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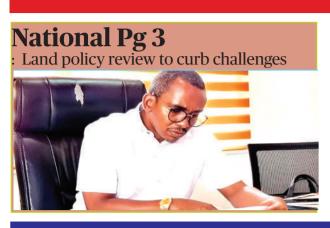
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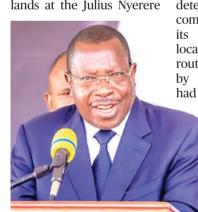
ATCL's plane shopping spree ends next March'

By Henry Mwangonde

shopping plane spree will come to an end in March next year when Air Tanzania Co, Ltd (ATCL) will have 16 aircraft on its fleet.

Top officials said in preliminary observations ahead of the plane's arrival,

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango will receive the newest addition to the plane fleet of Air Tanzania, as a Boeing B737-9 Max plane lands at the Julius Nyerere



International Airport (JNIA). Transport minister Prof

THE government's Makame Mbarawa said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the number will mark the end of the first phase of the airline revival plan dating back to

> ATCL will be handed the new Boeing plane today to take its fleet to 13 planes, with the government having placed orders for three planes set to land in the country from December to March next year, he said.

> government is determined to make ATCL competitive by expanding its flying destinations on local and international routes, he said, noting that by September 30 ATCL had 12 aircraft, among

> > them two Boeing 737-8 Dreamliner, four Airbuses, five D-8Q-400 and a cargo plane. Biseko Chiganga,

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Ilala district commissioner Edward Mpogolo (R) receives a 'Kijani Bond' investment form from CRDB Bank chief commercial officer and acting CEO Boma Raballa during the launch of Customer Week in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Investors starting to use ZIPA as one-stop centre

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has made big improvements in the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA), removing bureaucracy in the investment sector.

the Investments state minister in the President's Office, said here yesterday that the step has enabled ZIPA to finalise all procedures and grant certificates within a short time.

He made the remarks at a

agreement involving various corporations and public institutions from China, which he said was part of efforts in wooing investors from various countries to invest in Zanzibar. centre, he stated.

The government has taken

Mudrik Ramadhani Soraga, brief signing ceremony for an deliberate steps, including ment was extending a welcom- ZIPA is now a one stop centre opening the doors for investments as well as making major amendments to laws including the ZIPA Act, with this institution having become a one-stop

Declaring that the govern-

ing hand for investors to come to the country for all sorts of investments, he said the Zanzibar investment climate has improved.

"We have removed the red tape," he said, affirming that

where all investment procedures can be finalised in just three days," he said.

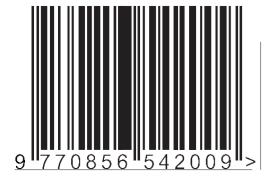
For his part, ZIPA managing director Sharif Ali Sharif

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Sweden, Scania (T) in gas vehicles promotional tour

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

SWEDISH diplomats and the local franchise of Swedish motor vehicle builder Scania (T) are embarking on a 'clean transport tour' which involves travelling from Dar es Salaam to the country's capital, Dodoma. The tour, which commenced yesterday ends on Thursday, aiming at catalysing the transition to sustainable and eco-friendly transport systems, while marking 60 years of impactful development cooperation between the two countries.



Charlotta-Ozaki Macias, the Swedish ambassador, praised the longterm partnership with Tanzania, affirming that the two countries have worked together in various spheres of development needs for the past 60 years.

"There are many results to be proud of, some lessons learned and a bright future to look forward to. These partnerships provide a solid platform for our relations in the coming years," she said.

Sweden has long been a global advocate for environmentally friendly and sustainable transport solutions, and this tour aims to draw attention to the imperative need for a cleaner,

greener transportation future in Tanzania, the envoy explained.

At the heart of this endeavour is a gaspowered truck, utilising compressed natural gas (CNG), as an attractive and locally available fuel alternative, she stated.

Ali Dar, the Scania (T) managing director, highlighted that the company's gas truck conforms to the cleanest emission norm on the technology, referring to the Euro 6 engine, operating on optionally compressed natural gas or biogas.

The Scania gas truck launched in Tanzania in 2021 is a well-proven technology that reduces exhaust emissions and

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Sweden's Ambassador to Tanzania. Charlotta-Ozaki Macias. behind the wheel inside a truck in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after launching a ground-breaking Clean Transport Tour set to start in the commercial city and end in the national capital, Dodoma. The idea is to advocate global environmentally friendly and sustainable transport solutions in the spirit of the need for a eaner and greener transportation future in Tanzania in general and Dar es Salaam in particular. Right is Scania managing director Ali Dar. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwaka



EWURA suspends seven fuel stations for hoarding

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has suspended seven filling stations during the past month over hoarding accusations with intent to escalate

Kaguo, the agency's Titus communications director, told a press conference here yesterday that as of 18th September, EWURA had closed five stations for a period of six months over hoarding of fuel, violating regulations and conditions of licensing.

The two other stations were found hoarding fuel unlawfully and, in response, the EWURA board of directors imposed the punishment as a stern warning to others, he stated.



"Fuel stations and companies have a duty and EWURA has the responsibility to ensure compliance with the conditions of issuing a licence," he emphasised.

Several other stations are under investigation with possibly further action being taken, he said, insisting that EWURA will not relent in the fight against price hiking by fuel hoarding.

Most of the suspended filling stations are in Morogoro Region, with EWURA taking action after it found evidence of fuel hoarding in wholesalers' depots who were refusing to supply it to filling stations.

Lack of compliance with licensing terms by fuel dealers has contributed to fuel shortages in some regions as some dealers have been stockpiling fuel, causing delays in distribution. Others have fuel in storage but are not selling it, causing significant inconveniences to the public, he

Citing the Petroleum Act (Chapter 392 of the laws) setting up the

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95 researchers from MUHAS benefit from SIDA training

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NINETY-FIVE researchers from the Muhimbili Health University and Allied Science (MUHAS) have benefited from a special training supported by the Sweden International Development Aid (SIDA).

MUHAS Acting Vice Chancellor Prof Aporinary Kamuhabwa said that yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the commemorations of the 47th anniversary of collaboration between MUHAS and

During the celebration a Biorepository laboratory and innovation hub at MUHAS Mloganzila campus was launched.

Prof Kamuhabwa said during the cooperation, MUHAS has recorded outstanding performance including conducting research and innovation.

He named some of the research as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria adding that contributed a lot to the country's policy.

He said during the collaboration remarkable success in areas of research formulation and publication have been achieved making the varsity to be ranked 3rd in I'm looking forward to sub Saharan countries.

"I would like to commend Sweden through she said. SIDA for its continuous support that enabled our varsity to be ranked as and Immunology at MUthe 3rd varsity in Sub Sa- HAS said that the varsity haran countries. We look forward to strengthening conduct research has inour collaboration at the creased.

By Correspondent James Kan- time innovation is at the peak to cope with global changes," he added.

> According to him, the collaboration has enabled MUHAS to acquire more new technology from Sweden which is of great importance to the nation's development.

> He said the collaboration has also enabled MUHAS to come up with solutions hence contributed to the nation's development such as establishment of guidelines and policies.

> In addition, the researchers conducted have contributed a lot to changes of medicines especially those of malaria.

> During Covid-19, MU-HAS conducted research on vaccine, drug and prevention.

> Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania Charlotta-Ozaki Marcias said Tanzania and Sweden have collaborated for 47 years in areas of HIV and malaria.

She said that her government through SIDA has supported MUHAS a total of USD 90 billion since the collaboration commenced.

"A remarkable success has been registered so far and we are proud of that. seeing that we sign a new phase of cooperation,"

Professor Eligius Lyamuya of Microbiology capacity to perform and



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Angellah Kairuki (C, foreground) pictured in Dares Salaam yesterday inspecting the Mlimani City hall where the Swahili International Tourism Expo (S!TE) is expected to be held from Oct 6 to 8. She is with her deputy, Dunstan Kitandula (L), and Tanzania Tourist Board director general Damasi Mfugale. Photo: Guardian Corresp

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the acting director for transport, said ATCL revival was pegged at acquiring 16 aircraft on the premise that "the company will then have the muscle to stand on its own."

The plan was that with 16 aircraft in the first phase, ATCL will have the capacity to compete with others airlines or effectively collaborate through code sharing agreements and alliances with giants in the sector, he said.

"Every plane has its own

payload," he said, noting that what is required is obtaining from every plane what it can contribute to break even in offsetting operational costs from earnings.

After the end of the first plan, the government will move into another sphere as to how ATCL can help boost other sectors such as tourism, he said, describing the plane awaited today as likely to enable ATCL to expand its destinations network to Kinshasa and Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Muscat (Oman) and to Nigeria's

commercial capital, Lagos. The coming of the plane

will now allow ATCL to fly to Pemba, Nachingwea, Tanga, Mafia and Musoma, fly at night to Dodoma and Songea whose light installation has been completed, he said. The Boeing B737-9 Max being

received today will have the capacity to carry 181 passengers in the business and economy classes, capable of flying at an optimal eight hours non-stop.

ATCL serves 14 local destinations, namely Mwanza, launched a programme to

Bukoba, Songea, Dar es Salaam, revitalize the national carrier Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar, Iringa, Geita, Kigoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Dodoma, Musoma and Tabora.

It has other regional and

international destinations, listed as Ndola, Lusaka (Zambia), Harare (Zimbabwe), Bujumbura (Burundi), Entebbe (Uganda), along with the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, Indian commercial capital of Mumbai, the Comoros and the trading hub of Guangzhou in China.

In 2016, the government

by purchasing six new aircraft within two years, paying out debts and providing working capital, improvement and modernization of airline operations.

Air Tanzania was established as Air Tanzania Corporation (ATC) in September 1977 after the collapse of the regional carrier, the East African Airways. It has habitually operated at a loss and since the new planes landed it has often come out for tongue lashing from the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) in respective

Catholic Church: Women hope for change ahead of Synod opening

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open on October 4 at the Vatican.

Pope Francis will open the global gathering of bishops with 464 participants in which, for the first time, both women and lay-people will be permitted to vote.

the Church as the Synod of Bishops prepares to who want to play a more active role in church cant reform towards women's equality in the that this synod, and a second session next year, facilitate discussion.

Women, who are barred from the priesthood and highest ranks of power, have long complained that they are treated as second-class citizens in the church.

Historically dominated by men, the Catholic Now, 54 women will vote alongside the bish- LGBTQ+ Catholics and priestly celibacy.

The gathering is the culmination of an unprecedented two-year canvasing of lay Catholics about their hopes for the future of the institution, including on topics such as women,

could lead to real change

Until now, women have played only marginal roles at the gatherings. Previously seated in the last row of the audience hall while the bishops and cardinals took the front rows and voted,

CATHOLIC women are hoping for change in Church has faced growing demands by women ops during the 3-week long synod, a signifi-

In 2021, Francis took a first step in responding to women's demands by appointing a French Sister, Nathalie Becquart, as undersecretary of the synod's organising secretariat, a job previously only held by men.

Participants of capacity building training on child protection and combating of gender-based violence officers follow a presentation at a seminar held in Geita yesterday. It was organised by Plan International through Kagis project. Photo: Guardian Corresponden

Investors starting to use ZIPA as one-stop-centre

said various firms including communications firms have expressed intention to invest in Zanzibar, explaining the vestment environment now

Agreements reached between the Zanzibar authorities and Chinese investors

interest to the friendly in- include boosting trade ties between Zanzibar and China's Weihai Wendeng Province and the China Trade Corporation in Shanghai, he

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noise levels, he said, noting that globally, one out of eight

Dar es Salaam has a growing population that has doubled in 15 years, and more people deaths are caused by poor need personalized means of air quality, where emissions transport, he said, highlightfrom transport are a large ing that by running the trans-

port on CNG "vehicles can use the cleanest drivelines with the lowest emissions, creating

By running on local CNG fuel, Tanzania can reduce foreign exchange, create local

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regulatory agency, he said EWURA is tasked with regulating fuel matters to ensure harmony in fuel supply and pricing, countrywide.

The legal actions taken are similarly in line with directives from Energy minister and deputy address the fuel shortage

EWURA firstly reviewing existing operational systems with a view for improvement, premier Dr Doto Biteko, who while working on revising called for stern measures to the pricing system to

licensing conditions, he declared

EWURA seeks to enhance services for the public companies have a duty

third measure is reviewing and responsibilities of conditions of issuing a stakeholders in the sector, he said.

"Fuel stations and fulfill their roles, while a in place that define rights compliance with the or other purposes, he and improvement of such

licence," he emphasised. Fuel traders and storage

He appealed to members of the public to report to facility owners need to EWURA if they have wind remember that licences are of dishonest fuel service interest on the basis of and EWURA has the granted for the provision of providers for the regulator ensure all stakeholders procedures and regulations responsibility to ensure services, not for hoarding to carry out monitoring

There assurance that down non-compliant businesses negatively impact fuel availability, he added.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Jerry Silaa speaks at a professional symposium held at national level in Dodoma city yesterday in commemorating World Habitat Day. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Vice President to hand over two light planes for NIT's aviation studies today

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango is today expected to hand over two single-engine aircrafts-Cessna Skyhawk 172 to the National Institute of Transport (NIT) to fulfill the basic requirements of the aviation training programmes at the college.

Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa unveiled yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking to journalists on the handover of the light planes as part of fulfilling NIT's ambitious plan to start offering courses for pilots locally.

Prof Mbarawa pointed out that pilot studies are now offered abroad for a fee of more than 300 million but the course will now be offered in the country for lower fees.

"The six-phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan will continue supporting the National Institute of Transport to make them continue to provide enough manpower to save the transport sector," he said.

Biseko Chiganga, Deputy Director for Transport Services in the Ministry said the government has given NIT the land at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) to build a hangar that will be used for aviation studies including

"NIT will build a flit school at KIA and in meantime the transport Institute will use Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) for practical training, "he said.

However, NIT is also a beneficiary of the Eastern Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) launched

in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and three East African countries participating in the project including Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

Through the project, NIT received \$21.25 million (50bn/-) as financial support from the World Bank towards supporting aviation stud-

The project supports the development of highly specialized Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs as well as industry-recognized short-term certificate-level training, and will target regional priority sectors in transport, energy, manufacturing and ICT.

The Cessna Skyhawk piston is the most popular single-engine aircraft ever built and has achieved a reputation for being the ultimate training aircraft. This will attract more local and international aviation students.



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'National land policy review to mitigate challenges, ease administration'

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is reviewing the national land policy as a solution to the many challenges in the sector.

Minister for Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Jerry Silaa made the statement in Dodoma yesterday when speaking at global observance of World Habitat Day under the theme 'Resilient urban economies; Cities as drivers of growth and recovery'. "We are working with

policy; changes in the policy will be a thority to the government to change solution to the many challenges in the development of human settlements," said Silaa, adding the review will include land ownership rights. He said the ministry will make improvements to the policy especially on the use of drawings, surveying, city planning and land use plans.

"Some people buy land plots believing that the place is a residential area; after a time, they find that their neighbour has built a business structure; stakeholders to improve our land this happens because the law gives au-

land uses," said the minister.

On the World Housing Day, Silaa said it was celebrated by holding academic debates whereas stakeholders from different places were brought together to discuss the various ways that cities will use to restore the economy after the Covid-19 pandemic and share experiences in matters of inflation and international financial challenges.

The Ministry's Deputy Minister, Geofrey Pinda said to celebrate the day, the ministry should come up with a special plan where activities related to land issues and human settlement development would be carried out for one week.

"The weeklong activities will be an opportunity for the ministry to do its own evaluation and provide education to the public," he said.

Permanent Secretary in the ministry, Eng Anthony Sanga urged ministry staff to properly work on the outlined plans and ensure proper supervision of land surveying issues

to avoid disputes.

This year's World Habitat Day aims to convene various city stakeholders to discuss the ways in which cities can be primed for recovery following the global intersecting negative economic shocks of COVID-19 and conflicts by broaching the different dimensions of economic slowdown that cities are currently experiencing and identifying actions that cities can take to boost economic re-

Cities all over the world have al-

ready embarked on this journey through implementing various mod-

UN-Habitat, in partnership with the World Economic Forum, believes that these models can be localized and scaled up through the Global Partnership for Local Investment, where experiences are shared to build a local finance framework for cities and communities, to help distribute existing funding and finance to where it can deliver the greatest impact.

KOFIH injects 2.7bn/- in support of health sector

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo.

Dodoma

THE South Korean government, through its health flagship project–Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH). has spent more than 2.7bn/- to improve maternal and child health services in Kongwa and Mpwapwa districts in Dodoma Region.

The amount which has been spent between 2021 and 2023 saw implementation of an array of interventions in the two districts with an eye to curb maternal and child mortality rate as well as improving facilities and rolling out of key health services in the side of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Healthcare (MNCH).

Throughout implementation of the project, there has been a significant increase in the number of mothers attending clinics at health facilities seeking prenatal services, as well as to deliver ba-

KOFIH is a governmental organisation affiliated with the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea. KOFIH provides government-level health assistance for partner countries, with the major focus being to strengthen the capacity of the health workforce, especially in the side of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Healthcare (MNCH).

Speaking during a special forum to evaluate implementation of the project for the past two years, a representative from the KOFIH project, Nice Moshi said that apart from procuring vital medical equipment, the timely initiative was also majoring in conducting relevant community sensitization programs towards different groups.

"We managed to construct the-

atre rooms, incinerator, placenta pit and ash pit at different health facilities; we also procured ambulances, infant radiation warmer, screens as well as delivering beds," she stated.

She added that the project also disseminated useful education on reproductive health whereby students from a total of 20 schools (primary and secondary) have so far been trained.

"The project has also managed to impart at least 300 community leaders and 900 women of reproductive age with positive health education," she said, adding the initiative was also working to sensitize the community on the need to donate blood.

Invitation for Quotations/Bids

Supply of Water by Trucks to Selected Primary School in Kisarawe District in Coastal Region



Background

WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania" which is registered as Non-Governmental Organization in The Republic of Tanzania (NO.SO.7557). WaterAid Tanzania operates as a Country Programme and functional office of WaterAid UK; within East African Region. The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No. 1469, Masaki Area within

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You are hereby invited to submit your price quotations for the supply of clean water as per Tanzania national water quality standards where the document with bills of quantities can be found on the WaterAid Tanzania website: https://www.wateraid.org/tz/work-with-us

Eligible interested bidders should send their bids to WaterAid Tanzania Office before 18th October 2023.at 10.00 hours East Africa Time;

Addressed to: "Country Director - WaterAid Tanzania, P.O. Box 33759 Plot No.1469 Rufiji Street: Off Haile Selassie Rd - Msasani Peninsular, Dar es Salaam: Tanzania." and clearly marked "Bid for Supply of Water by Trucks to Selected Primary School in Kisarawe District in Coastal Region" The Opening will be on 18th October 2023 at 10:30am at WaterAid Country Office.

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The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support implementation of the new USAID funded project, Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo (TKV) is currently seeking to recruit a suitably qualified and competent Tanzanian to fill the following vacant positions

Job Position: Grants & Compliance Manager Department: Administration Dar es salaam **Duty Station: Reporting Line: Executive Director**

Job Summary:

The Grants and compliance Manager will focus on managing donor funded grants and sub-awards provided under projects. The job holder will provide grants and contracts management as guided by the donor and organization's regulations to ensure project activities and operations are implemented in compliance to donor's

Key Job Responsibilities and duties:

Grants Management:

- Lead the end-to-end management of donor funded grants and sub-awards under JGI Tanzania, including policies and guidelines for grants management, proposal development, pre-award assessment and negotiation, compliance, reporting and closeout.
- · Maintain a deep understanding of USAID regulations and compliance requirements, ensuring that all grant activities adhere to these guidelines
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- grant-related financial transactions. · Keep accurate and up-to-date records of all grant activities,
- ensuring proper documentation and reporting Prepare and submit timely and accurate financial reports to project leadership.
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Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements

- o Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, or a related field (master's degree preferred).
- o A minimum of five to seven years of experience in managing USAID funded grants and sub-awards. o Strong understanding of USAID regulations and compliance
- o Proficiency in financial analysis and budget monitoring o Risk management and compliance management skills including
- ability to prevent, assess, identify, report, and mitigate risks o Excellent project management and organizational skills.
- o Strong communication and interpersonal skills o Ability to work effectively in a team and collaborate with diverse
- stakeholders o Knowledge of financial software/tools (mention specific tools if
- o Certification in grants management or financial analysis is a

Job Position: Department: Duty Station: Supervisor:

Financial Analyst Administration **Financial Controller**

Job Summary:

The Financial Analyst will be responsible for providing financial inputs, preparation of various financial management reports to management and program managers, designing various financial templates to assist in decision making, advising organization on investment of its funds, advising management on various policies and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$ procedures for cost saving and improve organization performance This position will work collaboratively across programs and projects to analyze individual and institution performance and strategy

Key Job Responsibilities and duties:

- · Analyses financial status by collecting, monitoring, and studying data, recommending actions.
- · Determines cost of operations by establishing standard costs, collecting operational data • Identifies financial status by comparing and analysing actual
- results with plans and forecasts. · Guides cost analysis process by establishing and enforcing
- policies and procedures; providing trends and forecasts; explaining processes and techniques; recommending actions.
- Improves financial status by analysing results; monitoring variances; identifying trends; recommending actions to management.
- · Reconciles transactions by comparing and correcting data.
- · Maintains database by entering, verifying, and backing up data · Recommends actions by analysing and interpreting data and making comparative analyses, studying proposed changes in

- Microsoft excel. o Experience in managerial position in a donor-funded organization. o Expert-level analytical and financial modeling, interpersona skills, written and verbal communication skills o Interpersonal skills, to work and build relationships with a wide
 - range of people holding different views. o Ability to interpret and write narrative report based on financial

· Increases productivity by developing automated accounting

Maintains technical knowledge by attending educational

Review project budget/financial proposal and advise program

o Bachelor's degree in accounting, Finance, Statistics, Health

o Considerable experience of managing organization change and

o At least 5 years' experience in Accounting, Finance, Auditing,

o Abilities in using Jet reports ad-in, power BI and advanced

economics, Business Administration or business-related field is

applications, coordinating information requirements Protects operations by keeping financial information

workshops, reviewing publications.

Business development.

team on the cost not fully accounted for

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

desirable. Master's degree is an added advantage

- numbers for management decision. o The ability to understand diverse perspectives and to be able to
- successfully influence and negotiate. o Effective research and analysis skills (including quantitative and qualitative), needed to build an evidence base on which you will
- o Knowledge in ERP systems (Microsoft dynamic Business central-Navision) and related technologies
- o Good organization skills, to track priorities, work to deadlines
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Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning **Job Position:** (MEL) Manager Department: Administration **Duty Station:** Dar es salaam/Kigoma Supervisor: **Executive Director**

Job Summary:

The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Manager provides technical expertise in general monitoring and reporting on indicators for measuring the overall performance and progress of the programs/projects towards set goals/objectives. MEL Manager will also develop and maintain the work plan and monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) plan. The Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist is responsible for data collection, analysis, interpretation, verification, and reporting. The job bearer supports implementation of the adaptive management best practices and guide project teams through the process of learning from and by making programmatic decisions based on the results of monitoring and evaluation data. The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager will report to Executive MEL Community of Practice

Key Job Responsibilities and duties:

- In coordination with program leadership, prepare and conduct a base line survey with measurable indicators in line with the project objectives
- · Prepare a monitoring and evaluation plan for the program, measuring the impact of the program against goals and indicators throughout the life of the program.
- Be up to date on the Monitoring and Evaluation methodologies used by JGI worldwide and be able to integrate them in the work
- carried out by JGI Tanzania programs. · Travel to all areas of work and carry out survey and conduct both individual as well as focus-group interviews in target areas of
- Prepare and submit narrative reports based on the findings indicating the impact of the program and adjustments to be made for improvement.
- Provide training in monitoring & assessment methodologies to
- Identify indicators to assess needs, monitor project progress and assess longer-term impacts of projects in the identified work areas.
- · Manage the development of surveys for assessment & monitoring purposes.
- · Oversee the design and operation of databases for the entry and analysis of survey data.
- In collaboration with program leadership, develop plans and prioritization criteria regarding JGI's geographical coverage of
- · Provide analyses and reports on assessment and monitoring surveys to program leadership and counterparts.
- o Bachelor's degree in Monitoring and Evaluation or related field, a master's degree preferred.

