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'Religions can't ignore climate change matters'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) has urged religious leaders around Africa not to relent on the war against climate change.

PACJA Executive Director Mithika Mwenda (pictured) made this observation ahead of the World Religion Day, marked globally every third Sunday of January.

PACJA is a coalition of over 1000 faith based organisations, CSOs, community groups and individuals in 48 African countries advocating for fair and just climate regimes in the continent, taking into account that religious groups have what it takes to change the course of climate change threats, the director noted.

Faith communities - to which four billion people worldwide belong - have the numbers and resources that could turn the course of climate change around, he stated

"At PACJA, we know the immense influence religion has on people and its interconnectedness with nature. As such, from outset, PACJA has collaborated with religious leaders across the board to canvass support for climate justice that African people need," he said.



This commitment emanates from the individual's religious responsibility to protect himself and his community

Ahead of COP 26 talks in Glasgow back in November, the Christian Aid charity calculated that climate disasters in 2021 caused damage in excess of \$100bn, one of the costliest years on record, he pointed out.

People of every background, and approximately 4000 recognized churches, faith groups and congregations can now rise up to take joint actions to turn the tide, he asserted, citing the work of the Hindu community in Kenya whose Hindu tree planting project is actively involved in planting trees across the country in support of Kenya government efforts to reach 10 per cent forest cover nationwide.

The community has been planting 10,000 trees annually, he said; while Dr Solomon Belay, representative of the Baha'is International Community in Addis Ababa, said the Baha'is believe in upholding sacred values of stewardship, selflessness, moderation, and trustworthiness-vital in promoting healthy relationships with the natural world.

Archbishop Aregawi of the Diredawa and Djibouti diocese of the Orthodox Tewahedo

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Fire reduces Karume open market to ashes



This is where Dar es Salaam's hugely popular Ilala Mchikichini open market stood until it was gutted by an inferno in the small hours of yesterday. More photos on Page 11. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Guardian Reporters

AN outbreak of fire at the Mchikichini-Karume market in Ilala District in Dar es Salaam yesterday destroyed most of the market's clothing and household wares.

Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla inspected the area along Uhuru Road, asking traders to remain calm as the regional authorities form a team to find the cause of the fire that destroyed nearly all of the market.

The market was home to 3,500 traders, with some arriving at the scene and witnessing the fire as it raged, expressing disbelief in what they saw and seeing no light for the future.

Sharima Meshaki, a trader at the market, sobbed profusely. "I have been working hard through this business to ensure that my family gets food. I don't know what to do, I have lost everything, I have debts to pay, children to go to school, I am stranded," she said between cries.

Most traders there were servicing piles of debt in banks and other lenders and the fire has destroyed their dreams and they do know how they are going to repay the loans.

Masudi Issa, a spokesman for shattered small-scale traders, urged his colleagues to remain calm and facilitate efforts by the government to evaluate the loss and come

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RC's visit, beacon placing, disturb Loliondo villagers

By Guardian Correspondent, Loliondo

AFTER Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella visited the Loliondo Game Controlled Area last week to inspect newly erected beacons around Loliondo Division, villagers are raising the alarm.

Oloolosokwan ward councillor, Yohana Moloimet said at the weekend that villagers linked the RC's visit with an impending final decision from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on final plans for 1,500 square kilometers of land that the pastoralist community uses, but it belongs to the game controlled zone, a conservation area.

The RC did not address residents on the issue, but the visit was seen as a follow up to the work of a special team sent by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in 2016 to examine the situation as conflicts come up with a hunting firm operating in the area, they said.

The status quo being maintained at present dates to 2013 when then Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda went to Loliondo, visited all the villages and directed that plans to annex 1500 square kilometers of land should be halted.

Loliondo Division is home to over 70,000 residents, holding an estimated 784,000 head of livestock reportedly within 116 square kilometers of land, local officials say, noting that this situation touches off regular conflicts in scrambling for land and water sources.

Kijoro Kakea, a special seats councilor for women in the district, stated that children are harassed when grazing cattle in the 1500 square kilometers annex and sometimes

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Pangani train accident: Child dies, five injured

By Guardian Reporter

A PASSENGER train accident at dawn yesterday between Mkalamo and Mvave stations on a Dar es Salaam bound train starting its journey from Arusha killed one child, Hassan Lugano and injured five

other people.

Jamila Mbarouk, head of public relations at the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) said in a statement that five wagons overturned and four others were derailed.

Locomotive no 9022 met with an accident at around four in the morning

between Mkalamo and Mvave stations along the Dar-Arusha line in Pangani District, Tanga Region.

"The train departed Arusha at 2:30 in the afternoon on Saturday to Dar es Salaam with 14 wagons carrying 700 passengers

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with former Prime Minister John Malecela at his Kilimani residence in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: State House



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Simanjoro district commissioner Dr Suleiman Serera addresses education stakeholders at the weekend during the launch of an education fund meant to help in boosting education in the district. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

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cattle are confiscated.

Local officials want the government to reaffirm the position reached by the former prime minister in 2013, scrapping off plans to add the 1500 square kilometers within the Loliondo Game Controlled Area for strict conservation purposes.

The premier halted the exercise and directed that the mixed use of the land continue, to stem recurring conflicts, while reaffirming that the 1500 kilometers sq. kms of land is meant for conservation.

"This is a good idea but on the other hand, we have come to conclusion that the Maasai pastoralists are good conservationists themselves, and can thus still take good care of Loliondo," he remarked at a public meeting.

PMO later asked all parties to come up with land-use plans for sustainable environmental preservation, wildlife protection and protecting vital water sources pumping water downstream to the Serengeti National Park and beyond. That issue is still being worked upon, officials affirmed.

At least 70,000 people, mostly nomadic pastoralists, live in Loliondo and Sale divisions of Ngorongoro District, moving into the area in 1959 after being evicted from Serengeti as it became a national park.

The 4000 square kilometers Loliondo Game Controlled Area formed at that time became a multi-purpose area hosting game hunting ventures, conservation and pastoralism, housing Ngorongoro District offices and residences.

The issue of slicing off 1500 square kilometers from Loliondo division to seal it off for conservation purposes met with opposition from the community, pointing out that the earmarked land consists of grazing areas, water sources and village plots.

Loliondo is part of the wider Serengeti ecosystem comprising the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the Maswa Game Reserve, the Serengeti National Park and Maasai-Mara Game Reserve across the border, one of Africa's largest wildlife areas.

Residents from 14 villages located within eight wards of Loliondo Division,

in Ngorongoro District, have just signed petition to oppose new plans targeting to take the land from them, arguing that for the last 30 years the area remained under its pristine condition because the Maasai communities know how to take care of the environment.

"We have heard of underground plans to annex the 1500 square kilometers of land in the Game Controlled Area which means soon a number of villages will be asked to move away from the area, thus dislocating thousands of residents, we are not about to accept this," stated elders of the 14 local villages of Loliondo.

They were speaking in an open air meeting held at Olorien village, with the local community leaders signing the petition against planned annexation of land.

Arush village chairman Mathew Siloma said the area in question lies between the villages and the Serengeti National Park, with Ortello Business Corporation (OBC), a hunting firm from the United Arab Emirates, holding a hunting bloc licence to conduct wildlife trekking in the area.

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up with a solution, citing the visit by the RC.

Part of the solution includes building another market, so they ought to exercise patience despite the hurt and pain that they feel, he emphasised.

Ombeni Kaizer, an officer with the Information and Disaster Unit at the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS), said nine people were seriously injured and six others hit by objects, thus needing emergency aid.

"We have supported nine people with first aid and psychological counseling after their properties were destroyed," he said, noting that despite efforts by the fire and rescue force, they couldn't control the ravaging fire.

Ilala DC Ng'wilabuzo Ludigija said the district was forming a probe committee on the source of the fire incident and submits its findings within 14 days.

The team comprises officials working with the DC, the office of the district executive director, the power company (TANESCO), the police along with the fire and rescue force.

"We are yet to establish the source of the fire," he stated, elaborating that initial reports indicate that the fire started at a stall operated by a food vendor. There is unclear information that some traders were improperly connecting electricity to their business stalls, he stated.

"We will be in a position to state the source of the fire after the probe team hands its report. Fire has destroyed 98 percent of the traders' properties," he declared, noting that the police will continue to conduct patrols at the area until the report is submitted.

The incident shocked the top national leadership including President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango, who appealed to the public to remain calm as the government conducts an investigation.

Concerned traders appealed to the government to allow them to build temporary structures in the area so that they continue doing business as they wait for the investigation report.

Mariam Muya, another trader, said they expect the government to allow them to continue conducting business as they solely depend on trading to survive. "We can hardly live without doing business in two weeks," she stated.

The Karume Market fire comes six months after the imposing Kariakoo Market was ravaged by a devastating fire for many hours July 10 last year.

This is not the first time that the Karume Market is consumed in flames, as it occurred on June 11, 2014 where 80 percent of the market was burnt down, traders recalled.

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and upon reaching Mkalamo-Mvave section, five wagons overturned causing injuries to five people - three men and two women and the death of the child," she said.

She listed the overturned wagons as number 3614, 3527, 3605, 3526 and 3530 and derailed wagons as number 3662, 3666 and 4536 which also included the buffet car.

"Those injured were rushed to Mkalamo dispensary for treatment and were recovering,

and the corporation continues with procedures to restore rail services," the official noted.

TRC was investigating the cause of the accident for appropriate measures, she said, conveying condolences to the family of the deceased child, and praying for quick recovery of those injured.

Tanga Regional Police Commander Safia Jongo confirmed the accident and the death of the child and injuries on five people.

RC orders contractor for 24 working hours

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibiti

COAST regional commissioner, Abubakar Kunenge has instructed the contractor building Mbuchi Bridge on Rufiji River at Kibiti to make sure they work 24 hours a day to speed the work to alleviate transport problems facing the people.

The RC issued the instruction yesterday during his inspection visit of the project where he said because the work was jointly being implemented with TARURA, they have to do the work at all time.

He said the bridge is the third largest in Coast Region led by the Ruvu Bridge, and that when completed it will open doors for investment economic opportunities.

Kunenge also thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for continuing to open up the country through infrastructures including Coast Region by building roads and bridges in various areas of the region.

For his part, TARURA Coast Region Manager, Eng. Leopold Runji said the implementation of the project was being undertaken by Alfa Logistics Tanzania as contractors at a cost of 6.1bn/- and was expected to take 12 months to complete beginning January 2021.

He said the bridge is 61 metres long and the contractor has requested 23-week time extension due to rains that cause flooding.

He said in the circumstances, he advised for a six-week extension, or 45 days to finish the job.

Runji said the bridge is now expected to be completed in February this year.

One of Mbuchi residents, Hassan Yusuf thanked the government for the construction of the bridge that they had been crying for over 60 years.

He said before the bridge's construction, they used to cross the river in canoes, and many people drowned doing so.



Visibly distressed residents of Ololosokwan village in Ngorongoro District attend a meeting at Olorieni village in Loliondo District addressed by their tribal leaders, popularly known as Laigwanan. They had taken exception to reports that some 1,500 square kilometres of the area they currently occupy would be put under alternative uses. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

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Church in Ethiopia, noted that the issue of climate change is treated not as a simple temporal politicians' project, or just an ecological or financial issue, "but a spiritual, social and moral manifestation of our religious devotion," insisting that it is a spiritual and religious commitment to safeguard nature as it is God-given.

Ahead of COP26, Muslim organisations and leaders undertook several public campaign activities, with statements advocating vibrant climate policy among governments.

Fathiya Abdulmajid, a Kenyan veteran climate activist, said that protection, conservation and development of the environment and natural resources is a mandatory religious duty to which every

Muslim should be committed.

"This commitment emanates from the individual's religious responsibility to protect himself and his community," the activist noted. The World Religion Day, observed by millions of religious activists across the globe has been marked since 1950 every 3rd Sunday of the New Year, thus falling on the 16th of January this year.

The day is set aside to remind the public of the importance of religions practiced around the world, with intention to foster understanding and cultivate harmony between religious beliefs. "It serves as a great opportunity to learn about your beliefs and those of other religions without pre-judgment and with more knowledge of their religion," an online writes up intoned.

New technology to ease exportation of mattresses produced in Tanzania

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA can now easily transport foam and spring mattresses to other countries. It is a newly invented technology which not only shrinks mattress to portable sizes, but is also provides the ultimate solution combat counterfeits that have been flooding both local and international markets.

The country, through the Arusha based firm, Tanfoam, so far exports foam and spring mattresses as well as related cushioning products to Rwanda, Zambia, Burundi and South Africa, while there are trials to introduce the same products in Kenya.

While mattresses can be large and

bulky making them occupy big space during transportation and storage, the Arusha firm can now convert them into a considerably sized, small enough to suit all forms of shipment. "But once the package is unboxed, the mattress resumes its original shape, ready for use," explained the Managing Director for TANFOAM.

"We simply call this new technology as 'Mattress in a Box,' revealed Mr Anzamen Mollel, the Projects Manager for TANFOAM, when explaining about the new technological development during launch.

With this technology, Tanzania can beat other countries in selling mattresses abroad as it will be easier for agents to handle compressed shipments from the country than to deal with big-sized cumbersome

products originating from elsewhere.

Operating from the Industrial area of Arusha, Tanfoam Limited manufactures and markets mattresses and allied soft home textile products meant for sale throughout the East African region and beyond. Founded back in 1966 and with a more than half-a-century track record, the factory pioneered mattress production in the country; in fact even the trademarks should be synonymous with Tanzania Foam Mattress.

According to the management, the factory is constantly upgrading its machinery in its state of the art facility located in the Unga-Limited section of the City. The firm uses modern High tech European machinery for the manufacturing of high quality foam.



Tomatoes on sale yesterday at a popular roadside Msembeta village spot along the Dodoma-Singida highway – in Bahi District, Dodoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'130bn/- for water infrastructure, dams to address livestock deaths'

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

The government has provided 130bn/- for construction of water infrastructure and rehabilitation of dams in Kiteto district, Manyara region following mass deaths of livestock caused by deepening drought.

The decision came just a week after authorities reported the deaths of 1,874 cattle in Kiteto District that were caused by drought.

Speaking yesterday during his tour in the district, Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega said the government immediately responded on the matter to ensure no more cattle continue to die over lack of water.

Ulega's visit in the district was meant to inspect the available water infrastructures for livestock as well as talking to pastoralists who have lost their animals.

"The government is aware of the drought situation in Kiteto; I am here to inform you on the various measures we have taken to save your cattle and make sure they have access to water even during dry seasons. President Samia Suluhu Hassan has provided funds for construction of water wells and rehabilitation of dams," said the deputy minister.

He added the district water engineer and livestock officers to immediately identify areas for construction of the infrastructures for the project to be implemented.

Ulega urged farmers to adopt sustainable ways of using pasture

instead of decimating one area and moving to another. He advised them to start planting warm-season grasses and consider saving some of that hay in case of drought.

A pastoralist, James Laizer from Makame area said the deepening drought has killed thousands of cattle because apart from water, farmers do not have grasses to feed their cattle.

"The deaths of our animals have affected most of us economically because we solely depend on our cattle to raise income," said Laizer.

Grace Melau, a livestock keeper in Kiteto District; said that this year's prolonged drought has resulted in a big loss due to cattle deaths. She said it will take long for individuals and families to recover from the economic crisis associated with lack of water and animal feed.

Last week, a total of 62,585 animals were killed by prolonged drought in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region.

Out of the 62,585 killed animals, 35,746 were cattle, 15,136 sheep, 10,033 goats and 1,670 donkeys.

Sendeu Laizer, vice-chairman of the Simanjiro district council, told a meeting of councilors in the district that the drought situation in the district was alarming.

He said livestock officials are continuing to assess the number of animals killed by drought in all the district's villages.

Simanjiro Member of Parliament, Christopher Ole Sendeka, said the drought has forced some livestock keepers to graze their animals in neighbouring countries.

TOSCI closes 8 shops for selling counterfeit seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) has ordered the closure of eight shops that sell crops seeds in Mbeya and Songwe regions after they were found counterfeit seed, some of which imported from foreign without verification of their quality.

