriculum and services.
- Supporting and evaluating the performance of our principal.

**Adherence to Ethical Standards:** Board members at GNS are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct and accountability, including fulfilling the duty of care, loyalty, and obedience outlined in our Code of Ethics.

**Join Us in Transforming Education:** If you are ready to make a difference in the lives of students and contribute to the growth of our community, we invite you to apply for a position on the GNS Board of Directors. Together, let's embark on a journey of educational excellence and innovation.

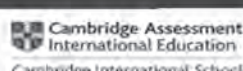
To apply, please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your qualifications and motivation to serve on our Board. Applications should be sent to [principal@genesisschools.co.tz](mailto:principal@genesisschools.co.tz) by Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Join GNS and be a part of a transformative educational journey!  
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## EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

This is to inform the general public and interested applicants that the deadline of 1600hrs on May 31 2024 for submission of the tenders listed below which was published on April 22, 2024, May 6, 2024 and May 9, 2024 in the local Guardian Newspaper, has been extended. The new deadline is Friday, June 7, 2024 at 1600hrs.

### Tenders:

- PACKAGE NO. 0371\_M039, 0371\_M040, 0371\_M041, 0371\_M042, 0371\_M043, 0371\_M044, 0371\_M045, 0371\_M046, 0371\_M047, 0371\_M048, 0371\_M049, 0371\_M050, 0371\_M051, 0371\_M052, 0371\_M053, 0371\_M054, 0371\_I009, 0371\_I010, 0371\_S001, 0371\_S002, 0371\_S003A, 0371\_S003B, 0371\_S004, 0371\_S005, 0371\_X001, 0371\_X002, 0371\_X003, 0371\_X004 advertised on 22nd April 2024.
- PACKAGE NO. 0371\_M001, 0371\_M002, 0371\_M003, 0371\_M004, 0371\_M005, 0371\_M006, 0371\_M007, 0371\_M008, 0371\_M009, 0371\_M010, 0371\_M011, 0371\_M012, 0371\_M013, 0371\_M014, 0371\_M018, 0371\_M019, 0371\_M021, 0371\_M022, 0371\_M023, 0371\_M0560, 371\_E002, 0371\_E003, 0371\_E004, 0371\_E005, 0371\_E006, 0371\_E009, 0371\_E010, 0371\_E011, 0371\_I001, 0371\_I002, 0371\_I003, 0371\_I005, 0371\_I007, 0371\_I008, 0371\_I011, 0371\_X003, 0371\_X004 advertised on 6th May 2024.
- PACKAGE NO. 0371\_M015, 0371\_M016, 0371\_M017, 0371\_M024, 0371\_M025, 0371\_M028, 0371\_M029, 0371\_M032, 0371\_M033, 0371\_M036, 0371\_M037, 0371\_M038, advertised on 9th May 2024.

- Interested applicants are encouraged to use the extended period to complete documentations for timely submission.
- NOTE: Other terms and conditions of the tender/invitation remain unchanged.

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By Frank Abel

As the world moves towards a sustainable energy future, the demand for rare minerals and metals essential for renewable technologies has surged. Among the countries poised to play a pivotal role in this global energy transition is Tanzania.

Rich in critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements, Tanzania is strategically positioned to become a key supplier for the burgeoning renewable energy sector.

The growing demand for a shift from fossil fuels to sustainable energy sources is driven by several critical factors:

### Environmental concerns

The combustion of fossil fuels is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to global warming and climate change. Shifting to renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and hydropower significantly reduces carbon emissions and helps mitigate climate change.

### Resource depletion

Fossil fuels are finite resources. As reserves of oil, coal, and natural gas are depleted, the cost and difficulty of extraction increase. Transitioning to renewable energy sources, which are abundant and inexhaustible, provides a more sustainable long-term energy solution.

### Energy security

Many countries depend on fossil fuel imports, making them vulnerable to geopolitical tensions, supply disruptions, and price volatility. Renewable energy, often produced domestically, can enhance energy security and reduce dependence on imported fuels.

### Economic benefits

Renewable energy technologies have seen significant

# Tanzania's strategic role in the global energy transition

cost reductions and improvements in efficiency. Investing in renewable energy can stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and reduce energy costs over time. Additionally, the renewable energy sector often spurs innovation and technological advancements.

### Health impacts

Burning fossil fuels releases pollutants that harm air quality and public health, causing respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Transitioning to cleaner energy sources improves air quality and reduces healthcare costs associated with pollution-related illnesses.

### Technological advancements

Advances in renewable energy technologies and energy storage have made sustainable energy more viable and cost-competitive with traditional fossil fuels. Innovations in grid management, battery storage, and smart energy systems support a more flexible and resilient energy infrastructure.

### International agreements and policies

Global agreements such as the Paris Agreement aim to limit global temperature rise and promote sustainable energy practices. Many countries have set ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions and increasing the share of renewable energy in their energy mix.

### Consumer demand

There is growing public awareness and demand for cleaner, more sustainable energy options. Consumers

are increasingly choosing renewable energy sources and supporting policies that promote environmental sustainability.

These factors collectively drive the global push towards a more sustainable and renewable energy future, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and paving the way for a cleaner, more resilient energy system.

Tanzania is endowed with a variety of rare metals and minerals that play crucial roles in the global energy transition. These minerals are essential for the production of renewable energy technologies and energy storage solutions. Here are some of the key minerals found in Tanzania, their roles in the energy transition, and their specific locations:

### Graphite

Graphite is a critical component in the production of lithium-ion batteries, which are widely used in electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy storage systems. Notable graphite deposits are found in the Nachu area in southern Tanzania, as well as in Mahenge and Epanko.

### Cobalt

Cobalt is essential for the production of rechargeable batteries, particularly lithium-ion batteries used in EVs and energy storage systems. While Tanzania's cobalt resources are not as extensive as some other countries, it has potential cobalt occurrences often associated with nickel deposits in areas like the Kabanga nickel project in the northwest near the Burundi border.

### Nickel

Nickel is crucial for battery technologies, especially in cathodes of lithium-ion batteries, and for producing stainless steel used in renewable energy infrastructure. Significant nickel deposits are found in the Kabanga area, which holds one of the world's largest undeveloped high-grade nickel sulphide deposits.

### Rare Earth Elements (REEs)

Role in Energy Transition: REEs are vital for manufacturing wind turbines, electric vehicle motors, and various high-tech applications including permanent magnets. The Ngualla project in the southwest of Tanzania is one of the largest and highest-grade rare earth deposits in the world.

### Lithium

Role in Energy Transition: Lithium is a key component in the production of lithium-ion batteries, which are critical for electric vehicles and renewable energy storage systems. Potential lithium deposits are being explored, particularly in the regions of Mbeya and the surrounding areas.

### Vanadium

Vanadium is used in the production of vanadium redox flow batteries, which are utilized for large-scale energy storage solutions. Vanadium deposits are found in the Mkuju River area in southern Tanzania.

To strategically position itself and maximize the benefits of its rare minerals and metals, Tanzania should implement a comprehensive set of measures across various domains. Here are some key strategies:

### Regulatory framework and policy development

To maximize the benefits of its abundant mineral resources, Tanzania must strengthen its mining regulations by developing clear, transparent, and investor-friendly laws that attract and retain both foreign and domestic investments. This regulatory clarity will build investor confidence and ensure a stable investment climate.

Concurrently, promoting sustainable practices by implementing and enforcing robust environmental and social standards is crucial. These standards will ensure that mining activities are conducted responsibly, protecting local communities and ecosystems from adverse impacts.

Additionally, fostering local content policies is essential for inclusive growth; such policies should promote local participation in the mining sector through employment opportunities, procurement of local goods and services, and the transfer of technology and skills.

### Infrastructure development

To enhance its mining sector's efficiency and sustainability, Tanzania should invest in developing and maintaining roads, railways, and ports, facilitating the smooth transport of minerals from mining sites to processing facilities and export terminals. Additionally, ensuring a reliable and affordable energy supply for mining operations is crucial, achievable by investing in power generation and distribution infrastructure, potentially incorporating renewable energy sources. These improvements will bolster the mining industry's productivity and contribute to the nation's economic growth.

### Capacity building and education

To support its mining sector, Tanzania should invest in education and training programs to develop a skilled workforce, including technical training for mining engineers, geologists, and environmental scientists.

Additionally, promoting research and development in mining technologies and practices through partnerships with universities and research institutions is essential. These initiatives will enhance the industry's capabilities and drive innovation, ensuring sustainable and efficient mining practices.

### Value addition and industrialization

Tanzania can focus on value addition by processing raw minerals locally before export, thereby increasing their value and creating more jobs domestically. Industrialization efforts can include establishing downstream industries that utilize these minerals.

### Financial incentives

Providing tax incentives, reduced tariffs, and other financial benefits can attract both domestic and foreign investors to the mining sector. Tax breaks on profits or investments, reduced import/export duties on mining equipment and machinery, and streamlined administrative procedures can incentivize investment.

### Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Collaborating with private companies through PPPs can accelerate the development of mining infrastructure and technology. These partnerships can involve joint ventures for exploration and extraction projects, with the government providing regulatory support and the private sector contributing expertise and funding.

### Trade and international collaboration

Strengthening trade relations and collaborating with international partners can expand Tanzania's market access for its mineral exports. Negotiating favorable trade agreements with key trading partners and participating in international mining conferences and exhibitions can attract foreign investment and foster knowledge exchange.

Infrastructure development Investing in infrastructure such as roads, railways, ports, and energy networks is crucial for supporting the growth of the mining sector. Reliable transportation infrastructure ensures efficient movement of minerals from mines to processing facilities and export terminals, while robust energy infrastructure provides uninterrupted power supply for mining operations.

TANZANIA PORTLAND CEMENT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY			
AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023			
Heidelberg Materials			
<b>CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT</b>			
Dear Shareholders, Dear Employees, Dear Friends of the Twiga Cement family,			
The year 2023 has been a good year for us in many ways. As the Chairman of the Board, I am privileged and honoured to present this statement on behalf of the Twiga Cement family and the Board of Directors.			
I convey my sincere gratitude to all our employees and partners, especially our frontline workers who consistently demonstrate exceptional commitment to ensuring the safety of our people and maintaining the strong performance of our business operations. Notably, our teams have remained steadfast in tackling the challenge of climate transformation by implementing sustainable measures including the further developments of alternative fuel-feeding systems and utilizing alternative raw materials to reduce clinker incorporation, thus reducing our carbon footprint on the environment.			
<b>Financial Performance</b>			
TPCPLC achieved an operating profit of TZS 141.4 billion, a 2.3% increase over 2022, despite a 2.2% decline in turnover. This profit growth was driven by disciplined cost control measures, offsetting the reduced market demand.			
Additionally, TPCPLC's cash flow performance remained strong compared to the previous year. This improvement was primarily a result of enhancements in working capital management.			
<b>Dividend</b>			
The Board remains focused on building shareholders' value and we are confident that by following our strategies, we will achieve this. The Board, therefore, proposed a dividend for 2023 of TZS 390 per share. This is planned to be paid in June 2024.			
<b>Appreciation</b>			
On behalf of the Board, I want to express sincere appreciation to all of TPCPLC's stakeholders. Despite the challenges we encountered during the year 2023, your unwavering trust and support were instrumental in our continued success.			
Looking ahead, we are confident that TPCPLC will continue to thrive thanks to the ongoing support of our entire stakeholder community.			
Hakan Gurdal Chairman of the Board			
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>			
		2023	2022
	Notes	TZS '000	TZS '000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	18	135,386,745	142,330,100
Intangible assets	19	858,706	813,318
Leasehold land	20	953,083	980,929
Right of use assets	21	1,004,266	4,333,991
Other non-current financial assets	25	352,000	574,000
		<b>138,554,798</b>	<b>149,032,338</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	22	91,459,061	85,992,920
Trade receivables	23	61,659,567	53,561,114
Other short-term operating receivables	24	19,652,739	24,193,735
Current income tax recoverable	32	2,450,612	-
Other current financial assets	25	540,000	600,000
Cash and bank balances	26	131,369,615	105,512,644
		<b>307,131,594</b>	<b>269,860,413</b>
		<b>445,686,392</b>	<b>418,892,751</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	27	3,598,462	3,598,462
Retained earnings		324,958,486	296,139,811
		<b>328,556,948</b>	<b>299,738,273</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	28	185,766	1,149,572
Employment benefit obligations	29	5,386,658	4,937,695
Provision for quarry site restoration	31	4,573,453	4,266,311
Deferred income tax liability	32	10,559,783	10,066,665
		<b>20,705,660</b>	<b>20,420,243</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	28	963,806	3,461,375
Employment benefit obligations	29	562,206	401,627
Current income tax payable	32	-	521,690
Trade and other payables	35(a)	81,589,778	78,394,395
Provisions	35(b)	10,583,245	13,049,775
Dividend payable	37	2,924,749	2,905,373
		<b>96,423,784</b>	<b>98,734,235</b>
		<b>445,686,392</b>	<b>418,892,751</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>			
	Notes	2023	2022
		TZS '000	TZS '000
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Profit before tax		143,474,503	140,097,564
<i>Adjustment to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation	12	21,818,849	20,645,407
Interest expense	16	1,051,474	1,255,581
Interest income	15	(3,092,852)	(3,139,579)
Net unrealised exchange (gain)/loss	17	(7,386,138)	(801,765)
Net provision for obsolete inventories	22	2,902,936	971,658
(Decrease)/increase in site restoration provision	31	307,142	1,833,770
Post-employment benefit provision - Service cost	29	336,169	300,809
(Decrease)/increase in other provisions	35(b)	(2,466,550)	(280,104)
Expected credit losses for trade receivables	23	(11)	339,944
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	8	(8,540,612)	-
Cash flows before changes in working capital items		<b>148,404,930</b>	<b>161,223,285</b>
<i>Working capital adjustments:</i>			
Inventories		(8,369,077)	(34,029,089)
Trade receivables		(8,098,442)	(7,623,738)
Other short-term operating receivables		4,540,996	(7,606,867)
Other financial assets		282,000	222,000
Trade and other payables		2,995,383	8,112,674
Net working capital adjustments		<b>(8,649,140)</b>	<b>(40,925,020)</b>
Corporation tax paid	32	(46,686,343)	(45,932,977)
Payment to post-employment benefit - Benefit payments	29	(1,191,139)	(264,659)
Interest received	15	3,092,852	3,139,579
<b>Net cash inflows from operating activities</b>		<b>95,643,160</b>	<b>79,240,208</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	8	8,540,612	-
Payment for capital works-in-progress and PPE	18	(11,563,308)	(14,611,038)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(3,022,696)</b>	<b>(14,611,038)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid	37	(70,150,633)	(70,113,109)
Payment of lease liabilities - principal	28	(3,461,375)	(3,273,027)
Payment of lease liabilities - interest	28	(537,623)	(610,519)
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>		<b>(74,149,631)</b>	<b>(74,196,655)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>18,470,833</b>	<b>(9,567,485)</b>
Net unrealised exchange gain/(loss)		7,386,138	801,765
Cash and cash equivalents at 01 January		105,512,644	114,278,364
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at 31 December</b>		<b>131,369,615</b>	<b>105,512,644</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY</b>			
	Share Capital and Share Premium (Note 27)	Retained earnings	Total Equity
	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000
As at 01 January 2023	3,598,462	296,139,811	299,738,273
Profit for the year	-	99,183,746	99,183,746
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	(195,062)	(195,062)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:			
Dividends declared (Note 37)	-	(70,170,009)	(70,170,009)
	-	(70,170,009)	(70,170,009)
As at 31 December 2023	<b>3,598,462</b>	<b>324,958,486</b>	<b>328,556,948</b>
As at 01 January 2022	3,598,462	268,657,039	272,255,501
Profit for the year	-	97,358,600	97,358,600,000
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	314,184	314,184
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:			
Dividends declared (Note 37)	-	(70,170,012)	(70,170,012)
	-	(70,170,012)	(70,170,012)
As at 31 December 2022	<b>3,598,462</b>	<b>296,139,811</b>	<b>299,738,273</b>



# Taking disaster preparedness to communities

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale, Morogoro

REPRESENTATIVES from Morogoro Municipal Council and Morogoro Regional Commissioner's office met recently to hammer out a strategy for disaster preparedness following frequent and severe floods that have destroyed property, killed several people and displaced thousands in the region.