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

Other duties as assigned by the Supervisor

- o At least five (5) years of monitoring and evaluations experience,
- preferably having worked on projects of similar size and o Proven experience administering monitoring and evaluations in
- donor funded organizations o Strong communication skills, both interpersonal and written, to
- fulfill the technical and managerial responsibilities proposed. o Strong English and Swahili writing and speaking skills. o Demonstrated ability in data analysis, monitoring, and
- evaluation of project implementation activities in the context of biodiversity, natural resource management and/or development
- o Expertise in but not limited to reviewing work plans, quarterly reports, participating in field visits, initiating regular portfolio reviews, contributing to program evaluations and adaptive management processes.
- o Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of all requirements necessary for a result driven Program monitoring
- o Experienced in developing and effectively applying performance management plans or similar tools is required. Experience applying theories of change, results frameworks, logical frameworks, or similar tools for project design, implementation and learning is a plus.
- o Prior experience working on USAID funded projects will be added advantage.

All applications should be submitted together with the most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)/resume, copy of relevant academic certificates & transcripts, testimonials, three names of reputable referees, day-time telephone number or e-mail address, and should be send to the following e-mail address: recruitment@janegoodall.or.tz

Only the final shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and provided with the interview feedback.

Deadline: Sunday, 08th October, 2023 before 5pm in the evening

JGI Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and considers all applicants on the basis of merit without regard to race, national or tribal origin, religious belief, gender, and marital status

QUALIFIED FEMALE APPLICANTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

'African Food Systems Forum yielding fruit'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has started yielding fruits of the recently concluded African Food Systems Forum (AGRF) 2023, following positive feedback from some stakeholders.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega said yesterday that most livestock stakeholders who were in the meeting have reported to have benefitted from the meet-

Briefing journalists on the gains brought by the meeting, he said in a zoom meeting convened on 29th September, 2023 involving 311 livestock and fisheries stakeholders, 61 per cent confirmed getting new markets for their after the meeting. He added that some 54 per cent others said to have got new investment partners as 82 percent of investors managed to advertise their companies and products to those who attended the meeting.

The minister explained that 100 per cent of stakeholders who participated at exhibitions, admitted to have experienced improved sales during the AGRF meeting.

Ulega noted that 98 percent of stakeholders also showed that they benefited from different discussions and debates like education on how to increase productivity in business, technology on processing and opportunity to get capital.

"The ministry has started getting results of the AGRF 2023 held last months as livestock and fisheries stakeholders count befits" said the minister.

The minister explained that a total of 5,400 participants attended the meeting whereby the livestock and fisheries sec-

tor attracted 549 participants. He thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the concerted efforts to improve the agriculture sector, adding that the meeting held in Dar es Salaam last month is a vivid example of her efforts.

The Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 officially ended on 8th September, 2023 with calls to scale up existing solutions to accelerate food systems transformation.

The 13th Annual Forum provided a platform to reflect on

the coordinated large-scale action by the continent's leading thinkers, policymakers, and innovators to explore the latest breakthroughs and best practices in agriculture and food systems transformation.

Speakers at the Forum called for bold thought leadership to accelerate action toward translating food systems pathways and commitments into actionable strategies, particularly to address climate.

During the four-day Forum, various institutions made commitments to accelerate investments in youth and women and to build a better tomorrow.

Hussein Bashe, the Minister for Agriculture stated that the government was committed to putting youth and women at the center of the Food Systems transformation. He acknowledged the role of the private sector and called for equitable investments.

"Smallholder farmers in Africa do not need your help, they need their right equitable share of investment in the global funding," he said.

Tanzania for the remarkable hospitality by her government. "This is the highest number of delegates the Africa Food Systems Forum has hosted so far, he said. He highlighted the pivotal role of country-level actions in rejuvenating food systems.

Discussions held at the Forum illustrated that collabora-

tion remains the beacon of progress. They reinforced that partnerships among governments, businesses, civil society, farmers' organizations, and research institutions will shape a future where sustainable and pros-

perous food systems shape Africa's progress. The AGRF, Africa's Food Systems Forum, is the premier platform for advancing the agriculture and food systems agenda

on the continent; from food security to agri-food investments. The annual Summit convenes leaders, policymakers, scientists, heads of governments and private institutions, farmers, and the youth in the agriculture and food systems landscape to discuss and agree on practical actions and solutions that

drive Africa's food security and better livelihoods for all.



Joseph Massenga, USAID Afya Yangu project's Deputy Chief of Party, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday addressing a stakeholders meeting on reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

NEMC: We are going to oversee work on Katumba-Lupaso road

By Guardian Correspondent, Busokelo

THE National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) has said it will closely supervise the construction of the 35km Katumba-Lupaso road in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region to make sure it will not affect the environment.

The remarks were made by NEMC director general, Dr Samuel Gwamaka at the weekend in the company of Works and Transport Minister, Innocent Bashungwa and Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba during the inspection of the road built at tarmac level.

The road stretch is part of the 80+ km Katumba-Lwangwa-Mbambo-Tukuyu road that joins Rungwe and Busokelo dis-

He said the road passes through areas with water sources and rivers that flow to lake Nyasa, hence, he added it is essential to make sure its construction does not affect the water sources that are important for human and other living things.

Dr Gwamaka added that they will collaborate with Lake Nyasa Basin officials who are supervisors of all the water sources in the area including its water re-"Such road projects usually undergo

the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and we are always careful in areas with water sources, if we cannot protect them, even the Lake Nyasa water level will drop," said Dr Gwamaka. He added: "We, environmental manag-

ers, will make sure the 2004 environment Act is followed in the implementation of this road project including all other road

He also said that many areas through which the road passes are in proximity to the Kitulo National Park which also needs protection against human activities.

He also commended the government for its decision to build the road at tarmac level saying that it is important for the people to transport their farm crops they produce in the area.

Addressing people in Mwakaleli valley, Works and Transport Minister Innocent Bashungwa said it is the implementation of the 2020/25 CCM Election Manifesto. He said funds for its construction are available and the contractor continues

with construction of the Katumba-Lupa-

so stretch that will also connect residents

of Busokelo District with those of Makete District in Njombe Region. For his part, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, the Finance Minister said he will make sure money for the implementation of the road project will be provided to en-



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Tanzanians, Indians in diaspora reminded to contribute positively to development changes

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS and Indians in the diaspora have been reminded to ensure that they work hard wherever they are to contribute positively to the development changes in their home countries.

India High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan made the remarks yesterday at the Gandhi Jayanti celebration that took place at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) to commemorate 154th birth anniversary of the Father of the Indian Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

The High Commissioner said that by doing so, those in the diaspora will be a great honour to Mahatma Gandhi and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere for what they did in their respective countries.

He said that both leaders believed that education is the best way that can help both countries to develop.

The envoy said Mahatma Gandhi is well-known as an exceptional, inspiring global political leader among the greatest in the 20th century and his message of truth and non-violence is recognised by the UN declaring his birth date as the "International Day of Non Violence," he said.

He stated 'Mahatma was the man who showed the world that nonviolence is an effective and lasting way of defeating injustice. "Also the founders had similar views on the fight for independence of their countries and against violence," he said. The foundation they stand for is still in line with the current environment, so it's very important for Tanzanians and Indian diaspora to honor their best things established by these people. He said Gandhi lived in Africa for a long time and when he returned to India, Indians named him a freedom fighter.

"We are celebrating to remember the principles that Gandhi stood for and the contribution of the subcontinent to India's independence he made, where he lived in Africa for a long time and when he returned to India, Indians say he was the freedom

fighter," he said. Dr Hezron Kangalawe, UDSM's head of history department laud-



Deogratius Ndejembi (2nd-R), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local governments), inspects a pre-primary education model class in session shortly before he opened a seminar for administrative secretaries and education officers in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Augusta Njoji

Poverty, politics among reasons for parents failing to contribute towards school meals

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

EDUCATION stakeholders from Dar es Salaam Region have cited poverty and politics as among reasons for parents being unable to contribute to meals for their children at school resulting in poor passes in examina-

The stakeholders were speaking recently a workshop called to discuss various obstacles to social services in their areas and strategies to enable the adherence to gender balance

The workshop was organised by Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) and involved schools' boards and committees, teachers, health and agriculture officials from various regions.

The stakeholders said the reasons for parents and guardians failing to contribute towards meals for their children at school is their low incomes and lack of understanding of the aims of free education, as well as

The chairman of Kionzile primary school in Mabwepande, Marysella Nzaligo said parents and guardians do not contribute to meals for the children claiming that the government had already announced that education will be for free.

"Some parents and guardians do not want to hear about contributing towards meals for their children, the situation that makes their children go without lunches while at school, believing that the issue of meals in schools is the government's issue," said Marvsella.

is caused by little understanding re- with them, but it should be borne in garding the education policy even mind that it is important to underthough, she added, it is also contributed by hard life due to poor incomes and the public are us - parents and in many families.

"But since we have been educated them," Fuli said. to mobilise the community on various issues including gender balance school, John Elitwaza said lack of inin education, health and agriculture, it will be necessary to start afresh so in the area contribute to the unavailthat those with money as well as the ability of meals for children at school.

poor should see the need for contributing towards meals for their children at schools," she added.

For his part, the chairman of King'ongo secondary school board in Dar es Salaam, Deogratius Fuli said contributing towards school meals has been infected by politics.

He said that some politicians urge parents and guardians not to contribute towards meals at schools, telling them that the government has abolished contributions of all kinds at schools.

"In such a situation, there are some She explained that the situation parents and guardians who agree stand that these are public schools guardians, we are supposed to serve

> The headteacher of Bunju primary come by many parents and guardians



Fadhili Kadyue Kinamapula, ward executive officer at Ushetu in Kahama District, takes members of a savings and credit

co-operative society through ways to modernise agriculture. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

'Haphazard use of antibiotics contributes to drugs resistance for livestock, humans'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE director of Livestock services in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Prof Hezron Nonga has said haphazard use of antibiotics to a great extent contributes to drug resistance to both livestock and humans.

Prof. Nonga made the remarks at a one-day meeting that brought together various experts from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and its various institutions, the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health and representatives from the wildlife sector.

The meeting focused on discussing a project that will dwell in knowing the understanding of the people, herders particularly in regard to drug resistance which has now shifted from animals to humans.

He said the project to be implemented in Mwanza and Kilimanjaro regions aims to conduct research on poultry keepers whether they understand the source of drug resistance in livestock.

"Incorrect use of drugs for the poultry has been the

source of resistance to parasites, especially through the use of antibiotics

"The project will be implemented in the two regions and I call upon poultry keepers and other users of poultry products to provide cooperation so that the results to be obtained should help livestock keepers and the government wage a two-pronged war against challenges brought by resistance of parasites against drugs," he added.

He also said that research results obtained will help the community to be safe against drug resistance especially when livestock keepers will reduce the use of antibiotics to the poultry.

For his part, a lecturer from Ifakara's St. Francis University, Filbert Madoshi said the use of drugs that does not abide by experts' directives has become the source of parasites becoming resistant to drugs.

He said that at present, the community has adopted a habit of using drugs without directives from health experts, the situation that if not checked, they will end up

having drugs that will not be able to treat diseases.



REVENUE ZANZIBAR AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX

Zanzibar, 30th September, 2023.

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

Zanzibar Revenue Authority (ZRA), wishes to notify the general public that with effect from 1st July, 2023, the Minister of State President's Office, Finance and Planning issued Legal Notice (LN) No. 78 of 2023, on the specific amount of property tax to be paid annually as provided under section 7A (1) of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008.

The issued Legal Notice for charging property tax with effect from 1st July, 2023, has EXEMPTED from charging property tax ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, other than RESIDENTIAL STOREY **BUILDINGS.**

The following properties shall be subject to the specific amount of property tax:

| SN | TYPE OF PROPERTY | AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX ANNUALLY |
|----|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Residential Storey buildings or condominium. | Tzs. 10,000/= per storey or unit |
| 2. | Storey Business buildings | Tzs. 50,000/= per storey. |
| 3. | Other Business buildings | Tzs. 50,000/= |
| 4. | Hotel Premises: | |
| | (a) Five Stars Hotels | Tzs. 500,000/= |
| | (b) Four Stars Hotel | Tzs. 400,000/= |
| | (c) Three Stars Hotel | Tzs. 300,000/= |
| | (d)Two Stars Hotel | Tzs. 200,000/= |
| | (e)One Star Hotel | Tzs. 100,000/= |
| | (f) Others | Tzs. 50,000/= |

2.0 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT OF TAX:

According to section 10 of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008, all mentioned specific annual amount of property tax are payable on or before the 30th day of September, each year, and shall be expired on the **30th June**, of the following year.

3.0 EXTENTION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX:

Based on the aforesaid provision of the law, the established specific amounts of property tax are payable on or before 30th day of September, 2023. However, due to the fact that, the categories of property have been recently established under the Legal Notice (LN) No. 78 of 2023, it is therefore a good ground and sufficient cause to warrant extension of time for due date on payment of property tax for 2023/2024.

In view of this, and based on the provision of section 10(2) of the Property Tax Act, No. 14 of 2008, the due date for payment of property tax is hereby extended from 30th day of September, 2023 up to 30th day of November, 2023.

3.0 CONSEQUENCES FOR NON COMPLIANCE:

Any person whose property is among the above listed type of properties is required to pay the respective property tax on or before 30th November, 2023, to avoid penalty as provided under section 33 of the Tax Administration and Procedures Act, No. 7 of 2009.

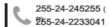
4.0 CONCLUSION:

ZRA reminds respective property owners to effectively use extension of time on due date for payment of property tax to discharge their obligations before end of due date. Meanwhile, ZRA, shall commence awareness campaigns including compliance procedures to all required PROPERTY OWNERS in order to facilitate their property taxes payments before due date. You are kindly assured that lawful convenient measures will be fully employed during two months extension period on due date to simplify your compliance.

"Tulipe Kodi kwa Maendeleo ya Zanzibar"











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NATIONAL NEWS



Energy deputy minister Judith Kapinga (C) on an inspection tour yesterday of a 300MW plant at Tegeta in Dar es Salaam during which she directed the state-run Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) to do the most it could to ease the ongoing countrywide power rationing. Second right is Tanesco director general Gisima Nyamo-Hanga. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

'TAWA is working on new income collection strategy'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) is working on a new income collection strategy that aims to enhance its revenues to their estimates of FY 2023/24.

This was revealed at the weekend by TAWA Commissioner of Conservation, Mabula Misungwi Nyanda at a task force meeting with TAWA zonal and forest reserves heads that focused in improving work performance and conservation activities in general held at NCAA Conference Hall here.

Mabula said the issue of increasing revenue collection is a special directive from the minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Angellah Kairuki hence, he added its implementation is supposed to start as soon as possible.

"This issue should not wait, as everything you see in your area is a resource, make sure you use it in the collection of revenue," stressed Commissioner Mabula.

He also stressed on the entire issue of the control of fierce and destructive wildlife and called on the officials to find alternative means in making sure the beasts do not continue causing havoc to human lives and property.

He also called on the officials to abide by the instructions given by the Deputy permanent secretary in the Ministry of Natural resources and tourism, Benedict Wakulyamba during a seminar on fierce and destructive wildlife.

For his part, TAWA Acting Deputy Commissioner of Conservation Mlage Kabange said TA-WA's Number one capital is the protection of all areas given to them to oversee as when such areas are safe, production of income increase taking into consideration that 70 per cent of TAWA's income come from tourism hunting.

Bank marks 'Customer Service Week' by resolving issues facing customers

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Africa (T) has celebrated Customer Service Week by bringing focus on issues facing customers and innovatively finding ways to address them for smooth service pro-

The multinational Pan African bank acknowledged and recognized the crucial role played by its staff in ensuring the highest standards of excellence and customer experience are met in all branches of BoA.

Adam Mihayo, BOA managing di-

rector and chief executive officer those whose work does not meet (CEO) said this yesterday in the city of Dar es Salaam when he was talking to journalists regarding the celebrations.

Mihayo said the bank is firm in its dedication to listening to its customer's needs and providing shared solutions while leveraging our group network and synergies.

He said: "We are celebrating this week with the theme: "Strong Service Team" which encourages working in cooperation starting from employees who serve customers and tions and multiple options are re-

customers directly, we join together to promote expertise, discipline, friendly environment and provide quality services based on ethics, simplify services and ensure they are available quickly."

Mihayo said the banking and financial services industry is changing rapidly globally and Tanzania is at the forefront as a few years ago, there were no contact centers making services hard to access.

"Today, customers' high expecta-

defining business models and the financial sector is no exception. Winners and survivors would be those who understand the customer, with a need to be connected, informed, empowered, and are instant gratification seekers," he said.

He said as a customer-centric bank, BoA has over the years used the celebrations to highlight its superior customer service, a key component of its core values as well as solicit customer feedback while appreciating them for their brand loy-

with the bank.

He further explained that in understanding the importance of financial inclusion and to better our customer experience, the bank has made investments to enhance its digital platforms including mobile banking - B-Mobile, and Internet banking solutions - BOAWeb in support of building a cashless society.

"Automatic teller machines (ATM) software upgrade has also been done for a seamless experience. The bank also expanded its array alty and the decision to do business of payment and collection solutions media channels.'

to customers through the BOA Pay platforms that enable customers to make payments and collections in the comfort of their premises. Furthermore, the recent launch of Bank of Africa WAKALA with a network of over 100 agents to ensure accessibility and convenience for our custom-

Anna Mango, bank's head of service and organization excellence said: "We continuously strive to be closer to our customers by being more accessible through all social

Zanzibar First VPO PS visits Mpwapwa's EBARR project

By Guardian Reporter, Mpwapwa

THE Permanent Secretary in the the Office of Zanzibar First Vice President, Dr Omar Dadi Shajak has made an inspection visit to the projects implemented by the Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Rural Resilience (EBARR) in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region yesterday.

During his visit Shajak inspected various projects including deep well, a house plot at Ng'hambi village, sunflower oil extraction factory, construction of of a livestock service centre and a cattle dip at Kazania Village all valued at 1.2bn/-.

Speaking at different times during the visit, Dr Shajak thanked the Office of the Tanzania Vice President by coordinating the EBARR projects in both sides of the Union.

He said the project has brought huge benefits to the people by helping them to get essential social services including water that has enabled them in their various income generating activities including farming and livestock keeping.

"The aim of this visit is to see the step reached in the implementation of the EBARR project in the Mainland, but also to learn how

you're implementing the projects so that we in the Isles can improve in order to attain the government's goals to help the people against the effects of climate change," he said.

Dr Shajak further commended projects' supervisors in Mpwapwa District for the project's implementation up to its completion.

He urged the people to utilise the projects to get social services, especially water from the wells and dams being built in their areas through EBARR. For their part, villagers visited by the PS

through Ng'hambi Ward Councillor, Richard Milimo thanked the government for the project in their area, saying it it has become their They said that for a long time they used to face challenges when looking for water, hav-

ing to walk long distances to fetch the essential commodity. "We are now even engaging in vegetable

selves," they said. During the visit, Dr Shajak was accompanied by the Director of Environment in the Zanzibar Second Vice President Office, Farhat Ali Mbarouk and EBARR Coordinator from Unguja North "A" District Alawi Haji Hija.



A pupil living at Ukonga-Sitakishari in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam, pictured yesterday emerging from a culvert he said he used as a shortcut following "complications" arising from the implementation of the Standard Gauge Railway project in the area. Photo: Correspondent Salama Ringo

By Guardian Reporter

DESPITE the government's efforts to train more healthcare workers, Tanzania was still facing a shortage of experts to offer post-abortion care services in most public hospitals affecting many who need the support.

Post abortion care involves a small medical or surgical procedure to ensure that the womb is completely cleaned after experiencing miscarriage, unsafe abortion or pregnancy complications.

Prof. Andrea Pembe, a gynecologist and lecturer at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) revealed this recently in an interview with this paper.

According to him, the country has a shortage of health workers with a demand being at 54 per

cent, something which underlines the need to

train more healthcare workers.

"Supporting equipment is also a challenge, there is a need to increase the tools so that postabortion care services can be accessed by every patient who has experienced miscarriage, unsafe abortion or pregnancy complications," he

said. The expert further said despite the laws in the country restricting illegal abortion, health experts were receiving patients to various hospitals who need their attention in order to save

However, he pointed out that many women with unsafe abortion or miscarriage are failing

to access post-abortion care services due to shortage of healthcare workers.

Expert: Post-abortion care services face low workmanship

"We are currently looking at how healthcare workers can be receiving on job training on postabortion care services to fill the gap," he said.

According to him, patients experiencing pregnancy complications, miscarriage and incomplete abortion in rural areas were finding it hard to access post abortion care services due to shortage of professional healthcare workers and lack of equipment.

"Only religious-based hospitals in the rural areas have the facilities to offer post-abortion care services, but they also do not have enough," he

Prof. Pembe said this was important because post-abortion care services might lead to infertility in women resulting in uterus contraction

if not performed by professional health experts. Lucy Mlema, a 28 year old patient from Buza in Dar es Salaam who suffered miscarriage during her recent third pregnancy said despite going through hard time of losing her baby, she felt well due to services at Temeke Regional Hospital unlike some few years back when she underwent the same trauma while in Kondoa village, where she had been posted.

"I was going through a very hard time as whenever I got pregnant, it ended up in miscarriage, I have only one child and I have been pregnant three times ever since but all in vain," she says. Lucy said it was a hard experience, but she

was happy with the services at the hospital as she was given counselling and all the needed Comprehensive Post Abortion care (cPAC) ser-

According to a 2018 health report, there has been an increased number of post-abortion care cases with an estimated 77,800 women in the country receiving the services where public facilities provided 64 percent of the care.

The report says at least 114,300 women were believed to have required post-abortion care but did not receive it.

The total national cost associated with postabortion care in 2018 was estimated to be 10.4bn/-, with the majority costs being at midlevel facilities, the health report says.

Government, NCA team up to enhance awareness on AMR

By Correspondent Aisia Rweyemamu, Dodoma

THE government in collaboration with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) have launched a project to increase knowledge and awareness on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) using the one health approach.

AMR is one of the top 10 global public health threats facing humanity. The situation is precarious in many low and middle-income countries.

The primary aim of the project is to reduce further development of AMR in the country and improve the health of humans, animals and the environ-

"Improper use of antibiotics contributes significantly to drug resistance for both animals and humans", said Prof Hezron Nonga, Director of Veterinary Services from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries made the remarks when speaking during the launch last Fridav.

Prof Nonga said the research project will be implemented in Kilimanjaro and Mwanza regions and is expected to run from 2023 to 2027. He said the research results will provide answers that will help farmers and the government to effectively address the existing challenge.

He added that the initiative will empower stakeholders to reduce development of AMR in the country, build capacities for AMR detection and surveillance, as well as routines for cooperation and knowledge sharing between sectors.

Speaking during the launch, Lecturer from St. Francis University College of Health and Allied Sciences, Filbert Madoshi warned people from using medicines without a doctor's prescription.

He said the project will also develop and evaluate interventions to address policy and awareness among stakeholders with a focus on government agencies and civil society for sustainable improvements.

Tanzania is one example of a country suffering challenges with the implementation of its National Action Plan (NAP) against AMR.

The necessary structures are in place, but the country still has low capacity for running AMR surveillance and weak systems for knowledge-exchange on antimicrobial use (AMU) and AMR between sectors and stakeholders.

The project is a concerted effort of the Norwegian Veterinary Institute, the Government of Tanzania and other partners.