Some of the shops were closed for dealing in seeds trade without registration with the Institute and traders thereof had no training on sale of seeds as required by law.

TOSCI ordered the shops' closure at the weekend after making impromptu inspections at various seed shops to verify the quality of

seeds sold to farmers in the two regions during the current farming season.

TORCI officers from the Southern Highlands Zone in collaboration with other organs conducted the inspection, saying during the current period when farmers were busy with their farming activities many farmers become deceitful.

Peter Nassari from TOSCI Southern Highlands Zone said during the crackdown more than 200 shops were inspected in the two regions and that the operation will continue in other regions.

He said if the dealers continue selling ton farmers fake seeds there are a danger for crops production

to drop as some of the seeds will not germinate at all.

He also said importing seeds from outside the country that are not certified as to their quality may also cause the spread of crops diseases thereby occasioning huge losses to farmers and the nation in general.

On their part, some seed dealer said they fail to differentiate fake and genuine seeds due to lack of frequent trainings, the situation, they claimed also occasion huge losses to them as well for failing to sell seeds that they had bought at high prices.

One of the traders, William Mbua said shops for selling farm inputs are open daily, but training

in identifying seeds' quality are provided sparingly.

He added that apart from new shops being opened from time to time, but also new types of seeds are produced every year hence he appealed to the government to invest more in training for dealers of farm inputs.

On their part, some farmers said fake seeds have been affecting the farming sector by raising production costs and claimed that some seeds do not grow; hence they had to plant anew.

Winfrida Jaston, one of the tomato said fake seeds usually have pictures on the package that do not conform to what it contained.

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CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.0. **Introduction**
The Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) Trust was established in the year 2000 to stimulate investment and growth in commercial agriculture and related sectors, initially operating as a project. In the year 2007, it was registered as a not for profit, non – governmental organisation under the Trustees Incorporation Act 2002.
The Trust supports micro, small and medium size agribusiness entrepreneurs obtain access to loan finance by guaranteeing qualifying credit facilities and by providing them with business development services. So far, the Trust has supported over 1,000,000 beneficiaries in the United Republic of Tanzania via these services.
As part of its governance systems and practices, the Trust has an Internal Audit Unit which also handles risk management function. The Chief Internal Auditor, who also reports on risk management function reports to the Board's Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.
In a meeting of this Committee held in November 2021, it was decided an independent review be conducted on the Internal Audit and Risk Management Functions for updates and potential enhancements.
The main objectives of the review are to assess sufficiency of the two functions by design and their efficiency in performance.
To implement this decision, the Trust is seeking to engage an experienced consulting firm with requisite qualifications to perform the assignment.
The firm shall perform this assignment as per terms and conditions presented herein.
- 2.0. **Purpose**
The principal purpose of this assignment is to provide assurance to the Board of Trustees on the internal audit and risk management functions and recommend enhancements.
- 3.0. **Scope of Work**
The Consultant is expected to carry out the following tasks:
 - 3.1. **In relation to Internal Audit Function**
 1. Review and make improvements on the Trust's audit governance documents, particularly
 - a) Board Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee Charter,
 - b) Internal Audit Charter, and
 - c) Internal Audit Manual.
 2. Review the internal audit reports, reporting format and presentation
 3. Review the development, maintenance, implementation and review of the internal audit work programmes and audit plans.
 - 3.2. **In respect of risk management**
 1. Evaluate the risk management documents, particularly
 - a) Risk Management Framework
 - b) Risk Management Policies
 - c) Risk Management Manual
 - d) Risk Registers
 2. Review those documents and update them,
 3. Review risk management processes and operations,
 4. Review risk reports, report format, content, and presentation
- 4.0. **Deliverables**
The consulting firm shall produce a report of consultancy containing findings of the reviews and recommendations for improvements on:
 1. Internal Audit Function, including reporting and report format
 2. Risk Management Function, including processes, reporting and report format
- 5.0. **Qualifications**
The consulting firm should be well recognised, with the Lead Consultant:
 1. Being a Registered Certified Public Accountant, with a degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Economics, or a related numerate discipline.
 2. Holding relevant professional certification in Audit and risk.
 3. Having a minimum of ten years' experience in consulting services in audit and risk
 4. Having excellent writing and presentation skills.
 5. Having excellent communication skills.
- 6.0. **Application Guidelines**
Interested firms are requested to send their applications, comprising of technical and financial proposals. Technical proposal should clearly show the applicant's understanding of this assignment, competence to perform this assignment (qualifications and relevant experience), methodology, and tentative or potential content of the final report.
Applications should be sent by email or hard copy clearly stating the assignment as "Consultancy Service for Review of Internal Audit and Risk Management Functions".
Duly completed applications should be sent to md@pass.or.tz or by registered mail to:
Managing Director,
PASS Trust, 4th Floor,
Patel Building, Kisutu / Azikiwe Street,
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Deadline for submission is **January 31, 2022**. Only shortlisted candidates /firms will be contacted.

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Project Overview

ACHIEVE is a five-year, USAID-funded global cooperative agreement with the dual objectives of attaining and sustaining HIV epidemic control among at-risk and hard to reach pregnant and breastfeeding (PBF) women, infants, children, and youth, as well as to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS and prevent HIV transmission among these populations; and supporting the transition of prime funding and implementation to capable local partners in order to meet the PEPFAR goal of 70% of funding to local partners. ACHIEVE is funded by USAID in Tanzania to implement a four-year activity (October 2020 to April 2024) which aims: (1) to improve national- and community-level social welfare systems in order to sustain support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and families affected by HIV and (2) to strengthen the capacity of local organizations to deliver OVC services and DREAMS interventions for AGYW 9-14 years.

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Position: Cluster Manager (4 positions)

Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania

Position Location: Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Shinyanga and Mbeya

Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

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Application Deadline: Tuesday -18th January 2022

Position: Project Officer-HIV Integration (4 positions)

Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania

Position Location: Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Shinyanga and Mbeya

Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

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Application Deadline: Tuesday -18th January 2022

Position: Capacity Development Officer (2 positions)

Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania Project

Position Location: Shinyanga and Mbeya

Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

<https://cvpeopleplanetanzania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/59404400006013001/Capacity-Development-Officer?source=CareerSite>

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Application Deadline: Tuesday -18th January 2022

Position: Health Informatics Officer (4 position)

Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania Project

Position Location: Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Shinyanga and Mbeya

Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

<https://cvpeopleplanetanzania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/59404400006066433/Health-Informatics-Officer-Mwanza?source=CareerSite>

<https://cvpeopleplanetanzania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/59404400006038001/Health-Informatics-Officer-shinyanga?source=CareerSite>

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Application Deadline: Tuesday -18th January 2022

Position: Curriculum Development and Training Advisor (1 position)

Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania Project

Position Location: Dar es Salaam

Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

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If you believe you are the ideal person we are looking for, please submit your application online describing why you are the right candidate for this position and a curriculum vitae detailing your experience and three (3) professional referees from previous and current place of employment. Please send the application online (through the CVPEOPLE Tanzania link under each position) as only the applications sent online will be reviewed.

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DAWASA works to supply water to at least 95 pc of Dar city residents

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Water has announced plans to expand the service provision area of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) to enable it implement Kazimzumbwi-Masaki water project in Kisarawe district, Coast region.

The project was supposed to be implemented by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) but has failed due to budget deficit challenges.

Minister for Water Jumaa Aweso announced the decision yesterday that DAWASA will implement the 192-km water project which will benefit residents in the wards of Kazimzumbwi, Masaki, Msimbu, Kibuta and Marumbo in Kisarawe.

He said the decision came after the Minister of State in Vice-President's office, Union and Environment, Selemani Jafo requested the ministry to expand the administration area of DAWASA to enable it implement

the water project in Kisarawe and help address acute water challenges facing residents in the named wards.

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experts and discuss on how best to implement the project," Aweso said when he visited the Kibamba-Kisarawe project.

In his remarks, Minister Jafo commended DAWASA for implementing the Kibamba-Kisarawe project as it has helped strengthen water supply in the district.

The Kibamba-Kisarawe project will cost 10.649bn/- upon completion and that is expected to benefit residents of Kisarawe town and its surrounding villages of Kiluvya, Kazimzumbwi, Kwembe, Kisopwa, Mloganzila and special industrial areas in the district.

Eng Cyprian Luhemeja, DAWASA chief executive officer received the new responsibility and promised to implement the project within the scheduled timeframe.

The Kibamba Kisarawe project produces 6 million litres of water per day which exceeds the actual demand of the Kisarawe residents of 1.2 million litres per day.



Tigo Sekirito Karia (C), Tigo sales manager for Dar es Salaam's Ubungo District, presents a motorcycle in the city at the weekend to Aisha Bakari of Mpinga in Bagamoyo District for emerging 7th week winner of the firm's 'Wagiftishe gift juu ya gift' promotion raffle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Police impound liquor factory for producing substandard beverages

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

POLICE in Manyara Region have seized an unregistered liquor factory, which has been producing substandard beverages thus putting health and lives of people in danger.

Regional Police Commander, Benjamin Kuzaga said the detection of the factory stemmed from a special operation to hunt down illegal products so as to protect consumer health in the region.

"After we received information on the presence of the factory, our officers commended their investigation which then helped to the seizure of the consignment

of substandard liquor which was packed ready to be supplied to consumers," he said.

Commander Kuzaga named one of the workers of the factory who had been arrested as Babu Mosses.

"We still investigating the matter and once completed, we will take the suspects to the court to face the charges," he added.

He highlighted that the operation is aimed to investigate and unearth all unregistered factories which in turn risks the lives of the people.

RPC Kuzaga urged the public to cooperate with them so as to fight the challenge.

David Mulokozi, Chairman of the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce,

Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) in Manyara said the unregistered and illegal factories are harmful to the country's economy as they deny the government to get its required revenues.

"The government needs revenues so as to bring development to its people, it needs funds to implement various development projects, so we will work together to ensure that we detect all the factories that are operating illegally," he said.

He urged investors to ensure that they follow all the required procedures whenever they need to establish a factory or project in the country for them to operate smoothly.

Shinyanga RC keeps her promise: Hands over motorcycle to villager

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

SHINYANGA regional commissioner Sophia Mjema has handed a motorcycle with Reg. No MC 110 DCP to Darlen Athanasi (27), a Segese villager in Kahama District to be used for carrying passengers for income generation.

Mjema handed the cycle valued at 2.4m/- to the woman at the weekend as part of her pledge she made at a public meeting at the village last year.

She said she was impressed by her nerve to opt for motorcycle (bodaboda) business to earn income, so she decided to offer one.

"I'm handing her the machine which she will use to earn income for her economic wellbeing, she is very courageous, I have kept my promise I made at the meeting," said RC Mjema.

For his part, Shinyanga Regional Police Commander George Kyando called on the woman to undergo training for driving motor vehicles

and promised her to get a licence free of charge, so long as she is acquainted with road traffic laws and avoid accidents.

She also told her to become a good ambassador against crime in the region saying motorcycle drivers come across many types of people.

For her part, Darlen thanked the RC for presenting her with the motorcycle saying it will help her family up-keeping, saying she lives with her two children mother and two children.

Tanzania receives drugs and medical supplies worth 864m/- from the government of Egypt

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has received drugs and medical supplies worth 864m/- from the government of Egypt to help in the fight against diseases.

The handover ceremony was held at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) between Egyptian Ambassador to Tanzania Mohamed Gaber Abouelwafa and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Health, Prof Abel Makubi (pictured).

Speaking to journalists yesterday soon after handing over ceremony, Prof Makubi said the donation was received in the country following a state visit made by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan November last year in Egypt.

"I would like to thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the Egypt government for the collaboration especially in improving

health sector through donation of medicines and medical supplies," he said.

Prof Makubi the donation will help Tanzania in the fight against different health challenges facing the country.

For his part, the Egyptian envoy Abouelwafa said the donation from his government was due to efforts made by the president Samia to improve healthcare services tonight diseases.

"Egypt government will continue to collaborate with Tanzania government to push forward development especially in improving health sector," he said.

According to him, president Samia was on the Frontline to ensure its people are free from any type of diseases.

He reaffirmed the commitment of his government to continue supporting health sector by donating medicines and medical supplies to fight against diseases.

Tanzania and Egypt have a good record of cooperation in various areas including investments. Apart from the trade, Tanzania has also registered 26 projects from Egypt investors worth USD 1.3bn, which have created 2,206 jobs to locals.

Trade volume between Tanzania and Egypt has increased from 8.4bn/- in 2018 to 87.3bn/- in 2020 as the two sides determine to reduce existing trade imbalances among themselves.

During her tour in Egypt last year, president Samia discussed various issues with her counterpart including bilateral relationship between the two sides, economy, politics, education, tourism and social services.

Equally, while in Egypt President Samia and Al Sisi also witnessed the signing of one contract and seven Memorandum of Understandings (MoU)'s



The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania

For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation

JOB OPPORTUNITY

About Us:

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) is a global community conservation organization that advances the vision and work of Dr. Jane Goodall by conserving chimpanzees and inspiring communities to conserve the natural world we all share, we improve the lives of people, animals, and the environment, we strongly believe everything is connected and everyone can make a difference. The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) was founded in 1977 by Dr. Jane Goodall (DBE).

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania (JGI-TZ) is a reputable and rapidly expanding non-governmental organization committed to wildlife research, conservation, socio-economic development, and environmental education. The JGI Tanzania with its partners makes a difference through landscape and community-centered conservation, chimpanzees research projects, environmental protection education to young generation, the innovative use of science and technology, we work closely with local communities in Tanzania inspiring hope through a collective power of individual action.

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots (R&S) is an education movement of the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania started as a club on 19th February 1991 at Dr. Jane Goodall's house in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with 12 secondary school students and four educators. Today, Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's (JGI) global environmental and humanitarian youth program, involving hundreds of thousands of young people in more than 100 countries. The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania establishes Roots & Shoots service-oriented clubs in primary, secondary schools, and universities to help inspire and empower young people to foster respect and compassion to animals & wildlife through action-oriented clubs.

JGI Tanzania is currently seeking to recruit suitably qualified and competent Tanzanian to fill the following vacant position:

Job Vacancy: Zonal Roots & Shoots Coordinator

Workstation: Zanzibar

Reporting Line: National Coordinator for Roots & Shoots

Job Overall Summary:

The Roots & Shoots Zonal Coordinator will manage Roots & Shoots scholarship programme in Zanzibar and provide management and oversight to achieve the programme goal and objectives in a professional manner by ensuring that Roots & Shoots responds to the needs of JGI Tanzania, National and International Volunteers, teachers, members, government, and other partners. The coordinator is also expected to demonstrate strong programme management skills for a Roots & Shoots model, experience in working in a multisector team, leading clubs, and environmental conservation education projects and all other related Roots & Shoots projects and programmes in Zanzibar. The job holder is expected to raise public awareness, understanding and trust about JGI Tanzania, environmental education, conservation education and outreach programmes, timely reporting, and capacity development for volunteers. Working in close collaboration with the Government departments, stakeholders, and partner NGOs to provide management. Below are the essential and specific job responsibilities:

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- To develop a standardized students selection guideline
- To coordinate and manage scholarships and students career guidance for Zanzibar
- Liaise with Universities, colleges and parents on matters related to students' scholarships
- Coordinate with Scholarship Selection Committee
- To manage all technical, logistical and office administration in a zonal office in Zanzibar
- Coordinate scholarship applications, selection, and managements
- Supervise community gardens and students Roots & Shoots placements
- To coordinate all Roots & Shoots in the Eastern zone of Tanzania
- Establish new clubs in schools and regions where the need arises
- Represent the National Coordinator in all stakeholders' meetings and established networks in the zone
- To manage and facilitate Roots & Shoots Seedlings production center in Zanzibar
- To coordinate and provide data to feed the National Roots & Shoots database
- To facilitate and coordinate Roots & Shoots trees and mangroves planting in Zanzibar and Pemba
- Supervise and report all administrative matters related to memberships, certifications, and registrations in the zone
- To coordinate all National and International Roots & Shoots and JGI-Visitors in your zone
- To work with National Coordinator on raising money (fundraising) for projects and activities to benefit Roots & Shoots program in Tanzania
- To manage, control and ensure safety and security of all Roots & Shoots assets in the Eastern zone - Tanzania
- To induct, train and support Roots & Shoots volunteers, interns, teachers, and youth leaders on relevant Roots & Shoots thematic areas (Environments, Animals, communities)
- To facilitate all Roots & Shoots membership registrations, certification, club activities, events, and networks in your zone
- To train teachers and coordinate Roots & Shoots activities and projects
- Provide updates on semi-annual and annual reports to the National Coordinator
- Conduct any other official related duties as shall be directed by your supervisor

Minimum job Requirements & Qualifications:

- At least BSc. of Environment or Environment Conservation, Wildlife Management, Education in Biology, and Ecological Studies.
- A solid background in professional teaching - science or earth related science subjects.
- Strong command in strategy, projects, and office management skills.
- Practical understanding of hands-on, conservation education, tree planting and community engagements.
- Ability to work under pressure, deadlines, and little supervision.
- Previous experience in conservation education management, environmental education, outreach, and expeditions.
- Ability to effectively manage a team of professional program officers, volunteers, and interns.
- Knowledge and experience of conservation and sustainable natural resources management is desirable.
- Computer literate and ability to use data analysis programs, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook etc.
- Experience working in a multiskilled, high pressure, and a dynamic ability to communicate effectively with various agencies, government Departments, UN agencies and Partners.