With support from Climate Action Network Tanzania (CAN Tanzania), the strategy would later be taken to wards and villages for implementation, where it will equip community members and leaders alike with action plans to be undertaken before floods and other disasters strike, during disasters and in post-disaster situations in a bid to minimize impacts to both human beings and property and enable people to live in the face of disasters.

The strategy will also help authorities to identify what support may be required and where to get such support in case of disasters. The goal is to build the capacity of district and ward functionaries as well as institutions, to take appropriate action so as to make communities resilient to disasters and hazards.

"The strategy spells out what action should be taken at various levels from district, ward to village level. Formerly we had to deal with disasters based on the national strategy which, however, could not respond adequately to specific-area cases. The district strategy spells out actions to address actual situations on the ground and will make rescue, recovery and other activities more effective," explained Abdallah Selega, Red Cross Coordinator for Morogoro Region. The activity is part implementation of Flood Response in Tanzania project conducted by CAN Tanzania with funding from START FUND. It also offers training and provides relief aid to disaster victims.

CAN Tanzania has offered training to draft disaster preparedness strategies for Ifakara, Malinyi, Kilwa and Lindi District Councils. It has also trained some community members in providing first treatment to victims of disasters and provided relief aid to victims, which include foodstuffs, blankets and mattresses.

Until implementation of this project began, district councils in Morogoro Region did not have disaster preparedness and management strategies. They had to depend on the regional strategy which was rather general and, as such, could not be applied to deal with specific cases.

"When the strategy becomes operational it will improve the way we handle disasters in villages as it has been prepared with due concern to geographical, social and environmental conditions," explains Elizabeth Badi, Municipal Disaster Coordinator, adding that WEOs, VEOs

and village government officials will undergo training on how to implement the strategy.

A participant from the planning Department of Morogoro Municipal Council, Martina Hezron, said that the Council had no disaster preparedness strategy as it faces frequent floods and related negative impacts. These disasters have become more intense over the years and communities have become more vulnerable. "It was case by case handling that was often not very effective.

But this strategy spells out how to deal with situations in particular areas as it identifies the geography, the terrain, and property that is available. It also gives guidelines on what measures we should take when disaster is impending, how we should handle people who are affected in various ways and what post-disaster actions we should take," she explained.

Mariamlisa Kasanga is the CAN Tanzania Coordinator for Flood Response project that has been implemented since December 2023 and will close its doors in June this year. "Disaster preparedness and response is not just about helping the victims to survive; nor is it only about floods but covers all types of disasters although flooding is most prominent. It is about taking appropriate action before disasters strike, what should be done during disasters and conducting activities in the aftermath of disasters," she explained. "The ultimate aim is to reduce impacts on people and property and respond to the victim's needs so that life goes on."

According to the Coordinator, it has come to light that Morogoro, Kilombero, Malinyi, Kilwa and Lindi do not have disaster management strategies, hence the need for CAN to spearhead the preparation of one for every district in consultation with the district staff. "The strategy we are preparing will go a long way towards helping disaster committees to manage situations and take action while waiting for support from other stakeholders. Appropriate action taken in real time usually limits the impacts of a disaster on people, property and the environment," she explained.

In implementing the project CAN has also conducted education and awareness campaigns in 120 wards in Malinyi, Kilombero, Rufiji and Kilwa Districts in order to build the capacity of ward leaders and the public to get weather information and use it appropriately for handling disasters. "The campaigns took two days for ward leaders. Another day was allocated for public rallies during which community members were trained on provision of first aid to flood and other disaster victims," explained Kasanga.

On completion, the disaster preparedness strategies will be discussed by district authorities and validated so that they can be put to use as soon as the need arises.



## Consultancy Opportunity: End-of-Term Review for Women's Fund Tanzania Trust Strategic Plan (2021-2025)

### 1. Organizational Context

Women Fund Tanzania Trust (WFT-T) is seeking a qualified consultancy firm or team of consultants to conduct an end-of-term review of our Strategic Plan (2021-2025).

Women Fund Tanzania Trust is the first and only women's fund in Tanzania. WFT Trust is uniquely positioned in the mainstream of women rights movement of Tanzania as an established women's rights fund focused on empowering girls, women and women rights' organizations by providing grants, thought leadership and investing in outreach and capacity enhancement for women rights issues. Its reach and focus on grassroots level women organizations engagement and agenda articulation means it is in touch with the real issues affecting real women in their real lives and circumstances.

Anchored in the women's rights movement of Tanzania WFT-Trust carries out its mandate through a two pronged approach to women and girls empowerment which focuses on an innovative grant making mechanism that targets and links grass roots women actors and national level organizations and its strategic alliances and partnership building functions. This creates a mutually reinforcing and supportive movement building processes that seeks to amplify women's voices and create visibility of their contributions in building a Tanzanian society where women realize their full potential and engage fully in the transformation of their communities in order to achieve empowerment and social justice.

### 2. Objectives

The primary objective of this consultancy is to assess the progress and impact of the Strategic Plan 2021-2025 over the past three years, identify areas of improvement, and provide recommendations for the remaining period and future planning. The review should evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of WFT-T's strategies and operations.

### 3. Scope of Work

- Assess overall program performance based on WFT-T's unique funding approach and dual role as a funder and movement builder.
- Review key achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of WFT-T's grant-making, capacity building, and movement-building strategies.
- Analyse the sustainability and resilience of feminist-focused outcomes.
- Review WFT-T's operational performance, governance, and leadership systems.
- Provide a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations.

### 4. Methodology

The consultancy should propose a balanced approach that includes literature/documentation review and participatory stakeholder engagement. This may involve interviews with key stakeholders, including funders, board members, grantee partners, and field visits outside Dar es Salaam.

### 5. Deliverables

- Inception Report outlining the methodological approach and timeline.
- Draft Review Report with clear findings and recommendations.
- Final Review Report addressing feedback on the draft.
- PowerPoint presentation summarizing key findings.
- Half-day presentation of findings to WFT-T stakeholders.

### 6. Consultant Qualifications

- At least 5 years of experience in leading evaluations, particularly those focused on women's rights and feminist movements.
- Demonstrable expertise in theory of change analysis and participatory approaches.
- Experience working with women's and children's rights initiatives.
- Strong analytical, writing, and presentation skills.

### 7. Timeline and Budget

The consultancy is scheduled to commence on June 17, 2024, and should be completed by August 15, 2024. The proposed budget should include all relevant costs, including professional fees, travel, accommodation, and other necessary expenses.

### Application Process

Interested consultants should submit:

- An expression of interest (max 10 pages) detailing how they meet the selection criteria and their understanding of the ToR and methodology.
- CVs of the consultant(s) (max 6 pages each).
- A financial proposal with itemized fees.
- TIN and registration certificates (if applying as a firm).
- Contact details of two independent referees.

Applications should be sent no later than June 07, 2024, to:

**Women Fund Tanzania Trust**  
17 Rufiji Street, Masaki  
P.O. Box 79235,  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
Or via email: [info@wfttrust.or.tz](mailto:info@wfttrust.or.tz)  
Only shortlisted applicants will be notified by June 14, 2024.

Please ensure your application clearly demonstrates your experience and understanding of the requirements as outlined in this Terms of Reference. We look forward to your submissions.

# As catches fall, Sierra Leone's artisanal fishermen turn to destructive practices

By Josef Skrdlik

At 5 a.m., as the horizon brightens and waves start to subside, more than a dozen wooden canoes along the shoreline between the settlements of Mahera Beach and Banda in northern Sierra Leone set off into the ocean.

Each canoe casts a net, one end tied to a pole on the beach, and traces a semicircle as it progresses into the water. Weights attached to the net fall to the ocean floor, trapping fish on the beach side.

Once the semicircle is complete, the net's other end is dragged to shore. Two groups of four fishers then take hold of each end and begin pulling the net out of the water. After three hours of intense work, the fishers haul the net onto the beach. It contains a few crabs, shrimps and hundreds of thrashing baby fish.

This fishing method, called beach seining, is banned in Sierra Leone due to its lack of selectivity and tendency to bring in excessive catches of juvenile fish, which aggregate in shallow coastal waters before reaching maturity and migrating to the open sea. Yet it's becoming increasingly popular among local fishers.

"You just cast the net and after some time, you have fish," said Foday Kamara, a 26-year-old owner of one of the nets on the beach.

Kamara, who's been a fisher since his early teens, also owns a drift net to catch adult bonga shad (*Ethmalosa fimbriata*) offshore. But to get a decent catch, fishers say they must now spend longer hours at sea and more money on fuel than they did just five years ago. So for Kamara, beach seining is currently his main source of income. The practice is also appealing for its low capital intensity, as it doesn't require an engine, only a small canoe, often built by the fishers themselves, and nets.

"I'm doing this job because of hardship, because having a job in this country isn't easy, unless you go thief," said Ibrahim Kamara, another of the beach seiners.

Quantifying the depletion of Sierra Leone's fish stocks is complicated. No comprehensive fish stock assessment has been conducted since surveys undertaken in 2008-2011, which indicated that local fisheries were overexploited. But the country's Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources confirmed fishers' concerns about falling catches. "Fish abundance continues to drop," said Lahai Seisay, the ministry's monitoring and compliance director, referring to an internal noncomprehensive stock analysis done by ministry staff.

The industrial sector undoubtedly plays an important role in the crisis. According to a report by the Financial Transparency Coalition, a U.S.-based organization, 37 industrial vessels in Sierra Leone were implicated in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing from 2010-2022 - the second-highest number globally. IUU incidents continued throughout 2023, despite authorities' claims that the practice had been largely eliminated. That said, artisanal fishing, which accounts for around



66% of the country's official annual fish production, is also responsible. Alongside beach seining, diminishing harvests and economic hardship in fishing communities have also driven up destructive fishing in estuaries and coastal rivers and creeks, critical fish breeding and nursery grounds. In a practice known locally as channel fishing, fishers encircle patches of river or marine shallows with undersize-mesh nets, clearing them from top to bottom. "The small mesh size captures even the eggs," said Thomas Turay, president of the Sierra Leone Artisanal Fishermen Union.

Reports of recent dynamite fishing where fishers throw explosives into the water, killing or damaging all aquatic life in the vicinity, in the town of Pepel on the Sierra Leone River. The town's headman, Momoh Conteh, said this is done by poor people lacking the means to purchase fishing nets.

"The competition is high and the stocks are declining, so everyone looks for a method to get at least some catch," said Wudie Koroma, the artisanal fishermen union's spokesperson.

"If they wanted to go strictly by the mesh-size regulation, they would go to sea and not find much in their nets," said Salieu Sankoh, a marine biologist affiliated with Fourah Bay College in Freetown and the former director of the West Africa Regional Fisheries Program in Sierra Leone, a World Bank-funded initiative to improve fisheries management in the region.

Koroma estimated that up to 70% of artisanal fishers are currently involved in damaging fishing practices, with 20% doing beach seining and 50% doing channel

fishing.

While the extent of damage from these fishing practices is difficult to quantify, Sankoh said they're a significant factor behind the overfishing crisis. The main issue is the excessive juvenile catch, coupled with the destruction of fish eggs in breeding areas. "This results in recruitment overfishing, where fishers are catching fish that have not had the chance to spawn," he said.

In Pepel, a channel-fishing hotspot, headman Conteh said fishers target the area during the spawning season. "We have lost over 16 species of fish in recent years. Bonga, silver fish, butter fish, snapper, barracuda - they don't come here anymore," he said.

Seisay described the situation as "lawlessness," saying the artisanal sector now poses a bigger challenge than the industrial sector. "Between the two sectors, artisanal and industrial, the elephant in the room is the artisanal sector," he said.

### 'Fishermen always want small mesh'

The availability of unsustainable fishing gear is the main factor enabling destructive fishing. Beach seining and channel fishing would be less economically viable if fishers could only acquire standard-size meshes large enough to allow juvenile fish to escape, and less damaging when practiced.

Sierra Leonean law prohibits the use, possession on vessels, import, purchase and sale of certain fishing gear, including gill nets with a mesh less than 45 millimeters (1.77 inches) in stretched diagonal length for use in rivers; beach seine nets; and monofilament nets. Yet Mongabay saw prohibited gear in all 11 coastal communities visited in Sierra Leone.

Prohibited nets were on sale at five of the six fishing gear shops Mongabay visited in the capital, Freetown, and the town of Tombo. All five shop owners reported purchasing these nets in Guinea and transporting them to Sierra Leone through the main border crossing in Gbalamuya or by sea.

"There are many ways," said a shop owner in Tombo who requested anonymity to avoid legal trouble, when asked how the importation is possible considering the ban.

Another Tombo shop owner implied his business would not be viable if he abided by the law, saying "Fishermen always want small mesh - with big mesh, you lose, you only catch big fish."

### Supplying poultry farms in Guinea

Destructive fishing is encouraged not only by declining stocks but also by economic factors linked to the local fish market.

In several communities, traders buying dried fish to sell as animal feed in Guinea. The fish in the question was primarily baby fish, too small to sell well in the local market. Local women typically dry the fish on the beaches or roadsides, sometimes also peeling the skin and separating the head and tail. The dried fish is then bagged and transported to Guinea.

A trader in the community of Mama Beach on Freetown Peninsula said that in Coyah, a suburb of the Guinean capital, Conakry, dried fish destined for local poultry farms sells for double what it does in Sierra Leonean markets. A kilogram of dried bodies goes for 30,000 Guinean francs (\$3.50), or \$1.60 per pound, while tails and heads fetch a tenth that amount. She said she leaves Mama Beach five or six times a year with a van loaded with between 2,400 and 3,200 kg (5,300-7,100 lbs) of dried fish. Border agents request a bribe of around 1,000 leones (\$44) to allow the cargo through, the trader said.

'Everybody fights to get more'

Sierra Leone has significant stocks of croakers (family Sciaenidae), a group of fish found primarily in estuaries and shallow coastal waters. The sweet-tasting fish is highly prized in Asian markets, and several local companies specialize in processing them for export, engaging directly in industrial fishing or buying from artisanal fishers.

Some of these, notably Red Sea Salone and Whitepole, were previously im-

plicated in practicing industrial fishing in the inshore exclusion zone, an area along the shore reserved for artisanal fishing.

That said, as the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources has improved its satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) to better track the location of vessels operating in local waters, the companies have increasingly focused on buying fish from local fishers.

The price of gwangwan (*Pseudotolithus elongatus*), the most valuable croaker species, can be as much as 200 leones (around \$9) per kg (\$4/lb), five times more than fish normally sells for in the local market.