Members of the Manzoka herders' community at Magomeni village in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region, pictured on Saturday gathered in a trench an investor is said to have dug reportedly to keep their livestock away. They were protesting the investor's move - and are understood to have sought intervention from the district commissioner's office.

NIT vows to execute strategies to transform transportation services

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) has pledged to implement robust strategies that will foster transformation within the institution and the country's transportation services.

Prof Ulingeta Mbamba, NIT's new governing council chairman made the pledge yesterday when speaking at the ceremony to welcome the 12th Governing Council and farewell to the outgoing

He said the sixth phase of government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has invested heavily in transportation. where the new Governing Council will work to support the efforts made by the government in transport.

Prof Mbamba has also congratulated

NIT and promised to continue all the good things that have been done.

He thanked NIT management for continuing to implement mega projects assuring that the new council will closely support to achieve the best.

Speaking on behalf of the former Governing Council, Eng Eliona Simbo hailed great cooperation from the NIT management thus making the development of the Institute visible.

Prof. Zacharia Mganilwa, NIT Rector said that the establishment of the Regional Centre of Excellence in Road Safety under the support of the African Development Bank (AfDB) is one of the achievements that the former Governing Council has done.

"Due to the increasing number of

job that has brought great praise to the Centre of Excellence in Road Safety was determined to reduce such accidents," Prof. Mganilwa said.

He further said the Institute is still facing a number of challenges including the high cost of fees to its academic staff when going for further studies

"It can cost 300m/- for a pilot study in South Africa, but soon after we start offering the programme, it will only be 70 million."

Prof Mganilwa has further said that the Institute will soon start offering Technical and Vocational Teachers Education courses so as to produce enough teachers who will be able to facilitate and supervise technical education training in secondary schools.

ers will include electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and con-

However, speaking recently, former NIT's Governing Council chairperson Prof. Blasius Nyichomba named some of the achievements they have managed to attain are including the establishment of Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations (CEATO) supported by the World Bank under the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) which was es-

tablished at a cost of 49bn/-. "The Council has also managed to acquire 125.01 acres of land in Lindi that will be used to build a Marine Engineering College so as to support the

He added: "On teaching and learning, the Institute established 18 new courses, one programme at the master's degree level, three at the first degree and 14 diploma courses for the past three years. Also, the Institute attracted a larger number of students. The number of students both Diplomas and degree level increased from 6,748 in the academic Year 2018/2019 to 12,942 in 2021 /2022. This is an increase of 6,194 students which is equal to 92 per cent."

He insisted: "The Institute has also trained a number of academic staff to cope with the increased number of students. The staff as of now are 354 compared to three years ago where He said the new curriculum for blue economy. The Institute also has they were 292. Also, physical facilities the support from World Bank under the outgoing Council for doing a great road accidents in the country, a Regional technical training courses for teach-acquired 986.75 acres in Dodoma," he were acquired so as to ensure gradu-EASTRIP." he said.

ates have the right practical skills and knowledge in their field of study."

"However, with all the achievements, the Institute is faced with challenges including a shortage of student halls of residences, lack of enough staff, inadequate training facilities as well as classroom space which is contributed more by the incompleteness of the learning resource building which was designed to accommodate classrooms of capacity of students, staff offices, library," he observed.

Prof Nyichomba said: "During my tenure the Institute entered into agreements with CRJE (East Africa) Ltd and Nandhra to construct five buildings at the Institute's main campus Mabibo in Dar es Salaam as part of

TRA called on to devise 'softer' methods for taxpayers to pay tax

By Guardian Reporteru8

FINANCE deputy minister Hamad Hassan Chande has advised the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to devise better methods to collect tax to enable more traders to pay tax vol-

Chande also instructed the TRA Commissioner General, Alphayo Kidata to identify and motivate traders who pay tax every year in time.

The deputy minister made the remarks mat the weekend as he was closing the EFDs week that was providing tax education to traders and members of the public in general at Kariakoo and Ilala markets in Dar es Salaam

He said Tanzanians are the ones with responsibility to build their nation through government revenues collected by TRA, that are in turn channelled to the provision of basic social services including the construction of infrastructures, education

"Every person liable to pay tax should pay voluntarily and in time...in the past TRA officials were seen as big enemies because they used unfriendly strategies but today we see the use of friendlier methods," he said.

The deputy minister added that this method will enable traders to pay tax in time to enable the government meets its social services obligations.

He also called on TRA officials to abide by work ethics and accountability in their day to day performance and avoid corruption.

Regarding motivation, Chande said the EFDs Week celebration is supposed to identify traders at various levels, from small, middle and large taxpayers who pay their taxes on time and are given certificates.

He also called traders and members of the public in general to utilise EFD machines correctly in order to enhance transparency and discipline in the country's financial systems and curb loss of government revenue.

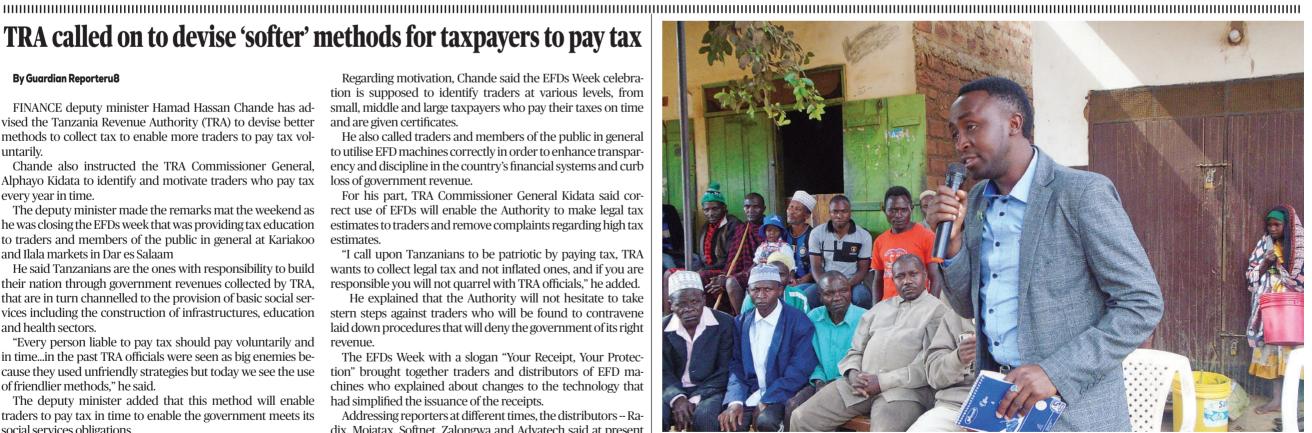
For his part, TRA Commissioner General Kidata said correct use of EFDs will enable the Authority to make legal tax estimates to traders and remove complaints regarding high tax

"I call upon Tanzanians to be patriotic by paying tax, TRA wants to collect legal tax and not inflated ones, and if you are responsible you will not quarrel with TRA officials," he added.

He explained that the Authority will not hesitate to take stern steps against traders who will be found to contravene laid down procedures that will deny the government of its right

The EFDs Week with a slogan "Your Receipt, Your Protection" brought together traders and distributors of EFD machines who explained about changes to the technology that had simplified the issuance of the receipts.

Addressing reporters at different times, the distributors -- Radix, Mojatax, Softnet, Zalongwa and Advatech said at present the machines have been improved to enable traders to issue both hard and soft receipts according to the customer's needs.



Ramadhan Dhahabu, ward executive officer for Songe in Kilindi District, addresses a meeting at Mvungwe village yesterday. It was called to sensitise residents of the area on the need for them to participate in the implementation of development projects and to resolve wrangles between herders and farmers. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

Government to use cultural events to create job opportunities for the youth

By Carlos Banda

DR Damas Ndumbaro, Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports has said that the government plans to use cultural events to create job opportunities for vouth.

Dr Ndumbaro unveiled this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the 10-year anniversary of the Belt

and Road Initiative (BRI). He stated that Tanzania and

China are friends and have worked together on many issues, noting: "We are opening opportunities for cooperation in arts and tradition. We also congratulate the Chinese people for preserving their culture for so long."

"This serves an important lesson to us and we pledge to continue our relationship in order to preserve traditions and culture between the two countries," said Dr Ndumbaro

stated that intercultural events play a key role in advancing opportunities for the benefit of the youth since they can get job opportunities as well as gain market for their performances.

He added: "We have many young Tanzanians who travel abroad to perform various shows; there are Tanzanians who have been invited to go to Russia, Korea and the United States. Our plans are to use

The Arts and Culture Minister these kinds of events to attain markets and employment opportunities for youth.'

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Cheng Mingjian, said the initiative proposed by China's President, Xi Jin Ping played a great role in strengthening the bilateral friendship between China and Tanzania.

"Over the past 10 years, under the guidance of the head-of-state diplomacy, the China-Tanzania friendship has become increasingly profound, and the practical cooperation between our two countries has yielded fruitful

results," she said. She said the vast number of the overseas Chinese in Tanzania are not only witnesses and beneficiaries of China-Tanzania cooperation, but also participants and promoters of our

bilateral friendly ties. Chen said: "Chinese will actively participate in the

friendship and practical cooperation to continue writing a new splendid chapter in our bilateral relations, while progressively achieving their own development."

The Chinese Ambassador said there are two universities in China which have made Kiswahili a major and that the language has been accepted and welcomed

by Chinese students. "Kiswahili is now welcomed

promotion of China-Tanzania by a lot of Chinese students; I know you have a national strategy to carry forward Swahili across Africa and other parts of the world and even to the United Nations. It is good and we support this kind of cultural sharing to the whole world. Chinese as a language is widely accepted by Tanzanians and we have the Confucius institute at the University of Dar es Salaam," the Ambassador

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ATCL consolidating rising freight regional position with latest plane

WHILE national flag carrier—Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) has faced questions of high airfares in the thrust of competition for regional and longer routes abroad, it is consolidating its ability to push in the market.

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From tomorrow it will be boasting of 14 planes as a new passenger plane, Boeing 737-900 MAX i arrives. More than what it adds to the passenger haul business, it is a sharp increase in the capacity for the freight business that is even more interesting. It appears that overall regional capacity isn't high in that direction.

The plane's reception was billed to be another moment of fanfare and public congratulations for the feat in the rapid reinvention of the Air Tanzania project as a regional transportation sector player. For President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is expected to personally receive the plane, it is another milestone in the legacy of 'Big Results Now' that started during the fourth phase presidency.

At that time the vice president was head of the Planning Commission, and it was the bedrock of fifth phase policy removing travel, etc to focus on big projects.

Public opinion will also take a certain amount of comfort in the fact that the new plane is billed to have the largest payload capacity in the ATCL fleet so far at 180 passengers. It is another pick from the Boeing Co. of the United States, and is set in business and economy compartments.

Tuned to medium-distance trips, and having the role of an auxiliary cargo hauling facility, it is particularly suited to intra-regional routes and complements the specialized cargo plane.

The Air Tanzania apogee is now at the turn of the corner with three more

awaited planes slated for arrival in the next six months, listed as DASH8-Q 400, Boeing 737-900 MAX and Dreamliner 787-800. Memories are still fresh of the fanfare of receiving, back in June, of the Boeing 767 cargo plane, rated as the largest such carrier in the sub-region.

The new plane carries up to 54 tonnes and flying for 10 hours without refueling, suggesting that business is picking up fast, not fearing losses. Still that aspect has to be properly managed, to avoid losses.

While the specialized cargo plane can take consignments from international routes that are rather short haul as with. Dubai the new plane can take up some of the tasks if the other plane can fly larger distances, or they both ply similar routes.

Experts expect that all this will make a difference in commercial cargo business in the region, but as it is the case with the standard gauge railway, we need strategies that expedite business growth locally. Impeding change and then vastly improving transportation capacity is risky as neighbours would duplicate those facilities and send the begging facility to ruin. The risk is actually bugger.

Being aware of these risks imposes obligations that may actually need to be scanned for fine details with policy makers at present.

The better one has improved transportation facilities the greater is an imposed duty to accelerate reforms that enable business to pick up, so that a rather brief honeymoon of using these facilities isn't followed by huge tax demands to maintain facilities expanded for reasons of national pride without justifying, complementary business take up. Relying on needs of neighbours is open ended risk.

Motor vehicle spares trade lacking insurance mirrors acute shortfalls

YET another fire has ravaged a part of the vital Kariakoo zone of the central business district in the city of Dar es Salaam, with a few of its aspects somewhat improved in the way the rescue force intervened. There was all the same extensive loss of property but no one was reported to have been hurt or rushed to hospital. That was a relief considering what such an outbreak can involve, but fortunately it was also around midday, where a lot of action can be mobilised.

What was surprising was hearing sad tales of traders in the area saying that they don't have insurance cover for the business they conduct, and are now simply ruined, appealing to the public authorities to look into how this can be done. That wasn't what preoccupied the public authorities in the first place, and bringing it up is somewhat difficult, given the work that has been done over the past decade on having insurance if one has trade or a building. Life needs a cover as accidents are unpredictable but many of us have no savings, or cover.

Traders were appealing to the government to think out how they can support traders in that place as many of them have no direction after a fire gutted a line of shops at Kariakoo Auction Mart area at midday on Sunday. Visiting the site, regional commissioner Albert Chalamila acknowledged that the fire has brought huge loss to traders and those renting space in buildings, but without human casualties. The loss acknowledgement appeared to be matter of fact, not that it is as agenda for the public authorities, unless local government can look at it.

Surprisingly, one of those reporting huge losses and without a way out is a person who had three shop frames all doing business and now have been ravaged. As spare parts dealing, and at Kariakoo for that matter implies that one has substantial cash for rental fees and presumably a good number of customers despite the competition, how can this anomaly be explained? It shows the gaps in how trade is conducted, that there is plenty that is lingering from the past.

If a city corner shop in a poor part of the city has no insurance despite that no one is adrift of the fire threat permanently, it can be understood. But operating three spare parts frames in the central business district and lacking insurance cover is a bit strange. It needs a sort of research at schools of finance and business just what is the problem, but one can hazard a guess that the profit margins are hostile to comprehensive cover, as that implies raising the prices.

When a ruined trader says "I don't know what to do. I have nothing, no capital and nowhere to start," while admitting he had no protective insurance, it is easy to say 'that isn't government business.' But public business is what touches many people at the same time, for instance seeking out youths finishing colleges and training them to appreciate settling into agriculture. Everything that boosts public solidarity and overall welfare network is positive, if it can be organised.

The rescue force was still pursuing the cause of the fire; that is important but the bigger question lies with policy makers: should insurance be a regulatory issue?



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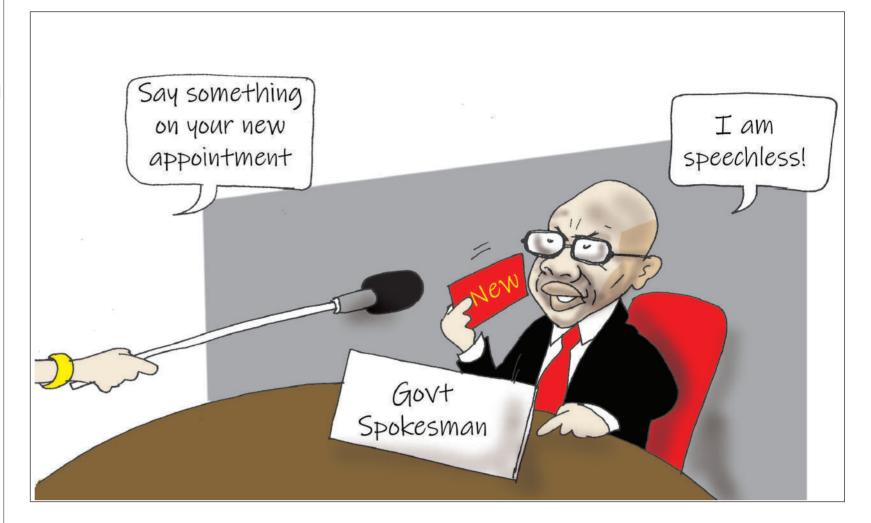
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Seychelles: The ocean offers rich solutions for climate change

By Wavel Ramkalawan

FOR the people of Seychelles, the ocean is more than just a source of livelihood. It is also a way of life. About 80 [per cent of our homes and infrastructure are located along the coast and those homes and infrastructure are impacted by the ocean in various ways.

We depend on our ocean and we need to figure out how to make this relationship work. The relationship I believe should be reciprocal where we continue to understand our actions towards our ocean and eventually what our oceans can do for us.

As one of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), we face a unique set of vulnerabilities that impede our ability to achieve sustainable development.

Structural factors, including our size, remoteness, limited resource base, market size, exposure to climate risks and natural disasters, influence socio economic outcomes and our ability to achieve the SDGs.

Coordinated international actions, including dedicated international financing mechanisms, are needed to address the vulnerabilities of the SIDS.

The main threats facing Seychelles and other small island developing states are credited to climate change. These include: changes in rainfall patterns leading to flooding or drought, increase in sea temperature, changes in acidity and damage to marine ecosystems, increase in storms and storm surges and sea level rise to name a few.

In order to counter these global threats, a collaborative approach is needed, particularly where mitigation and adaptation efforts are concerned. One key driver to assist in the fight against these threats is how we collaboratively manage our ocean.

The ocean must be a key piece of this collective action. It is our planet's greatest connector and offers solutions to reducing emissions, addressing vulnerability, and building resilience.

The issues that SIDS faces today require innovative solutions pushing us to rethink the way we go about our daily activities. Major climate change actions are required in terms of where and how we focus our finite resources, especially our ocean resources.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are suffering the consequences and the cost of human-induced climate change and yet we are the least responsible for these.

A recent report commissioned by the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (Ocean Panel) found that climate solutions from the ocean can deliver up to 35 per cent of the annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emission cuts needed in 2050 to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

This is based on solutions that are ready-to-implement now, not future solutions we may achieve if the technol-



ogy catches up. The world cannot fail in finding solutions to this global crisis. The major actors need to step-up and play a more significant role in the development of innovative solutions that will allow small islands state to survive.

If not addressed, economic activity within the Seychelles will be diminished, lost beneath the rising tides, along with the coral islands of the archipelago that make up our Republic.

From the people on the front line of this crisis, our message is simple: We must act now.

As SDG 14, the ocean goal, remains the least funded of all the SDGs, investments must also increase significantly. The Ocean Panel report estimates that fulfilling the ocean's potential in emissions reductions will require a global trajectory towards US\$2 trillion of targeted investment into sustainable ocean solutions between 2030 and 2050.

As an island state, the Seychelles has been resilient in its approach and has taken numerous steps to deal with the different challenges brought about by climate change and other ocean related matters.

This month, the Seychelles became the 18th member of the Ocean Panel. I'm proud to be joining like-minded nations in shaping policies and initiatives that protect the world's oceans, foster sustain-

able economic growth and advance climate action to ensure the wellbeing of our citizens and future generations.

erations.

While our nation may be modest in size, we are custodians of a significant portion of the Western Indian Ocean. Often described as "a small island state but a large oceanic state," the Seychelles holds a treasure trove of marine resources and ecosystems. And we are utilizing these resources to ensure a healthy ocean for people, nature, and cli-

Efforts include launching the world's first Sovereign Blue bond with the World Bank which acts as a pioneering financial instrument designed to support and transition to sustainable marine and fisheries projects.

This combined public and private investment to mobilize resources to empower local communities and businesses alike. It supports island and coastal nations to use debt solutions to create long-term sustainable financing that can help protect 30% of our global ocean while achieving sustainable economic development and adapting to climate change.

We also prioritize ocean literacy and awareness in schools, to engage young people in the significance and myriad benefits that the ocean brings. This helps to strengthen our nation's own connection with the

ocean but also contributes to a global conversation on the importance of preserving this invaluable resource.

serving this invaluable resource.

Moreover, the challenges we face know no borders, which is why collaboration with our neighbors and those around the world is so critical. The Joint Management Area shared with Mauritius, not only promotes ecological harmony but also underscores the profound potential for nations to unite in safeguarding our oceans while reaping the benefits of shared resources for

generations to come.

In joining the Ocean Panel, we take collaboration even further, joining a common vision for the protection and sustainable development of our oceans. Together, we can work towards the responsible utilization of marine resources, help stabilize the climate, generate sustainable ocean revenue that bolsters economic growth and safeguard marine ecosystems.

This will help the Seychelles to both strengthen our own ocean management capabilities and also contribute significantly to the global effort of allowing our oceans to thrive and prosper.

As COP28 approaches, I urge leaders around the world to look to the ocean to drive the much-needed 'course correction'. Hope lies in the ocean's ready-to-action solutions and opportunities to work across borders, and by doing so, to steer the world away from a catastrophic future.

New startup gives unwanted European fashion a 'second life' in South Africa

By Georgina Crouth

T used to be that fashion brands would produce four clearly defined lines each year: winter, spring, summer and autumn. Now, since at least the mid-2000s, fast fashion brands are flooding the market with one collection per week of cheaply produced, low-quality apparel, enabled by fossil-fuel-based synthetic fibres.

That's driving an annual production of around 100 billion new pieces of garments, fuelling the waste crisis in the Global South. In the Nimby West, it's a largely inconspicuous crisis because it exports its unwanted apparel, masked as "second-hand", to countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania, where a Greenpeace report estimates a truckload of garments ends up in landfill or on a pyre every second, clogging up the waterways, destroying marine life and blackening the skies.

About six billion tonnes of fashion waste ends up in Africa each year – 23% of which is immediately disposed of. Up to 40% of clothing that arrives in Africa is "dead on arrival": ripped, shredded and stained garments that are

In Ghana, these bales of imported clothing are dubbed "obroni wawu" ("the white man has died clothes").

A new deal

A new "recommerce" platform, Faro, is helping brands sell their obsolete – yet quality – stock to consumers in Africa at greatly discounted prices as a more sustainable alternative to dumping. It also helps brands to own the customer experience and combat piracy because it protects their equity.

By linking a new market with highly discounted fashion from Europe, Faro plans to stop the unsold apparel from ending up as waste and giving it a "second" life in the retail

Thanks to one of South Africa's largest pre-seed funding rounds, Faro is planning a rapid store roll-out, with the first outlet scheduled to open in Mitchells Plain in November, followed by 20 stores countrywide in the next 18 months.

Set up by serial entrepreneur David Torr (who co-founded the food retailer UCOOK), Amber Penney (who has held leadership roles in prominent African tech ventures), and William McCarren (formerly with Amazon and Jumia), Faro buys overstock and returns from the Danish-based Bestseller group, whose brands include Jack & Jones, Vero Moda, Vila and Noisy May. This unsold new stock will be available to the South African market, at a substantially reduced price.

McCarren, who co-founded and built ZUMI (Africa's largest B2B platform for clothing), cut his teeth in the sector after spending eight years in Kenya before shutting ZUMI down. At its peak, it sold more than three million garments



Africa has become the dumping ground of the global fast-fashion industry. A Greenpeace report found almost 40% of the imported clothing arrives on the continent in an unusable state. (Photo: Caitriona Rogerson)

a month but was unable to stop the amount of waste in the ecosystem because various players were discouraged from cleaning up their act.

McCarren shut down ZUMI six months ago and, starting afresh, worked with his partners at Faro to build their own supply chain, where they control the supply that they are sourcing from brands and collecting customer data.

In a LinkedIn post, he wrote: "The current macro environment has made fundraising extremely difficult, and unfortunately, our business was not able to achieve sustainability in time to survive.

"I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished at ZUMI – building a marketplace for apparel merchants to secure inventory and financial services, achieving over \$20-million in sales, and acquiring 5,000 loyal customers...

"This journey has been the most challenging, yet rewarding experience of my life. We started out as an online magazine in 2016 and pivoted into an e-commerce platform for apparel. We persevered through Covid-19, a

ban on apparel imports, and countless near-death experiences. Building businesses in emerging markets requires a special blend of ambition, grit, and craziness, and I'm incredibly grateful for the experience."

Quality, at a discount

The industry's obsession with newness has forced a narrative of value and quantity over quality, Penney explains.