Application Procedure:

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

Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview.

Deadline: Seven (7) days from the date of the first appearance of this advertisement on the newspapers.

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, sexual orientation, and marital status.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC INTEGRATED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE SYSTEM (eIDSR).

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Management and Development for Health (MDH) is a non-profit organization in Tanzania that primarily aims to contribute towards addressing public health priorities through evidence based interventions and partnerships. MDH works in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children (MoHSWEGC) Zanzibar; as well as academic and non-academic institutions to address the various public health challenges including Disease Outbreak, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, maternal and child health and to undertake initiatives to advance public health research, education, and services for improving the lives of people and communities.

MDH in collaboration with the MoHSWEGC continue with the implementation of the Zanzibar Digital Health Strategy (2020-2025). Therefore, the MoHSWEGC has prioritized implementing a comprehensive electronic Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (eIDSR) system. The Ministry of Health Zanzibar, in collaboration with partners, has implemented some digital health interventions for health promotion, disease surveillance and response, such as the use of mobile technologies for malaria surveillance. However, the existing digital health solutions for disease surveillance and response are not integrated and do not cover different essential components such as the reporting of immediately notifiable diseases as a foundational digital health solution to support the health sector reforms.

To achieve this objective, MDH in collaboration with MoHSWEGC is seeking a qualified software development institution to develop eIDSR system for diseases surveillance services in Zanzibar. The eIDSR system must comply with the Zanzibar eGovernment architecture vision, standard and guidelines, adopt the Principles for Digital Development, and WHO digital health solution M&E guidelines. The qualified software development institution will work in partnership with MoHSWEGC.

The eIDSR system will be developed using free and open-source platform(s) and the front-end application(s) will run on the Android operating system (OS) version 2.3 and higher, and through a web browser on a mobile device or a laptop/PC.

MDH hereby invites sealed proposals from qualified software development institutions to develop the eIDSR application.

Interested eligible bidders may request for a complete set of bidding documents by writing an email mdh@mdh.or.tz and info@mdh.or.tz with the subject line reading "Request for Bidding Documents for the Design and Development of eIDSR System in Zanzibar"

A prospective bidder having any question regarding this RFP shall send an email no later than 3 business days prior to the due date and time for submission of offers to the following email addresses: mdh@mdh.or.tz and info@mdh.or.tz

Proposals should be submitted by email to mdh@mdh.or.tz and info@mdh.or.tz with the subject line of the email reading "Application for Tender for Electronic Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (eIDSR) for Zanzibar". Hard copy submissions will not be accepted. The deadline for submission is Monday 31st January 2022 at 1700 hrs EAT.

MDH and MoHSWEGC reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, and to annul the bidding process and reject all proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to bidders. MDH is under no obligation to accept the lowest, or any, proposal.

Late proposals shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances. Offers must be delivered through provided e mail on or before the due date to:

The Secretary of Tender Board,
Management and Development for Health (MDH),
P.O. Box 79810,
Plot #802, Mwai Kibaki Road, Mikocheni
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
Tel: +255 22 277 1656/1615

'Fun in Education' launched to help in promoting academic performance in public schools

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari, Mtwara

A new project dubbed 'Fun in Education' (FUNEDU) was launched in Mikindani municipality, Mtwara Region, recently to help in boosting academic performance in public schools.

It is expected to help teachers in public schools to adapt to modern teaching methodologies by making pupils learn with fun. Under the project, pupils would also have opportunities to go for study tours, conduct regular inter schools examinations, sports and games.

Speaking during the launch, Funedu Project Manager, Dina Lwendo said the project will also help to reduce academic gap between private and public schools.

She linked the current gap with poor teaching methodologies at public schools urging teachers at government schools to make sure they make learning fun.

"Public school teachers should ensure the learning process is fun to encourage pupils to attend classes and catch-up with the teaching speed," said Lwendo, noting when pupils learn through fun it becomes easier for them to remember what they have learnt.

"Pupils at private schools perform better in national examinations because they enjoy learning; we do not need to complicate the learning processes to make pupils excel in exams," she added.

Project coordinator, Maximilian Kilipamwambu said the project would be applied at all the public schools in Mtwara, but they have chosen to begin with municipality.

"We have started with Mikindani municipality, but our target is to reach all the schools within Mtwara. This would result in a fair learning environment for both private and

public schools," he said.

Along with the launching of the project, five best pupils in last year's Standard Seven examination were awarded with various learning equipment.

They are Mfalunu Mzelela from Kwale primary school, Nassoro Mahamudu (Magomeni), Abdulsalamu Kaminya (Kambarage), Yusda Mohamedi (Rahaleo) and Irene Mbawala from Kambarage primary school.

Handing over the prizes, Mtwara District Commissioner, Dustan Kyobya commended the organization saying the region was striving to improve the learning environment at its schools.

"We want all the pupils to be conversant with reading and writing while at lower grades. We do not want to have Standard Seven pupils who cannot read and write properly," said Kyobya, adding that the passing rate last year was 92 percent but the target is to ensure that 98 percent of all primary school leavers pass their examinations.



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Engineer Leopold Runji (6th-R) briefs Coast regional commissioner Abubakar Kunenge (3rd-R) yesterday on progress on the construction of Mbuchi bridge in Kibiti District. Photo: Correspondent Julieth Mkireri

Mbeya RC instructs local councils to build English medium schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ALL local councils in Mbeya Region have been instructed to set aside budgets for the construction of English medium primary schools to appropriately prepare students in English language basics as well as to increase councils' incomes.

The instruction was issued by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera during his inspection

visit of development projects including classrooms construction for primary and secondary schools in the City of Mbeya.

He called upon Councils officials to go and learn about the construction and running of such schools in the City of Mbeya where there are already five such schools and has plans to build more schools.

He said some parents like sending

their children to such types of schools but due to their absence in the proximity, they send them to far away schools.

He added that the local councils are required to grab the opportunity before private investors do so, and added that the directive was compulsory.

"It is mandatory to all local councils, the Regional Administrative Secretary should

write letters to all District Executive Directors that they should set aside budgets for building these schools in their areas," RC Homera said.

However, he praised Mbeya City officials for building and the running of English medium schools saying they were progressing well due to the cooperation in their management between City Council officials and Councillors.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER TO SUPPLY MOTORCYCLES

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania for Wildlife, Research, Education and Conservation (JGI-TZ) with funds from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) intends to procure MOTORCYCLES for the implementation of its project for Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT) hence invites for bids.

The specifications and quantities for tender of MOTORCYCLES is as listed in the table below:

Item	Specifications	Quantity
Motorcycles	Engine - Single cylinder, air cooled, 4 stroke Displacement - 124.8cc Transmission - 4-speed, return gear shift Fuel Tank capacity - 10 litres and above Power - 8.47HP/8000rpm and above Starter - Kick and electric Brakes - Drum Tyre type - Sports Ignition - CDI 2 years Warranty or more At least 2 free services	18

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania now invites sealed bids from reputable and registered firms that wish to tender for the supply of the above item under the following conditions:

1. Bidders must tender to supply all 18 units of motorcycles.
2. Application for the bid is free of charge.
3. Tender will be conducted in accordance with the JGI Tanzania's Policies and Procurement Procedures.
4. Submit sealed bids marked clearly "TENDER TO SUPPLY MOTORCYCLES" addressed to:

Executive Director
The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania
Mikocheni, Lucy Lameck Street/Serengeti Road - Plot # 375
P.O. Box 70728
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

And be deposited into the Tender box located JGI Tanzania - Mikocheni office, Dar es Salaam.

5. The deadline for the submission of tender is Fourteen (14) days from the date of the advertisement.
6. Electronic and/or late applications shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.
7. The point of delivery is Kigoma town at the Offices of The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania.

SECRETARY, JGI TANZANIA TENDER BOARD

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A two-day international conference on education co-organised by the Iringa-based Mkwawa University College of Education and the Tanzania Education Network in progress at the college last week. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

Global warming could lead to an increase in kidney stone disease, study finds

By Special Correspondent

RISING temperatures due to the climate crisis will lead to a rise in people suffering from kidney stones - a painful medical condition exacerbated by heat and dehydration, according to a new study.

Firefighters try to put out a fire as flames spread over a highway during a wildfire in northern Athens, Greece

More than 400 weather stations beat heat records in 2021

Researchers used two climate scenarios to estimate the burden of heat and humidity related kidney stone disease by the end of the century in South Carolina - a state in the south-east US, a region which currently has a higher than average incidence rate.

In the US, about one in 10 people suffers from kidney stones at some point, and the incidence increases from north to south.

According to researchers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the number of cases will increase between 2.2% and 3.9% depending on whether greenhouse gas emissions continue at the current rate or are cut to an intermediate level, leading to a huge rise in health costs either way.

Kidney stones are caused by hard deposits of minerals (mostly calcium) that develop in concentrated urine which are extremely painful when passing through the urinary tract. The incidence of the condition has escalated over the past two decades, particularly among people of color, women and adolescents.

Diet and lifestyle changes have contributed to the rise in the condition, but prior research has demonstrated that high ambient temperatures increase the risk. The

number of people seeking medical help for kidney stones escalates following very hot days when the risk of dehydration multiplies.

"With climate change, we don't often talk about the impact on human health, particularly when it comes to children, but a warming planet will have significant effects on human health," said Gregory Tasian, a pediatric urologist at CHOP and senior author of the study published in Scientific Reports.

In the first scenario modeled, the average temperature would increase by 2.3C by 2100, compared with 3.6C in the second. Results from a wide range of climate model studies suggest average temperature could be 1.1C to 5.4C warmer by the end of the century.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

Chunya District tobacco production expected to see big drop this season

PRODUCTION of tobacco in Chunya District is expected to drop from 10.3 million kgs last season to 10.0 million kgs this season due to opting out by some of purchasing firms.

In the circumstances, tobacco farmers' income from the crop is also expected to drop due to drop in production levels, the situation that will affect the area's agricultural activities and farmers' economic wellbeing.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by the Chairman of Chunya Tobacco Cooperative Union (CHUTCU), Sebastian Mogella at an ordinary members meeting that discussed various issues including on how to deal with climate change.

Mogella said as for now Chunya District is left with only one firm to buy tobacco - Premium Active Tanzania Limited (PATL) that has entered into contract to buy tobacco with 22 primary cooperatives.

He added that CHUTCU has failed to get other buyers due to various reasons including some of the firms fearing the high cost of investment because of the area's geographical location.

He said some of the tobacco buying firms that were approached to buy the crop includes Alliance One and JTI that buy the crop from neighbouring Tabora Region.

He added that the two firms refused hence some primary cooperatives found themselves without buyers.

"There was a danger that some members/farmers refusing to participate in tobacco farming this season 2021/22, hence we decided to hold talks with PATL to chip in and they agreed," Mogella said.

He further said due the opting out of other buying firms, PATL has increased the volume of the crop's purchase from 9.45 million kgs last season to 10.3 million kgs which farmers expect to harvest this season.

Chunya District Agriculture Officer, Cuthbert Mwinuka called on tobacco farmers to also cultivate other crops to avoid being economically affected from the effects of climate change.

He said as for now farmers are called on to cultivate that can be harvested in a short time and withstand drought. "Weather experts have already cautioned that this year there will be a very poor distribution of rains, there are some areas raining heavily while others do not receive rains at all, this situation that we did not expect can adversely affect us," he added.

THE HAND IN HAND EASTERN AFRICA TANZANIA (HIH EA (TZ)

THE HAND IN HAND EASTERN AFRICA TANZANIA (HIH EA (TZ) is part of the global Hand in Hand international network, with independent operations within the Eastern Africa region with a mission to work for the economic and social empowerment of marginalized women, youth and men and therefore the society by supporting the creation of sustainable enterprises and jobs. The organization started operations in Northern Tanzania in August 2016 and rolled out her outreach and promotion in January 2018. Currently, Hand in Hand Tanzania is operating in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions. Hand in Hand Tanzania has so far mobilized, trained and is training over 18,000 members (83% women, 30% youth) who has created over 10,000 enterprises (20% eco-enterprise) and over 15,000 Jobs in the Tanzanian programme.

The organization strives to work with the marginalized communities in the areas of economic and social empowerment using a participatory approach aimed at helping people fight poverty and vulnerability. The HiHEATZ enterprise and job creation approach is based on a philosophy of self-help, providing enterprise training, skills and support to enable people living in poverty, particularly women, to build and sustain independent, market-based, economic activities. This provides for a higher level of income for them and their families, which in turn contribute to greater food security, better education for children, increased access to healthcare, improved housing and overall improved livelihoods.

OUR PROJECT

1. Confidence & Competence Project
2. Gender Transformative Male Engagement and Women's Economic Empowerment Programme
3. Climbing Out of Poverty Project
4. Alumni Agent of Change Project
5. HILTI Cohort of Entrepreneurs project
6. HILTI II Expanding the pipeline project
7. HILTI Acceleration
8. The Tomorrow's Innovators in Tanzania
9. Regenerative Agriculture for resilient rural Livelihood



1. CONFIDENCE & COMPETENCE PROJECT ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aims at increasing Competence and improving confidence among women in Arusha Region, with competence the main focus is growing the skills and knowledge of 540 women and 60 men to start and run a business through entrepreneurship training and with Confidence, nurturing soft skills for successful business leadership.

Hand in Hand noticed that young women in Tanzania often lack confidence when participating in Self-Help Group activities or starting businesses. That's why Hand in Hand partners with Rwandan NGO Resonate to provide Boeing's project members with additional training in women's leadership. Resonate has provided leadership workshops to 6,500 East African women and girls to help build their confidence, earning a 100 percent recommendation rate from clients along the way. Having a leadership training in



cooperated with entrepreneurship skills will ensure long-term impacts across three related areas: women with money from business and influence at home, financially strong families, and improved quality of life for an estimated 2,016 women, men and children throughout Arusha region.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS

1. Session One

- Redefining Leadership: helping women to see themselves as potential leaders.
- Why stories matter: showing women the power of stories and how learning from others' experience teaches important lessons.
- Tree of Life: encouraging women to reflect on their lives and identify the main steps that contribute to themselves acting as leaders, and showing how they can continue to grow

2. Session Two

- Values: helping women to identify the values that important to them, and how storytelling can demonstrate values and help others to connect with you.
- Story of Self: helping women to build their own "story of self", reflecting their values and journey in life, and how they have shown leadership.

3. Session Three

Story of Community and Purpose: helping women to understand how communities have shared values, consider what challenges they want to overcome in their communities, what outcomes they want and how to pursue that.

To get there, Hand in Hand have attained the following outputs: 540 women and 60 men trained in business, enterprise development and leadership skills, 420 small businesses set up and run by project members, Increase in average net monthly business incomes by 25%, 546 jobs in these businesses -Improved confidence among project participants.