### Stopping them would ... mean starvation

While the illegal practices in the artisanal sector continue to inflict damage, any significant law enforcement action seems unlikely due to socioeconomic constraints and a lack of political will.

The first challenge concerns livelihoods. Fishers tend to live from hand to mouth and lack the resources to purchase new gear and transition to alternative fishing methods.

"Given the 70% of fishermen engaging in these acts, stopping them would automatically mean starvation," Koroma said.

And with the fishing sector directly or indirectly employing roughly 800,000 Sierra Leoneans, almost 10% of the population, the government seems wary of implementing unpopular measures. "These high numbers are important for elections," said Sankoh, the marine biologist.

In April, Sierra Leone implemented a closed season for the industrial sector, an attempt to let dwindling stocks replenish. This was to be followed by closing artisanal fishing in May, but the government backtracked at the last minute following political pressure.

According to Koroma, closing the artisanal sector won't solve the primary cause of the problem. Instead, he suggested systematically changing all bad fishing nets, adding that \$2 million to \$3 million would be sufficient.

Even then, more regulation would be necessary to ensure the sustainability of artisanal fishing. "Somehow, we have no entry restrictions in the sector, so somebody can take a log, build a canoe and go fishing the next day," Seisay said.

Yet Seisay expressed skepticism that limiting access to the sector and stricter law enforcement would be possible, given the economic conditions and political pressures.

While the journalist was visiting the fishing community of Goderich on the Freetown Peninsula and speaking with the local fishing monitoring officer, Abbas Kargbo, a channel canoe, loaded with fish and prohibited nets, arrived at the shore.

"What can I do?" asked Kargbo. "This boat is feeding at least six families."



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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS/WORD FIT - 13**

By Felix Magezin: 0787 00 97 94 // felixmagezin@gmail.com

1	penetrate
14	nourish in Icelandic
15	a theatre where films are shown
17	tough central parts of fruits
18	endow with a quality
Down:	
1	past participle of drive
2	report an offence
3	an assistant to a political leader
4	an establishment occupied by a community of monks
6	make something certain to happen
8	a member of a senate
9	a cypress tree which is the source of gum sandarac
13	set upright
16	a playing card with a single spot on it, the highest card in its suit in most games

**Across:**

1 The administrative Capital of Tanzania  
 5 iambus  
 7 Islets  
 10 the flesh of a calf used as a food  
 11 essential nature or essence

**Word Bank:** EVENS, SPA, BAR, YARAKS, BARD, AMID, KIR, DEALER, PESETA, DEALER, DATURA, AMOEBA, ROME, CAN RAT, RIMLAND, DELAYED, CORE, DRA

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BANANA, G DOSA, O, R U RAIN, UTTERED, ALLOWED, STORE, ZULU, AHEM, SOMITE, TRATE, E, E PEER, LAHAR, R, HOE, AST, M GOVERN, R RACES, RAGED, E, ASS, HA, X, ENDOW, O, R

# AFDB, AFRICA50 JOIN FORCES TO CONSTRUCT ZANZIBAR'S MANGA-PWANI MEGA-PROJECT

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE Government of Tanzania, in partnership with the African Infrastructure Investment Institute (Africa50) and the African Development Bank (AfDB), have reached an agreement to construct

Zanzibar's Manga-Pwani mega-project, revolutionizing port services on the isles.

As per details from Ministry of Finance on the mainland, this announcement was made by Dr Juma Malik Akil, Permanent Secretary of President's Office Finance and Planning, Zanzibar, representing Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba from the Isle's Ministry of Finance.

The revelation came during a meeting between Tanzania and the institute, held on the sidelines of the 2024 Meetings of the Board of Governors (Finance Ministers from member countries) of the AfDB in Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr Akil said the government has agreed to continue negotiations that had already begun with Africa50 for the construction of the Mangapwani multipurpose port. He added that the institute, together with the AfDB, expects to arrive in Zanzibar in June 2024 to inspect the area allo-

cated for the construction of the port.

"We expect that soon, Africa50, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB), will come to Zanzibar to inspect the area prepared for the construction of the Port of Mangapwani," noted Dr Akil.

Dr Akil added that Africa50, in collaboration with the AfDB, has promised to ensure the project is completed early to stimulate investment and boost Zanzibar's economic growth.

In addition, Dr Akil said that, apart from the Mangapwani port construction, Africa50 has been cooperating with the government in various development areas, especially in the energy sector, where it has been working closely with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC).

For her part, Tshepidi Moremang, Africa50's Chief Operating Officer, said her institute will continue to cooperate with Tanzania in all important areas of infrastructure investment to enable the country to achieve sustainable economic growth, generate employment, and manage natural resources for future generations.

She said the institute contributes to the growth of Afri-



A computer-generated illustration of the Mangapwani multipurpose port project reveals a holistic development blueprint. File Photo

can countries by bringing together development projects and financing on one platform. It develops and invests in financeable projects, stimulates public sector capital, and encourages private sector financing.

Africa50 was established by African governments together with the AfDB to help close the infrastructure financing gap on the continent by facilitating the implementation of various development projects, increasing the availabil-

ity of funds for the public and private sectors, and investing in infrastructure in Africa.

The Mangapwani multipurpose port, as per media reports, is a cutting-edge cargo facility aimed at bolstering Zanzibar's infrastructure to accommodate the rising trade and cargo needs in the region.

The initiative will see the development of berths for various cargo types including liquid bulk goods, containers, fishing vessels, natural gas

offshore services, and an innovative city design integrated within the project.

The project encompasses the construction of the Mangapwani multi-terminal port, the development of a satellite city, and the revitalization of Malindi port as a prominent tourism destination. The proposed 180-acre satellite city is designed to house 50,000 residents, with 10 percent of the area earmarked for commercial activities.

At one-point last year, Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein

Mwinyi, as reported by the media, noted, "We are facing a crisis with Malindi port, which lacks the capacity to handle our increasing cargo demands. Numerous large vessels find it challenging to dock here."

Dr Mwinyi underscored the government's unwavering commitment to the ambitious development plan, emphasizing that "Zanzibar is poised to emerge as a strategic commercial and tourism hub in East and Central Africa through this comprehensive project and the development of critical economic infrastructure."

Adding: "As part of the transformative Mangapwani initiative, Zanzibar aims to establish a cutting-edge port facility featuring multiple containerized and general cargo terminals, along with provisions for fuel, fishing vessels, oil, and natural gas."

In addition to the fishing-oriented amenities, this large-scale project will incorporate industrial infrastructure and maritime training facilities to advance the nation's blue economy initiative. Zanzibar's government has strategically chosen ocean-based ventures as the catalyst for its economic expansion.

Within the realm of the blue economy, Zanzibar will pur-

sue deep sea fishing, fish farming, fish processing, oil and gas exploration, and other key economic activities.

Upon completion, the port harbors substantial economic promise and is poised to enhance trade operations in the region. Zanzibar's objective is to modernize its port infrastructure to meet the escalating demands for maritime trade services effectively.

The forthcoming port development is anticipated to do more than just satisfy existing demands, it is expected to position the Isle as a pivotal player in the East African shipping sector. Emphasizing sustainability and innovation, the project's primary objectives are to generate job opportunities, enhance logistical efficiency, and draw fresh investments to the area.

Experts foresee that by capitalizing on the expertise and financial backing of AfDB and Africa50, this venture will establish new benchmarks for port facilities across the region.

Moreover, this endeavor underscores a mutual dedication to nurturing economic progress and advancement in Zanzibar, culminating in a vibrant environment for trade and business activities.

## Billions in African gold smuggled to UAE every year, SwissAid reports

By Guardian Correspondent

BILLIONS of dollars of gold is smuggled out of Africa every year, with the vast majority exported to the United Arab Emirates for processing, according to a report by SwissAid.

Using data on declared and undeclared gold imports over a ten-year period ending in 2022, the Bern-based non-governmental organization estimates that the illicit trade amounts to between \$23.7-billion and \$35-billion annually based on current market prices.

More than 435 tons of bullion was smuggled out of Africa in 2022 alone, it said.

The revenue fuels conflict, finances criminal and terrorist networks, undermines democracy and facilitates money laundering, according to the group.

Smuggled gold originates from 12 African countries, with most of the informal trade coming from Mali, Ghana and Zimbabwe.

An estimated \$115.3-billion worth of bullion entered the UAE in the decade following 2012, the group said.

The UAE has taken "significant steps to address concerns around gold smuggling, recognizing the risks posed by such activities," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in an emailed response to a request for comment. For example, the UAE authorities have seen suspicious activity reports relating to the gold sector increase to 6,432 last year from 223 in 2021, it said.

The UAE has also increased inspections looking for smuggled bullion and so far handed out more than



78-million dirhams (\$21.2-million) in fines. The UAE Ministry of Economy told SwissAid the country "cannot be held accountable for other government's export records. Only our own, where we have sophisticated technologies and systems to track and verify the data." The ministry "also stressed in its response that the UAE has adopted measures to curb money laundering in the gold sector," according to the report.

Last year, the UAE suspended the accreditation of Emirates Gold DMCC, one of the country's biggest gold refineries, over concerns that its owners had ties to alleged money launderers.

The bulk of Africa's illegally mined gold is channeled to Dubai through refineries in countries like Uganda and Rwanda, sometimes via private jet, or is flown there directly in hand luggage, often with false papers, according to the report.

The emirate is home to at least 20 gold refineries and more than 7,000 traders in precious metals and stones. Smuggled gold is also sent to India and Switzerland, the report said.

"We are talking about hundreds of millions of dollars for the whole continent that would be available for all kinds of public services including health and education," said Yvan Schulz, SwissAid raw materials researcher and co-author of the study.

Schulz said that combed through the continent's gold production and trade data country by country. Switzerland is the second largest importer of African gold after the UAE.

"Gold smuggling in Africa more than doubled between 2012 and 2022,"

noted Adam Anthony, chairperson of the African steering Committee of Publish What You Pay (PWYP), in reaction to the SwissAid findings, which were first presented at an OECD summit on responsible mineral supply chains this month. "Let me put things into perspective: \$30 billion a year is equivalent to two times the GDP of Rwanda and the foreign reserves of Tanzania for the next six months."

Switzerland also plays a crucial role in the gold trade network. Alongside the UAE and India, it is one of the top three importers of African gold.

From 2012 to 2022, nearly 80 percent of African gold exports were destined for these three nations. Swiss direct gold imports from Africa increased from 158 tonnes in 2012 to 246 tonnes in 2022, the report noted.

"Switzerland is not directly sourcing ASM gold from Africa, but Switzerland is sourcing a lot of gold from the UAE," points out Schulz. "Part of that gold very likely comes from Africa and from Africa ASM. So there's a high risk that Switzerland might actually be sourcing a lot of ASM gold from Africa indirectly."

Marcena Hunter, director of the Extractives at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, commended the report and said it aligned with studies done by her organisation.

"It is a really great exploration of the data both in terms of its limitations and what can be done with it," she said during a panel discussion at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

## AfDB invests US \$50 billion in infrastructure projects in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has invested over US\$50 billion on infrastructure projects across the continent, by far the largest investment of any multilateral Development Bank or institution.

This was said by Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President and Chairman, Boards of Directors, of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group during the opening of the Annual Meetings on Wednesday this week.

Explaining, Dr Akinwumi said the bank is raising \$3.2 billion for the East Africa standard gauge railway connecting Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

The project is aimed at extending Tanzania's SGR, which is at various stages of construction, to Burundi and later the DR Congo with a \$696.41 million financing package approved by the AfDB in December 2023.

Burundi expects to use the rail link to transport at least three million tonnes of minerals annually from Musongati, which is estimated to have the 10th largest nickel deposits in the world at 150 million tonnes plus other minerals such as cobalt and copper, to the port of Dar es Salaam along with around one million tonnes of other cargo.

He said the bank is also providing \$500 million towards the development of the Lobito corridor to link Zambia, Angola and the DRC.

The Lobito Corridor project entails the construction of almost 350 miles of rail line in Zambia, along with hundreds of miles of feeder roads, linking the southern part of The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the northwestern part of Zambia to regional and global markets via Angola's Port of Lobito.

The third financing project, according to the AfDB President is the railway linking Nigeria to Niger republic costing \$375 million.

The project broke ground in 2021 and is expected to cost around \$2bn. As well as linking Nigeria and Niger, it will run east from Kano to Dutse, the capital of Jigawa State, and interconnect to a \$6.7bn link between Kano and Lagos.

He said the bank is also mobilizing \$3.5 billion to \$5 billion towards the development of the Liberty corridor to link Liberia and Guinea.

This critical rail infrastructure project aims to

link Liberia and Guinea, fostering stronger economic ties between the two nations and acting as a cornerstone for the success of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"We have worked with partners of the Africa Investment Forum to mobilize \$15.6 billion of investment commitment towards the development of the Lagos-Abidjan corridor," he said.

The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor is a link in the Dakar-Lagos Corridor, part of the trans-African highway of the ECOWAS region, whose development has been identified as one of the priorities of the Infrastructure Development Program in Africa (PIDA).

The infrastructure is more than essential for the socio-economic development of West Africa, as it connects the most densely populated and economically active parts of the sub-region and, moreover, has interconnections with a railways network and the main ports and airports in its coverage area.

The new Abidjan-Lagos motorway will have six lanes (2x3 lanes), the study to be undertaken will be based on a basic principle: follow a new route, incorporating sections of the existing road, where necessary, in order to optimize the road.

The corridor is located on the coastal axis of the region and crosses the economic centers and the most densely populated cities of the sub-region.

The population along this axis is estimated at 70 million and will be the direct beneficiaries when the project is implemented.

Together with Africa50, AfDB is also mobilizing \$630 million for the construction of the road and rail to link the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The project includes road and rail links in both countries as well as joint border control points (One Stop Border Posts).

A border control post will be located at each end of the bridge and will house border control officers. Inspections will only be conducted on one side of the river, on the departure side).

The existing road infrastructure will be extended by 10km to connect the bridge to the two cities.

He further said the bank is financing the Guercif-Nador highway in Morocco and the 1,000-kilometer highway linking Addis Ababa to Mombasa, which has expanded trade flows between Ethiopia and Kenya by 400 percent

# UNDERSTANDING THE LEAN CONSTRUCTION PYRAMID FOR EASY LEAN IMPLEMENTATION

By Doanh Do

**T**HE field of lean design and construction has been around for more than 30 years. Over time we have researched and tested many different ideas that have proven effective in improving project performance and human outcomes. Over the years as more and more concepts and ideas have been added to the lean construction body of knowledge, our ability to communicate the body of knowledge to beginners has gotten more complex, not less.

In this blog post, I want to introduce the lean construction pyramid and how it can help us better organize our lean knowledge. Once we have the proper organization, the pyramid allows us to visually see where we are lacking and thus giving us recommendations for how to improve our knowledge and implementation of lean design and construction.

What is the Lean Construction pyramid?

The lean construction pyramid is a simple concept. At the base of lean construction are the three philosophies namely Respect for People, Maximizing Value while Minimizing Waste, and Continuous Improvement.

The next layer of the pyramid are the lean principles. The principles are concepts that we have found which when applied leads to better project outcomes.

The next layer are the lean methods themselves. These include the Last Planner, 5S, SCRUM, Takt, Target Value Delivery, Choosing By Advantages, etc. The methods are a formalization of the several lean principles to create a prescriptive recipe for putting lean into action.

The final layer of the pyramid are the tools and implementations. For each of the methods, you can apply them either as analog, digital, or a hybrid approach.