"This obviously has a major environmental impact in terms of waste. So what we will do is partner with the fashion brands globally to redistribute their overstock of clothes, accessories and shoes that they can't sell. It's brand new, unworn items that would have gone straight into the landfills. We redistribute that here to people who would never be able to afford that kind of quality fashion."

Faro has partnered with African Collect Textiles in Kenya, which is working to solve the problem of waste in landfills by diverting used textiles and footwear, supporting the environment and creating jobs.

"For every kilogram of the quality clothing that we sell, we are going to be doing textile waste removal and recycling from clothing in the landfills in Kenya."

It's projected that one purchase can prevent up to 30g of waste and 2.13kg of carbon emissions.

Torr says their commitment to the circular economy goes beyond waste prevention because they are dedicated to addressing the existing problem. "For every kilo of highquality sustainable clothing we sell, Faro Impact [their textile recycling initiative] will recycle an equivalent kilo of textile waste."

Each store will act as a distribution hub for a network of "micro-merchants" or retail agents. "This gives Faro deeper penetration into peri-urban markets, but, more importantly, it means that every store directly enables the township economy and the entrepreneurs who trade within it," says Faro brand manager Michelle Sibanda.

To carry on Flying Tigers spirit, promote people-to-people friendship between China, US

By Zhang Mengxu, Zhang Penghui, Li Zhiwei

HINESE President Xi Jinping recently replied to a letter from Chairman of the Sino-American ■ Aviation Heritage Foundation Jeffrey Greene and Flying Tigers veterans Harry Moyer and Mel McMullen.

In his reply dated Sept. 12, Xi said that "a sound and steady development of the relationship in the new era requires the input and support of a new generation of Flying Tigers," and he hopes that the spirit of Flying Tigers will be carried on from generation to generation among Chinese and American peoples.

Founded in 1998, the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation is an American civil friendship group aimed at promoting the study and commemoration of China-U.S. historical aviation events.

Recently, Greene, Moyer and McMullen jointly wrote a letter to Xi, in which they introduced the efforts of the foundation and Flying Tigers veterans in helping promote China-U.S. friendly exchanges, and expressed their willingness to inherit and carry forward the precious spirit of China-U.S. cooperation.

Greene said Xi's reply was of important significance. He thanked President Xi for caring for Flying Tigers veterans and their families, saying the Chinese president's recognition of the efforts made by the foundation in helping pass on and carry forward the spirit of the Flying Tigers was a huge encouragement to them.

Moyer and McMullen, both about 100 years old, are still working to promote people-to-people friendship between China and the United States. They are expected to visit China once again this fall to attend the "Remembering Heroes-the Flying Tigers and the 80th Anniversary of the U.S. Fourteenth Air Force's Aid to China Photo Expo," an event to be jointly hosted by the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and multiple Chinese provinces and municipalities.

After receiving Xi's reply, Moyer told People's Daily that the spirit of the Flying Tigers has bestowed upon the United States and China a multitude of invaluable lessons.

He said in the past, the military and civilians of both countries, who fought side by side and sacrificed their lives,

have forged a profound friendship, and friendly cooperation between the United States and China has brought benefits to the two peoples.

In the present era, it is crucial for the United States and China to strengthen cooperation, as it will have a profound impact on their common future, he added.

Xi's reply mirrored his cherishment of the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples, McMullen said. He noted the spirit of the Flying Tigers symbolizes the friendship and cooperation between the United States and China, and he hopes that the younger generations of both countries will continue to inherit and carry forward the spirit. He wished for the stable development of U.S.-China relations.

The Flying Tigers, initially known as the American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force, was founded by U.S. General Claire Lee Chennault in 1941 to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Chinese people and was replaced by the American Army Air Forces' China Air Task Force in mid-1942 and then by a larger and better equipped, American Army Air Forces' 14th Air Force to fight the invading Japanese troops. It destroyed over 2,600 Japanese military planes, sank and wounded 44 warships, and wiped out more than 60,000 Japanese aggressors, writing a precious chapter in the history of China-U.S. relations.

"In the past, our two peoples fought the Japanese fascists together, and forged a deep friendship that withstood the test of blood and fire," Xi stressed in his reply. "In the future, the two major countries shoulder even more important responsibility for world peace, stability and development."

"We therefore should, and we must, respect each other, coexist in peace and pursue win-win cooperation," he said.

Greene said the spirit of the Flying Tigers, transcending time and space and symbolizing friendship and cooperation, is a shared spiritual heritage of American and Chinese peoples.

Thanks to the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation, nearly 500 Flying Tigers veterans and several hundred of their family members have visited China, with their footprints covering 25 Chinese cities across 12 Chinese provinces, where they have been warmly welcomed by Chi-



Flying Tigers veterans are amazed by the continuing development and remarkable changes they see, and all of them are very proud of China's achievement.

Greene said it's a firm conviction of the foundation that the United States and China should and must cooperate with each other, adding that the foundation hopes to spread the ideas of friendship and cooperation among the younger generations in both the United States and China through a series of activities that recall the shared American and Chinese Legacy of the Flying Tigers and Second World cooperation.

He told People's Daily that the organization had

told many Americans that China is different from what's in their imagination, and friendship, respect and understanding are important for the two

countries. Kenneth Hammond, Professor of History at New Mexico State University, noted that Xi's recent replies to letters from American friendly personages remind people that the United States and China have a long history of cooperation and the two peoples are connected by a profound friendship. A review of the friendship between the two countries established over 80 years ago would shed light on the development of

their relations. Xi's reply encouraged strength of cooperation them believe that the Fly-

toward a brighter future, Hammond said, adding that the two countries face many common challenges and they should tackle these challenges through

cooperation. Xi noted in his reply that in growing China-U.S. relations, the hope lies in the lishing a good and solid people, the foundation lies among the people, and the between the United States future lies with the youth. This strikes a chord with

Greene. Green said that more than 80 years ago, many young Americans joined the Flying Tigers and fought side by side with the Chinese people to resist the Japanese fascist invasion, and this period of history reflected the inspiring words made

the two peoples to march and friendship between the United States and Chi-

> Today, although there are fewer living Flying Tigers veterans today, the younger generations, inspired by the stories of the Flying Tigers, understand the importance of estabcooperative relationship and China, Greene added.

Margaret Kincannon is the director of the Flying Tigers Friendship Schools and Youth Leadership Program under the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation, and also a descendent of a Flying Tigers veteran. She told People's Daily that Xi's ing Tigers spirit forged by the American and Chinese peoples more than 80 years ago is still exerting positive impacts on deepening the friendship between the two peoples, and she is glad to join the efforts to carry forward

the spirit. Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, noted that Xi's replies to letters from American friendly personages demonstrated the importance Xi attaches to the people-to-people friendship between the United States and China, and these replies are of huge significance for promoting the healthy and stable development of U.S.-China relations.

People's Daily

West African coups set to worsen already prevailing economic crises, mass hunger and violent chaos

By William Gumede

S the economic crises post-Covid continue to deepen, climate change continues to unleash hunger, living costs soar because of spiralling inflation induced by the impact of the Russia-Ukraine War - all combined with authoritarian, uncaring and unresponsive governments - Africa is likely to see more coups, which increasingly appear to be supported by ordinary people, especially the young.

As these deep-seated multiple crises snowball, Africa is entering a particularly violent, unstable and chaotic period which is likely to set back development for generations, break up countries and unleash mass migration across, within and between countries, and to Western countries.

Most African countries are going to be increasingly left behind - as other formerly poor developing nations such as Singapore, Saudi Arabia and South Korea catch up with industrialised countries.

The continent has now experienced its 10th either attempted or successful coup in Central and West Africa since the height of Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020.

Most recently, on 26 July 2023, military leaders ousted Niger's President Mohamed Bazoum and have been holding him, his son and wife in the basement of his presidential palace in the capital Niamey. Soon thereafter, Gabon's President Ali Bongo, who was in power for 14 years from 2009, became the latest authoritarian leader to be toppled in a military coup on 30 August 2023.

Since independence from colonialism, food shortages, food price increases and food insecurity, especially if combined with official corruption, incompetence and authoritarian governments, have often fuelled mass uprisings against sitting governments - or if these governments are too impregnable, by coups by military leaders or have seen the rise of jihadist movements exploiting mass anger.

Many African countries have sham elections, whether Gabon, Guinea or more recently in Zimbabwe, where the ruling party, or leader, holds multiparty elections which are manipulated, and maintains power through a combination of patronage of supporters and repression of opponents. In Africa these autocratic, corrupt and incompetent leaders and governments who hold on to power at all costs can often only be ousted by coups, Arab Spring-like mass uprisings or when opposition parties form multiparty coalitions, aligned with mass civil movements.

Many African countries are facing the worst food insecurity in decades, caused by climate change, jihadist-fuelled insecurity, compounded by the Covid-19 lockdowns and food shortages because of the Russia-Ukraine war - and lack of care of governments, which has caused mass anger across the continent. These will continue to be exploited by the military to stage coups, or by jihadists to recruit new

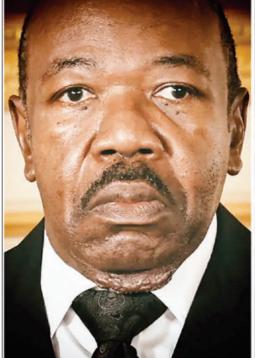
Many, especially the youth, have embraced the coups, hoping they will bring much-needed change for the better which the autocratic leaders and governments, in their bubble of privilege, refused to provide.

Lack of democracy

Mass protests against Mali President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta raged since June 2020, calling on him to resign over disputed August 2018 elections in which he claimed a reelection victory, his failure to tackle corruption and his inability to take back control from ethnic Tuareg rebels and aligned jihadists who in 2012 seized two-thirds of the country. Opposition parties, civil society organisations and observers said the August 2018 election was full of irregu-

In response, Keïta bulldozed the holding of legislative elections in 2020 during Covid lockdowns, despite the main opposition leader Soumaïla Cissé having been kidnapped by unidentified gunmen, and countrywide insecurity because of attacks by jihadists. To top it all, the constitutional court, under the thumb of Keïta, overturned 31 of the legislative results, handing the president's party 10 extra parliamentary seats. Keïta was accused by opposition parties, civil society and the media of systemic corruption.

Covid-19, insecurity caused by jihadist attacks, inflation, food shortages caused by the Russia-Ukraine war and the impact of climate change on agriculture crippled the Malian economy. Not surprisingly, in August 2020, the military - surfing public anger over the manipulation of the 2018 presidential and the 2020 legislative elections, the economic hardships, systemic corruption, chronic insecurity and starvation - launched a military coup and arrested President Keïta.







From left: Ousted president of Gabon Ali Bongo Ondimba. Ousted president of Mali Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta. Ousted president of Niger Mohamed Bazoum.

In September 2021, Colonel Mamady Doumbouya and his special forces overthrew Guinea's President Alpha Condé. Many citizens came out in the streets shouting "freedom" in support of the coup. Condé had changed the constitution - against popular opposition - to run for a third term, which he did in a disputed election. His election victory elicited widespread mass protests which he suppressed with an iron fist, leading to the death of many at the hands of the security forces, and imprisoning hundreds of journalists, human rights activists and political opponents.

Gabon's President Ali Bongo, who was in power from 2009 for 14 years, took over from his father, Omar Bongo, who was president for 42 years from 1967 to 2009. Ali Bongo took power after his father's death in 2009 in the post-Cold War African phenomenon of presidential monarchies whereby children of long-standing leaders take over government from their fathers, albeit through carefully managed elections.

Ali Bongo deployed allies into public service, state-owned entities and the judiciary. He violently repressed critical media, civil society and the opposition. Minority groups and women were marginalised. The country, with fewer than 2.5 million citizens, but abundant with minerals, gas, and oil, has an unemployment rate of 32%, with a third of Gabonese people living in poverty, and with access to basic public services nonexistent for the large majority.

The central African country is the fourthlargest oil producer in sub-Saharan Africa. According to Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index, the country is among the most corrupt in the world.

In the 2016 presidential election, Ali Bongo and his Gabonese Democratic Party were declared winner with 49.8% of the vote against Jean Ping of the opposition Union of Forces for Change. The opposition and neutral and independent observers called for a recount, citing blatant vote-rigging. Security forces stormed Ping's offices, and nationwide violence erupted which saw close to 100 people dead and hundreds arrested.

A recount of the presidential election was held without credible observers - the African Union observer mission was sidelined by the constitutional court which was under the control of Ali Bongo. Not surprisingly Ali Bongo was given 50.7% of the vote in the recount. The coup against Ali Bongo was almost inevitable.

Africa still in the grip of post-Covid eco-

African countries are still battling from the Covid-19 induced financial crises which disrupted global logistical networks, supply chains and caused business collapses, with lockdowns causing food price inflation, food shortages and increased hunger. The Covid-19 induced African financial crisis reduced the income from Africa's commodities following contractions in industrial economies which import the continent's commodities, causing African countries to experience large revenue losses, leaving up to 30 million people at risk of extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.

Central banks across the board in Western economies have introduced tighter monetary policies to tackle inflation. This means that African countries seeking to borrow from Western governments and development finance institutions have to do so at a higher cost.

The Economist reported recently that Africa's debt-service ratio in 2021 was the highest since 2011. Africa's foreign debt increased fivefold between 2000 and 2020, to \$696-billion. A quarter of African countries now contribute 20% of their national budgets to servicing foreign debt. This means African countries are now spending the most of all developing countries on interest payments

The heavy debts of African countries, with their high debt-servicing commitments, are increasingly straining public finances, ensuring countries have very little financial buffers for emergencies and undermining economic growth. Many indebted African countries have been forced in the post-Covid period to pay their debts through commodities they produce. Angola makes repayments of its giant debt to China by supplying oil to China's state-owned Sinochem and Sinopec through the latter's trading arm called Unipec.

Climate change increases hunger across the continent

The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) warned in September 2023 that 98% of African countries are at high risk of being negatively impacted by climate change. The report analysed countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks such as floods, heatwaves and cyclones. Using the global Children's Climate Risk Index, Unicef reported that children in the Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Guinea, Somalia and Guinea-Bissau were most at risk.

For example, the worst food insecurity in decades, caused by climate change, jihadist-fuelled insecurity in the Sahel and compounded by the Covid-19 lockdowns and food shortages because of the Russia-Ukraine war, have given rise to mass anger, which was exploited by the military in Niger to stage the coup on 26 July 2023.

In early 2023, more than five million people in Niger were in immediate need of humanitarian assistance because of food shortages. Before the Niger coup, the UN reported that natural hazards such as droughts, wildfires and erratic climate, and epidemics such as measles, malaria, meningitis and cholera combined with violent insecurity caused by jihadist movements have led to mass migration, homelessness and violent competition over resources.

Russia-Ukraine war brings hardship to Africa

The Russia-Ukraine war is causing food price rises, food shortages and the drying up of development funds for Africa. The war has increased global oil and gas prices. This has increased global inflation and depressed global growth - which in turn has also depressed economic growth in individual Afri-

Russia and Ukraine combined produce 28% of the world's global wheat and 18% of corn. More than 40% of Ukraine's corn and wheat goes to Africa and the Middle East. Ukraine produced 45% of the global sunflower seed and oil output, with Russia second, producing 23% of global output. Ukraine produces 19% of the world's rapeseed. Russia produces under 20% of the world's barley. Russia produces 14% of the world's fertilisers - a crucial input in agricultural production.

In a global scenario where there will be food shortages because of the Russia-Ukraine war, industrial countries with bigger purses will buy up most of the remaining food, leaving African countries without the buying muscle with nothing. Foreign investors' uncertainty about the duration of the war is likely to put a brake on any new investments in emerging markets and Africa.

A slump in global economic growth could mean that demand for Africa's commodities could be slashed - reducing the income of many African countries that depend on single commodities for most of their

Corruption has laid the founda-

Niger had struggled with corruption before this year's coup. As a case in point, last year civil society organisations filed a legal complaint over the alleged disappearance of \$99-million in state funds. The Nigerien Organisations for Budgetary Transparency and Analysis (Rotab) and other civil society organisations said they had uncovered massive corruption in state spending.

There were incidents of fake public tenders. Government officials were granted "undue advantages" in government contracts. Government purchases of Covid-19-related materials were done at "unreasonable costs", Rotab alleged. However, the Niger government has, like many governments in West and East Africa, often prosecuted anti-corruption activists and human rights defenders.

Early this year, Amnesty International condemned governments in the region for this: "Governments in the region must live up to their international human rights obligations to respect, protect, promote, and fulfil the rights of those who take a stand against corruption and defend human rights. They must address the pervasive culture of impunity that continues to fuel endemic corruption, contributes to further violations of human rights, and denies victims access to justice and effective remedies."

Agnès Callamard of Amnesty International said those who shed light on these government abuses were routinely subjected to repression, intimidation and harassment by authorities across West and Central Africa. This includes the use of defamation and "fake news" laws, disproportionate fines, arbitrary arrests and threats and physical violence to silence activists and journalists exposing corrupt

In Niger, blogger Samira Sabou was convicted in January 2022 of "defamation by electronic communication" under the country's cybercrime law. She was sentenced to one month in prison and a \$100 fine. She had republished an article from the Genevabased Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime which alleged that a drug shipment seized by the Nigerien anti-trafficking agency was reacquired by drug traffickers.

The governance structures of Africa's continental and regional structures make them impotent in dealing with coups, election rigging and abuse of power by authoritarian leaders and parties.

Most members of African regional organisations, such as the Southern African Development Community and the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) and the continental African Union, are dictators, military leaders or authoritarian leaders. They are either unwilling to act or lack the credibility to act against their peers, and this has emboldened prospective military coup leaders to take power through violence, knowing they are unlikely to be censured.

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Farmers plant more cocoa outside Africa as prices rally

By Marcelo Teixeira, New York

SCHMIDT Agricola is a large agricultural company producing soybeans, corn and cotton in Bahia, Brazil, one of the country's new-frontier agricultural areas fit for largescale, high-tech farming. It recently added a new crop to

Production of the chocolate-making ingredient is expanding outside of the main growing area in West Africa as farmers in places such Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia see potential profit in the crop.

The rally in prices to the highest level in nearly 50 years is boosting that trend, which could alleviate the current supply tightness in the global cocoa market. It also poses a threat to the livelihood of small farmers in Africa since recently planted orchards such as the ones in South America are more productive, reducing the overall cost of produc-

As environmental concerns rise globally, the fact that cocoa is a native species from the Amazon region makes planting it in South America a type of reforestation, while in Africa native forests are being razed to open space for cocoa orchards.

Brazil - an agricultural powerhouse and the top global exporter of soy, corn, coffee and sugar - has seen cocoa plantations spreading over degraded pastureland in the Amazon region, as well as in large farms in the highly developed grain belt.

The country was once the second only to Ivory Coast in cocoa production, but a devastating fungus in the 1980's known as Witches' Broom sharply reduced production. Nearly four decades later, crops are recovering.

Brazil's government projects output could grow to 300,000 metric tons by 2025 and to 400,000 tons by 2030, from around 200,000 tons currently, which would turn the country from a net importer to a regular exporter of the commodity.

In Ecuador, annual production has risen to between 400,000 and 430,000 tons in 2022-2023 (Oct-Sept) from



Cocoa plants are pictured at a plantation managed by the Schmidt Agricola farming group in Bahia state, Brazil.

287,000 tons five years ago, according to estimates by the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) and Ecuador's exporting group

Ecuador has become the third largest global grower, behind Ghana which produces around 750,000 tons. The top grower is Ivory Coast with 2.2 million tons.

Anecacao, which last July received record attendance of around 70 buyers from Asia, the United States and Europe for a trade and expo conference in Guayaquil, estimates production could continue to grow to as much as 800,000 tons by 2030.

Some of the new plantings in South America look huge when compared to the small holdings in Africa. Most producers in Ivory Coast and Ghana have around 5 hectares.

with cocoa, fully irrigated. "I believe that the new profile of cocoa

Schmidt Agricola has planted 429 hectares

production will be large-scale," said Moises Schmidt, one of the owners.

"You will need technology; you need to seek higher yields to be more profitable. Grains and fiber (cotton) will continue to be the main crops for us, but we see cocoa gaining more area in the next five years."

High-tech, irrigated areas such as Schmidt's have produced as much as 3,000 kg of dry cocoa beans per hectare (ha), while the new areas in Brazil's Amazonian state of Para produce around 2,000 kg/ha.

That is much higher than the Ivory Coast's average yield pf 500 to 600 kg/ha, which is similar to Ecuador. Ghana's is smaller at around 400 kg/ha.

Jeroen Douglas, director of the Netherlands-based non-profit Solidaridad, which targets more sustainable supply chains, sees Brazil's role in the market growing, in the same way it has with other agricultural com-

modities such as soy and corn.

"On Brazil, once the mindset is: 'yes, we want to get into this commodity', there's no way of stopping them. That mindset is not there yet, but I think we are getting to a tipping point," Douglas said. Brazil's Amazonian state of Para is undergoing a revival in cocoa grow-

"There are people coming back to the farms, people that left in the past to try jobs in towns," said producer Jose Garcia, who farms cocoa on 70 hectares (172 acres) that used to be pasture in the municipality of Medicilandia, Para state.

Those new orchards in the Amazon region would have an advantage in the European market since new EU legislation restricts commodity imports from areas that have been deforested for planting crops.

"If you plant cocoa trees there (Amazon region), it is considered reforestation," said Douglas.

He said that a reforestation project with cocoa, along with other trees, is part of strategies underway to strengthen the Amazon canopy.

Organizations such as UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), on the other side, seek to preserve the market share of small farmers, including African cocoa pro-

IFAD's head Alvaro Lario said it was important for smallholders to improve productivity, distribution and marketing. The agency organizes training on agricultural techniques to increase production per hectare.

A broker at an international commodities trader, who asked not to be named due to the sensitivity of the topic, believes that chocolate companies are willing to source more cocoa away from Africa due to sustainability issues related not only to deforestation, but also to child labor.

"They (companies) are tired of trying to defend their business there, and certainly considering moving some of that business elsewhere", the trader said.

China's agriculture modernisation plan for Africa to advance growth, says Kenyan scholar

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

THE Plan for China Supporting Africa's Agricultural Modernization, envisioned by Chinese President Xi Jinping, holds the key to advancing the continent's inclusive growth, a Kenvan scholar has said.

Once fully implemented, the plan will bring vitality to Africa's food systems through joint research, technology transfer and the development of highyielding crops, Richard Mulwa, deputy vice-chancellor of Egerton University, said.

"The whole plan is good. For long, Africa has lagged behind in innovation, but with cooperation with China in research and development, value addition and cooperation on agroecological parks, there are so many benefits to be realized," Mulwa said.

During the BRICS Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa on Aug. 22-24, Xi unveiled the plan for modernizing agriculture in Africa, alongside an initiative to support industrialization on the continent and China-Africa cooperation on talent development.

Terming the agriculture modernization plan a game changer, Mulwa said it holds the key to securing a future free from hunger, malnutrition and poverty for the rural population.

Mulwa said that by cooperating with China, African nations will enjoy enhanced access to technologies, innovations and research required to develop new crop varieties that can withstand climate shocks, pests and diseases.

He noted that the exchange of germplasm between China and African countries will thrive under the plan to ensure local smallholder farmers' access to high-yielding crops.



China's plan for modernizing Farmers thresh hybrid rice in Kihanga, Bubanza Province, Burundi

opposed to abstract theories, Mulwa said. "The benefits will trickle down to farmers," Mulwa said, adding that he foresees a robust China-Africa cooperation.

Africa's agriculture differs from

the ones proposed by the West

since it seeks tangible and mu-

tually beneficial outcomes as

African governments should rally behind China's proposed plan for agriculture modernization in order to make it succeed and transform the livelihoods of rural smallholder farmers, Mulwa stressed, adding that the plan will also help realize sustainable development on the continent.

A trained horticulturalist, Mulwa singled out the decadesold partnership between China's Nanjing Agricultural University and Egerton University as a model of China-Africa cooperation to revitalize farming at the smallholder level.