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It isn't a sin to map out how to benefit from refugees' presence

UNITED Nations agencies handling the presence of refugees in the country, under the coordination of the Ministry of Home Affairs, have interminable mind games on how far the situation is peaceful in one or other country for practically all refugees to go back home. Yet the extent of refugees' responses have always differed, some using the first available or practicable opportunity to go back home, and some virtually swearing they will never set foot there. Depending on circumstance, the evidence isn't wanting for one to feel that it isn't peaceful enough to accept repatriation; it also depends on trauma experienced.

This sort of experience however isn't universal in the manner in which refugees' issues are handled, as each migration has its aspects, differing from one instance to another on a time scale, for both the issuing country and the receiving country. How refugees are received and the impact they will have is an aspect of socioeconomic arrangements at that moment, which relate to the country's socioeconomic system as a whole. The more market-based is an economy, the more it receives refugees with ease as they provide an avenue for cheap labour or market for an economy that produces a surplus; foreign cash aids their upkeep.

There is another parameter which has so far been taken up by various Kenyan county authorities near the border with South Sudan, namely the springing up of refugee cities on account of financing from various sources. It is firstly an issue of mapping out the land and issuing

titles, not to refugees but local owners of the land, who can then obtain credit or direct assistance from UN agencies and other charities, explicitly for building a refugee city. It becomes a new urban centre, and a whole host of services springs up there.

For decades in Kigoma Region in particular, keeping refugees occasioned environmental constraints on account of felling trees for firewood, as coal deposits weren't being used (by modifying the product) or making it possible to use biomass sources. Gas was as yet unheard of for common use, and even now few houses use electricity for cooking, but at present there are several alternatives to firewood or charcoal, diminishing environmental threats from the refugee population. Still, economic potential is underutilized.

There is another aspect of inconveniences related to the presence of refugees, where armed bandits have at times sprung up from such communities, pushing the police to mount energetic search and destroy operations in bushes, etc. This similarly raises the pressure for departure as nearby communities fees insecure with bus robberies or highway hold ups, etc but few such incidents are heard these days. It means we actually have an opportunity to mutate the presence of refugees into a different economic scenario that has dividends for the country's economy, by attracting targeted foreign funding for what will definitely be a charitable initiative lessening pressure on the refugees. It is worth exploring by our experts.

Africa needs to address causes of food insecurity

THE majority of the severest food crises after the second half of the 20th century were caused by a combination of several factors. The most common causes of food insecurity in African and other Third World countries were drought and other extreme weather events. The comparison of the severest food crises in the later history reveals that all were preceded by drought or other extreme weather events. They resulted in poor or failed harvests which in turn resulted food scarcity and high prices of the available food.

In addition to extreme weather events, many failed harvests in African and other Third World countries were also caused by pests such as desert locusts. Cattle diseases and other agricultural problems such as erosion, soil infertility, also play a role in food insecurity.

Some experts suggest that drought and extreme weather in regions affected by food crises in the recent decades could be a result of climate change, especially in the West and East Africa which have problems with recurrent extreme droughts.

History of the severest food crises shows that many countries were completely unprepared for a crisis and unable to resolve the situation without international aid.

In spite of criticism lately, the international community has always sent help in the form of food supplies and other means which saved millions of lives in the affected regions. However, the international aid often did not reach the most vulnerable populations due to a high level of corruption and political instability in many Third World

countries.

Many African and Third World governments encourage production of the so-called cash crops, the income from which is used to import food. As a result, countries which depend on cash crops are at high risk of food crisis because they do not produce enough food to feed the population.

The disease which is a serious public health concern in the sub-Saharan Africa worsens food insecurity in two ways. Firstly, it reduces the available workforce in agriculture and secondly, it puts an additional burden on poor households.

Poor African and Third World countries have the highest growth rate in the world which puts them at increased risk of food crises. According to some estimation, Africa will produce enough food for only about a quarter population by 2025 if the current growth rate will continue.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) last week signed a country programming framework (CPF) with Tanzania that will help in improving agriculture, food security, nutrition and natural resources management in the country for the next four years.

The framework guides FAO support and partnership with Tanzania from 2017 to 2020. We therefore commend FAO's support in improving agriculture and natural resources management in the country because agriculture plays a critical role in our economy and FAO is one of our key partners in improving the sector which remains to be the biggest employer in the country.

Back to school



By Nasir Aminu

Obasanjo vs Clark: Taking a dive into the rabbit hole of resource control

IN contemporary Nigeria, resource control is a topic that generates opinions. It is grossly misunderstood by many and can be very divisive. It is a discussion that creeps up whenever there is a discussion about Nigeria's problems and solutions. So, it was unsurprising to see former President Obasanjo's reply to Chief Edwin Clark making headlines as the conversation has been kept aside for some time.

Obasanjo's responses came after Clark challenged him to show respect to the people of the region who are currently facing terrible environmental, social, and economic devastations. Anyone with ethical consideration should empathise with the environmental challenges facing the region. Mr Clark then proclaimed that the 36 states' monthly allocation comes from oil revenue. And that the country depends solely on the minerals produced by the Niger Delta. Additionally, Clark rehashed another incorrect statement about Zamfara state owning its resources. The assumption behind this statement is misguided and worrying. It is worrying that such a comment is coming from an elder statesman.

Before plunging into the uncharted waters of resource control, first, let's debunk the myth that the oil-producing states have ownership of resources. On numerous occasions, the federal government and the Zamfara State government have come out to say the state does not own any goldfield. The assertion started over a year ago when the state governor visited Buhari with bars of gold. The state commissioner for solid minerals, Dr Nuruddeen Isa, explicitly noted that the Zamfara was never involved in mining gold as rumour has it. Obasanjo referred Clark to the current constitution instead of an outdated one to score a point. When speaking truth to power, it is essential to respect the law and stick to the facts.

Under Nigerian law, the ownership of natural resources is vested in the federal government. Section 162(2) of the 1999 Constitution provides a revenue formula for states with natural resources being exploited within their territory. They are entitled to a certain percentage of the revenue accruing directly to the federation account from such exploitation. The allocation principles in the constitution require the government to consider population, equality of States, internal revenue generation, landmass, terrain, and population density.

It should also be clarified that the territorial control of offshore resources is under the federal government, not the state government on the coast. The issue was settled in 2002 by the Supreme Court in the case of the Attorney General of the Federation versus the Attorney General of Abia State & 35 Others. The court reaffirmed the

federal government's sovereignty and jurisdictional control over the vast resources located in the states' offshore and adjacent continental shelf on Nigeria's coast. I will not judge whether this is fair or not. That is a discussion that will lead us to restructuring Nigeria.

Based on the data in the 1990s, offshore oil extraction accounts for 74 per cent of the country's total. That is the information used to decide the revenue allocation formula. Under the current law, the oil-producing states get 13 per cent of the federation's oil revenue, half of the onshore oil revenue. Out of 36 states, 10 are listed as the oil-producing states - Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Delta, Bayelsa, Ondo, Edo, Imo, Abia, Anambra, and Lagos. The first four currently produce 80 per cent of the onshore output. Still, not all these states are in the Niger Delta, and not all the States from the region are listed as oil-producing states.

We can all agree that the government should not grow by breaking the backs of those supporting it, including other states that generate non-oil revenues. Mr Clark suggested the derivation should be increased to 25 per cent. I feel the government should grant all 100 per cent onshore revenue to the region with some modification to the allocation. There is currently a Bill seeking the derivation fund to be directly paid to oil-producing communities instead of the state Governors, which looks like a decent idea.

Before we digress, we will end this point by noting that the country does not depend on only one region for its finances. It is also essential to know that Nigeria's expenses are above its total revenue, which means the country has to borrow to keep its day-to-day activities. Rightly so, the oil revenue is a significant portion of the federation account. Like other economies, Nigeria also engages in non-oil activities, generating decent revenue. So, it will be disingenuous to assert that the country depends on one region. Nigeria has been borrowing to finance its expenditure from external and domestic sources. For example, 38 per cent of the 2022 budget will be funded through loans, while oil revenues will pay about 35 per cent of the country's expenses. The Central Bank Governor clarified how they print money to lend to the government. The International Monetary Fund has provided loans to the country to sail through the pandemic.

Secondly, the environmental damage in the Niger Delta requires emergency attention, and it will be inhumane not to empathise. One cannot deny the impact of global warming, but the human contribution to this damage is evident. Millions

of barrels have been spilt since oil was first discovered in 1956. The burning of natural gas associated with oil extraction - gas flaring - is also a considerable problem. Like oil spillage, gas flaring kills crops, pollute water and damages human health.

An investigation by Amnesty International reveals the reasons behind oil spillage and gas flaring include poor maintenance and negligence. In contrast, Shell has attributed spillage causes to accidents and organised criminal interference. For gas flaring, various reports point to economic and market constraints. Shell oil company has been the largest onshore producer for more than five decades in Nigeria and was responsible for spilling 560,000 barrels in Bodo between 2008 and 2009. Payments have been agreed upon, and more litigations will continue in European courts. The 2011 report by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) on Ogoniland was said to be one of the most complex investigations of the agency. The UNEP report recommended a clean-up project to President Goodluck Jonathan. They also suggested that the government jointly conduct a campaign in Ogoniland to end illegal oil-related activities, oil companies and local authorities. But that did not happen under his watch.

President Buhari launched the clean-up exercise in June 2016 by commissioning the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), which will take four phases to complete. The global community celebrated with Nigeria when they heard the announcement. But it is five and a half years now, and the first phase of the clean-up is yet to be completed. In July 2021, the Minister of Environment announced that only 10 out of the 17 lots of the first phase were thoroughly restored. Last week, a non-governmental organisation, Ogoni Liberation Initiative, has appealed to President Buhari to halt further payment to HYPREP. They allege that the agency has always misused the fund released for the clean-up.

Instead of blaming those responsible, Mr Clark's statement digressed from addressing the environmental issues to blaming the wrong group of individuals like Obasanjo. As we did with Obasanjo, the whole country would have agreed with Clark if he had asked for reasons why the government was not keeping its promise. After all, nothing you can say about the government will make them look more incompetent than they already made themselves look. It would also be beneficial if he had pushed for litigation with the oil companies to compensate the communities at the international

courts.

The third, and last point, brings us to the social and economic issues in the Niger Delta. These are problems that affect the communities, but they are not unique to the Niger Delta region. The country is facing social and economic issues because of the recurring under-performance of the government for a long time. However, the causes of these problems may be specific to a region. Studies have shown that the environmental damage caused by oil spillage and gas flaring in the Niger Delta has contributed to the region's social and economic issues. These include pipeline sabotage, social unrest, militant violence, water contamination and low food production.

The environmental degradation that has left people unemployed in the Niger Delta needs to be addressed to keep the country's unemployment level from rising. History has proven over and over again that anytime you have a concentration of young people without work, the probability of revolt and unrest will increase. Latest figures from the Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Petroleum Commission show oil production have dipped by a third and only 12 oil rigs out of the country's 53 are operating. The outcome is attributed to several forms of criminal activities in the region.

Let's recall that the Niger Delta is the first region to have a dedicated commission to cater for its socio-economic needs by the federal government. The Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) was initiated in 2000 under the Obasanjo regime. The mission statement of the commission on its website reads: To offer a lasting solution to the socio-economic difficulties of the Niger Delta Region and facilitate the rapid and sustainable development of the Niger Delta into a region that is economically prosperous, socially stable, ecologically regenerative, and politically peaceful.

Achieving the above mission would lift the people's spirits in the Niger Delta and the global community. Any crisis there tends to affect world oil prices. Instead, several corruption allegations mar the commission, and competence from the government seems to be an issue. It would benefit the global community if Mr Clark channelled his energy to NDDC to demand efficiency instead of blaming the wrong individuals.

In my opinion, it is worth reflecting that speaking with facts and pointing fingers at the right group will put more pressure on the government to respond appropriately.

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Start the Week with Cynthia Stacey

Politics: When what you see is not what you get...sometimes

JAMBO, greetings you Guardian 'gurus' and I hope this month is the start of a good year to come....But where shall I begin today?

.....Well, I once came back here and penned a piece entitled 'Musings on apost election return to Tanzania' and already, with sixteen months to go, the political strategising for the 2020 October jamboree might have been under way....as it could be now.

In South Africa's recent election at the time, a 21-year-old student was quoted as saying ".....Politics doesn't directly affect me, and I can't affect it.....because it's just a game".

And there must be thousands of young people around the world, regardless of race or nationality, who are similarly disillusioned, and have no intention of becoming a voter, but how many Tanzanian youth of voting age will feel the same?although I'm told that the pendulum is slowing swinging back in their favour....as in 123....get ready to vote!

Leaving a country under one president and their administration, and returning to another is disorientating, especially for a journalist. And in 2005, I left Tanzania for a year, remarking as I did so on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and presidential hopeful, Jakaya Kikwete, as being the CCM's most potent weapon, a political nuclear war head who could seriously dent and neutralise the opposition.

Although a product of their grooming, if the ruling party pundits had put in their own requirements to God for such a 'weapon', they probably couldn't have done better than acquiring the Msoga boy Jakaya....and when I returned, he was in office, and neatly dubbed JK.....which had echoes of another charismatic presidential figures John (F) Kennedy and even Julius Kambarege (Nyerere).

.....during my absence, there'd been major changes, with several ministries divided, disbanded or created, and confusingly, a Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office said....."There are now departments in the former ministries which will deal with



A woman casts her vote to elect President, Member of Parliament and Councillor at one of the general elections in Tanzania. File Photo

matters under the independent ones." New regulatory bodies had been formed, coupled with reforms in the police, the judiciary and elsewhere. Yet, despite such positive actions, in marketing terms, people were basically being offered

the same product, but in new packaging.

When an opposition MP questioned the rationale for the bloated cabinet, he was told that it was "aimed at increasing efficiency and the delivery of the electoral promises in the "party manifesto".... but had the previous CCM machine lived up to that same commitment?

...whilst in other countries which were going through the electoral process at the time, citizens complained of feeling manipulated, with their interests subordinated to power playing, and plotting.

And commenting on JK's success, a local newspaper here reported in May 2005, that"what

sealed Kikwete's victory aside from his popularity with the delegates, was the fact that his rivals didn't have enough time to conspire against him."... you see....power plotting in action...even though it failed!

I wondered then, come October 2015, would the opposition have had the knowhow (and the time) to create an 'anti-nuclear weapon' if CCM presented an improved 'warhead '.....and behold they cleverly did.....the magnificent Magufuli!

..... But with the victor in office, reports were still appearing on his predecessor Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, our "Rock Star President", as a film on Tanzania once

described him.

Perhaps amongst others, the EPA scandal which shocked the nation and damaged the integrity of both the central bank and the government, might come to define his role.....though he kept his popularity throughout.

Though surely a lot was expected from his successor, with his illustrious legacy, as the fifth president of the United Republic of Tanzania.....Mr. John Pombe Magufuli!

Well that mid-May week of 2005 was an exciting time, with election fever in the UK, culminating in Tony Blair's third term of office, albeit with the lowest share of winning votes in modern British

political history, with the media describing it as "a joyless victory".

Surprisingly, many Africans who followed this UK election did so armed with more knowledge and analytical prowess than some local voters themselves.

.....and thousands of miles away, in a vast country called Tanzania, the mood was far from joyless, as the deadline approached for the CCM Congress to reveal their choice to vie for the Union Presidency in October, which almost amounted to choosing the next president.

OK. Let's end this boring column on an appropriate note.....defending anti-globalisation protesters, usually demonised

by the western press, a reader wrote in the British Guardian...

"Political scientist Samuel Huntingdon said we live in a representative democracy, where our participation is only called upon once every four years or so. Beyond allowing strangers to embody our hopes and concerns in the body politic, we have no role, and no access in framing policies which impact on our lives and communities, neither in the actions undertaken in our name across the globe, or the environment we share. But these people who take to the streets to protest, understand this, and try to do something about it...."