Lean Philosophies

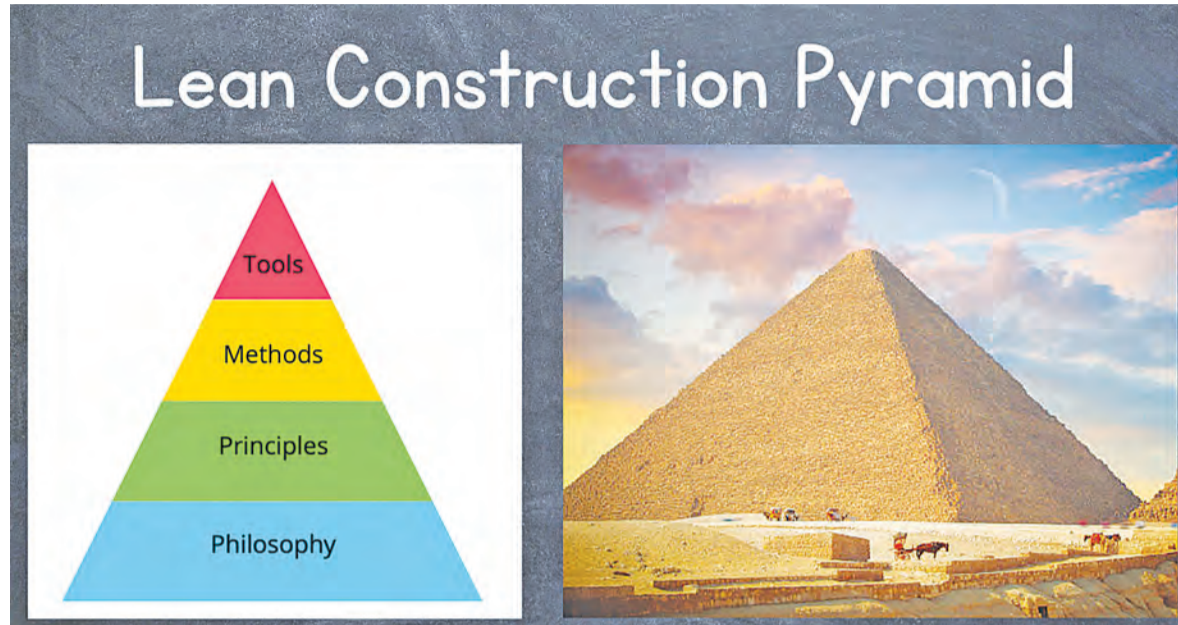


Illustration of the Lean Construction Pyramid. File Photo

The foundation of all lean construction are the three philosophies. These philosophies should never change. We should strive to get closer to these philosophies while never being able to reach them.

The goal of all lean design and construction is to create a practical path to achieving ALL three philosophies.

It is important to start with the philosophies first because they are the guiding north star. Most teams are not trained on the three philosophies and thus their understanding of the mission of lean construction can easily be misled in the wrong direction.

Lean Principles

Lean principles are concepts that when applied to design and construction generally lead to better project outcomes. We discover these principles through observation, by looking at construction projects as well as getting inspiration from adjacent industries.

As time progresses, we will discover more and more principles

that align with the lean philosophies. And it is through the application of these principles that we continue to improve our lean implementation.

Lean Methods

In the field of lean design and construction, we place a heavy emphasis on the methods because the methods have all been well researched over several decades. The very first method that sparked the lean construction movement was the Last Planner System. Over time, we added more and more formalized methods to the body of knowledge including target value delivery, choosing by advantages, scrum, 5s, visual management, etc.

It is important that the methods are in alignment with the lean principles and lean philosophies. Many of the methods such as TVD have not been fully developed and there are still decades more of research and development to refine and further develop it.

As time passes, we will see more methods come into development. Some methods such as

Choosing By Advantages were not invented by lean construction practitioners rather they have been borrowed from other industries and disciplines.

Tools and Implementation

The lean methods, principles, and philosophies themselves are amorphous. They do not have any physical form in the real world. Only when we implement them do they take shape. In applying lean methods, we have three choices: analog, digital, or hybrid. It is up to the team to determine which tools and implementations that yield the best results.

Oftentimes we see teams touting about the tools and implementation. But all the really important foundations of lean lies in the philosophy, principles, and methods - things that one cannot easily see unless one has been trained to look for them.

Why use the pyramid?

The pyramid serves many important purposes for the design and construction industry.

It provides a common vocabulary and an organizational "shoe

box" for practitioners to put their ideas together

It allows people to communicate on how they are applying lean on their projects.

The pyramid stresses the alignment of the philosophies, principles, methods, and tools. This alignment is not always as visible for people using lean.

If you plot all the lean principles and methods onto the pyramid, you can see right away what you have and what you are lacking. This creates a path for continuous improvement.

You can tell very quickly if someone knows lean or they are an amateur based on their vocabulary and speech patterns. Are they precise in their definitions or do they mix the principles with the methods, and philosophies? A precise endeavor requires precise vocabulary and understanding.

What about the 6 tenets of Lean from the Lean Construction Institute?

I believe that it is time to let go of those 6 tenets. They were developed at a time when a holistic understanding of the field of lean construction was not fully understood. The 6 tenets do provide some guidance on lean construction, but it also misleads people into thinking that they are more advanced than they really are.

Most people in the industry believe that their projects and company has already achieved the 6 tenets after a few years of implementing lean. Unlike the pyramid, they can't "see" what they have and what they are missing.

The 6 tenets as a framework is also confusing because it mixes lean philosophy with lean principles which can create confusion amongst people new to lean construction.

Why use the Lean Pyramid?

Our current recommendation is to use the lean pyramid because it is simple, elegant, and

straightforward. It can help beginners that are just starting their lean journey understand the field in a simpler way. It can help more advanced practitioners see holistically the field and know where they can improve their implementation.

Pyramids have been around for thousands of years. It is one of the first shapes that we learn in kindergarten. It is a vastly superior framework than the 6 tenets of lean construction because it allows anyone to see precisely what they know and what they are missing. As a continuous improvement effort, we should use the best ideas and best practices to propel the industry forward. It doesn't make sense to hold onto antiquated ideas that no longer serve its purpose.

This post is not an attack on the 6 tenets or on LCI. Over the last 30 years, we have many ideas, concepts, and frameworks that we created as a means to explain and advance the field. Some of those concepts are no longer fit for purpose in the current state of the world. We have to be deliberate in retiring and letting go of older frameworks which are no longer viable and often end up confusing people rather than helping them.

Over time our goal is to make lean design and construction simpler, not more complex. We should acknowledge the contributions of those that came before us but at the same time we should not hold any framework, concept, or research paper as holy scriptures. We should continue to make progress in expanding lean understanding and find better ways to communicate it with the wider industry.

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## Compensation set to begin with respect to development of JNIA

By Guardian Reporter

BIG news for Kipunguni residents in Dar es Salaam who opposed Julius Nyerere International Airport's expansion, as the government is set to kickstart compensation payments. Verified claims without restrictions will pave the way for a fair resolution.

The Minister of Finance, Mwigulu Nchemba, elucidated this matter in Parliament while addressing a query from the Deputy Speaker, Mussa Zungu. The inquiry pertained to the timeline for compensating the Kipunguni residents, alleged to be hindering the expansion process.

The Deputy Speaker raised this question following Deputy Minister of Transport, David Kihenzile's responses to parliamentarians' inquiries regarding compensating residents who had forfeited their land for airport construction across the nation.

Dr. Nchemba mentioned that the government had provided guidance to the individuals as it was found that some had received alternative land that was included in the claims, while others required additional compensation.

He shared that the government has dispatched a team of experts to reassess and categorize the claims to distinguish the valid ones amidst demands from some citizens seeking additional compensation.

Dr. Nchemba emphasized, "Presently, we are actively sourcing funds within the current fiscal year to initiate disbursements."

In his address, Dr. Nchemba highlighted that the recent evaluation of land and properties for 1,184 residents indicates that the government will disburse over 144bn/-, a significant increase from the prior assessment in 2009, which had determined that residents were entitled to 15bn/-.

Media report indicates that in February 2010 residents were evicted to make way for the construction of a third terminal at JNIA, and that although some were compensated, hundreds of the evicted families had protested against the proposed compensation package, arguing that it undervalued their homes by 50 percent and was based on an obsolete Land Acquisition Act dating back to 1967.

The JNIA expansion project began in 1997 with a government declaration of the area to be acquired. Residents in the area allocated for the project were ordered to stop making any improvements on the land.



AQRB Public Relations Officer Atugonza Samwel briefly explained construction concepts to students at the 2024 National Education, Skills, and Innovation Week in Tanga. Photo by Cheji Bakari.

## AQRB urges builders to seek expert advice to prevent building collapses

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE Architects and Quantity Surveyors Registration Board (AQRB) urges everyone planning to build commercial, residential, or real estate properties to seek expert consultation first. This crucial step can significantly reduce the risk of building collapses and ensure safer, more reliable structures.

AQRB's Public Relations Officer, Atugonza Samwel, gave this advice while speaking with The Guardian Reporter at a weeklong national education, skills, and innovation exhibition at Popatla Schools grounds in Tanga.

She mentioned that numerous building collapse incidents, whether due to

structural failure or human error, such as poor-quality materials, can be attributed to factors like lack of land surveying, landscape architects, or civil engineers not adhering to proper building regulations and procedures.

"Building accidents can often arise due to non-compliance with building procedures, inappropriate materials, or when building owners initiate construction without following proper protocols," she affirmed.

Adding, "Constructing in valleys, hills, water sources, or clay soil poses significant risks. These areas are prone to natural disasters, structural failure, and potential cracks shortly after construction."

"She emphasized that

individuals owning plots in these risky areas should seek technical advice from landscape surveyors before commencing construction to prevent potential property damage and loss of life.

She also highlighted that the AQRB institution offers technical consultation services to those embarking on construction projects and to individuals who have completed civil engineering or related courses from universities, which qualifies them for registration with the board.

"She emphasized the importance of recent graduates from universities such as landscape architects, quantity surveyors, architectural technologists, building surveyors, project managers, and inte-

rior designers to register themselves and their respective firms."

Structural experts believe that building a structure without proper consultation from experts poses significant risks, beginning with structural integrity. Expert architects and engineers ensure that a building is designed to withstand environmental stresses such as wind, earthquakes, and heavy loads.

Without their input, critical calculations and safety measures may be overlooked, leading to potential structural failures. These failures can manifest as cracks, collapses, or other severe issues that compromise the building's stability, potentially resulting in costly repairs or even catastrophic accidents.

Another major risk is non-compliance with local building codes and regulations.

Experts are well-versed in these codes, which are established to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the occupants. Building without adherence to these regulations can result in legal repercussions, fines, and the potential need for expensive modifications to bring the structure up to code.

Furthermore, non-compliance can invalidate insurance policies if subscribed to any, leaving the property owner financially vulnerable in the event

of damage or loss.

On the other hand, neglecting expert consultation can lead to inefficient and unsafe utility systems. Properly designed electrical, and plumbing systems are critical for the safe and efficient operation of any building.

Experts ensure these systems are correctly installed to prevent hazards such as electrical fires, water damage, and inadequate ventilation. Improperly designed or installed systems can lead to increased energy costs, health risks, and a reduced lifespan of the building.

Therefore, consulting with professionals is essential to avoid these risks and ensure a safe, durable, and efficient structure.

In another development, she advised female students who wish to join universities and technical colleges to prioritize civil engineering because the sector is now marketable and there are few women engineers.

"This sector has few women engineers, so for those Form Six graduates who undertook Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics (PCM) subjects, as well as those who studied civil engineering in secondary school, it is better to extend their knowledge and skills. This career has ample opportunities, and women are in high demand," she noted.

## CONSTRUCTION

By Dinesh Balsingh

## TECH PROMOTES EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION IN AFRICA

In today's digital age, the demand for reliable internet connectivity is crucial for business continuity and economic competitiveness. This underscores the importance of technology as a key enabler of flexible and equitable access to education.

Examining education systems in developed economies, it is evident that the effective integration of technology in teaching and learning has not only fostered critical thinking and problem-solving skills but also nurtured digital literacy—essential elements in the global competitive landscape.

While some nations have advanced their educational frameworks due to robust economies and ample resources, emerging economies like Tanzania must prioritize investment in technology to enhance learning and skills acquisition.

Notably, the government of Tanzania has been making great strides to improve the education system in the country through investment and emphasis on the use of technology to make scholars more digitally literate and capable.

Such investments made by the government include the construction of classrooms in schools across the country to en-



sure children in suburban and rural areas study and learn in conducive environments.

In 2022, the government constructed over 8000 classrooms which came into use in the 2023 academic year thus surpassing the set target of 4,040 classrooms that was envisioned in the Third National Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP-III) to be implemented between 2021/22 and 2025/26.

It is important to acknowledge that the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology has been imposing strategies to address school dropouts by improving the learning environment and implementing the new education curriculum so that children can develop an interest in learning; and not forgetting the Samia scholarship which will grant young scholars to venture into science-related careers.

Tanzania's Minister of Information, Communication, and Information Technology, Nape

Nauye, highlighted in his recent budget proposal speech that internet users increased to 36 million in April 2024 from 33 million in April 2023, marking an 11.2% rise. This surge indicates growing internet proficiency among Tanzanians, driven by online trade, research, and cultural exchanges facilitated by digital tools.

If you look at the ministry's budget submissions for the financial 2024/2025, you will note the emphasis on smart cities and smart economies. The backbone of this agenda is a digitally empowered community that not only has digital knowledge but also has access to smartphones and networks that support data-enabled devices no matter how remote in the country you may be.

With the government expanding communication infrastructure to improve internet access, the time is ripe to invest in smart learning solutions that offer flexible, personalized edu-

cation for the younger generation. This investment will pave the way for a more knowledgeable, skilled, and technologically adept populace.

However, the responsibility for such advancements should not rest solely on the government. The private sector and development partners must recognize their critical role in promoting sustainable development projects. Their resources and expertise can help create a more inclusive and equitable education system that offers lifelong learning opportunities and reduces educational disparities.

The Government of Tanzania, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), and UNICEF—have collaborated with telcos through WASOMI project to bridging the digital divide.

This initiative seeks to scale up digital learning solutions in public secondary schools by enhancing internet connectivity in schools, providing accessible learning content, and promoting digital education for children across Tanzania.

By leveraging technology, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to a more prosperous future.

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## Flood victims in Rufiji receive improved maize seeds

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS affected with floods in Rufiji district, Coast region, have received a consignment of 7.1 tonnes of improved maize seeds valued 50m/- donated by the local bank's foundation, to help them during the next farming season and improve food security.

The donation was the response to the plea made by the Member of Parliament for Rufiji constituency and minister of Regional Administration and Local Government Mohammed Mchengerwa as part of regaining lost economies of families who were badly hit by floods.

Speaking after receiving the donated maize seeds, the Rufiji District Commissioner Maj. Edward Gowele said the support will enable the affected families to ensure them to restore food security.

"We thank CRDB Bank Foundation for comforting us during this difficult period. The donation of seeds has come at the right time because it will help families to get rid of the effects of floods, reduce production costs and ensure good harvests during the next season," he said.

He said the floods were mainly caused by heavy rains that destroyed planted crops and businesses that led to impoverishment among people.

Maj. Gowele has called on ben-



Just part of the evidence of the recent floods in Rufiji District. File photo

efiting people to use the donated seeds to regain their lost economies, because it will also stimulate income generations after harvests.