Conservancy partners with EiA to create hub for environmentally friendly farming

THE Nature Conservancy has announced a new partnership with the CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy (EiA) Initiative to set up a hub for promoting agricultural development in Kenya while conserving nature.

The Foodscape Innovation Hub aims to accelerate the transition to regenerative food systems that safeguard the environment and communities' livelihoods. It will serve as a bridge, facilitating interactions amongst communities, governments, not-for-profit organizations, civil society, and the private sector through technology demonstrations and proof-of-concept projects. It aims to be a one-stop shop for all elements, including public-private partnership opportunities, finance and investments, governance, and institutional capacity.

The hub will develop systems for mapping scenarios and monitoring

bouring ecological zones. It will also design, test, and monitor regenerative approaches for efficient use of land, water, and soil for mixed farming and climate adaptation in semi-

The Regional Managing Director of The Nature Conservancy's Africa Program, Ademola Ajagbe said, "This collaboration is timely and will contribute significantly towards addressing the complex interplay between food security, climate change, and environmental conservation. This partnership also aims to harness the best available science while contributing to the betterment of society".

Ajagbe oversees conservation in nine countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Angola, Gabon, and Seychelles.

The Foodscape Innovation Hub aims to tackle concerns that while agricultural advances have boosted to assess the availability of quality crop yields, they have also contrib-



uted to environmental degradation, increased greenhouse gas emissions, including soil and water depletion, diminished ecosystem services, and

disrupted biochemical cycles. Under the partnership, The Na-

ture Conservancy will spearhead the implementation of the hub. This will include leveraging data and scientific knowledge, building capacity catalysing investments, while promoting innovation, new product development, business initiatives, and partnership governance. EiA will leverage its scientific and research expertise to provide scalable science-based agronomic solutions that can help achieve sustainable intensification, promote climate change adaptation, and mitigate the unintentional repercussions of unsustainable farming practices on the envi-

"Our partnership highlights the importance of collaboration to address the world's most pressing challenges, including Africa's food systems and natural resources," said Mandlenkosi Nkomo, Chief Growth Officer, CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy Initiative. "Together, we will implement agronomic solutions to create a sustainable food ecosystem in Kenya's Central Highlands, a vital region for environmental protection and Kenya's agriculture.'

The pact aligns with calls for the strengthening of food systems by focusing on sovereignty, youth, and women's pivotal roles in shaping the future of agriculture.

Reverse migration: Why I'm moving from France to Algeria

FEATURE

MAHER Mezahi (pictured) reflects on why he's taken the decision to leave France and return to Algeria, where his family originally comes from.

VERY immigrant family has that one person who is overly critical of anything related to their coun-

In a family discussion you can mention a fruit that grows back home and they'll reveal that its price has more than tripled in the last year.

News will arrive about a niece or nephew that has graduated from secondary school and they'll bemoan that it's all for naught because the quality of education is shambolic.

Growing up, my father was that family member and so my trips to Algeria - I was living in Canada at the time were coloured with bitter remarks and heavy paranoia.

I surmised that his pessimism stemmed from the guilt of abandoning everything he knew, and his criticism seemed like a way to rationalise his departure, mostly to himself.

As a result, I couldn't really form my own judgments about living in Algeria until I began going there alone as a

Around that time, I fell madly in love with African football and came to the conclusion that the only way I could properly pursue a career in football journalism was to "move back" to Algeria.

A lot has been written about "reverse immigration", and how the children of first-generation immigrants "return" to their country of origin to rediscover lost wisdoms, grow closer to extended family and mend the identity crises.

They often make for heart-warming stories, but the older generations are more cynical and make off-shoot remarks like: "Wait until they have to do any paperwork at any government agency."

I still vividly remember a dinner conversation in our family living room back in Canada one night, as I insisted that it was time I move to Algiers.

"I give him two years," my older brother said with a smile

"Two years? More like two months," my father shot back. Bets on how long I could last in Algeria became a game that even the extended family would take part in over the next months.

I ended up lasting six years.

The first couple of years in Algiers were extremely excit-

There was an influx of journalists, young professionals, and entrepreneurs from the diaspora who had arrived around the same time as me in the mid-2010s.

The country's economy had been booming for five years, and it felt like the possibilities were endless.

English language schools were sprouting up all over the capital like wild mushrooms.

Algeria were fresh from an inspiring run at the 2014 Fifa World Cup, and the scintillating performances of its international football players like Yacine Brahimi and Riyad Mahrez ensured that a spotlight was shone on our football.

on the side, it was a perfect fit. But anyone who's lucky enough to become a fully

For a journalist who taught English as a second language

fledged adult knows that eventually we all become like our parents

problems on a regular basis, I did end up finding a few excuses to leave a year and a half ago.

For me, it was a combination of suffocating travel restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic (Algerian borders were closed for nearly two years) and a rollback in civil liberties which made practising journalism much more difficult.

I also got to a point in my life where I wanted to "experience something different" and that led me moving to Marseilles in the south of France.

With its stunning architecture, buttery pastries and sun-

And although I don't think that I loudly bemoan Algeria's ny weather, there obviously hasn't been a shortage of worldly indulgences, yet I very, very quickly realised that it wasn't for me.

I think the main reason that I've felt out of place is that I'm not reporting on African football on the

Nothing in this world can replace the feeling of knowing that you have found your true calling

uting, even in a small way, to your chosen field.

But in addition to the joy that journalism and storytelling give me, other more trivial things are pulling me back.

It's hailing a taxi (still affordable as a daily mode of transportation in Algeria), making a new friend on your commute, and taking a

are caught off the coast.

I've realised that on life's journey, if you find happiness in the banalities of day-to-day life, then it's usually a good place to stop and pitch your tent.

And so now I'm preparing to "reverse immigrate" for a second time, and it's been a time of reflection.

ment and sentimentality of my first move in 2016 to what I feel today.

I'm not nearly as excited as I was then, there's a lot less to discover and the novelty has completely worn off.

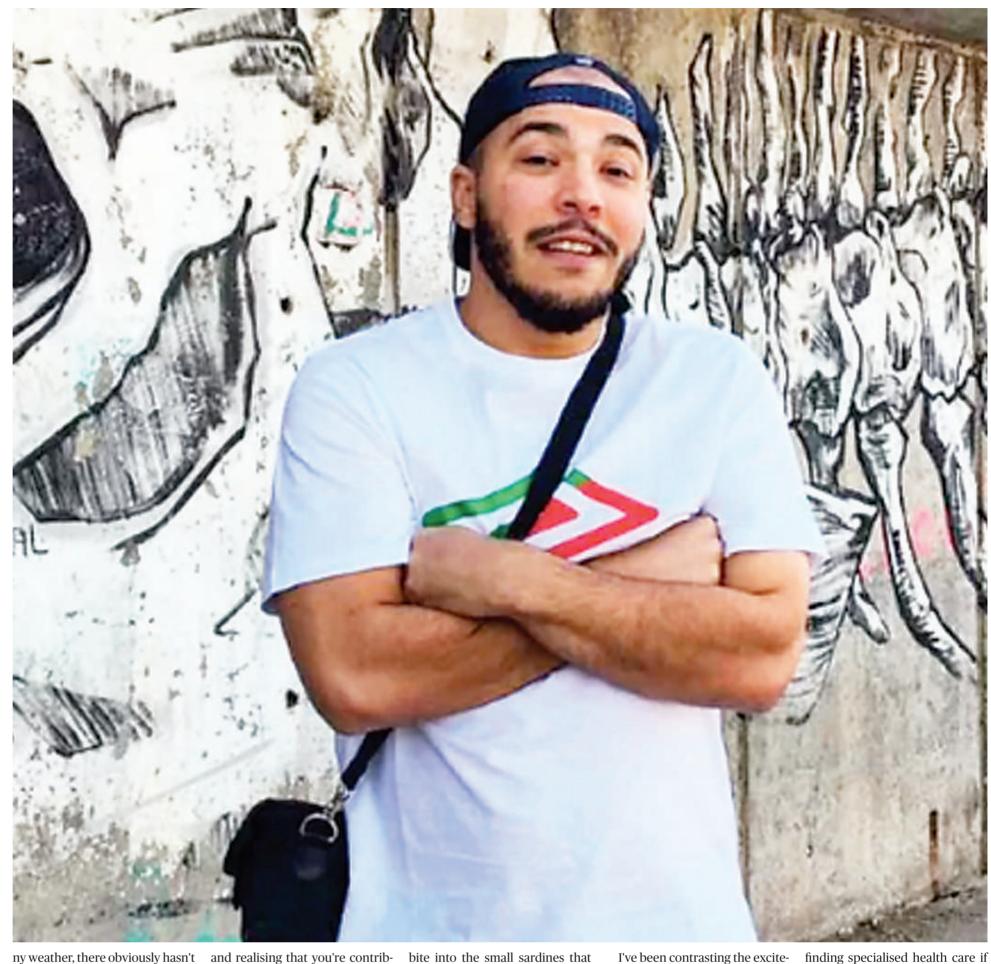
I'm already weary of the relentless bureaucracy, precarious justice system and difficulties in

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Yet, the list of disadvantages wither away when I realise that I'm going home to do what I love the most in the place that I love the most.

And that's a feeling I hope everyone feels at least once in their lives.

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DSE-listed local firm's value up by 1.1trn/ in 12 months

By Guardian Reporter

NVESTORS of locally listed companies on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) have seen the total value of their portfolio increasing, which indicates that in each 100/- that was available since September 2022, grew to 110/- by the end of September 2023.

The DSE market report shows the total market capitalization of locally listed companies closed at 11.32trn/during the year ending in September 2023, an increase of 10 percent, compared to 10.21trn/- recorded during the year ended in September , 2022.

The increase resulted to the tremendous growth of share prices among locally listed companies specifically NMB Bank Plc, CRDB Bank Plc, Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), NICO, Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) and Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) counters.

According to the market report, the highest expansion of the value was recorded by NMB Bank Plc counter, which its share price jumped by more than 50 percent to 4,600/- during the end of last month, from 2,800/- recorded during the end of September

The increase has also elevated the

and most profitable, to second largest listed company at DSE, with the market capitalization of 2.3trn/-, behind top Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL), which has the market capitalization of

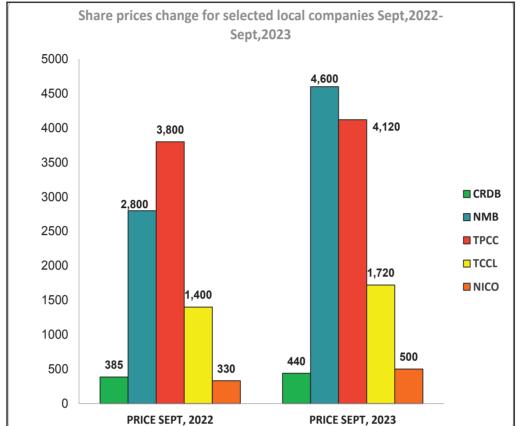
According to the market report, TPCC share price closed at 4,120/- during the end of September, 2023, compared to 3,800/- recorded 12 months before, while the share price of CRDB Bank Plc, the largest bank in terms of assets, grew to 440/-, compared to 385/- respectively.

The share price for NICO, the first collective investment scheme, increased to 500/-, compared to 330/respectively, while the TCCL share price gained to 1,720/- compared to 1,400/- respectively.

The increase of share prices has also elevated the Tanzania Share Index (TSI), which measures the performance of locally listed companies after closing at 4,280.33 points at the last trading of September this year, compared to 3,863.75 points recorded at the end of September last year.

Banking, Finance and Investment listed companies were the best performers, as their index also closed at 4,530.32 points compared with 3,230.36 points respectively.

The report shows that the DSE's second largest bank in terms of assets total market capitalization shrunk



701bn/- during the last twelve months, due to decrease of share prices of some local and cross listed companies, pushing down the DSE all-share Index (DSEI) to 1782.75 points compared to 1867.98 points respectively.

The quarterly report for the third quarter ended last month shows a total turnover of 30.69bn/- was recorded, lower than 40.13bn/recorded during the third quarter of last year. However, the amount was slightly higher

than 28.65bn/- recorded during the second quarter of this year.

Local investors dominated both activities, as they accounted for 96.95 percent of total value of shares bought

and 52.32 percent of total value of shares sold. Foreign investors recorded a net sell of 14bn/- during the third quarter of this year after selling shares valued

14.9bn/- compared to the buying amounted to 936mn/-. This was the largest net outflow to be recorded by foreign investors, as many were migrating to investing in

fixed incomes in developed world's markets including US, following the increase of interest rates and strong foreign currencies, specifically the US dollar. The third quarter was a story of dashed hopes in

emerging markets including Tanzania, with the unraveling of some of the most profitable trades in the asset About \$688 billion in shareholder wealth in emerging-

market stocks has been erased in September, bringing the total wiped out since July 31 to \$1.54 trillion, according to an analysis of data compiled by Bloomberg. The cash flow that was meant for emerging markets

likely stayed in US large cap stocks, according to Sylvia Jablonski, co-founder and chief investment officer at De-Even with uncertainties around US rates, investors

feel safer holding large cap stocks that have generally performed better this year, held up earnings and have decent growth outlooks.

Meanwhile, the size of outstanding government bonds at the DSE increased by 3.4trn/- during the period of 12 months ending September this year.

The market report shows outstanding government bonds traded in the market reached to 19.5trn/- during the year ended in September, compared with 16.1trn/- recorded during the year ended in September 2022.

Local content vital to curb illicit finance flow

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE government has been urged to promote local content if it really wants to curb the impacts of illicit financial flows in the extractive sector, which has remained a highly significant source of fiscal revenues.

The call was made over the week end in Dar es Salaam by University of Dar es Salaam Associate Professor Abel Kinyondo during the Policy Forum's breakfast debate titled "Track it, get it, stop it: Exploring illicit financial flows and their barriers to domestic resource mobilization."

He said that by introducing local content policy, mining companies will be required to procure everything from the local market, which helps to redress issues like misrepresenting the value of transaction on an invoice to illegally transfer value across boarder.

He said companies will no longer falsify a product to misrepresent quality, type of good or service to manipulate transfer value and will not issue multiple invoices for the same transaction: creating a mismatch in quantity of invoiced goods against the amount of the actual shipped goods, as it has been a normal practice today.

Local content policies will therefore provide greater ownership to the state and local firms through local firms accessing various value chains and capturing more significant economic rents,

Prof Kinyondo further noted that the introduction of local content will maximize local take through increasing local participation in acquiring employment, training, having domestic beneficiation and obtaining local contracts to supply of goods and services to the sector.

Prof Kinyondo said that according to a policy memo by Global Financial Integrity: Tanzania loses USD1.5 billion annually, despite adopting measures to combat IFFs to trade based money laundering.

IMF observes that, while gold exports from Tanzania increased from USD500 million to USD1.5 billion from (2007-2011), government revenues remained flat at about USD100 million a year.

He pointed out the contributing factors as mining companies misrepresenting the value of transaction on an invoice to illegally transfer value across boarder.



TRA's Deputy Commissioner for Tax Investigation-operations, Hashim Ngonda (R) stresses a point on how to curb IFFs, during PF's breakfast debate in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Semberya

Prof Kinvondo said that extractive sector accounts for more than 70 percent of African exports. "Africa hosts an estimated 30 percent of the world's mineral reserves." It produces platinum group metals (54 percent), diamonds (78 percent) and chromium (40 percent), phosphate (60 percent).

It is also endowed with significant deposits of industrial minerals.

Africa ranks as one of the most attractive destinations for mining investment, just behind Australia, Europe and North America.

However, translating the abundant wealth into sustained riches for all citizens remains a challenge. It is hypothesized that IFFs plays a big part in that equation.

According to high level panel [HLP], IFFs in Africa emanates from: commercial tax evasion, trade miss-invoicing and abusive transfer pricing; and criminal activities

IFFs happen as companies exploit gaps in national and international tax systems to reduce their tax liability. IFFs are harmful since they undermine the integrity of tax system, discourage tax morality and encourage a perception of unfairness in the tax system.

They also undermine competition, since global multinational enterprises (MNEs) have a competitive advantage over enterprises that operate at a do-

With regards to IFFs in the extractive sector [ES], mineral-rich countries are not collecting fair amount of tax revenues. "The situation is worse in

Africa were tax collection is below average." Cross-border IFFs drain away much-needed re-

sources that would otherwise be available to finance development priorities.

ECA estimates that over the period 2000-2010, more than half (56.2 percent) of the IFFs from Africa came from ES.

The High Level Panel estimates that over USD50 billion leave the continent annually. The GFI argues that Africa bears the most dis-

proportionate burden of unrecorded cross-border financial outflows as a percent of GDP. The burden represents approximately 8.6 percent of GDP. In building effective development states, IFFs

and domestic resource mobilization [DRM] are at loggerhead. IFFs undermine countries' potential to mobilize much-needed domestic resources for their development.

Hence, IFFs therefore undermine the emergence of developmental states in Africa.

Good governance is key to building DRM. It entails the ability to formulate and implement effective strategies, policies, laws and regulations for mobilizing optimal revenues from the mineral sec-

IFFs stem from policy and compliance gaps allowing vested foreign and domestic interests to profit from tax evasion and weak state institutions.

Corrupt tax administration may also undermine the enforcement of policies to curb illicit capital

With regards to legal framework in Tanzania; it has adopted specific transfer pricing guidelines. In 2006, the government enacted the Anti-Money Laundering Act and signed a Multi-Year Agreement with the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money

Laundering Group.

In 2014, Tanzania became one of the few countries in SSA to introduce transfer pricing regulations through Government Notice No. 27.

Until this time, Tanzania had been relying on Section 33 of the Income Tax Act (ITA) to regulate transfer pricing between related companies.

In 2015, the Tanzania EITI enacted a law requiring all extractive companies to disclose their beneficial owners.

In 2018, government introduced Local Content Regulation.

For his part, the discussant to the breakfast debate TRA's Deputy Commissioner Tax Investigation-operations, Hashim Ngonda said that IFFs causes great negative economic impacts to the nation's economy.

According to him, IFFs occur in different stages in the extractive industry. He mentioned those stages as: When these mining companies seek for licensing, especially when looking for information regarding the extractive industry where they want to invest. And this usually happens before they start their operations in the country.

Other stages where illegal financial flows [IFFs] happen are through: Tax evasion, corruption, exploitation, development, production, transportation, refinery, marketing and untimely closure of a given project that was to take longer.

The mentioned stages are major areas where IFFs occur and hence at the end of the day deny the government huge tax revenues and undermine the economy.

According to Ngoda, globally mineral-rich countries, Tanzania inclusive get incomes from their extractive industry through loyalty, income tax, VAT, holding tax, production sharing and resource rent taxes.

CRDB to continue creating innovative financial service

By Guardian Reporter

commemorating the customer week, CRDB Bank has said will continue to bring innovative products in providing quality banking services to enable customers to attain their financial goals.



This was said vesterday by the acting chief executive officer and chief commercial officer Boma Raballa during the opening of customer week 2023 commemorations at the bank's Azikiwe branch in Dar es Salaam.

Raballa (pictured) said as the leading bank, CRDB believe in quality services provision to customer is the best way of helping them to attain their goals.

"As we commemorate the customer week, we have positioned to continue providing quality services and improve the standards in accordance with customer expectations," he said.

The chief commercial officer said the bank is currently focusing on investing in digital systems in order to simplify access of services and will continue to expand its outreach through 260 branches and 28,000 agents network across the

"Our goal is to reach our customers to provide them with quality services that meet their real needs. We will continue to invest on innovative products and services and we recently launched our green bond which targets to invest in environmental protection led investments projects," he

He said the bank has also invested on training its employees in order to build their capacities to providing quality services to customers.

Speaking during the event, the Ilala District Commissioner Edward Mpogolo thanked CRDB Bank for being in fore front to stimulate social and economic development through the services they are providing.

He called for the bank to continue invest on digital services to meet customer expectations and advised Tanzanians to exploit opportunities available at the CRDB Bank including credits.

During the event, Mpogole also got an opportunity to invest green bond, of which its sell is expected to close in the next five days.

The Yolanda Urio, the head of customer services, CRDB Bank said the customer week gives the bank opportunity to thank its customers for choosing it because their royalty enables it to become the best financial institution.

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Digital Marketing - The foot war

By Alley Mtatya

HE rivalry between Adidas and Nike is a long-standing competition that originated in the world of sports and athletic footwear. The roots of this rivalry can be traced back to the 1960s.

Adidas was founded in Germany in 1949. The brand gained prominence in the 1950s with its innovative athletic shoe designs with the three stripes. Nike, on the other hand, was founded in 1964 under the name Blue Ribbon Sports. The company officially became Nike, Inc. in 1971. Nike initially operated as a distributor for the Japanese shoemaker Onitsuka Tiger.

The breakup of Adidas family ownership led to Puma the company being created. The founders of Adidas were two brothers but unfortunately had a fall out, leading to the split of their business. One brother established Puma in 1949 and the other brother founded Adidas of which both entities ended up creating a familial and business rivalry between each other. This familial rivalry laid the groundwork for intense competition in the footwear

In the 1960s competition heated up as Adidas and Puma dominated the athletic footwear market. Nike entered the scene with a different approach. They focused on innovative designs, marketing strategies, and endorsements from high-profile athletes. One of the key moments was when Nike signed basketball star Michael Jordan in 1984, leading to the creation of the iconic Air Jordan brandline. You can



watch the movie "Air" to grasp a better understanding of how Nike entered the basketball footwear scene to rival Adidas and Converse whom where already dominating the market, if you have not seen the movie.

Both companies heavily invested in marketing and branding. Nike, in particular, became known for its "Just Do It" slogan, I would love to go more into detail on this because there is a whole story to be told about the Nike swoosh - the iconic "tick" logo, but we will leave that for another day. While Adidas also cultivated its image as a more traditional and soccer-oriented brand. The competition extended beyond athletic performance to lifestyle and fashion. If you were a fan of RUN DMC music group back then you would have noticed how Adidas moved into the music culture to influence the general public's footwear lifestyle. This

approach was so powerful that till this day the three-strip black and white Adidas shoe is found in almost every household. Thanks mostly to music group RUN DMC that shifted the culture.

The digital marketing rivalry. Nike is known for its innovative and thought-provoking campaigns. For example, the "Dream Crazy" campaign featuring Colin Kaepernick received widespread attention for its bold messaging. Launched in September 2018, this campaign was a powerful and controversial marketing effort that featured Colin Kaepernick, a former NFL quarterback. The campaign centered around the theme of embracing dreams, pushing boundaries, and believing in something, even if it means sacrificing everything.

Adidas' "Impossible Is Nothing" campaign saw the relaunch of Adidas' classic slogan with a campaign featuring influential figures from sports and culture. Nike's "You Can't Stop Us", a campaign emphasizing unity and resilience, showcasing the interconnectedness of athletes and sports across the world. Nike's "Breaking 2" was an innovative digital campaign documenting Nike's attempt to break the two-hour marathon barrier, featuring elite runners and advanced performance technology.

Nike and Adidas both frequently collaborate with celebrities, designers, and other brands to create limitededition products, generating buzz and excitement among consumers. Both brands use digital marketing not only for product promotion but also to communicate brand values, connect with their target audience and stay ahead in the ever-evolving world of e-commerce and social media.

The Adidas vs. Nike rivalry is an ongoing and dynamic competition that has shaped the athletics footwear industry for many decades. Both companies continue to vie for market share, innovation, and cultural relevance in the global sportswear market. Bottom of Form

Alley Mtatya (pictured) is the founder of Eyeland Advertising and Analytics based in Dar es Salaam

NBAA urged to produce competent professionals for oil and gas industry

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has urged the National Board of Auditors and Accountants (NBAA) to continue investing in innovative strategies and curriculums so as to produce sufficient qualified professionals to work in the country's growing oil and gas industry.

Minister for Finance Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (pictured) made the call in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the NBAA 45th graduation ceremony which saw over 1000 accountants being handed with certificates, diploma and degrees completion credentials.