How correct this writer was, we're all ultimately pawns in the political game, just election fodder as that young South African student realised, but in Tanzania in 2025, the citizens here can also take to the streets and empower themselves by voting.... but this time around, oh Lord....Hallelujah.....will the opposition have time to create an effect new "weapon"?

JOB VACANCIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations: Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit a suitably qualified candidate to fill the following vacant positions.

Job Title: Alternative Care Coordinator (1 Post)
Duty station: Arusha
Reporting to: Program Manager

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE
Alternative Care Coordinator leads the Alternative Care (AC) unit in the programme location. His/Her primary role is to be a guardian to each SOS child/youth and family and take an active part in the growth and development of each child/youth, coordinates education activities in collaboration with relevant social workers to ensure the adequate care of all children and youth in family based care as in accordance with the organisational policies and guidelines.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implements the SOS CV programme approach in accordance with our brand and the relevant organisational policies (basic policies, core policies, quality standards) and relevant policy support documents.
- Oversees and takes lead regularly in the programme activities, being an active part of education of children and youth.
- Develop and oversees child admission committees at the village while ensuring the adherence of the policies and standards including the legislative law of the country
- Upholds the AC monitoring and evaluation system to ensure consistent quality of services are provided to the children/youth as per standard by the responsible people.
- Take lead in the budgeting and planning for the AC unit with consultation of the Program Manager and Senior Alternative Care Coordinator.
- Produces regular and ad-hoc reports as requested by the Program Manager.
- Develop a strong network with the other programme units in the location such as FS, schools, health and advocacy to guarantee high quality of programme services.
- Accountable on the resource/assets of the Alternative Care facility.
- Leads, manages, supports, and develops all core care co-workers with support from HR Officer at the programme level.
- Promotes strong collaboration, effective communication, and team work among Mothers/Aunts and Youth Empowerment officers for effective delivery of services.
- Provides technical support, guidance, and leadership to all care co-workers, motivating them to work as a united family.
- Support and implement appropriate training programmes for all core care co-workers with support from HRD department from National Office.
- Spends quality time with core care co-workers in order to encourage their long-term commitment to the children and youth and ensure quality services delivered to the SOS Children and Youth.
- To provide psychosocial support to core care co-workers and helps them meet the demands with a view of creating stable and safe family environment.
- Makes time to interact with children and youth on a regular basis, to get to know and understand them as individuals.
- Creates a framework that facilitates high quality child care within the SOS family and the youth facilities.
- Ensures compliance and high quality of procedures for family-based care in accordance with the country's legal laws.
- Enforces SOS Children's Villages standards, procedures, and mechanisms in the field of child protection and child rights.
- Impulses innovative approaches for the successful socio professional integration of youth based on the local context.
- Aligns and reviews the work within SOS families to the child and youth care quality standards.
- Takes an active interest in and at least annually reviews the child and youth development plans to assure the developmental and education needs are met within the unit or within other programme units.
- Supports the youth through their various transition processes or/and the re-integration processes.
- Strengthens the links between SOS families and biological families and relatives if available and creates opportunities for reunions and visits.
- Maintains existing and develops potential sponsors to maximise all sponsorship opportunities and to maintain good relationships.
- Ensure timely reporting to sponsors of the children at the Villages.
- Supports the Sponsorship coordinator on getting all necessary correspondences from Mothers/Aunts/ YCCW for Sponsors satisfaction.
- Establishes and maintains partnerships and networking with relevant government departments, local community groups, CBOs, NGO and officials to establish and maintain good relationships/partnerships.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Degree in Social Work or Sociology.
- 4 - 5 years of relevant professional experience at management level.
- Experience in working with children/youth environment will be added advantage.

Job Title: Program Officer (1 post)
Duty Station: Pemba
Reporting to: Program Coordinator

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE
Program Officer is responsible for facilitating the capacity building of Family Strengthening Program supported families, communities and duty bearers to effectively protect and care their children sustainably in cooperation with local authorities and other service providers, enabling children who are at risk of losing the care of the families to grow within a caring family environment

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead the implementation of the project as per annual plan
- Facilitate and support the timely programme plans from the approved annual plans and budgets.
- Facilitate the formation and development of Community Task Force to spearhead the programme;
- Facilitate the identification of the beneficiaries of the program
- Support communities in the assessment of root causes leading to child abandonment at family and community levels through use of appropriate participatory tools.
- Conduct the capacity building to the beneficiaries of the program
- Facilitate families' access to essential services required to fulfil their children's developmental needs and rights such as education, nutrition, health care and vital registration.
- Facilitate capacity building of families as well as the community.
- Facilitate the empowerment of community facilitators in Family Development Planning for their effective and efficient contribution in the strengthening of families.
- Facilitate and support the initial Community Based Organisation capacity assessment in order to come up with the CBO Development Plan.
- Facilitate the developing of the CBO's organizational management capacity, that is, formation of properly constituted boards & committees, writing CBO constitution, legal registration of CBO, developing the CBO vision statement, mission statement, strategy and values.
- Support the CBO capacity building of systems in Financial and accounting policies, procurement policies and procedures, resource mobilization strategies, human resource management policies, project reporting procedures and strategic plans.
- Facilitate regular data collection through appropriate monitoring tools on programme interventions.
- Facilitate stakeholder analysis within the programme, maintaining and updating stakeholders' profiles.
- Facilitate participatory monitoring and evaluation of the programme interventions.
- Keep up-to-date information regarding beneficiaries and services provided
- Conduct regular field visit to the area of the program intervention
- Prepare reports to be shared to different levels within and outside the organization

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor degree in Social Work, Sociology;
- At least three years working experience preferably with NGO/INGO in this field.
- Basic facilitation skills.
- Basic Knowledge of Gender, Child rights and Advocacy.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Fluent in English and Swahili.
- Computer literacy

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The National Director SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org

Please Note: SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and committed to keeping children safe from abuse and harm, therefore candidates applying for this post will be subject to child safeguarding recruitment procedures and checks.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted

United Republic of Tanzania **Belgian Development Agency**
Ministry of Water

CALL FOR BIDS

Public Works Contract Enabel TAN1403211-10026

The Government of Tanzania with funding from the Kingdom of Belgium is implementing a water and sanitation programme in Kigoma region. The program is being implemented through RUWASA and through public works contracts procured through Enabel, Belgian Development Agency. The program has three specific objectives namely: 1) enhancing sustainable water supply operations and maintenance, 2) construction and rehabilitation of water supply schemes and 3) promotion of safe hygiene practices in domestic water management. Under the second result area, the programme is now seeking to engage capable construction companies for works, Enabel TAN1403211-10026 which is in two lots as below.

Lot 1: Construction of Kidyama Water Supply Scheme
This is a groundwater development project intending to serve communities in the peripheral of Kasulu Town and some parts of the urban areas. Under this contract the program seeks to construct a groundwater pumping station, riser main pipeline, a storage tank, and distribution network.

Lot 2: Construction of Nyanganga Water Supply Scheme
This project seeks to pump water from Mkuti River in Uvinza District to serve a growing population of Nyanganga village. It therefore intends to construct an intake on the river, a riser main pipeline, storage tank and gravity-flow water supply network.

More information on this contract and these lots is found on Enabel website www.enabel.be, in the Belgian Public Tender bulletin (BDA) and on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) websites, and also on <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>.

Execution of these two projects under this contract has a strictly limited timeframe and therefore prospective contractors must have demonstrable requisite technical and financial capacity to implement this contract without any extension or pre-financing. The same must have a track record of being able to implement similar works within a limited time.

Interested companies are encouraged to download the tender specifications on the websites provided above and duly submit their bid on or before **Monday, February 14, 2022, at 16:00 pm East Africa Time**. All interested tenderers will be accorded a clarification meeting and a guided site tour at **9.00 am on January 20, 2022, in Kigoma**.

Any queries must be directed via email to antony.warrant@enabel.be

Fully ready to kill, shockingly unprepared to save lives

By Baher Kamal

WHILE absolutely ready to kill, with the biggest military powers spending in 2020 nearly two trillion US dollars on weapons, the world is shockingly unprepared to save the lives of millions of unarmed, innocent civilian victims of wars... and other man-made catastrophes.

The military spending data come from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which also reports that global nuclear arsenals grow as states continue to modernise, thus sharply increasing the dangers of an unimaginable number of victims of the most devastating death machinery.

Parallely, the world's politicians continue to subsidise fossil fuel with six trillion dollars in just



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one year, being fully aware that such fuels harvest the lives of millions of humans, while devoting a tiny portion of such huge amounts to public health care systems.

In fact, 27 December 2021 marked the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.

According to the United Nations, "global health crises threaten to overwhelm

already overstretched health systems, disrupt global supply chains and cause disproportionate devastation of the livelihoods of people, including women and children, and the economies of the poorest and most vulnerable countries."

Otherwise, more epidemics to come

"In the event of the absence of international attention, future epidemics could surpass previous outbreaks in terms of intensity and gravity."

The UN adds that "we need to recognise the primary role and responsibility of Governments and the indispensable contribution of relevant stakeholders in tackling global health challenges, especially women, who make up the majority of the world's health workers."

The poorest, hit hardest

For his part, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), said "While we have all undoubtedly been impacted by the pandemic, the poorest and most marginalised have been hit hardest - both in terms of lives and livelihoods lost."

Tedros said scaling up production and equitable distribution remains the major barrier to ending the acute stage of the pandemic. "It is a travesty that in some countries health workers and those at-risk groups remain completely unvaccinated."

As countries move forward post-COVID-19, it will be vital to avoid cuts in public spending on health and other social sectors. Such cuts are likely to increase hardship among already disadvantaged groups, said the

WHO chief.

"Instead, governments should target spending an additional 1% of GDP on primary health care, while also working to address the shortfall of 18 million health workers needed globally to achieve universal health coverage by 2030."

An appeal to the world's billionaires

"A perfect storm of conflict, climate crises, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and rising costs for reaching people in need is causing a seismic hunger crisis," the Nobel Peace Laureate World Food Programme (WFP) for its part announced.

And launched a one-time appeal for the world's billionaires: 6.6 billion US dollars would help stave off starvation for 42 million people across 43 countries."

A breakdown

Of this required funding, 3.5 billion US dollars are needed for food and its delivery, including the cost of shipping and transport to the country, plus warehousing and "last mile" delivery of food using air, land and river transport, contracted truck drivers and required security escorts in conflict-affected zones - fuelled by warlords - to distribute food to those who need it most.

Another 2 billion US dollars are required for cash and food vouchers (including transaction fees) in places where markets can function. This type of assistance enables those most in need to buy the food of their choice and supports local economies.

As well, 700 million US dollars would be devoted to country-specific costs to design, scale up and manage the implementation of efficient and effective programmes for millions of tonnes more food and cash transfers and vouchers - adapted to the in-country conditions and operational risks in 43 countries.

The case of Yemen

For its part, UNICEF's Humanitarian Action for Children has launched an appeal to help support the agency's work in war-torn Yemen as it provides conflict and disaster-affected children with "access to water, sanitation, nutrition, education, health and protection services."

Specifically, UNICEF requires 484.4 million US dollars to reach 8 million children among 11.3 million infants in need.

Meantime, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has appealed for 170 million US dollars in 2021 to meet the increasing needs of displaced, conflict-affected and migrant communities in Yemen.

As of today, only half of these funds have been received. The 3.85 billion US dollars Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen is also only funded at 50 percent.

Yemen's grim picture takes place in a moment in which the World Food Programme (WFP) warns that seven years of conflict show no sign of abating, nor does rising hunger.

"As fighting continues to displace tens of thou-

sands while disrupting access to nutritious food for millions of people, over half the population - 16.2 million people - are facing acute hunger, with 5.1 million people at risk of famine. Half of all children under 5 - 2.3 million - are at risk of malnutrition this year."

Infectious diseases: not only COVID

COVID-19 continues to demonstrate how quickly "an infectious disease can sweep across the world", pushing health systems to the brink and upending daily life for all of humanity, the UN chief said on Monday, marking the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.

"It also revealed our failure to learn the lessons of recent health emergencies like SARS, avian influenza, Zika, Ebola and others", UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in his message on the World Day.

"And it reminded us that the world remains woefully unprepared to stop localised outbreaks from spilling across borders, and spiralling into a global pandemic".

Halting infectious diseases

Noting that infectious diseases remain "a clear and present danger to every country", Guterres maintained COVID-19 would not be the last pandemic for humanity.

"Even as the world responds to this health crisis, he spelled out the need to prepare for the next one."

This means scaling-up investments in better monitoring, early detection and rapid response plans in every country - especially the most vulnerable, he said. "It means strengthening primary health care at the local level to prevent collapse... ensuring equitable access to lifesaving interventions, like vaccines for all people and...achieving Universal Health Coverage."

Spreading like wildfire

Meanwhile, as cases of the new Omicron variant continue to spread like wildfire, 70% of COVID vaccines have been distributed to the world's ten largest economies, while the poorest countries have received just 0.8%, according to the UN, calling it "not only unjust, but also a threat to the entire planet."

To end this cycle, the United Nations underscored that at least 70% of the population in every country must be inoculated, which the UN vaccine strategy aims to achieve by mid-2022.

Deaf ears... again

Although this will require at least 11 billion vaccine doses, it is doable so long as sufficient resources are put into distribution.

In short, the three above-mentioned funding appeals represent an astonishingly irrelevant fraction of the giant amount of 2,000,000,000,000 US dollars of the world's spending on killing machines.

In spite of that, such appeals for saving lives fall, once again, on deaf ears.



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S/N	Category Of Excisable Goods	Description	Price per '1000' stamps
1	Ethyl alcohol; Spirits, Liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	All	TZS 42,214.37
2	Wines of fresh grapes, including fortified wines, Vermouth and wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances. Wines produced from locally grown fruits such as banana, tomato, rosella, etc.	All	TZS 42,214.37
		Domestic content exceeding 75%	TZS 17,435.37
3	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of tobacco substitutes. Other manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes; "homogenized" or "reconstituted" Tobacco; tobacco extracts and essences.	All	TZS 42,214.37
		Locally Produced	TZS 18,312.91
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		Locally produced (from domestic fruits)	TZS 8,082.62
5	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.	Imported	TZS 15,264.61
		All	TZS 8,082.62
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		Non-alcoholic beverages under tariff no. 2202.91.00 and 2202.99.00	TZS 15,264.61
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Disaster - again - at Dar's Mchikichini open market



One of the scores of small traders who have been conducting business at Mchikichini market in Dar es Salaam's Ilala District moves to salvage whatever little he could from the debris of what used to be the stall he operated from. A fire gutted the small hours of yesterday, with details on the incident scanty indeed. Photos: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Some of the traders who have been conducting business at the market visibly distressed, as they ponder the next move.



Small traders in a frantic search for 'bits and pieces' to pick up from the debris for later use.



Shoe dealers tidy up and assemble wares salvaged from the inferno while contemplating what to do next.



Down but doubtless not out - as small traders displaced by the fire prepare for the days ahead of them.



Fire and Rescue commander Elisa Mugisha (R) briefs Ilala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija (L) on the market inferno.



Members of the public join the small traders whose stalls have been reduced to ashes in looking on in shock and disbelief at the massive destruction caused by the fire.



Members of the Fire and Rescue Force in last-minute efforts to douse the fire - but with the harm already done.

How Ramaphosa, ANC leaders misled SA about party cadre deployment

By Rebecca Davis

WHEN President Cyril Ramaphosa appeared before the Zondo Commission on 28 April 2021, Judge Raymond Zondo asked him whether the ANC would ever discuss potential judge candidates, and express preferences on candidates. The question was asked in the context of the ANC's deployment committee, which Ramaphosa chaired in his capacity as deputy president and about which he was testifying.

"Not as far as I am aware," Ramaphosa responded, before clarifying a few moments later: "I do recall once where [judicial] vacancies were mentioned and it was just in passing... it never resulted or descended into saying this [candidate] would be good."

The clear impression Ramaphosa gave to the Zondo Commission, and South Africa at large, was that assessing candidates for judicial vacancies fell beyond the remit of the ANC's deployment committee. Yet, as the now-public deployment committee minutes show, this was untrue. On at least one occasion during the limited period covered by the minutes - 22 March 2019 - the committee is shown discussing and rec-

ommending candidates for upcoming judicial posts.