The foundation's managing director Tully Ester Mwambapa said the donated seeds came as a comfort to people who were affected by floods, to enable them to regain their farming activities.

"Natural calamities have huge impacts and create ma-

major setbacks to the economies of the people and the national development at large in case we have no capability to prevent them. This is what motivated the bank and its subsidiaries to support the government efforts to mitigate the effects of such uncertainties," she said.

She said when they received the request from the minister of regional administration and local govern-

ments and Rufiji MP Mohammed Mchengerwa, they didn't think twice to support those affected by the floods, to reduce pains by enabling them to regain the lost economic status.

Apart from the donation, the foundation also equipped business skills and financial literacy to flood affected people in the district, specifically youths and women, to prepare them to benefit

from seed capital, which will enable them to regain their personal economies.

She said the foundation's empowerment programme targeting has so far built capacity to 350,000 women and youths by giving them a total of 10bn/- as seed capital.

Commenting on the capacity building, DC Gowele said the skills learnt will benefit attendants, their families and surrounding communities.

## Banks urged to regularly train employees on customer care

By Francis Kajubi

BANKS have been urged to initiate regular training for their employees especially on customer care so that to add value on service delivery, build customers' trust and influence the non-bankable communities.

Tuse Joune, Executive Director, Tanzania Bankers Association (TBA) said that with the advancement of technology regular capacity building training programmes at place of work are vital to keep professionals updated with new ways of reaching and serving customers.

She was speaking at the launch of the third cohort of the branch managers' academy programme on responsible leadership by a local bank held in Dar es Salaam early this week.

She said that leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality and bankers must be on the front line in proving this saying in the eyes of customers who come from different backgrounds.

"It's up to you to translate the bank's vision into reality. Commitment, sensitivity and hard work are key pillars for good leaders. You must be good ambassadors in the eyes of banking services consumers," said Joune.

She asserted that banks' reputations are in the hands of their staff. Regular training for workers plays a critical role in protection of an institution brand. It helps in restoring existing customers while attracting new ones on board.

Joune commended the bank for being connected to the community and pioneering the programme that intended at building a pool of good leaders within the banking sector.

"The incubation programme by the local bank has been playing a major role in empowering small and medium business owners.

Wilmot Ishengoma, the Chief Risk Officer of a local bank said that the programme is meant to train committed leaders for the future within the bank.

He said branch managers drive the bank's customer-centric approach ensuring the bank consistently delivers exceptional service aspired for its clients.

"The programme is meant to equip our managers with the right skills, knowledge, confidence and all it takes to excel in their roles. Leadership isn't just about hard work, it is also about inspiring others by creating a positive and engaging environment for them to grow," said Ishengoma.

According to him, well managed branches provide the best financial services which support local businesses and individuals' financial activities and therefore stimulate the economy.

## UDSM students win global ICT prize, land Huawei internships

By Francis Kajubi

THREE higher learners from the College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT) of the University of Dar es Salaam stand a chance of being featured as interns at Huawei Technologies Tanzania Co. Ltd after emerging as global grant prize winners of this year's ICT global competition.

The students have the chance to be directly employed by Huawei or its partners after they have graduated from their first-degree courses after winning the ICT global grand prize valued at 24,000 Yuan.

ICT Commission Director Eng. Sadath Kalolo told the journalists at the welcoming event of the students on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam

that the students won the prize after demonstrating exceptional ability in ICT and innovation.

"They have emerged winners of the grand prize on network tracking which basically is about how to connect waves that enable people to make phone calls," said Eng. Kalolo.

According to him, the competition involved participants from 49 countries. At the national level almost 1,000 higher learners took part that were shortlisted to nine students forming three teams of three.

"This year's competition attracted over 170,000 students from more than 2,000 universities and colleges," he said.

development.

Eng. Jumanne Ally, the Student's team mentor and Assistant Lecturer at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (NIT) said that the competition was divided into three tracks namely Network, Computing, Cloud and Innovation. Two tracks are interrelated disciplines and share about 30 percent of common topics.

He said that the network track mainly includes courses in routing and switching, WLAN (Wireless Local Area Networks), transmission, and security. Cloud Track mainly includes fields such as storage, cloud computing, big data, IoT, and artificial intelligence.

According to him, computing track mainly includes fields such as openEuleropenGauss and Kumpeng. The Innovation track mainly includes exam-

ining participants' capacity for technological innovation and application in the AI and ICT Domains. "Competitors were required to choose one competition track in which they wish to participate and need to take an online exam in each course within the chosen track," said Ally.

With the slogan "Connection, Glory, Future", Huawei hopes to achieve three objectives through the competition: to improve the comprehensive capabilities of students, to transfer cutting-edge technologies and information and to explore the business requirements of the industry.

However, it further aims to facilitate learning through connection, to celebrate glory and achievement, and most importantly, to foster talents that can shape our Future.

Huawei plans to make the event the most influential ICT competition in the industry and hopes to build an international talent exchange platform to help bridge the talent gap. The Huawei ICT Competition is also aligned to wide coverage, great collaboration, and high standards.

This year's competition was organized in 3-level namely national preliminary, regional semi-final, and global final.

Students from 41 countries around the globe took part in the national preliminary and regional semi-final which are organized by local Huawei national and regional representatives.

Regional winners and representative teams won tickets to the global final held at Huawei Global Headquarters in Shenzhen, China.

## WORLD

## Rafah deaths haven't breached Biden's 'red lines'

QUESTIONS are being asked on how many deaths it would take to make the United States change its policy of backing Israel amid increasing outcry over the traumatic civilian deaths in Israel's bombing of the Rafah "safe zone".

Recent deaths in Rafah have tested US President Joe Biden's promise to withhold weapons from Israel if a major assault on Rafah would put displaced people there at risk.

The Biden administration said on Tuesday it was closely monitoring the probe into a deadly Israeli airstrike it called "tragic", but that the recent deaths in Rafah did not constitute a major ground operation that crosses any US red lines.

"The Israelis have said this is a tragic mistake," US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters at the White House, when asked about whether the events over the weekend qualified as the type of "death and destruction" US officials have warned could result in the withholding of more aid to Israel.

The US does not have "a measuring stick here or a quota", Kirby said.

When asked whether Israel's strikes could put Biden in a difficult position, Kirby told reporters that there was a real danger instead that Israel could become further isolated from the international community with the manner in which it is conducting operations.

Israel, ignoring international voices and disregarding the order of the International Court of Justice, has rolled more tanks into the heart of Rafah and prepared more ground troops after the United Nations Security Council emergency meeting on Tuesday.

Speaking at a ceremonial event in Washington, US Vice-President Kamala Harris said "the word tragic doesn't even begin to describe" the Israeli strike that killed 45 people.

Harris' remark, in response to a reporter's question, also followed an Israeli tank shelling of a camp in an evacuation area west of Rafah that killed at least 21 people on Tuesday.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Minis-



Palestinians flee from the southern city of Rafah, Gaza Strip, during an Israeli offensive on Tuesday. AP

try spokeswoman Mao Ning said on Wednesday that China is gravely concerned over Israel's military operation in Rafah.

## Concerns expressed

"We strongly call on Israel to listen to the overwhelming appeal from the international community and stop pushing ahead its offensive in Rafah," Mao said at a regular news briefing.

Noting that the latest round of the Palestine-Israel conflict has made the humanitarian situation extremely dire in Gaza, Mao said China calls on relevant parties to make the cease-fire a reality at once and do everything possible to prevent casualties of innocent civilians, so as to prevent an even worse humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.

Mao also said China is always committed to promoting talks for peace and de-escalation.

"We hope relevant countries can work together for this end," she said.

Palestinian rights advocates argue that the Biden administration is redefining what it considers to be an invasion of Rafah so as to be able to deny that an offensive is happening, Al Jazeera reported.

Yasmine Taeb, legislative and political director for advocacy group MPower Change Action Fund, called Biden's "red line" on Rafah "absolutely meaningless and merely a continuation of his callous and indefensible Gaza policy".

More than 36,171 Palestinians were killed in Israel's offensive in the Gaza Strip since Hamas' surprise attack on Oct 7, which caused about 1,200 Israeli deaths, data from Palestinian and Israeli sources showed. More than 1 million Palestinians are displaced, starved and threatened by bombs.

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## Thai Cabinet approves BRICS membership bid

## BANGKOK

THAILAND declared its strategic move to become a member of the BRICS economic bloc, further deepening its engagement with global emerging economies.

A draft letter indicating Thailand's intent on becoming a member of BRICS was approved at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, government spokesperson Chai Wacharonke said.

BRICS has a policy to expand beyond its current members, and has invited nonmember countries to attend the 16th BRICS Summit, which is scheduled to be held in Kazan, Russia, in October.

The letter, drafted by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated that Thailand has placed importance on multilateralism and the increased representation of developing countries in the international system, which is in line with BRICS principles.

Thailand is currently in a queue of 15 countries being considered for admission. Chai said attending the event would be an opportunity for Thailand to accelerate the membership process and enhance its role as a leading player among developing nations.

BRICS was founded in 2009 by its namesake countries Brazil, Russia, India and China. South Africa was the first beneficiary of an expansion of the bloc in 2010. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates joined the group at the beginning of this year



– the second round of the bloc's expansion that was approved at the 15th BRICS Summit.

BRICS now comprises almost 46 percent of the world's population, 36 percent of global GDP and 25 percent of world trade, measured in terms of exports, according to some research papers.

The guiding principles, standards, criteria and procedures for BRICS expansion have been decided in accordance with the BRICS objective of strengthening cooperation under the three pillars of political and security, economic and financial, and cultural and people-to-people cooperation.

Thailand has also officially announced that it wants to apply to join the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which groups 38 of the world's most developed economies, the Bangkok Post reported.

Agencies

## UN officials raise concern on situation of women in Afghanistan

## KABUL

AS Afghan women continue to remain deprived of their basic rights, United Nations officials have once again raised concerns about the situation of women in Afghanistan under Taliban rule.

During a meeting titled "Women, Youth Must Have Greater Participation in Peacebuilding Efforts" that took place in New York, the UN officials the rights

of Afghan women, especially the prohibition of girls from attending universities and secondary schools, TOLONews reported.

UN's Undersecretary-general for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo characterised the state of women in Afghanistan as a lost cause.

"Ultimately, it comes down to a simple vision – of overcoming obstacles that deny the full contribution of women,"

DiCarlo said at the meeting.

Moreover, Sima Bahous, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), while stating the figures said, "1.1 million girls are without schooling since the 2021 ban in Afghanistan."

More than two and a half years have passed, but the Taliban has yet to make any new statements regarding the re-

opening of schools for girls above sixth grade. As the Taliban solidifies its control over Afghanistan, the humanitarian crisis in the country continue to worsen.

Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, emphasized the importance of engaging with current Afghan officials while also stressing the need to "ensure the rights of women and girls" in Afghanistan.

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## Xi says China wants to work with Arab states to resolve hot spot issues

## BEIJING

CHINA wants to work with Arab nations to resolve hot spot issues in ways conducive to upholding fairness, justice and achieving long-term peace and stability, President Xi Jinping said in a speech yesterday that also highlighted the Gaza crisis.

China is seeking to strengthen its relations with Arab states as a model for maintaining world peace and stability, Xi was quoted as saying by state media at the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum in Beijing.

In remarks about the war in Gaza, the Chinese leader said war cannot continue indefinitely, justice cannot be permanently absent and a "two-state solution" should be firmly upheld.

"In the face of a turbulent world, mutual respect is the way to live in harmony, and fairness and justice are the foundation of lasting security," Xi was quoted as saying by Xinhua news.

He was addressing the heads of state of Bahrain, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Tunisia as well as foreign ministers from other Arab League nations.

Beijing has repeatedly called for a two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli crisis as well as an immediate cease-fire and Palestinian membership in the United Nations - positions which align closely with those of Arab nations.

China is increasingly flexing its diplomatic influence in the region, recently hosting the first talks on Chinese soil between the long-feuding Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah in April. Last year, China also brokered a landmark reconciliation deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia after years of hostilities between the two arch-rivals.

The Gaza crisis has threatened to push the region into a wider conflict, especially after recent tit-for-tat attacks by Israel and Iran.

"China should understand that cooperation between Arab countries and the United States will definitely take place. I believe that the ongoing Gaza-Israel war and the Palestinian issue will definitely be the focus of this meeting, and both sides will definitely reiterate the two-state solution to the Palestinian issue," said Hongda Fan, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University.

Xi said China would continue to support alleviating the humanitarian crisis, and post-war rebuilding in Gaza, pledging to provide another 500 million yuan (\$69 million) in emergency humanitarian assistance.

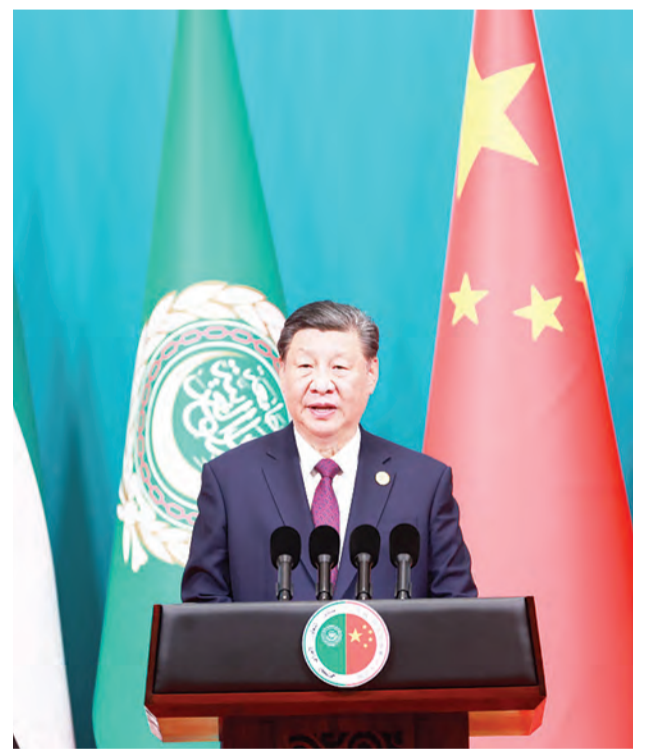
China will also donate \$3 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to support its emergency assistance to the Gaza region, Xi said.

He said China would further cooperate with Arab states on several fronts including in the oil and gas fields, as well as larger-scale investments.

Xi committed support for Chinese energy companies and financial institutions to participate in renewable energy projects with a total installed capacity of more than 3 million kilowatts in Arab countries.

China is a massive buyer of Gulf energy and in 2023 bilateral trade between China and the Gulf stood at \$286.9 billion, according to Chinese customs data, with Saudi Arabia accounting for nearly 40% of that trade.

Xi said China will host the second China-Arab States Summit in 2026. *Xinhua*



## European experts warn protectionism spells 'disaster,' 'tragedy' for carmakers, consumers

## FRANKFURT/ROME

"TRADE wars are all about losing, you can't win them," German Finance Minister Christian Lindner told reporters at the recently concluded meeting of Group of Seven (G7) finance ministers and central bank governors. His remark represents an increasingly strong opposition from European leaders to U.S. protectionism.

Increasingly, European policymakers and analysts recognize that Washington's claims of China's "overcapacity" in new energy disregard reality and economic principles.

Following Washington and imposing tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) and oth-

er products would only harm European businesses, consumers and the fair competition environment in global trade.