In a speech read on his behalf by Ministry's deputy permanent secretary (economic management) Elijah Mwandumbya, the Minister said competent accountants and auditors are very important in the implementation of the industrialization agenda and other mega projects in the

He said the country is implementing a number of mega projects including LNG that needs enough experts including auditors and accountants to utilise their skills in facilitating efficiency of the projects through their financial advice and guidance.

"Local experts including accountants should utilize opportunities in the mega projects so as to enable the country to retain more funds that are paid to contractors, industrial development needs more and competent auditors and accountants," he

He noted that there is no doubt that, in today's national agenda, accountants will play an important role in the development of the economy.

"Any economy in the world depends on the excellence of finance professionals. These professionals should be well prepared to serve the country by ensuring that all finance issues are well designed and properly controlled, So NBAA has a great role to play here," he said.

"Minerals, oil and gas sectors are among key sectors that need strengthened protection. So, NBAA has to work hard by contributing in this area by bringing into the market, well trained professionals and experts so as to monitor proper utilization," Dr Mwigulu said.

He said that NBAA needs to prepare a longterm strategic plan in collaboration with the government and various stakeholders including higher education institutions in building the capacity of accountants and auditors in the mining and gas sectors.

Dr Mwigulu further wanted the graduated experts to live up to their professional oaths, observe ethical rules when conducting their duties which include unearthing mismanagement of public finances.

He said that auditors and accountants had also a great role and capability to fight corruption and embezzlement as per their

"Professional accountants, auditors should remain impartial and loyal to ethical



guidelines when reviewing a company or individual's financial records for reporting purposes, manipulating financial records will affect the country's development," he noted.

For his part, the board's chairman Prof Isaya Jairo said that the board has been monitoring closely the work of auditors and accountants and taking ethical measures to those who are found violating the professional rules.

"We are facing a lot of challenges where ethics and integrity among public servants have been deteriorating; with many reportedly getting involved in corrupt practices, therefore employers should also abide by the laws of the country and employ certified public accountants, to avoid unnecessary thefts and dishonesty in their companies," he said.

Prof Silyvia Temu, NBAA board chair said they are also reviewing and improving curriculums in line with the ongoing current national and global market demand including ICT, national resources, and the blue economy.

"We are working to add more programmes which include accounting in gas and oil, marketing tourism and many other programmes so as to ensure that we produce as many competent financial experts who are able to fit in any sector," she said.

Prof Silvia said that they are currently working to ensure that certified accountants are identified by digital numbers to enable them implement their duties ethically.

"Ethical conduct and unquestionable integrity is one the first characteristics of a certified accountant, so make sure that wherever you go, you behave well and observe ethics," she said.

NBAA executive director Pius Maneno said that the board will continue to strengthen efforts to cooperate with established colleges in the country to ensure that they enrol more candidates to meet the country's needs.

He said that the board offers a number of courses such as Certificate and Diploma in IPSAS, Accounting Technician Certificate (ATEC), Diploma in Accounting/Accounting and Finance (NTA level 6) where graduates receive their certificates upon completion of the courses.



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Betting firm to support 20 'Vision Tanzania' projects

By Guardian Correspondent

BETPAWA Tanzania has launched the second season of its initiative that supports people in making their dreams a reality, with 20 projects targeted under the new phase.

BetPawa Tanzania marketing manager Borah Ndanyungu said at the launch that the initiative aimed at powering community dreams will involve touring three regions targeted in the second season.

The public who spot the branded betPawa bus will be invited to submit their ambitious projects both offline and online by filling forms and recording videos about them. The Dream Maker Tour bus will visit Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma ensure that the message reaches as areas in this second season.

According to betPawa Tanzania, the last season of the Dream Maker held in September 2021, 13 dreams were brought to life.

They included new homes, sports facilities and businesses - which enriched the communities around them by creating job opportunities. the public both online and offline will be picked for support.

Borah noted that the opportunity she said

is open to every Tanzanian above 18 years, as she urged those with great dreams to come forward and present them.

"We are making betting friendly by allowing people to Bet Small, Win BIG and fulfill their dreams.But With the Dream Maker campaign , you don't even need to Bet small because this is for everyone, and anyone who is above 18+. Just tell us your dream, no matter how BIG or SMALL, and It might get a chance to be one of the 20 dreams that we come to reality," she admitted

BetPawa will conduct a series of roadshows across the three target regions which will be a chance to visit people in these locations to many people as possible for them to share all the great dreams they have. The Roadshows will move from different regions every season until they finish the whole country.

"BetPawa's mission is to provide a home for all of Tanzania's dreamers. A place where everyone has the same opportunity to achieve This year 20 projects submitted by anything they can think of. Where the only limit on what you can achieve is your own imagination,"

Exim commemorates customer week with renewal of pledge on customer-centricity

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania yesterday joined the rest of the world to commemorate this year's Customer Service celebrated under the theme 'Team Service' with the bank reiterating its commitment to customer-centricity, which is one of this year upgraded its core banking the bank's core values.

bank's customer service month in enriching its offerings and delivering Dar es Salaam, the Exim Bank Chief Executive Officer Jaffari Matundu said his bank does not take customer service lightly and that is why service to evolving into more than just a is incorporated into the bank's culture and DNA.

Matundu said this year's theme resonates with Exim Bank's philosophy that service is a game changer adding that the bank remains steadfast in its promise to prioritize customer service.

"This is the reason we are constantly investing in technology and equipping our staff with the requisite skills and resources to provide our customers with cuttingedge banking experience," Matundu said.

He noted that in a tightly regulated space such as banking. other competitors can offer similar products and services, customer service and customer-centricity are key elements and this has for years been the bank's value proposition.

Matundu said his bank adopted a customer-first approach as the best way to deliver exceptional customer service that complement the bank's products and services.

"We have managed to live to our values of flexibility, reliability, integrity, professionalism, drive for customer satisfaction bank since we work as a team," he every day, and that has made us

stand out in Tanzania's competitive banking sector in terms of customer service. Our management values the unwavering commitment and dedication of our staff and this has been pivotal in the growth of our business," he noted.

Matundu said the bank earlier system to a more resilient and robust Speaking during the launch of the infrastructure, a move geared towards customers a heightened sense of security, efficiency, and innovation reaffirming its unwavering dedication conventional banking establishment.

"We are committed to delve into the complete capabilities of our enhanced systems and our commitment persists in delivering beyond conventional banking services to our valued customers and the community we serve. But I am utterly convinced that competitive advantage in banking will come from technology driven automation that delivers a much better customer experience and, in this regard, as a bank, we have no option but to continue giving our customers more value in terms of customer care.

In terms of performance, Matundu noted that the bank registered robust growth in terms of both revenue and profitability during H1 2023 and is on track of achieving its 2023 targets.

Frank Matoro, Bank's Head of Customer Service said the bank will continue investing in its people in terms of skills to ensure that they offer the best services to its customers.

"With due respect to this year's theme, customer service should remain centric and a prerequisite to all Exim Bank staff and should cut across all the departments within the said.



WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

Susan: The rising leader in tech industry

By Guardian Reporter

INTEGRAL to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by world leaders in 2015, is the mission to achieve gender equality and empower women. These goals aspire to create economies that benefit everyone while advancing gender parity.

It is on this backdrop that many women are now occupying leadership positions in both public and private offices in various sectors of the economy.

One of such women is Susan Ponera who despite having a background in public relations, has made a turnaround and managed to rise through the ranks in the technology indus-

Susan Ponera is the Key Account Manager, Business at Bolt Tanzania & Tunisia, leveraging her extensive expertise accumulated over a decade of dedicated work with global media companies, NGOs, and tech firms.

Bolt Business is a solutionbased service that allows management of travel-related processes and logistics for an organization. It comes to support businesses by providing a platform that offers fast, convenient and affordable transport solutions.

Despite all obstacles and challenges facing other women in the technology sector, Susan has been able to rise through the ranks in an industry which is dominated by men.

Throughout her career, Susan has demonstrated her prowess in leading and collaborating with dynamic teams, effectively steering businesses to growth, executing multifaceted projects, and evaluating strategic roadmaps that have culminated in profitable ventures.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with this newspaper, the soft-spoken Susan attributed her rise to the managerial position to her confidence and her determination to sail through existing challenges in the technology sector.

The other driving force behind her success, she said, is her desire to learn new things and her determination to make an

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

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Susan Ponera

impact in the technology industry not only in the two countries where she oversees operations but globally.

"I firmly embrace the concept of professional development, as it empowers me to cultivate innovation within my field of expertise. Over time, I have actively pursued numerous short courses and training programs within the technology industry. Additionally, I dedicated myself to acquiring proficiency in the French language, as it holds great significance in the Tunisian market." she observed.

In her role as Key Account Manager for Bolt Business for Tanzania and Tunisia, Susan handles more than 500 corporate clients who use Bolt Business for their day-to-day activities.

"I have undergone a transformative journey in my career, I did not study technology but Mass Communication and worked for a number of PR (public relations) firms. I later ventured into Value-Added Services (VAS) companies specializing in mobile entertainment solutions, then transitioned into fintech where I focused on fostering financial inclusion. In my current position at Bolt Business, I work to ensure all of our corporate clients have the best experience while using our services," Susan explained during the interview.

has never encountered any gender-related chal-Susan is even happier that Bolt Business has a lence in her field.

policy which caters for inclusion and empowerment of women in the technology industry.

"Bolt has in place various programmes including the Women in Tech Internship Programme which is aimed at empowering young women who are interested in undertaking careers in the tech field. The program is designed to train, mentor and empower the women by offering placements across various departments in the organisation," she remarked.

Susan added further that the company caters for the wellbeing of all of its employees by ensuring equal pay and gender diversity.

It is through such initiatives that Bolt Business empowers women to participate and take active roles as players in the ever-evolving tech industry in countries which it operates.

On her part, Susan said she has been attending various conferences and networking sessions which have enabled her to interact with other players in the industry.

"Through such meetings and networking sessions, I have been able to mingle with male counterparts and share various insights on challenges and opportunities in the industry," she comment-

Adding; "I have also been in various mentorship programmes which have enabled me to take challenges as opportunities."

Based on her experience and exposure in the tech industry, Susan advises other women aspiring to join the industry to be confident.

"My advice to all women with the desire to join the tech industry is to believe in themselves, embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and remember that their contributions and ideas can make a meaningful impact in shaping the future of technology," she advised fellow

Asked to comment on her views on principles and values on leadership, Susan mentioned transparency, vision, empowerment and good communication between leaders and subordinates as crucial pillars for growth of any com-

"Employees should have transparency which builds honesty between themselves and their leaders" she observed.

Susan's unwavering commitment lies in enhancing customer experiences, adeptly managing businesses, and spearheading product initiatives that generate positive and sustainable impacts across Africa.

Her proficiencies span a diverse range of industries, including media, technology, telecommunication, and the public sector.

She thrives on delivering technology-driven solutions, particularly those geared towards empowering youth and women economically, as well as simplifying the lives of underserved communities.

Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Com-Commenting on gender issues, Susan said she munication and will soon start her MBA, Global Business Management, a testament to her lenges through her course of work. What is more, commitment to continuous growth and excel-

forming companies and institutions.

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Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed

Construction firm supporting crusade against breast cancer

By Guardian Reporter

A local construction company, Derm Group has affirmed to continue supporting government and stakeholders' initiatives meant to strengthen the health of people including the fight against breast cancer.

The avowal came after the group's staff joined hundreds of stakeholders at the Breast Cancer Walk in Dar es Salaam on Sunday which was organized by Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in collaboration with various partners.

The walk aimed to raise awareness and collect efforts to further fight the disease in the country.

Speaking during the walk Mohammed Mzee, marketing and public relations manager said the group is committed to continue working closely with stakeholders to support the government's efforts to raise awareness on various diseases so as to reduce disease burden.

"As Derm Group, we are honored to have participated in the Cancer Walk. This event holds great significance for us as a company because it aligns without commitment to social responsibility and making a positive impact on our community. Cancer is a global challenge, and events like these play a vital role in raising awareness and funds for cancer research and support," he said.

Derm Group (T) is the country's largest and fastest-growing Tanzanianowned company, with a solid reputation for professionalism, reliability, tech-

nical expertise and delivering solutions that are economically viable. According to him, the group's team was thrilled to walk alongside other par-

ticipants, survivors, and supporters, united in the fight against cancer. "We believe that collective efforts can bring about meaningful change, and

we are proud to contribute to such a worthy cause," he said. Mzee said during the walk, they had the opportunity to engage with survivors and their families, as well as connect with other organizations and indi-

viduals who share the passion for making a difference. "We are inspired by the strength and resilience of those affected by cancer, and it reinforces our determination to continue supporting initiatives like this

one," he added. The officer added: "As a company, we are committed to being an active participant in community initiatives that promote health, well-being, and social

awareness. We are open to future collaborations and partnerships that can further our shared goals in the fight against cancer." He expressed gratitude to the organizers, fellow participants, and everyone

involved in making the event a success. "Together, we can make a significant impact in the battle against cancer and

we look forward to continuing this journey of hope and support." For more than 20 years, Derm Group has been involved in many major construction and engineering projects - gaining invaluable experience and expertise, and acquiring a reputation as one of the leading electrical contractors in

GLOBL MARKETS

Europe's stocks eke out gains, yen lurks near 150

By Marc Jones, London

Tanzania.

EUROPE'S markets looked to put a testing Q3 behind them on Monday, with both stocks and the euro ticking sideways, bond markets steady and a lastminute deal to avert a US government shutdown lifting Wall Street futures.

A fractional 0.2 percent move higher from the pan-European STOXX 600 in the face of some difficult data gave traders early hope the region could score its first three-session run of back-to-back gains since mid-August.

It had lost 2.5 percent in Q3 amid a sharp rise in oil prices and global borrowing costs and updated euro zone September PMI data - seen as a key indicator of economic health - showed manufacturing activity remains in a broad-based downturn.

It was enough to nudge the euro back into the red for the day after it, like many of the major global currencies, had fallen over 3 percent in Q3 unable to fend off the US dollar's irresistible strength.

Markets in China, Hong Kong and India had been closed for holidays but Tokyo's open-for-business Nikkei jumped as much as 1.7 percent as the yen dribbled back towards 150-per-dollar, a weakness viewed as a boon for Japan's exporters.

"We have had two big risk-off months and you have a risk-on event with the (U.S. government) shutdown being postponed but the 10-year Treasury is at 4.62 percent and the yen in near 150 so nothing has really changed," said Societe Generale analyst Kit Juckes.

Marginally higher oil prices and debt pressures meant benchmark European government bond yields were also edging higher again, with Germany's 10year Bund level within striking distance of a 12-year high 2.86 percent hit late last

The eleventh-hour deal to avoid a US government shutdown, struck over the weekend, lifted US stock futures by 0.5 percent in Europe.

The stopgap funding bill allowed the

government to keep operating through Nov. 17, and means key data releases including Friday's monthly payrolls report can go ahead on time.

"The shutdown risks are only delayed, not eliminated," TD Securities strategists

"A sense of reduced uncertainty is likely to drive a small relief in markets," but "market volatility is likely to remain elevated as investors wait for the next catalyst, which is likely to be top-tier data."

Japanese stocks had also been boosted by the Bank of Japan's quarterly Tankan survey overnight, which showed an improvement in business sentiment although the World Bank became the latest to trim its forecast for China's economy next year.

Chinese data released over the weekend had also delivered mixed

Sunday's Caixin/S&P Global PMI survey had shown the pace of growth in the key manufacturing sector slowing again whereas government PMI figures a day earlier had reported the first pick-up in activity in six months.

DOLLAR RESILIENCE

Bond and foreign exchange trade remains driven by an anticipation of US interest rates staying high and selling in Japanese bonds on Monday drew a central bank response.

As well as the gains in Europe, 10year Japanese government bond yields rose by a basis point to their highest for a decade at 0.775 percent. The Bank of Japan said it will buy bonds with 5-10 years to maturity on Wednesday, with the size of purchases to be announced then. Futures bounced on the news.

In the Treasury market, 10-year yields rose 4 bps to 4.6124 percent and the twoyear yield rose 3.7 bps to \$5.0832 percent.

The dollar was still standing strong in currency markets, though was stopped short of last week's milestone highs save for against the yen, where it hit its highest since last October at 149.74 yen.



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Govt commended for enacting laws protecting Tanzanians

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protection mechanism that depends on the law to create requirements for international companies and forces them to produce or rent a certain amount of goods and services

The exhibition, which was graced by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Energy Dr Doto Biteko on 23th September this year, closed by the second Vice President of Zanzibar, Hemed Suleiman, who handed



GF Trucks & Equipment marketing manager Smart Deus holds an award during the 6th Mining Products

Exhibition held in Geita last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Suleiman called upon business community from both Mainland and Zanzibar, to exploit existing opportunities in the mining sector for applying and working in different

capacities, as the government through State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) have put in place strategies that will ensure various tenders goes to local contractors. GF Trucks & Equipment, which deals in the sell of FAW, HONGYAN, FORLAND (trucks) and XCMG machines for mining operations and road contractors, was declared

the first winner in selling mining machinery

and trucks category. Speaking after receiving the award, GF Trucks & Equipment Marketing Manager, Smart Deus said the company considers the award as vigor to increase efforts to expand the scope of their services and availability of Machinery in various areas of country, especially in the mining sector.

"We have put plans pans in place to open new offices all over the country, as a new channel to reach our customers," he said.

He went on to say that due to the fact that many Tanzanians gets opportunities in the mining and transportation sector, his company through its factory aims to produce 2500 trucks that are assembled in their factory located in Coast region Kibaha.

GF Trucks & Equipment has also entered into an agreement with the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) which has drilling and surveying equipment while the company provides machinery and trucks.

In addition, he said that through that contract, GF Trucks & Equipment will be able to provide machines and trucks to small and large miners in order to empower them under the supervision of STAMICO.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, at Rajghat in New Delhi yesterday. ANI

Premier Modi pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Delhi's Rajghat on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti yesterday.

Mahatma Gandhi's impact is global, said PM Modi in a post on X, today while also urging to work towards fulfilling Gandhi's dreams.

"I bow to Mahatma Gandhi on the special occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. His timeless teachings continue to illuminate our path. Mahatma Gandhi's impact is global, motivating the entire humankind to further the spirit of unity and compassion. May we always work towards fulfilling his dreams. May his thoughts enable every youngster be the agent of change he dreamt of, fostering unity and harmony all over," the Prime Minister said in his

Earlier today, Congress national president and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge paid tributes to Gandhi at Ra-

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Delhi Lieutenant Governor LG Saxena also paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat on the occasion of Gandhi Iavanti.

Yesterday, on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, President Droupadi Murmu extended her greetings to citizens and appealed to people to follow his values and teachings in their thoughts, speech, and actions, dedicating themselves to the welfare of the country.

Born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar town of Gujarat, Mahatma Gandhi or Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi adopted a non-violent resistance and was at the forefront of the freedom struggle against colonial British rule.

This led to India finally achieving its independence in 1947. Fondly known as Bapu, his unwavering belief in 'Swaraj' (self-governance) and 'Ahimsa' (non-violence) won him accolades across the world.

Globally, Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a cleanliness drive beginning on October 1 to mark the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and said that Swachh Bharat is a shared responsibility, and every effort counts.

'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Campaign is a mega cleanliness drive to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jay anti. This initiative is a run-up to the 'Swachhata Pakhwada- Swachhata Hi Seva' 2023 campaign.

Exhorting the people across the country to get involved in the cleanliness campaign, PM Modi said taking the campaign forward will be a giant step towards fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India. ANI

Climate leaders gather ahead of 'challenging' COP28

MADRID / ABU DHABI

SPAIN'S Energy Minister Teresa Ribera has warned that talks at the COP28 climate summit will be "challenging" as she opened a gathering of energy ministers and climate leaders from around the world in Madrid.

Spain, which holds the rotating presidency of the EU Council, is pushing for an international coalition to back the 2015 Paris deal's target to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

At the COP28 conference, countries will assess how efforts to tackle climate changing are falling short of the Paris agreement goal and discuss plans to get on track.

There are five conditions for the upcoming summit to be considered successful, the International Energy Agency Chief Fatih Birol said. These include tripling global capital expenditure on renewables, a doubling of energy efficiency improvements

and an agreement on mechanisms to support clean energy financing in emerging countries.

Global coal, oil and natural gas consumption may peak before 2030, he added.

More than 20 oil and gas companies had positively answered calls to align around net zero by 2050, to eliminate methane emissions and stop routine flaring by 2030, COP28 president-designate Sultan al-Jaber said. He did not elaborate.

Jaber, who is also head of United Arab Emirates oil giant ADNOC, has this year urged the energy industry to join the fight against climate change.

"We need a system-wide holistic transformation of entire economies - economies that currently run on the equivalent of 250 million barrels of oil, gas, and coal every single day," Jaber said at an oil and gas conference in Abu Dhabi.

Iraqi wedding fire caused by negligence - authorities

BAGHDAD

THE Iraqi authorities on Sunday ruled out intentional causes behind a fire incident at a wedding party in a predominantly Christian town in northern Iraq which took more than a hundred lives.

Saad al-Dulaimi, head of an investigation committee into the Tuesday fire, read the probe result at a press conference held in Baghdad, saying the final toll is 107 deaths and 82 in-

The fire broke out Tuesday night

after fireworks set off in the wedding hall in the town of al-Hamdaniya, northern province of Nineveh. The committee found that the venue was overcrowded, and roofed with flammable sandwich panels and decorations made from flammable materials, he said.

"The committee noticed that there were no emergency doors other than the small and insufficient service doors, and no safety supplies, which led to a large fire and heavy losses among the people in the hall," al-Du-

Speaking at the press conference, Iraqi Interior Minister's advisor Kadhim Bohan said the incident was "accidental," and the owner of the hall and those responsible for the fireworks should bear responsibility.

The committee also recommended to sack the mayor of al-Hamdaniya and some other officials in the town and Nineveh province for negligence and to bring them to prosecution, Iraqi Interior Minister Abdul Amir al-Shammari said at the press confer-

Ethiopia continues gradual lifting of fuel subsidies amid soaring cost of living

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian government has announced a new fuel retail price adjustment as the gradual lifting of fuel subsidies compounded the soaring cost of living in the country.

The Ethiopia Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI) said Friday that the latest price hike would see gasoline prices rise to 77.65 Ethiopian birr (about 1.4 U.S. dollars) per liter from the previous 74.85 Ethiopian birr.

According to the new fuel retail price adjustment, the price of a liter of diesel has jumped to 79.75 Ethiopian birr from 76.34 Ethiopian birr. This is the second price increase of fuel within one month as MoTRI announced one liter of diesel price rise from 67.30 Ethiopian birr to 76.34 Ethiopian birr on Aug. 29.

The latest fuel retail price adjustment sees the price of gasoline and diesel more than double as compared to last year. For context, in May last year, the price of gasoline was 31.74 Ethiopian birr per liter, while diesel was sold at 28.98 Ethiopian birr per liter. The price has now reached 77.65 and 79.75 Ethiopian birr, respectively.

The Ethiopian government blamed the rising global oil prices for its decision to institute the price hikes. Noting that the international fuel price has been showing an increase since the end of June, the ministry said the decision to increase the retail prices is made to reflect the current international fuel market.

The Ethiopian government previously said it had spent in excess of 100 billion Ethiopian birr on fuel subsidies for the 2021/2022 Ethiopian fiscal year that ended in July 2022.

The government warned that the huge sum of fuel subsidies, aimed at curbing the soaring cost of living, was hugely impacting the country's economy.

The phenomenon eventually triggered the government's decision to gradually lift fuel subsidies.

Experts, however, argued that while the huge sum of fuel subsidies



has been exerting unwanted financial pressure on the East African country's economy, it plays a significant role in terms of controlling inflation and mitigating the economic impact on the daily life of citizens. Costantinos Bt.