"It is concerning that President Cyril Ramaphosa, as the former chairperson of the ANC's cadre deployment committee, may have made an untruthful statement to Judge Zondo during his testimony in front of the State Capture Commission," DA MP Leon Schreiber, who pushed for the public release of the minutes, told DMI68.

"Now that we have obtained the ANC's cadre deployment minutes, we see clearly that the deployment committee does in fact 'descend into saying this [candidate] would be a good one'. In fact, the cadre deployment committee explicitly recommends the names of particular judges it wants deployed."

But Ramaphosa's misrepresentation is just one of multiple untruths conveyed by ANC leaders - all under oath - while defending the party's cadre deployment policy, a DMI68 investigation suggests.

A court affidavit in the name of ANC deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte, dated 23 July 2021, swears that the deployment committee "generally" does not get involved in appointments "for independent institutions (including the judiciary)".

Yet the minutes record



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa (right) and ANC top cadres. Credit: Daily Maverick

deliberations not just over the judicial appointments, but also over appointments for at least two other "independent institutions": the South African Human Rights Commission and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities. These are both Chapter 9 bodies, whose independence is enshrined in the Constitution.

Duarte's affidavit, which was submitted in response to the DA's application to have the minutes released, also

states definitively that the committee does "not get involved in the appointment of ambassadors".

Ambassadorial vacancies are in fact discussed on 3 December 2018; in the same meeting, one of the resolutions is to "work on foreign deployments". On 8 March 2019, "Cde Supra" [presumably former North West premier Mahumapelo] is described as being "available for international deployment".

Moreover, Ramaphosa told the Zondo Commission on 12 August 2021 that ambassado-

rial appointments are indeed within the scope of the committee.

Duarte further states in her court papers: "I must stress that the deployment committee does not say to the minister that any of the persons [shortlisted for a position by a Cabinet minister] are not eligible."

This is again explicitly contradicted by Ramaphosa's testimony to the Zondo Commission. The President made a point of noting, in fact, that for Cabinet ministers to get lists approved by the deploy-

ment committee is "not an easy process", saying: "I know of ministers who have been there three times or more just to get a list recommended."

This reality is also reflected by the minutes. Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula's nominations for the Cross-Border Road Transport Agency are recorded as being rejected by the committee on 30 November 2020 because of "issues raised with regard to processes being followed and the candidates and the make-up of the board".

Former ANC secretary-general and current Mineral Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe, appearing before the State Capture probe two days after Ramaphosa, stated: "The committee takes a mere interest only in those vacancies which it considers strategic and which could advance the development agenda with the state, such for the post of director-general."

Duarte's affidavit claims similarly that the committee "gets involved in the civil service i.e. the top leadership, at director-general level".

In fact, the minutes show that the committee routinely considers vacancies below director-general level: on at least three occasions recorded by the minutes, the body deliberates over deputy director-general positions.

The mystery of the missing minutes

It is clear that the ANC is unhappy about the release of the deployment

committee minutes. The party has refused to comment on their content, and when DMI68 contacted ANC spokespeople for comment last week, we received a call from ANC legal adviser Krish Naidoo informing us that the minutes had been released in error.

Although the DA had made two separate legal attempts to obtain the minutes - via a Paia (Promotion of Access to Information Act) application and ongoing litigation - neither of these had yet met with success when the Zondo Commission was found to have quietly released the minutes on its website as part of a bundle of documentation relating to the testimony of Ramaphosa.

Included in that documentation is a letter from Naidoo to the Zondo Commission dated 6 August 2021, which states that the ANC wishes the commission to treat the minutes with "the requisite degree of confidentiality". Naidoo specifies that the ANC is submitting the minutes "for information purposes only" and not as "part of the information which the Commission is at liberty to publish".

Although the Zondo Commission had asked for minutes of the deployment committee for the entire period of State Capture, it was informed by ANC lawyers that minutes from 2012 to 2018 were unavailable. The only minutes supplied cover the period from May 2018 to 2020.

When questioned about this at the commission, Ramaphosa claimed that minutes had not been taken during the period when he was chairing the committee - or, at least, he could not recall ever going through minutes. This he attributed to the ANC's "rather unfortunate record-keeping processes".

Commission evidence leader Paul Pretorius responded that this seemed "implausible", given that the party in fact had a strong history of record-keeping in significant meetings.

Ramaphosa stuck to his guns, but the notion remains that it seems impossibly convenient for both the ANC and the President that no record was kept of any deployment committee meetings during the Zuma years where Ramaphosa oversaw the committee.

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

- 3 LETTERS: SPY, ARK, ROB
- 4 LETTERS: POOL, TOES, SKIN, GAIN, SUSS, AIDE NOTE (7 WORDS)
- 5 LETTERS: ADOBE, SHARP, HELLO, NOISE, SWALE (5 WORDS)
- 6 LETTERS: BEACON, SPREAD, ASSETS, EMBARK BEACON (5 WORDS)
- 7 LETTERS: MOROCCO
- 8 LETTERS: SCRABBLE
- 10 LETTERS: SUGAR CANES

WORD-FIT

ENGINEER, OVERSEAS, PASTOR, DAREdevil, COLOMBIA, RANK, YBETTER

CROSSWORD

WEETCORN, VETCOR, OVERSEAS, TNAMESS, SERENE, USERETHIC, UNDERACT, AGEDETE, GOSSETE

- CLUES: Across**
- 1 Selling of black African's
 - 5 to develop
 - 7 intelligent, bright
 - 8 to put together with something else
 - 10 useless
 - 11 luck, fate
 - 13 Largest continent in the World
 - 15 cure
 - 17 Church of England
 - 19 the percentage charged on the exchange of one currency to another
 - 20 ten less than thirty
- Down:**
- 1 Breath
 - 2 Confess
 - 3 Capital of Italy
 - 4 a large edible fish of warm seas
 - 6 admonish, advise
 - 7 a public paved road as in a town or city
 - 9 division into phases
 - 12 Capital of Greece
 - 14 glowing
 - 16 respond to something in a particular way
 - 17 Amateur Athletic Association
 - 18 an unpleasant person

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INCENTIVE

MTN Uganda now launches overdraft facility to compete in digital financing

KAMPALA

MTN Uganda, the country's largest telecommunications company, has just launched a new product called MoMoAdvance, which is an overdraft loan. It's part of the MTN Group, which has businesses in Africa's southern, west, and central regions, as well.

MTN's MoMoAdvance was introduced after a pilot programme that began in late 2020. It lets MTN customers overdraw on their MoMo (mobile money) wallets. In addition to the 2.5% monthly access fee, users will be charged a 0.5% daily interest on the outstanding balance for a total of 45 days.

A close overdraft product, Fuliza, was launched by Kenya's biggest telco, Safaricom, in January 2019. Fuliza allows subscribers to complete transactions even if they don't have enough money in their M-Pesa mobile wallets.

In order to use overdraft services, customers have a borrowing limit that is based on their transaction history. When customers top up their wallets, the overdrawn amount and accrued interest are taken out of their wallets. Three years ago, Fuliza became a lot more popular with people who use M-Pesa. Safaricom now gives out about \$12 million worth of overdraft loans every day to people who use the service.

MTN Mobile Money Uganda and NCBA Bank Uganda have launched MoMoAdvance, a mobile money overdraft solution. KCB and NCBA, two Kenyan banks with a strong presence in other parts of the world, work with Fuliza. Also, MTN Uganda worked with NCBA for its MoMoAdvance credit. It's now possible that the bank will work with MTN in other East African countries, like Rwanda and Tanzania, where the bank already has operations.

As loan apps reach African countries, telecoms are benefiting from mobile-money overdraft programmes. Mobile lending apps like MoKash by MTN Uganda and M-Shwari by Safaricom have become more competitive. These apps allow customers to borrow short-term loans and pay them back within 30 days.

Most of the people in Africa who couldn't get loans from traditional banks because they didn't have a banking history now have access to credit through these new and easy-to-use digital lending services. There are some exceptions, though. Most of the new digital lenders charge high-interest rates, which is often because they work in a risky environment. Users will benefit from lower prices as the legislative framework changes to formalise the industry, while service providers will be protected from financial loss.



An agent of MTN Uganda attends to a customer in Kampala.

PROMOTION

Hundred winners share 10m/- of 'NMB MastaBata' campaign

By Guardian Reporter

A hundred NMB Bank Plc's customers walked away with 100,000/- each last week after emerging winners in the ongoing 'NMB MastaBata' promotion targeting to encourage use of MasterCard and Materpass in transactions.

The campaign's season three which started two weeks ago and will end in 10 weeks time is backed by a 200m/- financial muscle from the Dar es Salaam based lender. NMB's Card Business Manager, Sophia Mwamwita said the campaign is aimed at ensuring that Tanzanians are not left behind by the global electronic payment movement.

"The world of today is moving towards digital payment solution other than cash because of risks associated with it including possible theft," Mwamwita said when announcing the winners in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

She said because of the global movement towards digital payment solutions for goods and services, NMB decided to embark on the campaign three years ago. Mwamwita said the bank's customers have overwhelmingly supported with growth of MasterCard and Materpass QR by 104 percent over the period which enabled NMB



NMB Bank Plc's card business manager, Sophia Mwamwita (C) presses a laptop button to initiate a search for 100 weekly lucky winners in the ongoing 'NMB MastaBata kivyako vyako' campaign during the second draw held in Dar es Salaam on Friday. She is with the bank's card business officer, Mary Mwasikili (R) and Gaming Board Tanzania inspector Pendo Mfuru. Photo courtesy of NMB.

to get an award from Visa International last year.

"We will have 100 weekly winners who get 100,000/- each, 25 monthly winners and 30 grand final winners who will get 3m/- each," the NMB Bank Card Manager noted adding that a record 1,000 people will win various cash

prizes during the 10 weeks campaign. She urged those who have no cards to quickly get one from the bank's branches countrywide but also make use of them by paying for goods and services at point of sales anywhere in Tanzania.

Gaming Board of Tanzania Inspector, Pendo Mfuru assured the

public that the lottery is being done with adherence to all regulations governing such games in the country. "Our key role is to regulate this industry and I am here to ensure that whatever is happening complies to rules and regulations of Gaming Board of Tanzania," Mfuru noted.

RESTRICTION

Rwanda rallies for global support to beat plastic pollution

KIGALI

The Director General of Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA), Juliet Kabera, has urged countries to support a proposed global treaty aimed at beating plastic pollution.

She made the call on Thursday, January 13, while addressing virtually, a dialogue on the elimination of plastic pollution, which was organized by Geneva Environment Network which comprises 75 organisations, led by United Nations Environment Programme. The treaty to reduce global plastic wastes was recently co-sponsored by Rwanda and Peru.

The draft proposal is set to be discussed during the upcoming UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) scheduled from February 28 to March 2, 2022. Kabera said that the plastic waste experience has highlighted the importance of national, regional and international collaboration to beat plastic pollution.

"Following robust conversations over recent months, we are pleased with the progress that has been made towards an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution," she said. The draft resolution recognizes the trans-boundary nature of the issue of plastic pollution and the need to tackle it at its sources.

"We hope that all countries will agree to take the next practical and ambitious steps of negotiating the global treaty, which will be a useful tool to face the issue of plastic pollution head on," she said and encouraged all nations to limit the manufacture and use of single-use plastics. Rwanda banned single use plastics starting from 2019. "As we



Director General of Rwanda Environment Management Authority, Juliet Kabera.

prepare a strong international agreement, there is much we can each do in our own countries right now," she noted.

Kabera reiterated that there is a need to increase awareness and understanding of the dangers of plastic pollution, as well as the solutions and technologies that can fast-track the transition to environmentally friendly alternatives. "We also need to foster behavioral change in our communities by investing in grassroots initiatives, empowering change makers and demonstrating the clear health and economic benefits," she said.

She said that there is a need to put in place robust legal and policy frameworks at both the national and global levels saying, "Because plastic pollution is a trans-boundary issue, we can

only solve it by working together."

For more than two decades, she said, Rwanda has prioritized environmental protection and conservation with focus on sustainable development that led the country to take meaningful action on plastic pollution.

"In 2004, Rwanda banned plastic bags as well as specific types of plastic packaging. This was done following an assessment that showed the negative impact these materials were having on human health and our environment. Since then, we have also banned single-use plastics and are now transitioning to sustainable alternatives," she shared the experience. A report on the UN response to marine litter and plastic pollution was also launched at the event.

The report identified the main barriers to combating marine plastic litter, and suggested a number of options to take at a national, regional and global level. "The report is an important contribution to the effort to beat plastic pollution and also provides practical recommendations for scaling up and increasing the impact of this work," she said.

The report recommends boosting the exchange of knowledge, best practices and experience regarding marine litter and microplastics. "The annual global production of plastics is approaching 350 million tons, and some estimates suggest this figure could reach as much as 33 billion tons by 2050 if the current consumption rate continues," reads the report.

COMPETITIVENESS

'Kenya's passport eighth most powerful in Africa'

NAIROBI

Kenya's passport is now the eighth most powerful in Africa and 71 globally after its mobility score improved six places in the latest ranking.

The Henley Passport Index Report released on Monday shows that the number of countries that Kenyans can visit without a visa, or obtain it on arrival has increased to 72 from 64 in January last year. The mobility

score measures the number of countries that a person holding Kenya's passport can visit without having a visa or the nations where they can get a visa on arrival.

Kenya emerged eighth, a spot that it shared with Tanzania in the latest ranking and behind Mauritius, Botswana, eSwatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Seychelles and South Africa. Last year, Kenya's travel document had been placed at position 77 globally on the effects of the Covid-19

pandemic.

"...Covid-19 and its interplay with instability and inequality has highlighted and exacerbated the shocking disparity in international mobility between wealthy developed nations and their poorer counterparts," said the report. Uganda emerged position 76 with Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan coming in at number 82, 92 and 99 respectively, according to the report.

The mobility score, which is an initiative

of Henley Passport Index had last year downgraded the strength of Kenya's travel document on account of devastating effects of the Covid-19 that lowered the number of countries that one would visit without visa.

Japan and Singapore tied at position one with citizens of these countries able to visit 192 countries without visas. Germany emerged third in the global ranking. Kenya rolled out new chip-embedded passports for its citizens in a move that targets rampant

forgery and impersonation of holders. The new features are meant to make it impossible for anyone to forge or duplicate a Kenyan passport.

Roll-out of the e-passports with a 10-year validity period marked the beginning of the end of the 'analogue' passports that have been in use since Independence and has joined 60 other countries that use new passports.

CHARITY

Airtel's 'Let them smile' festive season campaign extends to five more regions

By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania Plc's 'Let them smile' campaign targeting vulnerable groups in the society such as orphans donated various groceries to orphanages in Dodoma, Kigoma, Lindi, Mtwara and Singida regions last week.

The campaign which is under the umbrella of Airtel 'Tunakujali' donated groceries which included food stuffs to Assemblies of God in Mtwara, Naweza of Lindi, Hombolo of Dodoma, Ititi of Singida and Brothers of Charity in Kigoma.

Speaking after handing over the donations to Brothers of Charity in Kigoma municipality, Airtel Zonal Sales Manager for Kigoma, Gibson Fwankiye said for a long time, the telco had embarked on assisting such vulnerable groups as part of its corporate social responsibility initiative to show love and care to children with special needs.

"By donating these food stuffs to orphanages, we are actually showing our appreciation to Tanzanians for their trust in us by continuing to use our services and products," said Fwankiye adding that Airtel will continue to show care and love for groups



An Airtel Tanzania official presents a bag of maize flour as part of food items donated to Ititi Orphanage in Singida municipal to an official of the orphanage (R). Photo courtesy of Airtel.

with special needs in the society. "We have commitment and responsibility of supporting our surrounding communities because they mean a lot to us," he added.

Bangwe Ward Councillor who was the guest of honour at the ceremony, Khamis Betese commended Airtel

Tanzania's management for the support saying the children at Brothers of Charity center need everyone's backing.