Since U.S. President Joe Biden announced 100-percent tariffs on EVs and other products imported from China early this month, numerous European auto industry professionals, experts and scholars have warned that if the European Union (EU) follows suit, it will only harm the interests of its automakers and create a "tragedy" for its auto industry.

"Punitive tariffs are a disaster for the German car industry," said Ferdinand Dudenhofer, a renowned German expert on automotive economics and director of the Center for Automotive Research (CAR) in

Bochum, Germany, warning against jumping on Washington's bandwagon.

Dudenhofer noted that the EU's anti-subsidy investigations and punitive tariffs will harm foreign automakers' interests, cause losses for international car manufacturers – including European manufacturers – and even slow down the electrification of the European auto industry.

"German carmakers would be hurt by tariffs from the EU. If you look at the carmakers and ask the CEOs or go to the suppliers, they all say, please don't do that. It will hurt our cooperation with China. It will hurt ourselves.

So it's a tragedy for the German car industry," Dudenhofer

added. "The politicians are now calling for trade restrictions on Chinese car manufacturers.

This is an absurdity," BMW CEO Oliver Zipse told German media *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Proposing restrictions on EVs is short-sighted as it runs the risk of incurring countermeasures from trading partners, leading to a more difficult availability of essential raw materials for European EVs, said Zipse.

CEO of Stellantis Carlos Tavares said raising tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles is "a major trap for the countries that go on that path" and will not allow Western automakers to avoid restructuring to meet the challenge from lower-cost

Chinese manufacturers. Tavares added that tariffs would only fuel inflation in the regions where they are imposed, potentially impacting sales and production.

"What the EU must avoid are punitive tariffs! These would be the horror of the German car industry! EU punitive tariffs would lead to countermeasures by the Chinese government and place a massive burden on German manufacturers.

China has been by far the most important sales market for all German car manufacturers for years," said Frank Schwope, automotive analyst at *Norddeutsche Landesbank*, on social media. "For many customers, it's important that

they can buy a car for 15,000 to 20,000 euros (16,200 to 21,600 U.S. dollars)" said Schwope in an interview with German business weekly *Wirtschaftswoche*. "The affordable electric car from China is something like the great hope of German citizens." Dudenhofer said tariffs on China-made EVs will make European consumers pay.

This is because Chinese competition in particular is currently driving local car manufacturers in the EU market to look for ways to produce cost-effective electric models. If this pressure no longer exists, it is likely to take much longer before a wide range of vehicles is available that can be financed by many consumers.

It has become increasingly clear to more European policymakers and analysts that the European Union should strengthen its cooperation with China rather than blindly following Washington's protectionist trade policies.

As UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt has warned at the meeting of G7 finance ministers and central bank governors, "it is really important that the world does not unintentionally creep back into protectionism." Alberto Bradanini, former Italian ambassador to China, called for European politicians to remain clear-headed, increase autonomy, and not be easily influenced by the United States.

Xinhua



## South Africa election turnout expected to exceed 2019

JOHANNESBURG

WITH long snaking queues still seen outside many voting stations across South Africa late Wednesday evening, the country's electoral management agency said the turnout in the 2024 general election is expected to exceed the previous one in 2019.

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) of South Africa also ensured the public that every voter in line would have an opportunity to cast their ballots by Wednesday night.

"We are in for a higher turnout than we had in 2019, which is why it is the intention of the commission at this point to ensure that every voter who is in the queue is given an opportunity," said IEC Chief Electoral Officer Sy Mamabolo when briefing the media on the voting process.

More than 27 million voters were registered to take part in the 2024 national and provincial elections, the most hotly contested since 1994.

Over 23,000 voting stations across the country were open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the election day. Some voters, including students at the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of Pretoria, had to wait hours before cast-

ing their ballots. Economic Freedom Fighters leader, Julius Malema, spent almost four hours before voting in Seshogo, Limpopo province.

While some complained that the queues were not moving fast enough, Mamabolo attributed this to a good turnout, saying that the turnout this year was expected to be better when compared to the 66 percent turnout in 2019.

"We are aware of the difficulties that are being experienced on the campuses because of the high turnout," Mamabolo noted.

However, the chief electoral officer ruled out the possibility of extending voting by a day.

He emphasized that there was no chance of extending voting to a second day despite the long queues, adding that an extension would create unnecessary problems as voting has to be performed at a voting station before ballots are moved.

"If you extend, what do you do with the ballots that are cast, you are introducing risks in an intended fashion. We will give everybody an opportunity to cast their ballots whenever it is," Mamabolo said when responding to a question about possible extension.

He added that counting would commence as soon as voting was concluded



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa casts his ballot at a polling station in Soweto in Johannesburg, South Africa, on May 29, 2024. South Africans began to cast their ballots on Wednesday morning in the country's 2024 general elections. Xinhua

while observed by present party agents and international observers deployed.

While waiting hours before casting their ballots, some politicians and ordinary voters stressed on the importance of participating in the electoral process.

Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis of Cape Town, the legislative capital of South Africa, said the election day was an important day for South African people.

"This is an exciting day for

South Africans, particularly as a young South African.

It is such a tremendously exciting day because we feel that the country is on the cusp of important change with South African citizens eagerly awaiting the opportunity to participate in the democratic process and make their voices heard," said the mayor.

"As a young South African in particular, who could barely remember the 1994 election. This day feels ex-

citing and enormous.

This election does feel as a definitive end of an era, and the beginning of another," he said. Boaz Boltma, a voter from Cape Town, said the outcome of elections can directly impact policies concerning crucial aspects of society.

The election is very important for South Africans to make their mark and vote to contribute to a better country. Remember, every vote counts and has the

power to make a real difference.

By voting, we empower individuals to select leaders who will advocate for their interests and strive to enhance the well-being of society," he said. "The outcome of elections can have a direct impact on policies that affect various aspects of society, such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, and social welfare," he added.

Xinhua

## Arab Information Ministers commend Al-Quds Committee, King Mohammed VI's efforts in defending Palestinian cause

MANAMA

The Council of Arab Information Ministers, meeting on Wednesday in Manama, lauded the efforts of the Al-Quds Committee, chaired by King Mohammed VI, may God assist Him, in defending the Palestinian cause.

In their recommendations, the ministers also called on Arab media to highlight the efforts of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency, operational arm of the Al-Quds Committee, chaired by King Mohammed VI, in favor of the Holy City, its population and the Palestinian cause.

Arab Information Ministers also reaffirmed their support for Morocco to host the headquarters of the Observatory and the Integrated Platform for Arab Media Abroad, which is an Arab mechanism to implement Arab media action plan abroad, and constitutes one of the most important pillars of joint Arab action in the field of media and communication. Agencies



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Xinhua

## With over 200 public events, 80 interviews, PM Modi wraps a hectic Lok Sabha election campaign

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi concluded his election campaign in Punjab's Hoshiarpur on Thursday, for the final phase of the general elections, which are set for Saturday.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is eyeing its third term in office, and Prime Minister Modi has extensively campaigned for his party across the length and breadth of the country.

After wrapping up his Lok Sabha election campaign, PM Modi is scheduled to visit Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari from May 30 to June 1, where he will visit the renowned Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

The Prime Minister plans to meditate at the Dhyan Mandapam, the same spot where Swami Vivekananda once meditated, from the evening of May 30 to the evening of June 1.

This is the southernmost tip of India. Further, this is the place where India's eastern and western coastlines meet. It is also the meeting point of the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, and Arabian Sea. PM Modi is sending a signal of national unity by go-



ing to Kanyakumari.

The Prime Minister is known to undertake spiritual journeys at the end of election campaigns. In line with this, he will reach Kanyakumari on May 30 and stay there till June 1. In 2019, he visited Kedarnath, and in 2014, he visited Shivaji's Pratapgarh.

The PM kicked off his poll campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha election in Kanniyakumari on March 16 this year.

The Prime Minister held more than 200 election campaign events, which included his rallies and roadshows for the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, in 75 days.

Prime Minister Modi held rallies in various constituencies for the seven phases of the Lok Sabha elections. Some of the major states where he held most of the roadshows and rallies include Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Odisha.

PM Modi also gave a record number of interviews to different media organisations and highlighted the development

work done by the BJP-led government at the Centre.

He also criticised the opposition over various issues, including reservations based on religion, the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, and others.

In an exclusive interview with ANI, PM Modi spoke about his party's performance in West Bengal in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and said the party will get maximum success in the state.

"In Bengal elections, the TMC party is fighting for existence. You must have seen it in the last assembly elections, we had three seats. The people of Bengal took us from three to 80. We got a lot of support in the Lok Sabha in the last elections. This time, the best-performing state in India is going to be West Bengal. BJP is getting most success in West Bengal."

Slamming Congress and the Gandhi family over amending the Constitution

during their tenure, PM Modi said that till the time he is alive, he won't allow anyone to play with the basic fundamentals of the Constitution.

When asked in an interview with India Today about the opposition claims that the Constitution will be rewritten if the BJP is voted to power, Prime Minister Modi said,

"The question that should be asked is: who was the first to play with the Constitution? Pandit Nehru did. He brought the first amendment, which was meant to restrict freedom of speech. His daughter (Indira Gandhi) then overturned the court verdict by bringing an amendment. Then her son (Rajiv Gandhi) came and overturned Shah Bano's verdict. He changed the Constitution."

"He brought a law to restrict media. The opposition was strong, and the media was also growing strong. They said they would not allow the imposition of another emergency. This scared him, and he had to withdraw," he added.

He further slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for tearing apart a copy of the ordinance, which was passed by the Union Cabinet in 2013. The ordinance was later withdrawn by the Manmohan Singh-led government.

"Then his son (Rahul Gandhi) came, a remote control government was being run at that time, and they had a PM of their choice. A cabinet formed as per the Constitution took a decision, and a 'Shehzada' came and publicly tore apart the cabinet decision. Later, Cabinet also overturned its decision," he said.

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## Sub-Saharan Africa urged to tap local capital for climate-resilient growth

NAIROBI

COUNTRIES in sub-Saharan Africa should explore innovative ways to mobilize capital from local banks, government bonds and pension funds to accelerate climate-resilient growth, senior executives said on Wednesday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the African Development Bank (AfDB) annual meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, the executives said it is important for those countries to focus on the domestic market to address the shortfall in green financing.

Mphokolo Makara, head of energy and infrastructure for East Africa at Standard Bank Group, said that African capital markets and the private sector could help bridge the funding gap hindering climate action on the continent.

"Both banks and indigenous enterprises can be mobilized to finance the development of infrastructure to facilitate the green transition. These green projects, if well-structured, can be profitable and sustainable in the long term," Makara said.

The 59th AfDB annual meeting, hosted by Kenya, has brought together over 3,000 delegates, including heads of state and government, finance ministers, central bank governors, representatives of regional blocs, industry leaders, academia and civil society.

The five-day meeting, which concludes on Friday, is themed "Africa's Transformation, the Af-

rican Development Bank Group, and the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture." A key topic at the meeting, which coincides with AfDB's 60th anniversary, is mobilizing domestic resources to enhance responses to climate emergencies that have escalated across the continent.

Tshepadi Moremong, chief operating officer of Africa50, a continental infrastructure investment fund, said that leveraging domestic capital could help Africa become a green economy hub that fosters resilience and shared prosperity.

Moremong called for a conducive policy and regulatory environment to encourage financial institutions to channel funds into green projects in sectors such as energy, manufacturing, agriculture and transport.

According to AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina, Africa receives only about 30 billion U.S. dollars in climate finance annually, far short of the 277 billion dollars required, which has slowed the continent's green transition.

Elizabeth Irungu, chief executive officer of Absa Asset Management, highlighted the importance of regulatory safeguards to protect investors in the green economy from potential risks.

She said that policy reforms and a stable macroeconomic environment have encouraged banks to invest in projects aimed at accelerating low-carbon development in Africa.

Xinhua

## China accelerates construction of intelligent ports

AS one steps into the fully automated container terminal at Rizhao Port in east China's Shandong province, a remarkable sight unfolds - remote-controlled quay cranes precisely grabbing and releasing containers, automated rail-mounted cranes and unmanned container trucks working in coordination... Human operators are scarcely visible at the terminal, yet operations run smoothly and efficiently.

As the first side-loading and parallel-layout fully automated container terminal in the world, the terminal employs China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System and 5G technology, and has launched six domestically developed and industry-first innovative technologies, including a scheduling system for autonomous container trucks.

The pioneering facility has made remarkable progress since it was put into use on Oct. 9, 2021 - its single-crane operational efficiency improved by 50 percent and overall costs lowered by 70 percent. Besides, the single-crane handling capacity has reached a peak of 58 container units per hour.

In the past, operators had to climb up and down equipment that is 20 meters high and work for long

hours beside it, said a staff member of the terminal. "Now, we can operate automated rail-mounted cranes with remote control systems. With improved working environment and decreased workload, there has been a significant rise in productivity," the staff member added.

Rizhao Port, a prominent coastal container hub for domestic trade, plays a vital role as a global transshipment base for energy and bulk raw materials. Thanks to its efforts to promote intelligent and eco-friendly development, Rizhao Port has continuously propelled its growth to new heights.

In 2023, the container throughput of Rizhao Port witnessed an increase of 7.9 percent from a year ago, and that of its fully automated container terminal experienced a remarkable 15 percent year-on-year growth in the first four months of this year.

The progress made by Rizhao Port is a miniature of China's endeavors to expedite the development of intelligent ports.

As an important part of optimizing transportation infrastructure, the construction of intelligent ports plays a crucial role in the digital transformation of traditional

infrastructure.

Recently, China's Ministry of Transport issued a guideline on accelerating the construction of intelligent ports and waterways. According to the document, by 2027, China will have comprehensively lifted digitalization levels of port and waterway infrastructure, while significantly strengthened intelligent production, operations, management, as well as external services related to ports and waterways nationwide. Besides, the country will have built a batch of world-class intelligent ports and waterways by that time.

China has built 18 automated container terminals so far and is currently constructing or renovating 27 more. Both numbers rank among the top in the world.

Moreover, China has comprehensively mastered the key technologies in the design, construction, equipment manufacturing, system integration, and operational management of automated terminals.

The next-generation intelligent transportation equipment, such as 5G-enabled automated guided vehicles and autonomous container trucks, have been deployed and put into operation. At Shanghai Port, remote control has been fully implemented for cargo handling, and

intelligent transportation equipment such as automated guided vehicles have been widely applied.

At Huanghua Port in north China's Hebei province, reclaimers and rotary car dumpers are remotely controlled, and gantry bucket unloaders are gradually going through automation.

At Dalian Port, multiple indoor and outdoor environmental monitoring points have been set up to collect data on water quality, energy consumption, air quality, meteorology, and other environmental factors related to terminals, effectively promoting the green development of the port.

"The construction of intelligent ports is not only a field for pioneering smart transportation, but also an important part of the development of new transportation infrastructure," said an official with the Water Transport Bureau of the Ministry of Transport.

The official said the construction of intelligent ports calls for systematic efforts, and China will build a batch of demonstration intelligent ports, strengthen pilot application of intelligent transportation, and accelerate digital transformation of the shipping sector.

People's Daily

## Yanga forward Guede opens up on thrilling race for 2023/24 NBC PL Golden Boot



Yanga's Ivorian forward, Joseph Guede. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tang

EFFORTS by the 2023/24 NBC Premier League's participating sides to live up to expectations boosted the battle for the league's Golden Boot.

This season's domestic top flight, which concluded on May 28, witnessed many players - both foreign and indigenous - engage in an intense battle for the league's top goalscorer's prize compared to the 2022/23 season.