Costantinos, a professor of public policy at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, told Xinhua in a recent interview that the gradual removal of fuel subsidies would have positive macroeconomic implications albeit its challenges.

He said the move would free up financial resources for other sectors of the economy, increase employment, reduce the budget deficit and generate a budget surplus, curb corruption and fuel smuggling to neighboring countries and crimes associated with fuel subsidy payments, increase competition, and reduce government borrowing and pressure on the exchange rate.

"It will also lead to accurate pricing that reflects actual conditions in the international market for crude oil," the expert said. "On the flip side, fuel subsidy removal may decrease economic growth in the short term, increase inflation and thereby poverty, increase the prices of petroleum products and, thereby, increase transport costs of fertilizers to farmers and agricultural products to consumers and loss of jobs in the infor-

Costantinos underscored the need to implement prudent economic measures that address the unwanted economic pressure that arises from the country's

surging fuel expenditure and give due emphasis to the economic condition of Ethiopians and the country's economy

"On the microeconomic side, the government should carefully gauge the bearing of fuel subsidy removal on individuals and businesses and provide safety-net economic relief programs to forestall the adverse effect on individuals and firms," he said.

Tewodros Beshah, a self-employed who leads a family of five in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, said the continued fuel price hike is one major factor in the soaring cost of living. "With the continued fuel price hike, more and more Ethiopians are opting for taxis and other alternatives rather than driving a car. Transportation cost has also significantly increased with the cost of fuel," he

As Africa's second most populous nation grappled with the sharp increase in basic items, the fuel price hike has further exacerbated the existing cost of living.

Amid the pressing challenges, the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) said it would undertake monetary policy measures that would reduce the inflation rate and its adverse impacts on society

Noting inflation in Ethiopia has negatively impacted the social and economic spheres, NBE Governor Mamo Mihretu associated the increase in inflation with supply limitation, increase in cost of

US will not walk away from Ukraine, says Joe Biden

WASHINGTON

HOURS after the short-term spending bill was passed to avoid a government shutdown, US President Joe Biden on Sunday assured that Washington will "not walk away" from supporting Ukraine, CNN reported.

This comes after the spending bill didn't include new aid for Ukraine. Biden also called on the Republicans to keep their word about support for Ukraine.

"There's no Ukraine funding in this agreement...Despite that, I did not believe we could let millions of Americans go through the pain of a government shutdown," Biden said in his address after signing the bill.

"I want to assure our American allies and the American people and the people of Ukraine that you can count on our support. We will not walk away," CNN quoted Biden as

The president further said that he would hold Republicans "accountable to their previous signals" of support for Ukraine.

"But let's be clear. I hope my friends on the other side keep their word about support for Ukraine. They said they were going to support Ukraine in a separate vote," CNN quoted the president as saying.

"We cannot, under any circumstances, allow American support for Ukraine to be interrupted," he

Biden said that he fully expects House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to "keep his commitment to secure the passage and support needed to help Ukraine as they defend themselves against aggression and brutality".

He added that there is broad bipartisan support for Ukraine's war effort. "Let's vote on it," he said.

Biden also chastised Republicans and the pattern of "governing by crisis" during remarks from the White House on Sunday

"Folks, the truth is we shouldn't be here in the first place. We shouldn't have gotten here in the first place. It's time to end governing by crisis and keep your word when you give it in the Congress," CNN quoted him as

However, the President refrained from weighing in on whether Democrats should help McCarthy keep the speakership, as conservatives attempt to oust him over his handling of the shutdown negotiations. ANI



EU launches first phase of world's first carbon border

BRUSSELS

THE European Union launched on Sunday the first phase of the world's first system to impose CO2 emissions tariffs on imported steel, cement and other goods.

The bloc will not begin collecting any CO2 emission charges at the border un-

Sunday, however, marks the start of an initial phase of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) when EU importers will have to report the greenhouse gas emissions embedded during the production of imported volumes of iron and steel, aluminium, cement, electricity, fertilizers and hy-



Importers will from 2026 need to purchase certificates to cover these CO2 emissions to put foreign producers on a level footing with EU industries that must buy permits from the EU carbon market when they pollute.

Paolo Gentiloni said the aim was to encourage a worldwide shift to greener production and to prevent European manufacturers relocating to countries with lower environmental standards. It is also meant to prevent them from

losing out to foreign competitors while they invest to contribute to meeting EU targets to cut the bloc's net emissions by 55 percent by 2030 from 1990 levels. Companies in the European Union,

Britain and Ukraine have told Reuters they expect little initial impact during the trial phase. The European Commission says the

border levy is in line with World Trade Organization rules in that it treats for-

European Economy Commissioner eign and domestic firms alike and allows deductions from the border fees for any carbon prices already paid

> "CBAM is not about trade protection. It is about protecting the EU's climate ambition - and seeking to raise the level of climate ambition worldwide," Gentiloni said in written responses to Reuters' questions.

> European steel industry association Eurofer, which has been at the forefront of those in Europe seeking a border tariff, said the initial phase would test how watertight CBAM is at avoiding industrial production shifting abroad to countries with less ambitious climate policies.

NATO chief Stoltenberg condemns Ankara suicide attack, expresses solidarity with Turkey

BRUSSELS

AMID global condemnation of the suicide blast near the Turkish Interior Ministry in Ankara, the chief of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Jens Stoltenberg on Sunday expressed solidarity with the country in the wake of the incident that left two policemen injured and sent a wave of fear among the people.

Taking to his official handle on social media platform X, the NATO chief Stoltenberg de-

nounced the suicide attack in Ankara.

"I strongly condemn today's terrorist attack on the Ministry of Interior in #Ankara, and wish a fast and full recovery for the police officers injured in the line of duty," Stoltenberg posted on X, wishing the injured police officers a "quick and complete" recovery.

"NATO stands in solidarity with #Türkiye in the fight against terrorism," he added.

Meanwhile, the US Embassy

deadly blast and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

"We strongly condemn the terrorist attack this morning against Türkiye, our NATO Ally. We offer our condolences to those injured and wish them a speedy recovery. We stand in solidarity with Türkiye against terrorism," the US Embassy said in a post on X.

Security has been increased around key government build-

in Turkey also condemned the and the Interior Ministry, following the attack, as parliamentarians were returning after a summer break. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivered an opening speech at the parliament hours after the blast and said that the "terrorists" will never achieve their aims in Turkey in his address at the Turkish parliament.

"Today's terrorist act in Ankara, in which two criminals were neutralised thanks to timely ings, including the parliament intervention of police, is last

flutters of terrorism," Erdogan said, adding, "Terrorists trying to destroy peace and citizens' security will never succeed," he said, according to Al Jazeera.

Saudi Arabia has strongly condemned the Ankara incident and reiterated its support for any initiatives aimed at eradicating "terrorism" and cutting off its funding sources.

The caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, stated that Pakistan is "completely united with our Turkish

brothers and sisters in the fight against the scourge of terrorism".

"Pakistan strongly condemns the dastardly terrorist attack in Ankara today. We stand in complete solidarity with our Turkish brothers and sisters in the fight against the scourge of terrorism," he posted on X.

Earlier on Sunday, European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell condemned the attack in the Turkish capital, Ankara, on Sunday, expressing solidarity

with the country. In a statement on the social media platform X, Borrell said, "We express solidarity with Turkiye and wish a speedy recovery to the injured."

Sweden's Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom also condemned the suicide attack while affirming his country's commitment to its long-term partnership with Turkey in the fight against terrorism. He also wished a quick recovery to the injured.

Trump's business empire in peril as civil fraud trial opens in NY

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump and his family business are set to stand trial in New York on Monday in a civil fraud case that could deal a major blow to the former US president's real estate empire.

Trump (pictured), the frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, is accused by Democratic New York Attorney General Letitia James of inflating the value of his assets by billions of dollars to secure better loan and insurance terms.

Trump plans to attend the first week of trial in state court in Manhattan, according to a court filing in an unrelated

The trial comes a week after the judge presiding over the case found Trump liable for fraud and will largely concern the penalties he must face.

James is seeking at least \$250 million in fines, a permanent ban against Trump and his sons Donald Jr and Eric from running businesses in New York and a five-year restriction on commercial real estate activities by Trump and his flagship Trump Organization.

Trump has said the case is part of a political witchhunt.

Justice Arthur Engoron ruled last week that James had proven her fraud case against Trump, his two adult sons and 10 of his companies.



Engoron described in scathing terms how they made up valuations. That included Trump calculating the value of his apartment in Trump Tower as if it

were three times its actual size. "A discrepancy of this order of magnitude, by a real estate developer sizing up his own living space of decades, can

only be considered fraud," he said.

Engoron canceled business certificates for companies controlling pillars of Trump's empire -- including Trump Tower and his golf clubs in New York -- and said he would appoint receivers to oversee their dissolution.

The ruling covers only a handful of

the roughly 500 entities in Trump's portfolio but includes some of his most valuable properties. The specifics of how that order will be implemented have not been decided, but the loss of those prized assets would be a major blow to Trump's finances. If Engoron tacks on fines and business restrictions, that damage would

The trial is scheduled to run through early December. More than 150 people including Trump are listed as potential witnesses, but much of the trial will likely be a battle of experts opining on financial documents. James alleges Trump reaped hundreds of millions of dollars in ill-gotten savings by "grossly" inflating the values of his assets to get better deals from lenders and insurers

That included listing his Mar-a-Lago club and residence in Florida as being worth up to \$739 million even though deed restrictions capped it at \$28 million, James said.

The case is one of several legal headaches Trump faces as he campaigns to retake the White House in the 2024 election. None have dented his commanding lead over rivals for the Republican nomination, though they have been a financial drain.

Trump, the first sitting or former US president to be criminally charged, is under indictment in four sepa-

He has been charged in Florida over his handling of classified documents upon leaving office, in Washington DC in his efforts to undo his loss in the 2020 presidential election, in Georgia over moves to reverse the election results in that state and in New York in hush money payments he made to a porn star.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and pleaded not

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Russia's BRICS chairmanship to define format of new members' participation

MOSCOW

THE main task of Russia's BRICS chairmanship in 2024 will be to define the format of participation of new member states and those who are interested in the integration, Director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's Latin American Department Alexander Shchetinin told TASS on the sidelines of the Russia-Latin America conference.

"The work will now move towards making sure that all BRICS member states in the new extended format decide on the format of their participation, in what way they will cooperate with BRICS and so on," he said, adding that "this is going to be one of the main tasks of Russia's chairmanship in 2024.'

The BRICS summit took place in Johannesburg under South Africa's chairmanship on August 22-24. The participants of the summit reached an agreement on Argentina, Egypt, Iran, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia becoming full members of the integration starting January 1, 2024.

The first international parliamentary conference Russia-Latin America is taking place in Moscow from September 19 to October 2 at the Russian State Duma's (lower house of the parliament) initiative.

Parliamentarians from Latin American and the Caribbean countries, representatives of the expert community, public figures and diplomats are discussing relevant issues of the global parliamentary agenda with Russian colleagues.

'Women and men are not equal'

KABUL

TALIBAN-appointed acting minister of Higher Education, Neda Mohammad Nadim emphasized that based on Sharia, men and women are not equal, reported TOLO News.

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The acting minister of higher education, Neda Mohammad Nadim, said in a meeting at Baghlan University that there are now attempts being made to demolish the current system under the excuse of concerns related to women.

According to TOLO News, he noted that despite Western nations trying to demonstrate that men and women have equal rights, women and men are "not equal".

"The Almighty Allah has distinguished between men and women. A male is the

ruler, he has the authority, he must be obeyed, and the woman must accept his world. A woman is not equal to a man; however, they (Western nations) have placed her above a man," said Nadim.

He further said that the duties of the current government are to behave well towards the people and provide security and justice, reported TOLO News.

"This is the responsibility of the Islamic Emirate: to treat the people well. It should bring ease, it should bring good news, there should be no hatred, there should be no differences among the officials, and the second thing is to ensure security," he said.

Whereas, some professors and students of Baghlan University asked the acting Higher Education Ministry to create a suitable educational environment in universities. especially Baghlan Univer-

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Hangzhou Asian Games fosters green lifestyles, contributes to carbon reduction

THE 19th Asian Games is in full swing in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province.

Inside competition venues, athletes from participating countries are striving for excellence, constantly breaking Asian and even World records. Outside the venues, a special record has also been made by an environmental cam-

The campaign, titled "1kg from everyone to help make the Asian Games carbon neutral," has been joined by over 100 million people, thus obtaining a Guinness World Records certificate for having the most participants in an environmental campaign in a one-year period.

In April 2022, the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (HAGOC) announced it would hold the first-ever carbon-neutral Asian Games. Working with relevant departments, it launched the "1kg from everyone to help make the Asian Games carbon neutral" campaign on Ant Forest, the official green public welfare platform of the Games, with an aim to encourage low-carbon lifestyles.

According to the rules, people can gain "green energy" to contribute to the Games' carbon neutrality through green activities like low-carbon traveling, reducing paper and plastic use, promoting energy efficiency, and recy-

For every kilogram of "green energy"

By Nikolay Petrov



A tree planting activity is held in Leidian township, Deqing county, Huzhou, east China's Zhejiang province to mark the Hangzhou Asian Games, March 13, 2023. (Photo by Li Xuan/People's Daily Online)

contributed to the Games, the Ant Group, the operator of the Ant Forest, will purchase an equal amount of "carbon credits" from the carbon market and donate them to the HAGOC, thus helping neutralize the carbon emissions generated by the Hangzhou Asian

This environmental campaign, which has received an active response across society, is a miniature of a green Asian Games. The vision of green, low-carbon and sustainable development has been integrated throughout the Hangzhou Asian Games since the first day of its preparations.

On the prospects of transition to green economy

OVER the past few years Western governments have been actively promoting the concept of transition to a green economy. The core idea of the concept is the emergence of a new global socioeconomic order based on low-emission technologies, and powers that will dominate such an order are to be determined in a harsh competition excused by the noble goal of fighting climate

The processes of transition to a green economy are driven by low-carbon development policies necessitated by scientifically proven climate-related risks and supported by provisions of the Paris Agreement (2015). This treaty has become a starting point for developing such independent parts of the green agenda as energy transition using breakthrough low-emission technologies (hydrogen and nuclear energy, carbon capture and storage etc.), sustainable development financing (green taxonomy), carbon regulations and establishment of carbon trading markets and strengthening ESG practices.

Western nations are the leading advocates for the global green agenda seeking to transform their ecological standards into international regulations and promote their technologies throughout global markets. The European Union with its energy resources deficit, the United States and international organizations controlled by them emphasize the importance of rapid energy transition mainly by enhancing the use of renewable energy sources (solar, wind,

ments consider the fossil fuel energy sector - the primary CO2 emission source - as the main target for de-carbonization efforts. Their position is supported by such arguments as "care for humankind" and necessity to take more and more ambitious measures aimed at reducing carbon emissions in order to prevent the growth of the average global temperature by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above the level of the pre-industrial era, while the Paris Agreement prioritizes keeping the growth "much less than by 2 degrees Celsius"). In that context, they formulate a task of raising \$5 trillion of annual investment in renewable energy sources by 2030. For example, in 2022 investment in green energy reached \$1.3 trillion (19% more than in 2021) for the first time exceeding investment in oil and gas industry

Desiring to impose its climate-related point of view on global community as a set of universal rules, Western nations blatantly ignore priorities of developing countries with respect to the questions of sustainable development. They call for the latter to diminish activities in coal and oil energy generation, which are the most profitable and available ways to produce electricity, stop the financial support of fossil fuels mining and decrease investment in oil and gas production.

One more field in which developed economies seek to impose their ap-

geothermal energy). Western govern- proaches is hydrogen energy, which plays a vital role in ensuring energy transition. Having chosen renewable sources of power as its only long-term strategic priority, the EU actively promotes green hydrogen, which is produced by using electricity originating from renewable energy, and lobbies various international fora for the classification of hydrogen by "color codes" (depending on technologies of its production), which is opposed by numerous states including Russia.

> The UN Secretariat also contributes to disseminating excessive fears of climate change with the Secretary-General persistently urging the UN member states to be more active in fighting climate change substantiating his opinion by meteorologists' reports that July 2023 has become the hottest month of all the time of meteorological research.

> It is noteworthy that all forecasts published by international energy bodies confirm the domination of oil and gas in the global energy balance by 2050 despite the fact that the share of renewable energy sources is expected to reach 17%. Nonetheless, experts predict the reshaping of the fossil fuels energy sector: natural gas will seize leadership (the expected share in the global energy balance - 26%, now 23%) followed by oil (24%, now 30%) and coal (13%, now 26%). The growth of natural gas consumption will be mainly attributed to LNG (liquefied natural gas). Transportation volume of LNG is expected to exceed pipeline trade by not later than 2026, and demand for LNG will rise from 399 million tons in 2022 to 850 million tons by 2050. Against that background, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GESF) warn that decreasing investment in oil and gas production leads to the growth of the potential for destabilization of energy markets in the future.

> The events of last three years have revealed flawed approach of the West towards technological sector, including instability of wind and solar power engineering and struggling ways of energy storage and transmission, as well as a two-faced attitude of some states. Against the background of the energy crisis in 2021-2022 triggered by Europe itself, European Union recorded a tangible surge of coal power gen

eration (+7%), which led to the rise of carbon dioxide emissions in the energy sector by approximately 4% in the Union. Besides, European Union gave up their principle of "environmentally unfriendly" nuclear power sector pursued by them earlier within the efforts to reach "carbon neutrality". Thus, the atomic energy sector was included in the EU`s taxonomy as a transition source of energy in 2022 thanks to France's efforts. Moreover, the EU foreign service notes that the industrial rhetoric of President Macron demonstrates a retreat of Paris from unconditional climate agenda.

The United Kingdom announced that it issued 100 licenses for the development of oil and gas deposits in the British part of North Sea in September-November, 2023.

Because of geopolitical tension, Germany faces de-industrialization threat and dilution of its role as an economic locomotive of the united Europe. According to the estimates of the Institute of German economy, total damage from Ukrainian crisis may amount to 300 billion euros by the end of 2023 (in 2022 it made up to 130 billion dollars). Taking into account the sponsoring of the Kiev regime Germany is unlikely to find the necessary amount of money for the ecological transition that is 1 trillion euros.

Indeed, it is not about a sharp reverse turn, but opinion polls show that only 25% respondents of the EU citizens are ready to bear expenses associated with the implementation of ambitious "green" plans. Big industrial companies are also unwilling to pay for their carbon footprints for obvious reasons. Some estimates suggest that too abrupt transport electrification shall disrupt tax revenues system.

"The Net-Zero Industry Act" and "Critical Raw Materials Act" bills drafted by the European Commission should provide the European Union with sustainable access to products and resources for the adoption of clean technologies. By 2030 the Europeans are to ramp up internal production of strategic minerals (lithium, copper, graphite, cobalt, nickel and manganese) to 10% of their annual needs with the level of their processing and recycling raising to 40% and 15% consecutively. EU's dependency on import of each material from one coun-

try is supposed not to exceed 65%. However, the experts from JP Morgan Chase doubt the feasibility of the Brussels` plans as they do not take into account predicted high demand for resources. In their opinion, 372 billion euros provided by the build-up of resources are not obviously enough.

The United States pretend to be leaders in the global process of de-carbonization although lagging behind Europe in terms of making power balance "greener". In fact, Washington pursues the goal of re-industrialization of the country on the new technological basis.

Thus, "Inflation Reduction Act" adopted in 2022 declares that foreign investors can count on their portion of subsidies amounting to more than 430 billion dollars only if they locate production in the US and invest into "green" projects.

Taking into consideration the rising cost of energy sources in Europe such policy have boosted the process of moving energy-consuming industry to America. In particular, according to the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, now about 10% of German companies hatch plans of transferring their production facility to America, including such giant companies as BASF and Bayer. Such a move may lead to aggravation of socioeconomic problems and spike in unemployment in the leading European economy.

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Junior football players that a nurtured by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) take part in training at Karume Memorial Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Simba SC, Azam FC set to meet US outfit officials

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

SIMBA SC, which for the first time gets to participate in the East African Youth soccer tournament in Arusha, will have its players meeting officials from Chicago Fire FC from the Unit-

Chicago Fire FC is an American professional soccer team based in Chicago, whose agents are coming to Tanzania in anticipation of recruiting young players.

Simba SC, Azam FC, and other teams from across Africa will be competing in the showdown, termed 'Chipkizi Cup 2023,' in December as talent scouts from Chicago Fire FC scan for future players from the event.

Chicago Fire FC, which features in Major League Soccer (MLS), wants to pick new players from East Africa.

The MLS is a men's professional soccer league sanctioned by the United States Soccer Federation, representing the sport's highest level in the United States.

Simba SC, on the other hand, is sending two youth teams, the U-17 and U-20 sides to battle it out in the forthcoming Chipkizi Cup, the annual East African Youth soccer showpiece which will be held in Arusha in December.

The East African Chipkizi Cup is an annual international sporting competition organized by the Future Stars Academy (FSA) of Arusha.

Alfred Itaeli, the FSA Director, said the 2023 installment of the Chipkizi Cup has attracted more than 300 teams from all over the world.

The FSA boss pointed out: "Nearly 310 soccer teams, coming along with 5000 players, will be jetting into Arusha for the full week-long event. Itaeli noted that the football event runs from December 11-17, 2023.

Itaeli added that the teams also bring along more than 6,000 supporters, for the 14th season of the annual East African Youth soccer tournament, as well as hundreds of international scouts and soccer team officials.

In total, Arusha will be handling more than 10,000 visitors for over seven days the event will be taking place in Tanzania, rendering most hotels in the city to be full in December, a month which also features the Christmas rush.

The East African soccer tournament features several categories including U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13, U-15, U-17, and U-20 for both boys and girls.

Participating countries include Kenya, Uganda, Japan, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Rwanda, Cameroon, Somalia, DR Congo, South Africa, Zanzibar and the host Tanzania.

Then there will be talent recruiting agents, scouts, and soccer teams from the United States, United Kingdom, Spain, Macedonia, Netherlands, Germany, Iceland, Kenya, and

Chicago Fire FC and the Outreach Ministry of Malawi are some of the soccer entities that will be pitching camp in Tanzania for the tourna-

The 2023 Chipkizi Cup, which runs for the 14th year now, will be staged at various venues in Arusha, including the Tanganyika Game Trackers (TGT) grounds, the Aga Khan Sports Center, Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium and the United World Colleges (UWC).

Arusha Regional Football Association (ARFA)'s official Zakayo Mjema said the Chipkizi Cup has been making Tanzania proud by producing several players who are currently plying their trade outside the coun-

When Abedi Pele delivers free advice to recalcitrant states on soccer development

PENING the doors for the founder members of the East African Community to jointly host the African Nations Cup finals in 2027 has brought up a series of reflections on soccer development in the sub-region, and why West Africa is far ahead of us.

What has been heard from testimonials by veteran soccer watchers for instance on the German DW radio international Swahili service, DW was their recollections of talking with Africa's greats, the few gems. One is in academies.

The starting point was to wonder if Tanzania, Kenya, or Uganda have the likelihood of fielding teams that could go some way in challenging Africa's leading soccer sides coming to the finals in 2027.

The response was unanimous and in the negative, that East Africa is nowhere near being able to challenge the traditional powerhouses of African soccer without adding that the region excels in athletics, especially Kenya and Ethiopia, with Uganda coming a distant third. Tanzania was a spirited contender in the late 1960s to early 1970s, then faded out.

The note was also taken of the fact that Uganda played in the final of the competition back in 1979, when the Jimmy Kirunda, Polly Ouma class was bowing out and failed with either the Emmanuel Okwi generation or at present.

Tanzania has, at best, been to the finals, and never scaled anything of a remarkable sort in a similar manner as Uganda, and the next finals are not likely to be much different.

It implies that what raises soccer skills in West Africa is not quite operating in this part



Tanzania Football Federation president, Wallace Karia. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL **FEDERATION**

of the continent.