"I take this opportunity to congratulate Airtel for the donation but also time that you have spent with these children. It means a lot and the

donation gives us hope," Betese said while pleading with other corporate entities to emulate Airtel Tanzania.

In a vote of thanks, Brothers of Charity Orphanage Center's Coordinator, Jonas Kavunyi said they have witnessed an increase in numbers of children reporting at the center in

recent days which has increased demand for food and other essentials.

"These children spent their entire time here. We have a lot of needs as we only depend on well-wishers like Airtel to survive," Kavunyi said while requesting the telco for continuous support

CONCERN

SA faces more load shedding after Eskom takes atomic units offline

JOHANNESBURG

Eskom Holdings, which supplies almost all of South Africa's power, will take two of the continent's largest generating units offline this year for maintenance, increasing the risk of power cuts after the nation had record outages in 2021.

The extended unavailability of the units with capacity of 920 megawatts each due to the "planned long outages does mean the electricity supply system may be under additional strain during the coming year," Eskom said in statement on its Twitter account.

Unit 2 of the Cape Town nuclear power station will be taken offline for five months from January 17 for refuelling and maintenance, which will include the replacement of three steam generators, Eskom said. That will be followed by maintenance at unit 1 over a similar time period, it said.

This comes as Africa's most industrialised economy experienced record outages last year. The nation's energy supply has been patchy since 2005, with the loss-making Eskom struggling to keep pace with demand.

The frequent power cuts have undermined efforts to revive the coronavirus-battered economy, and President Cyril Ramaphosa said last year they partly contributed to the ruling African National Congress's worst-ever electoral showing in November's municipal vote.

"This is going to be a long, but needed outage – the first of its kind for Koeberg. Our staff are prepared and committed to make history by ensuring success of this project," Riedwaan Bakardien, Eskom's chief nuclear officer, said.

INVESTMENT

Kenyan textile firm opens Sh5.7bn plant in Zanzibar

NAIROBI

Kenya's firm Basra Textiles Ltd is setting up a Sh5.7 billion (\$51.3 million) factory in Zanzibar as it targets to get a pie of the regions clothes market.

It is hoped that the factory, which was launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan this week, will give a new impetus to Tanzania's textile industry, which has the potential to become a significant sourcing location for foreign buyers.

With the factory at Chunguni area in Zanzibar, Basra Textiles is targeting export markets across East and Central Africa, its company chief executive officer, Ahmed Othman, said on Tuesday. The global textile industry was estimated at around \$920 billion in 2018, and it was projected to reach approximately \$1,230 billion by 2024, available global data show.

Tanzania, which also enjoys duty-free market access to the United States through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa) as well as to the European Union, is unfortunately importing most of its textile requirements mainly from China, India, Pakistan and Korea among others, official data show.

The country's few locally-processed fabrics (Kitenge and Kanga) are used by domestic users and exported to neighbouring countries of Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as to China.

Thus, with Agoa and EU arrange-

ments, Basra Textiles Ltd also seriously eyeing the EU and the US markets. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which officially came into effect on January 1, this year, also offers new markets for Basra Textiles.

This is because apart from facilitating the movement of capital and people, and taking steps to create an Africa-wide Customs union, the AfCFTA also compels member states to slash 90 percent of tariffs on goods traded within the area.

Mr Othman said the factory will be implemented in three phases whereby upon its completion by 2024, it would provide direct employment to a total of 1,600 people. "It will produce 250,000 metres of polyester per day, translating into seven million metres per month," he said. He said apart from Khanga and Kitenge, the company will also produce bedding among others.

"We target to sell our products in the US, EAC, Central Africa and Europe," he said. He said the first phase involves maintenance and repairing of buildings as well as installation of machinery while the second phase was to buy cotton and later produce fabric.

The third phase will involve the construction of a tailoring factory and the fixing of 500 tailoring machines. It is at that phase that production of clothes will start and the number of jobs created by the factory will rise, Mr Othman said.



Basra Textiles CEO Ahmed Othman briefs former Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed (R) Shein on the factory's activities last week..

SOLUTION

Zimbabwe breaks from past, urges joint ventures on idle farmland

HARARE

In a break with the past, Zimbabwe is urging farm owners with unproductive land to form partnerships to bolster agricultural output and slash the country's import bill. The joint ventures will need government approval and a database to match landown-

ers with potential investors will be developed, Agriculture Minister Anxious Masuka said Friday in an e-mailed statement. "Abandoned, derelict and under-utilised" farms will be liable for repossession and redistribution to those on a waiting list for land, he added. The directive represents a major policy shift by the southern African nation.

In 2000, Zimbabwe's government, led by the late Robert Mugabe, who was under increasing pressure to improve the lives of citizens, seized farms belonging to mostly White commercial farmers and gave them to Black people, saying the move was meant to redress colonial imbalances.

The land grabs resulted in a country that

used to produce an agricultural surplus becoming a net-food importer. Farm output for products such as corn, Zimbabwe's staple food, and the main cash crop, tobacco, plummeted. After the farms were expropriated, some Western nations imposed sanctions and international isolation followed, with food and foreign currency shortages

becoming commonplace.

Having battled two consecutive droughts, good rains and a better harvest last year formed the basis of Treasury's upwardly revised economic growth forecast. The country harvested 2.7 million tons of corn, triple the prior season's figure, according to data from the Agriculture Ministry.

INTEGRATION

Double-digit inflation is downside for Baltics in Euro club

TALLINN
The euro area's newest recruits have no regrets about joining the currency bloc but are grappling with one of its major drawbacks.

In the Baltic country of Estonia, inflation clocked in at a two-decade high of 12.2% in December. Nearby Lithuania didn't fare much better, with data this week showing price growth more than double the euro area's record 5% rate.

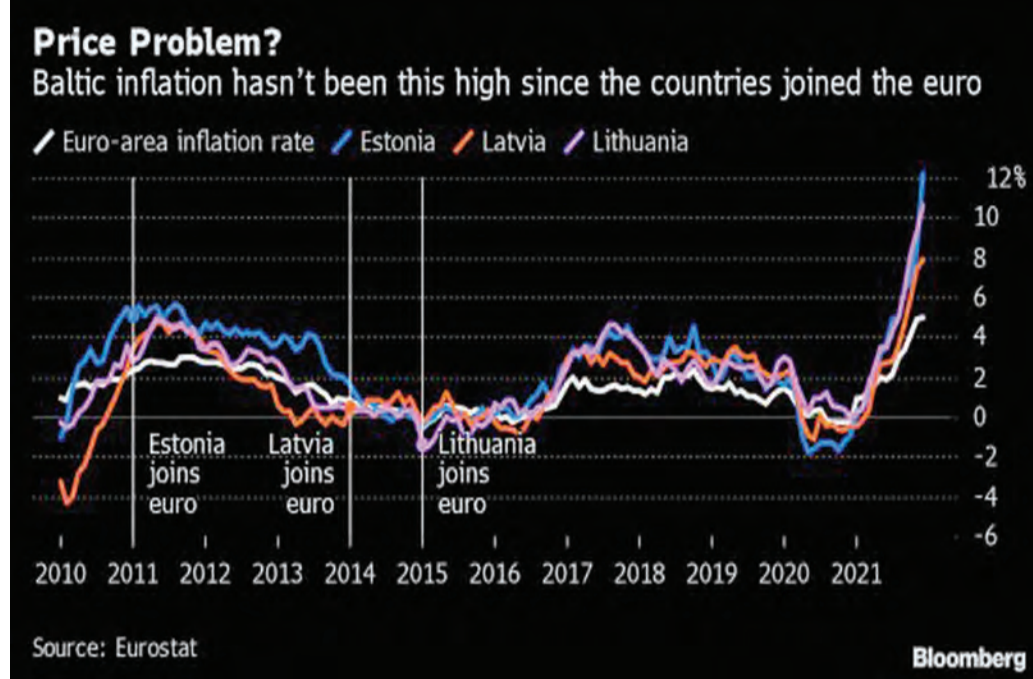
They shouldn't expect monetary policy to come to the rescue any time soon: The European Central Bank's chief economist reiterated on Tuesday that an interest-rate increase is "highly unlikely" in 2022 as forecasts suggest inflation will slow below the ECB's 2% goal in the medium term.

That contrasts with more aggressive action in nations that aren't part of the euro area, with central bankers from Warsaw to Budapest acting aggressively to curb the kind of price gains not seen since the aftermath of com-

munism. If we had our own monetary policy "we'd probably be doing what Poland is doing and raising interest rates," said Martins Abolins, an economist at Citadele Banka in Riga, the capital of Latvia, where consumer prices jumped 7.9% last month.

While borrowing costs have been "a bit too low" for the Baltic region for years without generating serious economic imbalances, the growing share of wages in gross domestic product is a cause for concern, he said by phone. That concern is on view in Estonia, where the government is considering moves to cool inflation through the budget.

"If we have a single interest-rate policy across the euro area, then the role of national fiscal policy is to smooth over the differences," Finance Minister Keit Pentus-Rosimannus told Bloomberg last month. Her Lithuanian counterpart Gintare Skaiste concurs, telling a news conference Wednesday that the issue of diverging economic situations has been raised at euro-group meetings.



Graph showing surging inflation in Baltic states.

"Finding policies that would suit everyone is difficult," Skaiste said. "Therefore, we should rely more on national measures that countries can take." Compounding the rate mis-

match, there's an acute shortage of workers in the region, while billions of euros in EU pandemic-recovery cash is set to start arriving soon.

All the same, there's no doubt the Baltic nations are happy they adopted the euro. Alongside economic and trade perks, the switch helped cement a Western orientation for the region of 6 million

people, outside the orbit of Moscow. Being part of the euro area has been a "massive benefit," according to Latvian central bank Governor Martins Kazaks, whose country joined eight years ago.

"Take a look at the very simple example of the crisis of 2008 and the crisis of 2020," he told an online event this week. "If at that time we had no possibility to borrow and the fiscal adjustment had to be extremely painful, now it's a very different story."

Unlike in places like Germany, there's also little public grumbling over the current bout of steep price rises, with many Baltic citizens having survived the hyper-inflation triggered by the collapse of the Soviet Union. In some ways, their current predicament is just a more extreme version of what's happening in the euro zone's larger members, with energy the driv-

ing force.

Half of last month's increase in Estonian prices came from energy, with electricity and natural gas costs up more than 120% from a year earlier in December and usage higher in the colder northern temperatures. But their plight may also ring alarm bells at the ECB, with the central bank in Tallinn speaking in more urgent terms than policy makers in Frankfurt about the danger of second-round effects.

"High energy prices mean inflation won't come down in the near future," Sulev Pert, an economist at Estonia's central bank, said last week. "It's bad for the economy if a temporary spike in inflation were to lead to higher labour costs for companies, pushing them to adjust their own prices and so causing a wage-price spiral."

GROWTH

Surging global demand drives China's exports to fresh record

BEIJING

China's record-breaking export strength continued into December, pushing the annual trade surplus to a new high and providing support to an economy being dragged down by a property-market slump and sporadic Covid outbreaks.

Exports in December were \$340.5 billion, taking the full year total to \$3.36 trillion, according to a customs administration statement Friday. Imports were \$246 billion in December and \$2.69 trillion for the year, leaving a trade surplus of \$94.5 billion for the month and \$676 billion for the full year.

The data confirms the picture seen all year – strong demand for Chinese goods of all kinds as the nation's factories pumped out everything from electronics to garden furniture. But trade growth is expected to be weaker in the New Year, as demand for work-from-home technology and health care equipment slows and consumption shifts toward services as the rest of world starts to live with Covid.

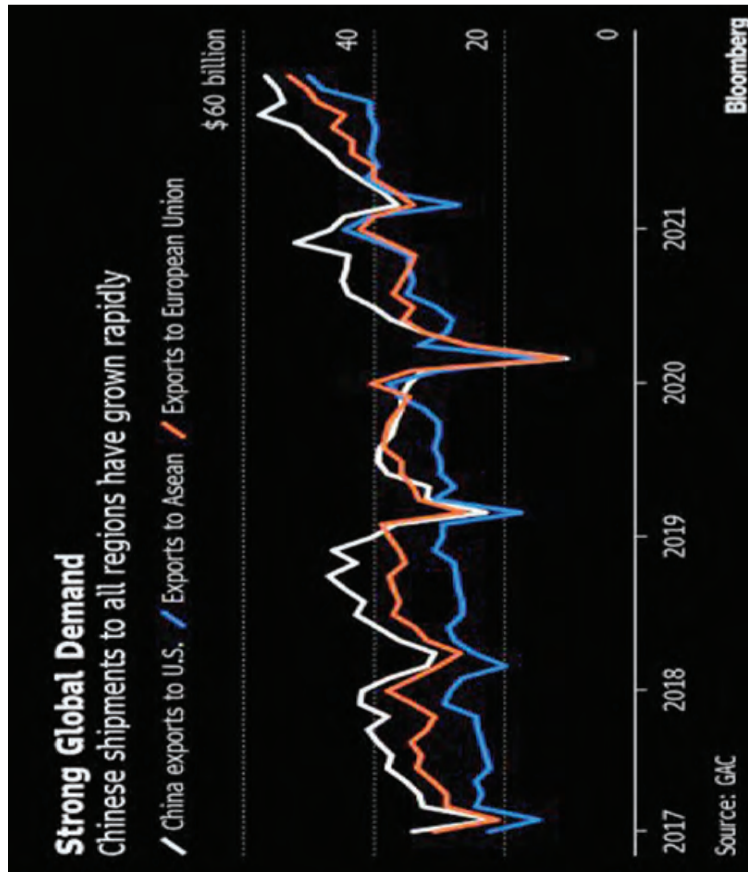
"Last year's growth of 30% is clearly hard to sustain. So export growth this year will decline sharply," partly because global growth is likely to slow down, according to Ding Shuang, chief economist for Greater China and North Asia at Standard Chartered

Plc. China's domestic restrictions and lockdowns aimed at containing virus outbreaks may also cause some delays, but "the key remains how external demand may evolve."

The omicron outbreak in China is sending jitters through supply chains, as the nation's production and shipping face disruptions from virus containment measures. While there hasn't been widespread damage to industrial output or trade so far, some factories have shut down or slowed output in Xi'an and elsewhere, and the capacity of ports in Ningbo, Shenzhen, Tianjin and Shanghai have been affected.

There will be more uncertain, unstable and unbalanced factors in foreign trade this year, Li Kuwen, a spokesman for the customs administration, said at a briefing in Beijing. Even though there's likely to be some pressure on the data, including from a higher base of comparison, the long-term positive fundamentals for trade won't change, he said.

Global dependence on Chinese production may be reduced if places like Southeast Asia recover from their virus outbreaks. That would allow companies to move orders back to that region after some businesses shifted production to China recently to take advantage of the nation's zero-Covid policies.



China import and export trade graph.



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WORLD

FBI storms Texas synagogue to release hostages, gunman dead

COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS

An FBI Hostage Rescue Team stormed a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas on Saturday night to free three remaining hostages of a gunman who had disrupted a religious service and began a standoff with police more than 10 hours earlier.

All the hostages were safely released on Saturday night and the gunman was dead, Colleyville Police Chief Michael Miller said at a news conference.

The gunman had initially taken four people hostage, including the rabbi, at the Congregation Beth Israel, officials said. One hostage was released unharmed six hours later.

Local reporters said they heard the sound of explosions, possibly flashbangs, and the sound of gunfire shortly before Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced the crisis was over.

"Prayers answered. All hostages are out alive and safe," Abbott said on Twitter. The FBI said they have confirmed the identity of the gunman but said they would not yet

disclose it. The FBI declined to confirm the cause of his death, saying it was still under investigation.

The Colleyville Police Department said it first responded to the synagogue with SWAT teams in response to emergency calls beginning at about 10:41 am during the Shabbat service, which was being broadcast online. FBI negotiators soon opened contact with the man, who said he wanted to speak to a woman held in a federal prison.

No injuries were reported among the hostages.

In the first few hours, the man could be heard having a one-sided conversation in what appeared to be a phone call during a Facebook livestream of the service of the Reform Jewish synagogue in Colleyville, which is about 16 miles (26 km) northeast of Fort Worth. The livestream cut off around 3 pm EST (2000 GMT).