Yanga's Ivorian forward Joseph Guede was recently quoted by one of the local daily newspapers as saying the secret behind the thrilling race for the top goal scorer's prize is pressure brought about by clubs' leaders and fans.

The goal-getter revealed that the footballers strive to excel so the leaders and supporters can be assured that their respective outfits have roped in good players.

The Ivory Coast national, who was signed by Yanga as a free agent during the mini-transfer window, explained that such pressure might either motivate a player to showcase good performance or take a toll on the player.

Guede has gone down the NBC Premier League record as a footballer who has netted six goals within a short time.

The muscular forward stated: "If you are given a chance to play, you're supposed to net a goal and if the coach substitutes you for another player, who goes on to score a goal, you will not feel well."

The goal-getter remarked: "This is the reason I'm trying to either score or assist in every match because fans and leaders want to witness my efforts to prove my worth."

He further stated that a team that gets good results in every match has the best wingers and attacking midfielders who know their responsibilities.

The attacker said such wingers and midfielders have what it takes to execute good assists that can allow good strikers to score goals.

Yanga's midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki has emerged as this season's league top goal scorer after netting 21 goals and consequently laid his hands on the Golden Boot.

The Burkinabe midfielder, for a long spell, engaged in a thrilling race for the league's Golden Boot with Azam FC's midfielder Feisal Salum, who has ended second with 19 goals.

The duo was, before the last round of the league matches, the joint-leading goal scorers having scored 18 goals apiece.

They have been followed by Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's forward Waziri Junior (who has finished third with 12 goals) and Yanga's midfielder Maxi Mpia Nzengeli and Simba SC winger Saidi Ntibazonkiza that have tied for the fourth spot having drilled in 11 goals apiece.

Ntibazonkiza was last season's top flight's joint top goal scorer after notching 18 goals, as was the case for striker Fiston Mayele, then playing for Yanga.

This season's goal scorers' list also has Azam FC winger Kipre Junior who has secured the sixth spot after posting 10 goals.

He was closely followed by Ifehu SC midfielder Marouf Tchakei and his Yanga counterpart Mudathir Yahya, who garnered seventh place with nine goals apiece.

The list moreover has Tanzania Prisons' striker Samson Mbangula, midfielder Gibril Sillah (Azam FC), Mashujaa FC's goal-getter Reliants Lusajo, and forward Jean Baleke (then with Simba SC) who have notched eight goals each.

Last season, domestic football fanatics witnessed two players - Yanga's attacker Mayele and Simba SC's Ntibazonkiza - garner the league's Golden Boot prize having finished as the joint top goal scorers with 18 goals apiece.

Other goal scorers in the season were Simba SC's forwards Moses Phiri and John Bocco with nine goals apiece, Mbeya City FC's forward Sixtus Sabilo, Namungo FC's striker Lusajo, Azam FC's attacker Idris Mbombo, and Yanga's attacking midfielder Salum with six goals each.

Tariq Seif of Mbeya City FC, Coastal Union's Moubarrack Amza, Simba SC's Pape Osuman Sakho, and Meddie Kagere of Singida Big Stars also made the list of goal scorers having netted five goals each.

The race for the top flight's Golden Boot in the 2021/22 season culminated with Geita Gold FC striker, George Mpoke, winning the prize having netted 17 goals.

He was in a pulsating quest for the award with Mayele, who managed to score 16 goals, with the Golden Boot race having been decided in the last round of the Premier League ties.

## Salum elated by 2023/24 NBC PL form

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AFTER ending the 2023/24 NBC Premier League as the runner-up in the league's Golden Boot race with 19 goals, Azam FC's attacking midfielder Feisal Salum has lauded the season as the best in his career.

The midfielder notched one goal in his outfit's 2-0 victory over Geita Gold FC in the top flight's last-round clash and the latter has consequently been relegated to the Championship League.

The pursuit for the 2023/24 NBC Premier League top goal scorer award was a two-horse race involving Yanga's Stephane Aziz Ki and Salum only to be decided on the last day of the top-flight campaign.

Yanga's attacking midfielder Aziz Ki eventually claimed the season's Premier League Golden Boot with 21 goals.

He drilled in a hat-trick to help his side disappoint Tanzania Prisons with a 4-1 drubbing



Feisal Salum

in the last-round match that took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

Salum joined Azam FC last year after sitting out for six months while attempting to force his way out of Yanga after falling out with the team's leadership.

The midfielder said this season has become the best for

him and downplayed the Golden Boot race, noting he kept his team's goals ahead of his record.

Azam FC has won a chance to represent the country in the CAF Champions League next season given the side ended second in the domestic top flight.

"The season has been amazing, we played extraordinary football under coach Yousouph Dabo to qualify for the CAF Champions League... it is a huge step for us after being knocked out of the preliminary stage of the CAF Confederation Cup," the footballer remarked.

Salum noted: "I am delighted to score many goals this season, Aziz Ki who won the Golden Boot accolade deserved it because he had a stellar performance this season, which is not a problem for me because I always put the team's goals ahead of mine."

"This season is over, I would like to thank the coaches, fellow players, and fans for their

support, we have qualified for the CAF Champions League, a showdown we have not played in for many years, next season will be exciting," Salum added.

Aziz Ki has dedicated his Golden Boot award to his teammates and pointed out that they contributed to the success.

"I previously said I don't focus on the Golden Boot race at all, I have won it now I have to appreciate my efforts and the team's efforts," the Burkinabe midfielder remarked.

"My fellow players have been amazing this season, assisting my goals, that shows how a solid team we were," the footballer pointed out.

"I am thankful to the fans for this season. I hope I will next season play with the same players and team," Aziz Ki added.

As the NBC Premier League silverware race is over, Mainland Tanzania will be represented by Yanga and Azam FC in the CAF Champions League while Simba SC and Coastal Union will play in the CAF Confederation Cup.

## National Para Swimming Championships to be held in October

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's National Para Swimming Championships will be held in October at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC), organizers have announced.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, the Tanzania Para Swimming Association (TPSA) secretary general, said the championships will be held on October 12 and they expect more than 100 para swimmers to compete.

He said the championships will be used as a platform for upcoming para swimmers to showcase their talents.

"This will be the second time that we are having the National Para Swimming Championships, and we have increased the me-

ters from 20 last year to 25. The championships will also be used to increase awareness of the society on para swimming," he said. He further said TPSA's intention this year is to see more swimmers trained and compete, and have increased the distance for swimmers to create competition.

Last year's championships attracted para swimmers from Stingrays Swim Club of Masaki, Pigeon Swim Club of Kigamboni, Watoto Kwanza Project of Kawe, St Joseph, Zanzibar Talent Swimming Club, Chadron (Chadron's Hope Foundation) of Dar es Salaam, Jangwani Secondary School from Dar es Salaam, Al Muntazir Special Education Needs of Dar es Salaam, Salva-

tion Army from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Paralympic Committee - TPC team and freelancer para swimmers.

Last year, TPS released a provisional squad for swimmers who will represent the country at international events. The selected male swimmers were Salim Mtwana and Adam Suleiman both from Zanzibar, Iman Abdallah, who is unattached, Lusiano Masika and Amos Nderwa both from Stingrays, Gerald Sokolo from Watoto Kwanza Project, Daniel Msangi from Pigeon, Humayi Gangji and Iago Nzoshe from Al Muntazir Islamic International School, Ivan Shayo from St Joseph Nursery and Primary Schools, and Luis Sianga-

cha from Chadron's Hope Foundation

The female para swimmers in the team were Happiness Magere from Stingrays and Rebecca Kalengo from Pigeon. The coming championships will also help TPSA collect a database of both local and foreign-based para swimmers. The country had only two national team para swimmers, Gerald Sokolo and Amos Boniface Nderwa. But only Sokolo is certified by the World Para Swimming Association (WPSA).

Classification is necessary for all para swimmers, and there are 14 classes. Number one to 10 is for those who are disabled, 11 to 13 for the blind or visually impaired, while class 14 is for those with mental disorders.

## Five players to watch at cricket's Twenty20 World Cup

BY CHETAN NARULA

THE Twenty20 World Cup is set to begin tomorrow with tournament co-host the United States taking on Canada in Dallas. The global T20 championship has moved to a 20-team format, giving a chance to the associate or lower-ranked nations at the highest stage, while retaining the usual favorites in the title chase.

Most of cricket's biggest stars are among the 250-plus players at the tournament being co-hosted by the United States and the Caribbean.

Here's five players, existing or emerging stars, to watch:

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**Phil Salt**

**Age: 27**

**Team: England**

T20 World Cup Experience: 2022 (champions)

About: Salt caught attention in his debut T20 series in January 2022. He scored at a strike-rate of 193.54 against the West Indies, and then repeated his performance when England returned to the Caribbean in December of last year. He scored at 185.95 across five T20s, also including back-to-back hundreds. He replaces Alex Hales at the top of England's T20 order - a tough assignment, particularly because Hales and skipper Jos Buttler helped England smash its way to the title in 2022.

That victory in Australia meant England held the two major limited-overs trophies in world cricket for more than a year. That ended when England surrendered the 50-over World Cup title last year, when Australia beat host India in the final. Salt could help provide a boost for England given his current form. He scored 435 runs in 12 games for Kolkata Knight Riders in the 2024 Indian Premier League, helping set up KKR's third title run.

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**Jasprit Bumrah**

**Age: 30**

**Team: India**

T20 World Cup Experience: 2016 (semifinals) and 2021 (second round)

About: Since his debut in 2016, Bumrah has become the world's foremost T20 bowler. Despite his express pace, he hasn't been



Phil Salt

able to help deliver the title his country desperately wants - India last won the T20 World Cup in 2007. He also missed the 2022 edition because of injury.

Age is still on Bumrah's side, though, and this time around he brings both form and fitness into the tournament. He picked up 20 wickets in 12 games at a 6.48 economy and 16.80 average in the recent Indian Premier League season. It fully showcased, Bumrah's bowling prowess in this format makes him the most potent pace threat in international T20. But he cannot do it single-handedly, as was evident when Mumbai Indians placed last in the IPL.

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**Heinrich Klaasen**

**Age: 32**

**Team: South Africa**

T20 World Cup Experience: 2021 (second round) and 2022 (second round)

About: Klaasen's big hitting can be compared with India's Suryakumar Yadav, who is No. 1 in T20 batting standings. It's not so much in official rankings, but in the unpredictable yet blazing style that these two batters find proximity. Yadav is flamboyant in his shot selection, while Klaasen is more orthodox but he makes up for it in power.

Klaasen is particularly proficient against spin - with a strike rate of 158.93 - and it rises to 196.42 toward the end of a team's innings against both spin and pace. In the 2024 IPL, he affirmed this by hitting spinners at 181.36.

And with spin expected to be the key factor in the second stage of the tournament, Klaasen's contributions could help South Africa bring an end to its World Cup drought.

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**Rachin Ravindra**

**Age: 24**

**Team: New Zealand**

T20 World Cup Experience: None

About: The young batter took the 2023 World Cup in the 50-over format by storm. Ravindra, whose first name is a mix of India's two batting legends Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, scored 578 runs in 10 matches to propel New Zealand's semifinals charge. He hit a century on World Cup debut against defending champion England and appeared comfortable in high-pressure situations.

He also is a handy left-arm spinner, which helped New Zealand balance its playing XI in India and will once again be valuable in the even-shorter format in the Caribbean.

Ravindra increased his T20 experience with the Chennai Super Kings in the recent IPL, scoring 222 runs at a strike-rate of 160.86, and the Black Caps will be hoping for a World Cup repeat performance.

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**Nicholas Pooran**

**Age: 28**

**Team: West Indies**

T20 World Cup Experience: 2021 (second round) and 2022 (first round)

About: From the Indian Premier League to the Big Bash, from SA20 to ILT20, the Hundred, the PSL, the UAE T10, the Bangladesh Premier League and, of course, the Caribbean Premier League, Pooran is now West Indies' premier T20 export. He has taken the mantle from the likes of Chris Gayle and Dwayne Bravo, and etched out a spot for himself in franchise leagues across the globe.

Pooran is coming off a good few months of T20 cricket - he led MI Emirates to the ILT20 title in February and showed good batting form for the Lucknow Super Giants in IPL 2024. He will be the leading batter for West Indies in its home T20 World Cup - a tournament where the Caribbean team wants to make up for the first-round T20 exit in 2022 and missing out on the 2023 ODI World Cup.

AP

## Vincent Kompany named Bayern Munich manager

By Mike McGrath

BAYERN Munich have confirmed Vincent Kompany's shock arrival as their new head coach on a three-year contract.

Telegraph Sport revealed last week that Kompany was on the brink of moving to the Allianz Arena despite being relegated with Burnley, with the two clubs agreeing compensation for the 38-year-old.

Bayern will pay more than £10 million for Kompany, who signed a new five-year deal at Turf Moor last year. He succeeds Thomas Tuchel, who lasted one season with the German giants and departed after failing to win Bundesliga.

"It's a privilege, it's an honour, but I'm excited and the feeling is really positive," said Kompany.

Tuchel held talks over staying at Bayern after guiding them to the Champions League semi-final but it was confirmed he would leave this summer. Bayern looked at several options, holding talks with Ralf Rangnick and making enquiries over Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag.

Moving for Kompany was a surprise, given his relegation with Burnley, where his team won only five times over the season and picked up 24 points.

However, Pep Guardiola has consistently hailed him as an eventual Manchester City manager, having lifted four Premier Leagues as captain during his time at the Etihad Stadium. After a first spell coaching at Anderlecht in his homeland, the way he guided Burnley to the Championship title caught the attention of bigger clubs.

"Vincent is the type of coach who fits in very well with Bayern's playing philosophy and identity," said Bayern sporting director Christoph Freund. "His teams want the ball, and want to play dominant and high-intensity football. He's a young, very ambitious coach with a lot of international experience. He has his finger on the pulse when it comes to the players and knows exactly what needs to happen on the pitch. He can and will give our team an enormous amount."

The Bayern job will represent a huge step up for Kompany in his coaching career, even if he has experience of the biggest stage with City and Belgium. His squad will include Harry Kane and Eric Dier - both of whom he faced as a player - and will be looking to improve on

last season's third-placed finish when the club failed to win the Bundesliga after 11 successive titles.

"I like players who are brave on the ball but I was also a very aggressive player and I want the team to be aggressive," Kompany said. "I see Bayern as an institution but I'm looking forward to the simple things - working with the players and the people inside the building

and creating something described as a team. After that the rest will follow."

Burnley confirmed in a statement: "Whilst we were initially confident in retaining our manager, the changing dynamics of the situation made this impossible. We understand the allure and prestige of a club like Bayern Munich and respect Vincent's ambition to explore new opportunities.

"We wish only the best for Vincent and would like to put on record our appreciation for his dedication every single day he was a part of this football club. Our priority remains the stability and success of Burnley FC, and we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that our ambition is realised - namely our return to the Premier League."

THE TELEGRAPH

## 'Champion coach' Flick appointed to Barcelona hotseat

BARCELONA

BARCELONA appointed former Bayern Munich and Germany boss Hansi Flick as coach on Wednesday on a deal which runs till June 2026, after sacking Xavi Hernandez last week.

"FC Barcelona and Hansi Flick have reached an agreement for the German to become men's first team football coach until 30 June 2026," the club said in a statement.

"The new coach has signed a contract at the Club's offices accompanied by FC Barcelona president Joan Laporta."

Flick, who led German giants Bayern to a historic sextuple of trophies in 2020, became the first coach ever to be sacked by the German national team in September 2023 after a string of bad results.