A veteran commentator recalled a conversation he once had with Abedi Avew. also known as Abedi Pele, in his playing days, making a salient observation that requires one to know a few things about different methods of public administration to even hear about

For once, it is unclear if the Ghanaian superstar formulated it on his own or heard it from sports administrators in his country, or in foreign lands, as it requires some exposure to know the difference.

The key difference was that foreign clubs are starting academies to train youngsters in the game, and they pay no taxes as it is a public service, so they groomed the stars later seen in European football.

Actually, before tackling that point, the pundits had exchanged views on how far the various sports-orihad succeeded.

Some will say their input was not sufficiently appreciated, but they seem to have closed doors.

We, in the past, could hear of Dar es Salaam's Makongo Secondary School products, hardly today.

While this observation seems to be set in blackand-white attitudes on either soccer or youth development, it can be examined for details and yield a more varied picture.

If the original question relating to soccer contrasted countries in two parts of the continent that are far apart in their attitudes and achievements, the same question can be posed concerning athletics, among states that are nearby and have vastly different results, to see if the same wisdom

Why did Kenya and Ethiopia glitter in world athletics bridges in some of these setwhile we lost ground too

ented academies of the past early in those formative years?

One answer that comes closely to mind is patterned on the response given by the Ghanaian professional but with different param-

> Instead of it being simply a matter of tax waivers on sports academies generally, one finds that the setting is more complicated, with Tanzania joining South Africa in its league prowess but for dissimilar parameters.

> Casting the net a bit wider, one gets a clearer picture of what worked and what did not- whether it is in youth soccer, athletics, or league financing. The properly youthful

formation clubs appear to have been championed by foreign clubs as Abedi Pele was saying, and in the South African league, there is for instance Ajax Cape Town. For once, there are ethnic

tings, with Europeans hav-

ing settled in some parts of West Africa - in like manner as the Germans were settling here or the British in Kenya - and made a mark on the ground youth formation is akin to missionary work, a valuable social enterprise that leaves a mark on a generation, which we now call 'human capital'.

Similar work was being done in Kenya and much of it has started again in Uganda following a decade or two of confusion on the social landscape.

Tanzania's experience was different as private schooling was put under duress for a long period, not to speak of private initiatives in communities, depending on donations from outside and some local benefactors. That can be sustained for decades.

Only in the current period do we see a situation where bureaucrats are constantly being demanded to shed their usual traits of trampling on private enterprise wherever they can unless it is simply a shop.

Everything else is put under acute scrutiny and multiple taxes, these days baptized as 'corporate social responsibility', with the total sums decided by village officials.

Unless most of this incapacitation is removed, investors will be scared as only with major productive units feeling at home does one get a sponsorship at a community level, as with the city and regional top club sponsors. We have not traveled far enough for athletics, too

Indian diaspora celebrates Hindi Day, language in Dar

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

MORE than 700 Indian diasporas in Tanzania turned up at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) in Dar es Salaam last weekend to celebrate 'Hindi Diwas' (Hindi Day) and India's official language.

The occasion aimed to promote the language and encourage the attendants to speak more Hindi language for future generations.

Speaking on behalf of the event's guest- India's High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Pradhan-, India's Deputy High Commissioner to Tanzania, Manoj Verma, said the ambassador called on Indian diaspora to teach children the Hindi language and encourage them to speak it.

The event was also attended by students from Indian School, Al Muntazir Secondary School along with their teachers, Tanzanian students from several primary and secondary schools, and Tanzanian children learning Hindi at SVCC.

Indian diaspora from various areas across the country were, as well, in attendance and they celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm and varieties of Indian music performances.

During the event, Tanzanian and Indian students performed very well, they sang and danced an Indian song titled 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhara to Sur Bane Hamara', meaning 'when my tune meets your tune, it becomes our tune'.

There were also Hindi poem recitation competitions, essay writing, poetry, and drawing that were organized at Indian School Dar es Salaam.

Tanzanian children learning Hindi at SVCC, their counterparts from other schools in Dar es Salaam, and several other children took part in the competitions.

Winners received prizes, namely cash and certificates, with India's



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan (in green half coat), is pictured with Tanzanian students who participated and triumphed in a poetry and literary competition to celebrate 'Hindi Diwas' (Hindi Day) at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. The envoy handed over prizes and certificates to the students. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE

High Commissioner to Tanzania, Pradhan, presiding over the presentation ceremony.

Verma said a total of 25 students from Indian School Dar es Salaam and Al Muntazir Secondary School were the winners in the competition.

He mentioned some winners as Dhanvi Ketan Shah, a primary school pupil at Indian School Dar es Salaam, who won the Hindi poem recital competition.

Ramadhani Lingwele from SVCC ended second in the Hindi poem recital competition, and Dhwanii Neelamana, a Class 1C pupil at the school, was announced as the third-placed winner among 60 students who took part in the competition.

Soumya Chavan, SVCC's Director, welcomed the gathering and said such a big crowd at the celebration of Hindi language was a joy and expressed appreciation for the gesture.

The 'Hindi Diwas' is celebrated in India to commemorate September 14, 1949, a official language for 15 years day in which a compromise was reached during the drafting of the constitution of India on the languages that were to have official status in India.

The compromise, usually referred to as the 'Munshi-Ayyangar formula', assuming names of the drafting committee members K.M. Munshi and N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, was voted by the Constituent Assembly of India after three years of debate between two opposing camps. The Hindi protagonists wanted the modern standard Hindi register of the Hindustani language to be the sole 'national language' of India (replacing the Urdu standard adopted until the British Raj), and the delegates from South India preferred English to have a place in the constitution.

The Munshi-Ayyangar formula declared Hindi to be the 'official language' of India's federal government, English to be an associate certificates from India's High

during which Hindi's formal lexicon would be developed, and the international form of the Hindu-Arabic numerals to be the official numerals.

The compromise resolution became articles 343-351 of India's constitution, which went into effect on January 26, 1950. In 1965, when the 15 years were up, India's government announced that English would continue to be the 'de facto' formal language of India.

With this background, the SVCC High Commission of India celebrated 'Hindi Diwas' in association with Swarnaganga Tanzania for 15 days as 'Hindi Pakhwad'.

The 15-day event concluded as a grand celebration of Hindi Diwas at SVCC last Friday from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

There were around 600 students from the Indian School Dar es Salaam participating in various programs, they received prizes and Commissioner to Tanzania. Pradhan.

The envoy addressed the gathering and said that Hindi is a language that has bonded the people of India and even the ones found outside the country's shores.

Rajnish Ranjan, Swarnaganga Tanzania's Chairman, whose institution has been promoting Hindi learning at the SVCC for the past 10 years, said it was a day of great satisfaction to see more than 700 students participate in a variety of Hindi competitions.

Devendra Pathak, the former Swarnaganga Tanzania Chairman, emphasized on ways of keeping the Hindi language, noting such ways entail, among others, teaching the youngsters who can study the poetry and literature and relish the rich culture of India.

The program had cultural performances by students in the form of poetry recitations, showcasing fancy dresses, songs, and dances.



Rashford's form has become the latest symptom of Man United's struggles

WHEN Erik ten Hag made his second double substitution, it seemed to stem more from desperation than inspiration. With Manchester United looking for an equaliser, he sent on Harry Maguire and Donny van de Beek, the man he deposed from the captaincy and the player he omitted from their Champions League

And yet his first double change may have had a greater significance. The No 10 appeared on the fourth official's electronic board and, along with Mason Mount, off went Marcus Rashford. There is a substitution of Ten Hag's that has been booed this season, but it was the removal of Rasmus Hojlund against Brighton. This was not greeted with such dissent.

But, in some respects, it was a greater surprise to see Rashford depart. He is sometimes substituted but this was his 64th appearance for Ten Hag and he has never been taken off with the game in such a state, with United trailing by one goal. It is the sort of scenario when the likeliest source of an equaliser has to stay on and, for the vast majority of the Dutchman's reign, Rashford has seemed the most probable scorer.

In Ten Hag's tenure, Rashford's total of 31 goals is almost twice as many as the next best tally, Bruno Fernandes' 16, and nearly three times as many as Casemiro, in third with 11. No forward has more than 10, and if that is a problem in itself, it underlined how Rashford carried United with his career-highest 30 last season. He was irreplaceable, in more ways than one.

Now, when his number went up and Anthony Martial came on, it reflected more than just one poor performance. Rashford's season has spanned 700 minutes and brought one goal; even that, in defeat to Arsenal, counted for nothing.

"I think he knows he can do better and I am sure it will come," said Ten Hag. Rashford did indeed do better for the Dutchman; several players improved under him last year but none more than the Mancunian, who was transformed from the increasingly lost soul who scored a mere five times in 2021-22. And yet it is startling to note that his goals that campaign came at a return of 0.29 per 90 minutes in the Premier League. Now his average is barely half that, at 0.15.

Amid United's struggles, it is tempting to suggest he has not had chances. It is also not true. Only Erling Haaland has had more shots in the division than Rashford, with 28. It gives him a lowly 3.6 percent chance conversion rate. He has never averaged more shots per 90 than his current 4.08; yet only six all season have been on target.

By way of comparison, almost half his efforts last season - 49 of 108 - were on target and in each of the last five seasons, at least 42.5 percent have been. It may in part be because his non-penalty xG per shot is down from 0.16 last season to 0.09 now; in short, they are less clear chances and more optimistic efforts.

It may be an early-season small sample size; certainly it is influenced by Rashford's display against Brighton, when he was both rampant and profligate, with nine efforts in his most dominant display of the season. His campaign has arguably already taken him from out of form to in and back again.

He was ineffectual as the main striker in the first two games, better when reverting to the left as he played a part in three goals against Nottingham Forest and scored at Arsenal.

Yet he has regressed since then; his performances against Burnley and Palace have a familiar frustration. Too often Rashford takes the wrong decision and a player in his mid-twenties ought to show a greater awareness of teammates.

"The team has to work around him, and they have to invest a lot," said Ten Hag. "The decision-making wasn't good enough and then we don't score."

If it was a broader criticism of the choices his side made than specifically of Rashford, the damning element was that Alejandro Garnacho looked far more dangerous on the left flank against Palace.

If the young Argentinian has a tendency to look brighter as a substitute, Rashford's potency as a starter last season could have offered United the best of

And yet, even in the finest year of his career, his goals began to dry up. Since February, Rashford has four in 18 league matches. Interrupted by injury, affected by fatigue, his form started to slip then.

Yet now the signature success of Ten Hag's time is struggling. And if he isn't scoring then neither, with just seven goals in seven games, are Manchester Unit-

THE INDEPENDENT

The Premier League now faces a credibility 'crisis' — and latest VAR farce is just the tip

Y Saturday evebecome protocol but also a frustrating norm, Howard Webb felt he had no choice but to apologise to Liverpool for the Luis Diaz decision. Jurgen Klopp might well repeat the question as to who that actually helps, but a failure to communicate such a sentiment would have made it worse.

That's partly because it is actually a failure of communication that is at the core of the controversy, which now poses a genuine credibility crisis for the Premier League.

"It's an image problem," as one involved figure put it, with Liverpool themselves describing the situation as "unacceptable" in an unprecedented statement. Because, for all the focus on the nature of VAR, this is an issue that really comes down to basic human error.

The details at the root of the story, though, are remarkable.

If we are to take the referees' body PGMOL's explanation at face value that this represented a "momentary lapse in concentration" - the VAR didn't actually know what it was supposed to be looking at. Darren England and Dan Cook thought they were checking whether a goal should stand, rather than an offside call as referee Simon Hooper ruled, which was partly why the decision was made so quickly. It ended up creat- the scale of the challenge. ing the farcical situation fair strike being wrongly disallowed in completely preventable fashion.

After that, how was it that play was allowed to proceed, given those involved would have had immediately knowledge that this was wrong? The IFAB rules dictate that play cannot be called back once it has resumed, but was no one watching in the meantime? Would hasty shouts not have been made as soon as they saw Spurs shaping to take the freekick?

It has since emerged that the VAR and fourth official team of England, Cook and Michael Oliver were officiating a game in the UAE Pro League as late as Thursday evening, which has raised fair questions within the game over fatigue was a potential explanation for that "momentary lapse in concentration".

Whatever the reason, it has created a credibility crisis, to go with much wider-reaching controversies like the unresolved Financial Fair Play cases involving Manchester City and Everton.

That is all the worse for the Premier League since this is an issue the competition prides itself on, and is seen as a significant factor in its status as the most popular league in the world. Fans could trust

what they were seeing. Instead, this latest controversy also comes on the back of a long-term and increasing hostility and suspicion of VAR from a significant part of football's

support.



Simon Hooper also sent off Liverpool's Curtis Jones after a VAR review. (Getty Images)

It was for this reason that Webb was recently brought in as PGMOL chief in the first place, and many within the game say he has been gradually realising

Hostility to VAR goes level of refereeing, which is commonly cited as the worst in years. It should be stressed that this is all in circumstances where officials are under far more scrutiny than ever before. There are more cameras to reveal every element of a decision - and whether they should have taken a different one - in a manner that was unimaginable in the supposed golden days right up to the mid-2000s.

Even Klopp acknowledged the extreme "pressure" on officials, which undoubtedly plays into errors that they obviously don't make "on purpose", as the Liverpool manager put it.

Discussions such this should never go without mentioning how the real crisis with refereeing is at lower levels, and the scale of the abuse they receive.

It has undeniably affected the talent pool at the top, and there is a bigger debate to be had over whether it should be a better remunerated profession to match both the talent they are overseeing and their necessity in getting the game played.

The introduction of VAR itself was nevertheless supposed to be a remedy for all of this and - at its core - an "aid" for referees. It has instead had the inadvertent effect of making all discussion much more poisonous and pressurised.

That comes from a disconnect between the implied expectation and stated intention of VAR, the actual application, and the communication.

The very nature of the technology has created an expectation of perfection, even though it was only ever supposed to improve accuracy to around 98 per

This has happened but the fundamental problem high-profile errors. That is by definition given the threshold for VAR to get involved. There has previously

been very little communication on how those decisions were made, which has had the effect of only deepening suspicion among supporters. The vacuum of information inevitably leads to speculation and then into conspiracy theories.

While this isn't to say there is any legitimacy whatsoever in the latter, since the most likely explanation is always basic human error, it does have the real-world effect of further toxifying the atmosphere around refereeing. This in turn puts even more pressure on them, because their integrity is unfairly questioned.

It is why the very technology of VAR has deepened this problem. Whereas error could previously

have been written off as officials going off their own sight and instinct - even if the reason VAR was introduced was because of criticism of referees in the first place - they now have access to so much more technological aid. Many more as some kind of corruption. You only have take a glance on social media.

It is why better communication is essential. Webb's great mission has been to improve that, and he has generally done a better job, but it's fair to say the response to Saturday made this worse.

Liverpool were perplexed at how long it took for a statement to be made about the offside, the PG-MOL eventually only commenting in the middle of Klopp's post-game press conference. It was actually The Independent that made him aware of their statement, to the Liverpool manager's increased bemusement. The explanation that the VAR actually checked for the wrong call then came even later, as it felt like every development deepened the crisis.

There are at least a number of logical steps that can be taken to address that.

One of those is not to just remove VAR, since this is a non-starter that goes way beyond England and up to Fifa. It is here to stay. That's also why it's just vital that cases like this lead to improvement

that a communication of hand in hand with a wide- is that the remaining 2 fans consequently see the this extra work abroad -as ability of future decision "check complete" led to a ly perceived "crisis" in the per cent tend to be hugely only possible explanation England and Cook's ap- making as it applies to all pointment in the UAE was within the rules and actually approved by the FA. Another is to improve the communication so there is absolutely no ambiguity. It is simple to go from

One first step is to limit

"check complete" to "the decision should be a goal", or equivalent. That also raises the most obvious solution of all.

All of the communication between referee and VAR should be made audible and accessible, so as to eliminate any ambiguity.

People might still disagree with decisions, but they would at least be able to understand why they are made. That goes a long way to creating acceptance of VAR.

When it was raised whether the audio from this decision would be made public, one response was that Match Officials Mic'd Up is now a monthly show so it will likely feature on that.

The reality is that the Premier League could do with it coming out now, because of the number of questions that are being asked. Liverpool themselves called for the review to have "full transparency".

"This is vital for the reliclubs with learnings being used to make improvements to processes in order to ensure this kind of situation cannot occur again," the club said.

It doesn't help that this comes amid even greater credibility questions for the Premier League, as everyone awaits the outcome of the charges against Manchester City and Everton over alleged Financial Fair Play breaches.

Many of the sport's "stakeholders" are now livid at this. Even for broadcasters, this affects the credibility of the product they put on television. That trust is what the

game is founded on.

In the meantime, Liverpool are exploring "the range of options available, given the clear need for escalation and resolution".

An apology, evidently, is not enough.

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Rashford's form has become the latest symptom of Man United's struggles

JKT Tanzania plots in-form Mashujaa FC's downfall in PL

By Guardian Correspondent

JKT Tanzania will look for a return to winning form in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League when they host Mashujaa FC at Kambarage Stadium in Shinyanga in the afternoon, with kick-off slated for 4 p.m.

Since grabbing a 1-0 victory over Namungo FC in their season opener, JKT Tanzania have failed to win any of their most recent three matches in the league.

This means they are now closer to the relegation zone than the top four. Their last result as hosts was a 1-1 draw with Kagera Sugar on Friday.

JKT Tanzania head coach Malale Hamsini is now under pressure to end this poor run and get their top-flight campaign back on track, next up is an opposing side who are flying high despite being newly promoted.

That said, a win would see JKT Tanzania move level on points with fifth-placed Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

The army outfit will thus be eager to take their chances against Mashujaa FC who may be slowed down by fatigue after making the journey from Ruangwa to Shinyanga with only three days from their last game.

Despite maintaining a consistent 4-4-2 formation for the most part in the opening stages of the season, Malale has shuffled his pack a fair amount, and we could see a few more changes this time as well.

On the flip side, with four league matches so far, Mashujaa FC is sitting fourth in the standings,

one point behind the top

three.

Their four-game unbeaten run leading up to this clash will give them the belief that they can come away with maximum points.

A winning team rarely changes though having played barely three days ago, the Kigoma club's head coach, Mohamed Abdallah, could be tempted to make a few changes due to fatigue.

Even though the backline Omary Kindamba, Michael Masinda, Baraka Mtui, and Machemba Mganda has yet to concede a goal in four games, either one or two changes are expected.

In midfield, Shaban Mgandila, Abulnassir Mohamed, Lucas Deo, and Said Juma have largely been impressive.

In the last game, former Ruvu Shooting defensive midfielder Zubeir Dabi was handed a starting berth though he could be rested today.

Experienced Adam Omar, has netted in two of his four matches for the away side since joining from Ihefu SC, making him one to keep an eye on in attack.

Newly-signed Athuman forward Masumbuko was handed his debut in last Saturday's game against Namungo FC and the former Mtibwa Sugar academy teenager could form the front two with Adam.

In head-to-head stats, this will be the first topflight meeting between the two sides.

However, they have met in four Championship eight points amassed from League matches. Mashujaa FC boasts an unbeaten record in the rivalry, with two wins and two draws.

ANZANIA'S Simba SC managed to get the better of Zambia's Power Dynamos in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round and the former's head coach Robert Oliveira 'Robertinho' has hailed the role of the second-half sub-

The two legs were jampacked with quality, but Simba SC managed to get the better of their Zambian opponents with a 3-3 aggregate to qualify for the Group Stage on away goals

In the second leg played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, despite Simba SC's quick



Robertinho reveals his second half

masterplan, hails Bocco impact

back, Aaron Katebe, as the two outfits took on each other in a 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round rematch in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. The two outfits drew 1-1. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMÁ

start in the afternoon, Power Dynamos were the ones who found themselves ahead just 16 minutes thanks to Andy Boyeli's screaming strike.

Robertinho wasted no time in changing things for the second half as he introduced experienced forward, John Bocco, in place of Jean Baleke.

SC back into the game after his shot was deflected into the net by defender Kondwani Chiboni for an own goal in the 68th minute to level the score for the

In a post-match press interview, Robertinho praised his super sub for providing the week I prepared a new strategy

Bocco immediately got Simba inspiration Simba SC needed to qualify for the side's fifth CAF Champions League Group Stage appearance.

The Brazilian disclosed: "I am very happy because in the CAF Champions League, there is no easy game. There are difficult games. This

for this game."

The tactician noted: "I started with two strikers. Kibu and Baleke but I needed one striker inside the box, that's why I brought Bocco. This was a fantastic change because our midfield was saturated with our opponent

"I could not open up for my opponents, I put Bocco to press the midfield and brought Kanoute and Fabrice Ngoma together. This was fantastic because after that we created four or five opportunities inside the box," Robertinho stated.

The Brazilian coach also hailed his nine-month Simba SC spell so far, highlighting his unbeaten record in the NBC Premier League and qualifying for the CAF Champions League once again with an East African

He said: "I am very happy because every time I have played in the CAF Champions League in Uganda, Rwanda I have qualified. I am unbeaten in the Premier League for nine months. It is a fantastic record for the club, my players, and the technical bench."

"Today we made one mistake and conceded, I needed to make the correct decisions. I allowed Bocco and after that we qualified," the gaffer revealed.

Azam FC aiming for fourth straight PL win to go top

By Correspondent Michael

traveled to Dodoma to face Dodoma Iiii FC in Tuesday's NBC Premier League action at the Jamhuri Stadium, seeking to remain unbeaten at the start of the new campaign.

Yousouph Dabo's Azam FC is one of only 100% winning record this season's Premier League.

Tabora United 4-0. overcame Tanzania Prisons 3-1, and went on to beat Singida Fountain Gate FC 2-1.

An argument can be made that they have not played away from the comfort of Azam Complex Stadium at their first test on the road this season.

They now go in search of a muchneeded win away from home where they have the last three seasons. Speaking ahead of revealed.

the game, Azam FC's assistant coach Bruno international Prince

Ferry was upbeat that they will aim to keep their winning run.

The French coach revealed: "We know that it will be a difficult game. We have a lot of respect for this team because, like other sides in the league, it has strong physical players, fast in transition."

"Because of that, we three teams with a have a plan. We have to respect the plan. It after three rounds of is also important to have a good mindset because these games Azam FC defeated are difficult," Ferry noted.

> The tactician said: "We want to keep our strong form at the beginning of the season and want to continue playing our game regardless that we are away." "We will miss some

Chamazi, this will be players for this game. It is normal to miss players for different reasons, injury or a yellow card. Once again, we respect Dodoma Jiji FC but blown hot and cold in we have confidence in ourselves," Ferry

Zimbabwean



Azam FC's right fullback, Lusajo Mwaikenda (L), shoots past Dodoma Jiji FC's defensive midfielder, Salmin Hoza, during the 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie in Dodoma. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Flexibles by David Chikoko



Dube was substituted in the game be interpreted either positively or against Singida Fountain Gate FC two weeks ago and has been ruled out for the foreseeable future, which will likely mean that Idris Mbombo will lead the line.

As for hosts Dodoma Jiji FC, they will look to repeat last season's performance that earned them maximum points when the two sides met seven months ago.

Defeating Coastal Union and a draw with Mtibwa Sugar has accrued four points for head coach

Melis Medo's Dodoma Jiji FC. The club has found opponents' back of the net three times and conceded a similar number of

goals in the recent 180 minutes of action. Interestingly, Dodoma Jiji FC has had three different goal

scorers so far, a statistic that can

negatively.

On the one hand, it shows the hosts are not reliant on any player and, on the other hand, it could leave them without a player keen on taking responsibility when they are in a tough spot.

In head-to-head stats, Azam FC and Dodoma Jiji FC have met in six league matches since 2020.

Azam FC has claimed four wins compared to one for Dodoma Jiji FC, while one match has ended in a draw.

In the teams' league meetings last season, Azam FC won 2-1 at Azam Complex Stadium, Chamazi in November 2022, while the return game in Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma in February 2023 saw Dodoma Jiji FC win 2-1.