However, Barcelona believe they have secured the services of a "champion coach".

"By bringing Hansi Flick as coach, FC Barcelona have chosen a man well-known for his teams' high pressing, intense and daring style of play which has brought him great success at club level and international level, winning pretty much all there is to win in the world of football," read the club statement.

The 59-year-old occasionally watched Barcelona matches this season from the presidential box and was linked with the job after Xavi said in January he would depart at the end of a campaign in which they finished runners-up to Real Madrid in La Liga.

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# Madrid's 'greedy' Bellingham ready for dream Champions League final

LONDON

JUDE Bellingham's first year at Real Madrid started in unbelievable fashion amid a whirlwind of goals, but the ending could be more incredible still.

With the Spanish title in the bag Madrid are aiming for a fifth La Liga and Champions League double, against the England international's former team Borussia Dortmund in tomorrow's Wembley final.

"It's such a big game, my first Champions League final, back home in England against my old team -- it's a crazy one, I couldn't have dreamed it any better," Bellingham told reporters this week.

The 20-year-old midfielder was voted La Liga's player of the season on Wednesday. Bellingham scored 19 league goals and four in Europe on the way to the final.

Arriving at Real Madrid last summer, he revealed his love of former midfield great Zinedine Zidane and even took the Frenchman's number five shirt in homage.

However Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti had other plans for Bellingham, a classy centre-midfielder at Dortmund, putting him straight into the space vacated by striker Karim Benzema's departure.

It paid instant dividends, with 13 goals in his first 13 games, getting him off to a flying start with Madrid's fans, quick to serenade him with



Real Madrid's English midfielder Jude Bellingham has been a key figure in his team's charge towards the double this season. Agencies

Beatles song 'Hey Jude'.

Bellingham struck twice, including a 91st minute winner, in his first Clasico to snatch victory over then-champions Barcelona on Catalan soil.

Did he anticipate this kind of impact? "I came here expecting to win," admitted Bellingham.

"I came here because I wanted to win, and to expect it, it's a bit greedy almost, but you have to be confident when you're playing with so many great players."

With another late winner in the second league Clasico and three goals in two matches

against shock title challengers Girona, Bellingham delivered in key moments.

His goalscoring slowed as Ancelotti tasked him with more defensive responsibility, chastened by a loss against Atletico Madrid -- their only defeat in La Liga. In the Champions League Madrid are unbeaten.

"What you've seen from me this year is a lot of different kinds of roles and positions," said Bellingham.

There were some concerns around his fitness towards the end of the season following an ankle injury, but he says he feels "very close" to 100 per-

cent after resting once Madrid claimed the title.

- 'He's going places' -

Bellingham joined Dortmund from Birmingham City aged 17. He was the English side's youngest ever player and they retired his number 22 shirt in tribute to him.

Initially outshone by teammates Jadon Sancho and Erling Haaland, Bellingham still managed to establish himself as a regular starter in his first season in Germany.

Dortmund coach Edin Terzic praised Bellingham's maturity, saying he could "hardly believe that he's only 17".

Before his final season at

Dortmund, Bellingham was included in the captaincy group alongside skipper Marco Reus and Mats Hummels.

He led them out against Cologne in October 2022, aged just 19, becoming the youngest captain in Bundesliga history.

"You have the feeling he's got three kids at home -- he's going places," marvelled Dortmund centre-back Niklas Sule, a Champions League winner with Bayern Munich.

Bellingham established himself as a world-class talent at the 2022 World Cup, driving England to the quarter-finals.

Bellingham and Dortmund took the 2022-23 title race to the wire but lost out to Bayern on the final day, with the midfielder named Bundesliga player of the season.

A fortnight later Bellingham joined Madrid for 103 million euros (\$112 million).

"He plays very grown-up football, even though he's so young," said Dortmund's Karim Adeyemi this week.

"I'm very happy for Jude, he played a great season," added Emre Can. "But on the pitch we think just about winning for our club."

Record 14-time champions Madrid are firm favourites though, and if they win, what is next for Bellingham?

"Hopefully the European Championship," he said. "I just talked about being greedy... I'm focused on the final."

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## Eleven years on, Hummels and Reus hope to set things right at Wembley

LONDON

ELEVEN years after a heartbreaking Champions League final loss to arch-rivals Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund veterans Mats Hummels and Marco Reus are returning to Wembley tomorrow to set things right.

This time around, 14-time winners Real Madrid, who eliminated Bayern in typical last-gasp fashion in the semi-finals, stand in the way.

Hummels, 35, and 34-year-old Reus face an uncertain future ahead of what is likely their last Champions League final.

Reus has already announced Saturday's match will be his last for Dortmund.

Hummels, whose contract expires in the summer, said he was "excited to see what Saturday's match triggers in me and then I'll make a decision sometime in June".

Adding a Champions League victory, the first for each, would be a fitting farewell for two modern Dortmund greats.

Managed by Jurgen Klopp, Dortmund came into 2012-13 having won back-to-back titles, including a league and cup double in 2011-12. They made it to Wembley with an exciting young team seemingly on course for more success.

Hummels, a modern defender who blended attacking flair with shrewd game understanding, had established himself at the heart of Germany's defence.

Reus, a Dortmund junior who made his senior debut at the club in 2012-



Borussia Dortmund veterans Marco Reus and Mats Hummels are returning to Wembley tomorrow to set things right. (Agencies)

13 after a stint at Borussia Moenchengladbach, appeared to be the country's next great attacking talent, having just been named Germany's Footballer of the Year.

That loss to Bayern would instead be the beginning of the end of Dortmund's time in the sun.

Klopp left the club in 2015, joining Liverpool five months later, where he has made three Champions League finals, winning one, with both losses coming against Real Madrid.

Hummels returned to Bayern, where he had come through the junior system, in search of Champions League glory.

The defender's quest was unsuccessful however.

With questions around his age and health, Hummels returned to Dortmund three years later

-- and Bayern lifted the Champions League the following season.

Five years after returning to Dortmund, Hummels is in the midst of a career renaissance, named Man of the Match in both semi-finals having kept Paris Saint-Germain and superstar Kylian Mbappe goalless.

- 'Perfect way to close the circle' -

On Tuesday, Hummels said he was "disappointed" to be left out of Germany's Euro 2024 squad, but had a chance to wash it away in London.

"If I hold the trophy in my hands, I'll give my career an A," Hummels said, saying disappoint-

ment would be "filed away".

Reus -- who missed his chance at World Cup glory alongside Hummels in 2014 due to injury -- stayed at Dortmund since the 2013 final, despite offers from Germany and further afield, as Bayern won the next 11 Bundesliga titles.

While Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen broke Bayern's streak this season, Reus leaves Dortmund having never won the league.

He came agonisingly close last season, when a final day 2-2 draw with Mainz saw Bayern lift the shield again, but a win on Saturday would remove any remaining disappointment.

Besides Hummels and Reus, captain Emre Can tasted defeat against Real in the 2018 final with Klopp's Liverpool, while Niklas Sule won in 2020 when Bayern beat PSG.

Can revealed he had been in touch with Klopp, who told him to set things right on Saturday.

"He texted me after

the (semi-final) in Paris and just said 'go and win the final'."

Dortmund manager Edin Terzic recognised the romance of Reus' story but said he would be in the squad for footballing reasons.

"Marco has shown that he's not finished yet," said Terzic.

"To have a final at Wembley in his first and his last seasons with Borussia Dortmund... it would be the perfect way to close the circle.

"I need Marco on Saturday. I need his qualities and we need his quality. We need Marco because he has this experience and he has played on this stage before."

Karim Adeyemi, 22, the lightning-fast winger who has saved his best performances for Europe this season, said Saturday "was not just about us, but also about having a nice farewell for Marco."

"And I will personally do everything I can to make sure he leaves the pitch happy."

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Colombian striker Jhonier Blanco (C) is introduced to the media by Azam FC's officials after signing a four-year contract with the Chamazi-based side yesterday. Photo: Courtesy of Azam FC

## Azam FC sign Colombian attacking weapon Jhonier Blanco

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

PREMIER League first runners-up Azam yesterday announced the signing of forward Jhonier Blanco.

The Colombian striker joins the club from Aguilas Doradas who plays in the Colombian topflight league, Primera A.

Azam coach Youssouph Dabo has been looking to bolster his attack after Zimbabwean forward Prince Dube unceremoniously left mid-season following a contractual dispute.

The announcement of Blanco was confirmed by the club after rumours of his transfer surfaced last weekend.

"We are happy to announce that we have completed the transfer of the Colombian international striker, Jhonier Blanco, from club Aguilas Doradas of the city of Rionegro, which participates in the Colombian Premier League," the club said.

The 23-year-old Blanco is the club's fourth signing ahead of next season.

Azam have already acquired the services of the Ivorian duo of attacking midfielder Franck Tiesse and defender Yoro Mamadou Diaby, and another Colombian midfielder Ever Meza from Leones.

The new talent becomes the fourth Colombian player in Azam squad.

Before the arrival of Meza, Azam already had Franklin Navarro and centre-back Yeison Fuentes, who joined the club during the December-January transfer window.

Blanco has signed a four-year contract after passing the medical tests, following an agreement between his Colombian club and Azam FC.

This is the first time Blanco is playing outside of his home country.

He started his career at Club Deportivo Estudiantil academy before joining Aguilas Doradas, his first top-flight club.

He was then loaned out to a first-division club, Fortaleza.

With Fortaleza, he emerged as the top scorer helping them to promotion. After the expiry of the loan, he returned to his club Aguilas Doradas.

His main position is playing as a centre forward, and he will face stiff competition from other players like Abdulhamis 'Sopu' Suleiman and Senegalese Allasane Dia.

Azam clinched second place in the Premier League standings, edging out Simba on goal difference, with a 2-0 away victory against Geita Gold on the final day of the campaign at Nyankumbu Ground.

This result ensured Azam the right to join champions Young Africans as Mainland Tanzania's representatives in the CAF Champions League next season.

On Sunday, Azam will bring to a close their 2023/24 campaign with a Federation Cup final game against holders Young Africans.

In a re-run of last year's Mkwakwani showpiece, Azam will look to avenge the 1-0 defeat they suffered in Tanga.

# Champions Yanga now gear up for major overhaul

green jersey of Young Africans.

Now, the team is expected to see significant changes, with several players potentially departing. Among those likely to leave are Joyce Lomalisa, Skudu Makudubela, Augustine Okra, and Aziz Ki.

Ali Kamwe, the Young Africans' information officer, recently confirmed that player movements are imminent.

"There are players whose contracts are expiring; that is clear. The important thing is to see and decide. However, it's crucial for Yanga members to continue supporting the team so we can retain the players we need," Kamwe stated.

Last week, Young Africans president Eng. Hersi Said was seen traveling to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to finalize the registration of two new players, a defender and a winger, for the upcoming 2024/25 season.

Internal sources suggest that Hersi's mission is to replace Makudubela and Lomalisa, who are set to leave the club

at the end of this season.

The players targeted by Hersi include TP Mazembe winger Philippe Kinzubi and FC Lupopo defender Chadrack Boka.

If negotiations go well, these players will join Young Africans next season, having caught the attention of the club's management.

Boka, 24, has emerged as one of the top left-backs in the DRC's top league. This season, clubs like TP Mazembe, Petro de Luanda, and Wydad AC have shown interest in signing him. However, Young Africans appear to be leading the race to secure his services.

Boka is expected to take Lomalisa's place in the Young Africans lineup next season.

Boka's strengths lie in his ability to attack and return to his position on time. He is also known for his skills in executing set pieces, such as free-kicks and penalties, significantly contributing to his team's goal tally.

Coach Miguel Gamondi has reportedly been dissatisfied with the perfor-

mance of Makudubela. On the other hand, Lomalisa has shown no intention of staying at the club, prompting Young Africans to seek replacements.

In preparation for these departures, Nickson Kibabage has already extended his contract with Young Africans for another three years.

As Young Africans prepare for the next season, they are poised to undergo a transformation that could reshape their lineup. The potential signings of Kinzubi and Boka highlight the club's ambition to maintain its competitive edge.

The departure of key players like Lomalisa and Makudubela signifies the end of an era, but also the beginning of a new chapter for the club.

Young Africans' strategy to bolster their squad with promising talent from the DRC underscores their commitment to remaining at the top of Tanzanian football. The fans and members are urged to support these changes, which are crucial for the club's future success.

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

LAST Tuesday's Premier League encounter against Tanzania Prisons at the Azam Complex might have marked some players' final appearances in the yellow and



Gerezani Primary School pupil Hamis Ali (down) fights for the ball against Jamhuri Secondary School students during their friendly match held at the Jakaya Kikwete grounds in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Jumanne Juma

## Fifth edition of Dodoma Marathon officially launched in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THE fifth edition of the Dodoma Marathon, scheduled to take place on July 28, this year in Dodoma city, was officially launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The primary objectives of the race are to raise funds for the fight against cervical cancer and provide scholarships for midwifery students, with the goal of improving maternal and child health in Tanzania.

The launch event was attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from the Athletic Tanzania (AT), Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), Benjamin Mkapa Foundation, media partners, and the sponsoring bank's leadership, led by Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Waziri Barnabas, who represented the MD, Theobald Sabi.

Barnabas highlighted the bank's achievements in the previous four seasons, including raising over TZS 700 million, of which TZS 600 million was directed towards cervical cancer

control through ORCI, and providing scholarships for 100 midwifery students in collaboration with the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation.

"We have also contributed to the growth of athletics in the country by collaborating with different stakeholders, attracting over 12,500 runners and increasing enthusiasm for the sport. Furthermore, the race has promoted tourism and the economy of Dodoma City, while generating income and employment for young people through prize money of over TZS 274 million," Barnabas said.

Tasiana Masimba, the Chairperson of the Preparation Committee, stated that for the 5th season, the bank aims to attract 8,000 participants, up from 5,000 in the previous season, with a goal of raising TZS 300 million to support the intended objectives.

"Through the previous seasons, we have funded cancer screenings for 40,000 women, with 1,600 diagnosed and receiving early treatment. Regarding midwifery, we aim to educate

500 midwives by 2028, having started with 100 in the previous season," Tasiana said, urging Tanzanians to register in large numbers.

On his part, the Vice President of the Athletic Tanzania, William Kallaghe, stated that renowned athletes from Tanzania and abroad have already confirmed their participation in the international race. He also mentioned that the race had been included in the calendar of major international athletics events, which will attract more participants from outside the country.

Representing the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), Dr. Crispin Kihesa stated that through this race, the institute is determined to continue providing further education about cervical cancer in order to improve the health of mothers and children in the country.

"Through the Dodoma Marathon, we have greatly benefited from the funding that enables us to conduct cancer screenings for more women, and thus we have been able to detect

and treat cancer at its early stages, saving lives. Additionally, through this platform, we have had the opportunity to raise awareness about cervical cancer, which is even more important," he said.

Representing the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation, Remmy Moshi expressed gratitude to the bank for the support that helps the foundation in obtaining funds to educate more midwives and improve healthcare for mothers and children.

"The shortage of midwives is still a major problem, and we thank NBC Bank for supporting us in this regard. We urge Tanzanians to participate in this race in order to save the lives of mothers and children," he said.

Registration for the Dodoma Marathon race is now officially open, and participants can register through the website [www.nbc.co.tz](http://www.nbc.co.tz) and contribute TSh 35,000 for individual registration or TSh 25,000 for group registration with a minimum of 25 participants.

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