Before the livestream was ended, the man could be heard ranting and talking about religion and his sister, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. The man could be heard



Shortly after 5 pm, local time, authorities escort a hostage out of the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, on Saturday. Police said the man was not hurt and would be reunited with his family. AP

repeatedly saying he didn't want to see anyone hurt and that he believed he was going to die, the newspaper said.

President Joe Biden was briefed on the crisis, and Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said on Twitter he was praying for the safety of the hostages.

Barry Klompus, a member of the congregation since it opened in 1999, said he tuned into the livestream.

"It was horrible listening and watching," Klompus said in a telephone interview.

A US official briefed on the matter told ABC News the hostage-taker had claimed to be the brother of Pakistani neuroscientist Aafia Siddiqui, who is serving an 86-year US prison sentence for her 2010 conviction for shooting at soldiers and FBI agents, and that he is demanding she be freed.

Siddiqui is being held at a federal prison in the Fort Worth area. A lawyer representing Siddiqui, Marwa Elbially, told CNN in a statement the man was not Siddiqui's brother. He implored the man to release the hostages, saying Siddiqui's family condemned his "heinous" actions.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a U.S. Muslim advocacy group, condemned the man's actions.

"This latest antisemitic attack on Jewish Americans worshipping at a synagogue is an act of pure evil," CAIR said in a statement.

Klompus said he did not know of any significant previous threats to the congregation.

"We don't have a security officer on staff but we have what I would say is a very good relationship with the local police," he said.

Johnson's office apologises to Queen for lockdown parties

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson's office apologized to Queen Elizabeth on Friday after it emerged that staff had partied late into the night in Downing Street on the eve of Prince Philip's funeral, at a time when mixing indoors was banned.

Johnson (pictured) is facing the gravest crisis of his premiership after almost daily revelations about a series of social gatherings during COVID-19 lockdowns, some held when ordinary people could not bid farewell in person to dying relatives.

After building a political career out of flouting accepted norms, Johnson is now under growing pressure from some of his own lawmakers to quit. Opponents say he is unfit to rule and has misled parliament by denying COVID-19 guidance was breached.

In an extraordinary twist to a saga that has been widely lampooned by comedians and cartoon artists, the Daily Telegraph said drinks parties were held inside Downing Street on April 16, 2021, the day before Prince Philip's funeral.

"It is deeply regrettable this took place at a time of national mourning and No. 10 (Downing Street) has apologized to the Palace," Johnson's spokesman told reporters.

Johnson was at his Chequers country residence that day and was not invited to any gathering, his spokesman said.

Such was the revelry in Downing Street, the Telegraph said, that staff went to a nearby supermarket to buy a suitcase of alcohol, spilled wine on carpets, and a swing used by the prime minister's young son was broken.

The next day, Queen Elizabeth bade farewell to Prince Philip, her husband of 73 years, following his death aged 99.

Dressed in black and in a white trimmed black face mask, the 95-year-old Elizabeth cut a poignant figure as she sat alone, in strict compliance with coronavirus rules, during the funeral service for Philip at Windsor Castle.

'LEAVE THE STAGE'

Opponents have called for Johnson, 57, to resign, casting him as a charlatan who demanded the British people follow some of the most onerous rules in peacetime history while his own staff partied at the heart of the British state.

A small but growing number in his own Conservative Party have echoed those calls, fearing it will do lasting damage to its electoral prospects.

"Sadly, the Prime Minister's position has become untenable," said Conservative lawmaker Andrew Bridgen, a former Johnson supporter. "The time is right to leave the stage."

Johnson has given a variety of explanations of the parties, ranging from denials that any rules were broken to expressing understanding for the public anger at apparent hypocrisy at the heart of the British state.

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, seen as a possible successor, said "real mistakes" were made.

"We need to look at the overall position we're in as a country, the fact that he (Johnson) has delivered Brexit, that we are recovering from COVID... He has apologized."

"I think we now need to move on."

To trigger a leadership challenge, 54 of the 360 Conservative members of parliament must write letters of no confidence to the chairman of the party's "1922 Committee".

The Telegraph said as many as 30 such letters had been submitted.

Johnson faces a tough year ahead: beyond COVID, inflation is soaring, energy bills are spiking, taxation will rise in April and his party faces local elections in May.

One of the April 2021 parties was a leaving event for James Slack, a former director of communications at Downing Street, who on Friday apologized "for the anger and hurt caused".

Slack, now deputy editor of the tabloid Sun newspaper, said in a statement to PA Media that the gathering "should not have happened at the time that it did".

British police said on Thursday they would not investigate gatherings held in Johnson's residence during a coronavirus lockdown unless an internal government inquiry finds evidence of potential criminal offences.



WHO advocates Eli Lilly, GSK drugs for COVID-19 patients

WASHINGTON

A World Health Organization panel recommended use of two drugs by Eli Lilly, and GlaxoSmithKline and Vir Biotechnology for COVID-19 patients, adding treatment options as the fast-spreading Omicron variant renders many ineffective.

WHO data shows Omicron, which is evading protection provided by many vaccines and therapies, has been identified

in 149 countries. It is quickly replacing Delta as the dominant variant in several nations, forcing governments and scientists to bolster defenses with testing, shots and therapies.

The panel on Thursday strongly recommended Lilly's bamlanivir, sold under brand name Olumiant, for patients with severe COVID-19 in combination with corticosteroids, while conditionally endorsed GSK-Vir's antibody therapy for

non-severe patients at the highest risk of hospitalization.

So far, GSK-Vir's monoclonal antibody therapy is the only one that has shown effectiveness against Omicron in lab tests, while similar treatments from Eli Lilly and Co and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals offered lower protection in such tests. The WHO experts noted that the effectiveness of monoclonal antibody treatments - lab-generated compounds that mimic the body's natural

defenses - against new variants such as Omicron was still uncertain, and said the guidelines for this class of medicine will be updated when additional data become available.

The WHO guidelines, published in the British Medical Journal, also noted that evidence shows bamlanivir improves survival rate and reduces the need for ventilation, with no observed increase in adverse effects.

French medical charity Me-

decins Sans Frontieres welcomed the United Nations agency's guidelines, and said bamlanivir can be a potential alternative to current WHO-recommended monoclonal antibody treatments that remain in short supply for governments and patients in many low- and middle-income countries.

MSF also said that governments must take steps to ensure that patent monopolies do not stand in the way of access to the treatment.

Russia has no relation to attacks on Ukrainian governmental websites - Kremlin spokesman

NEW YORK

RUSSIA has no relation to cyber attacks on Ukrainian governmental websites, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told CNN.

"We've read those reports, as well as media. We have nothing to do with it, and Russia has nothing to do with these cyberattacks," he said in a fragment of the interview, published by The Hill newspaper in its Twitter account.

"We have heard accusations against Russia, that Russia is standing behind. But <.> not a proof was presented. We consider it a continuation of another unproved accusations of Russia," the Kremlin spokesman continued.

"We are nearly accustomed to the fact that Ukrainians are blaming everything on Russia,

even their bad weather," he added.

Military escalation

According to Peskov, the level of tensions on the border with Ukraine is excessive, that is why Russia is insisting on receiving a concrete response to its initiative of security guarantees. "We have too much tension on the border. We have too much tension in this part of Europe. And, of course, it drags more problems, automatically."

That's why it is extremely, extremely dangerous for our continent. This is the reason [why] we are insisting that we receive a direct response for our concerns, extremely specific response for our extremely specific proposals," he said.

Security proposals

Kremlin spokesman reject-



ed claims of Russian military escalation against Ukraine, adding that the United States has so far failed to present any proof of it.

During an interview with CNN, Peskov was asked about reports of Russia "planning a military escalation or attack on Ukraine." "You see that this is not happening. This is number one," the Kremlin spokes-

man replied. "Number two: we have heard yesterday night the statement by Mr. Sullivan [US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan], and he promised to publish the proofs of that accusation within 24 hours, if I'm not mistaken. So we are still waiting for the proofs."

"You know, we are living in a world of fake accusations, of fake news and in a world of lies.

And until it is proven somehow, by something visible or something understandable, we will continue to presume that it is fake news and false accusations," Peskov added.

The West and Kiev have recently been spreading allegations about Russia's potential invasion of Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov earlier castigated these claims as "empty and unfounded", serving as a ploy to escalate tensions, pointing out that Russia did not pose any threat whatsoever to anyone.

However, Peskov did not rule out the possibility of provocations aimed at justifying such allegations and warned that attempts to use military force to resolve the crisis in southeastern Ukraine would have serious consequences.

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CHINA, in its cooperation with Africa, has always honored its commitment and worked in a practical and efficient manner.

Over a month ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping summarized the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation at the eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, where he also raised four proposals to build a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

At the conference, he announced that China will work closely with African countries to implement nine programs of China-Africa practical cooperation.

After the conference concluded, a series of relevant activities were held, including the 2021 China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Conference, and the launching of a group of China-Africa Joint Centers for Modern Agrotechnology Exchange, Demonstration & Training.

China and Eritrea decided to elevate their relations to a strategic partnership. China and Kenya inked a series of cooperation documents on digital economy, investment, agriculture and export of Kenyan agricul-

To carry forward spirit of China-Africa friendship, cooperation

tural products to China. Besides, China said it would help the Comoros achieve universal immunization within a year, completely eliminate malaria in the Comoros by 2025, and support the Comoros Emerging Plan for 2030.

These concrete actions to implement the outcomes of the eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation are deepening and substantiating the building of a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

The mutual assistance and solidarity demonstrated by China and Africa amid the COVID-19 pandemic manifests the spirit of building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has offered 120 batches of emergency medical supplies for 53 African countries and the African Union (AU), delivering these materials to each and every African country and region. Besides, almost all African countries have re-

ceived China's COVID-19 vaccines.

When Africa was facing a new round of COVID-19 resurgence, President Xi announced that China will provide another one billion doses of vaccines to Africa, to help the AU achieve its goal of vaccinating 60 percent of the African population by 2022.

At present, this largest-ever aid plan for Africa is well underway. Batches of Chinese vaccines are being shipped to every corner of the African continent, crossing mountains and seas.

These actions prove that China will always stand firmly with Africa and work with it to achieve the final victory in the fight against the pandemic.

China is the largest developing country, and Africa is the continent with the largest number of developing countries. The mutual assistance between the two sides when they are pursuing economic development and national rejuvenation will help enhance the common welfare of the 2.7 billion people in

both China and Africa.

China has always been following the principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, and pursuing the greater good and shared interests in its cooperation with Africa. The two sides have built over 10,000 kilometers of railways, nearly 100,000 kilometers of highways, nearly 1,000 bridges and 100 ports, as well as a large number of hospitals and schools.

Recently, a Chinese company built oil terminal at the port of Mombasa, Kenya was completed. It is another witness to the sincere friendship between China and Africa and a joyful result of the cooperation between the two sides under the Belt and Road Initiative, heralding a bright prospect of the two sides on their way to modernization.

As long as China and Africa keep maintaining their solidarity and cooperation, they will definitely explore a new path for developing countries to achieve modernization.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said he is

often asked why Kenya and China cooperate so closely, and he told them, because China and Kenya respect each other and treat each other as equals. What he said exactly explains why China and Africa enjoy sustaining friendship and cooperation.

China never attaches political strings in its cooperation with Africa, or forces the latter to do anything. The country always sees Africa as a broad stage for international cooperation rather than an arena for competition among major countries. If there is any competition, then we should compare who has done more for Africa, who has contributed more to Africa, and who has worked more for the African people.

China is sincere in offering assistance to African countries, and is willing to cooperate with all countries in the world to develop Africa. The African people know clearly who their real friend is. President of Eritrea Isaias Afwerki called China an indispensable and true development partner of Africa, and hoped that China could play a bigger role in Africa's peace and development process.

People's Daily

Iran nuclear talks progressing amid 'better atmosphere'

TEHRAN

CHIEF negotiators of Iran and three European countries on Friday temporarily returned to their capitals for consultations as expert talks continue, providing the latest evidence that international talks to salvage the Iranian nuclear deal in Vienna have been moving forward.

The return of chief negotiators to their countries does not mean the eighth round of talks has stopped, according to the website of Iran's Foreign Ministry. The eighth round of negotiations between Iran and other remaining signatories to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) began on Dec. 27 with the United States indirectly involved after its pullout in 2018 from the landmark pact.

"BETTER ATMOSPHERE"

"There's a better atmosphere since Christmas," European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Josep Borrell told reporters on Friday following an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in the French city of Brest.

"Before Christmas, I was very pessimistic," he said, adding that "today I believe reaching an accord is possible," even within the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, there is "real progress" on the restoration of the JCPOA, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday.

"There is real progress there, there is a real desire, first of all between Iran and the United States, to understand specific concerns, to understand how these concerns can be taken into account in a common package," Lavrov told a press conference.

The Vienna talks are "moving forward on right track," Iran's official IRNA News Agency reported on Saturday.

"The number of issues of difference has decreased and delegations are busy to discuss the way of implementing any potential agreement," the report said, quoting an informed source on condition of anonymity.

Also, Mikhail Ulyanov, head of Russia's delegation to the nuclear negotiations, tweeted on Thursday that the diplomats in Vienna primarily



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator in the Vienna talks Ali Bagheri Kani

paid attention to "to (the) implementation of a future deal."

"We need to agree on who will be doing what and when on the way towards full restoration of the nuclear deal," which is not an easy task, he added.

"DIFFICULT PART"

Though in a positive atmosphere, it's reported that a wide range of issues remains unresolved in the nuclear talks, given Iran and the United States, the two main parties, indirectly exchanging messages. "We are discussing difficult issues and considering the ways to prepare the draft of the agreed principles," Iran's Mehr News Agency reported on Saturday, citing a source close to the

Vienna talks. According to the reports, about the removal of the sanctions and nuclear issues, lots of disputes have been resolved, and the negotiators "are increasingly working on the third appendix on how to implement and sequence the possible agreement."

The informed source noted that this phase of negotiation is "one of the most tedious, time-consuming and difficult parts of the negotiation, but it is indispensable to achieve the goal."

Based on reports from the venue of the talks, the Iranian negotiators have been focusing on assurances and verification of U.S. next moves, which the Western parties were opposed to, so as to "reach a good and acceptable agreement that will guarantee the Iranian nation's rights and

interests." As the indirect negotiations between the United States and Iran reach a critical stage, neither side "wants to seem too eager to compromise, which would risk appearing weak," New York Times commented recently.

WAY AHEAD

While the diplomatic endeavors are going on, Washington still carries on with its pressure campaign. There are only "a few weeks left to see if we can get back to mutual compliance," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday, warning his country stands ready to look at "other options" if negotiations fail.

However, Tehran has repeatedly vowed that it will not make hasty concessions under pressure. "Unfortunately, many of the weaknesses of the JCPOA ... have been due to the influence of the negotiators from the U.S. psychological pressures and the haste in signing the JCPOA agreement," said a news article published by Nour News website, which is affiliated with Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

To move the negotiations forward, the United States, Iran's Tehran Times daily suggested, can "greenlight the release of Iranian assets as a goodwill gesture to pave the way for a lasting agreement," not an interim one that is unlikely to be accepted by Iran.

Ali Vaez, Iran expert at the International Crisis Group, said in a recent podcast episode that to revive the JCPOA, given former U.S. President Donald Trump's "original sin," the United States "should go first and offer sanctions relief in areas that are actually open to verification," primarily in Iran's oil exports and related services, as well as its ability to repatriate all revenues and access to its frozen assets.

Vaez also suggested Americans and Europeans provide assurances that Iran would be able to, at least during a Biden or Democratic administration, "keep the benefits of the agreement, as long as its own nuclear commitments are fulfilled."

In parallel to Washington taking those steps, Iran should freeze its nuclear program to give time and room for verification, he added.

Xinhua

Sputnik V effective against omicron variant - RDIF

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Sputnik V anti-coronavirus vaccine has proven a good level of efficacy against the omicron variant of the novel coronavirus, Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) head Kirill Dmitriev was quoted as saying in the vaccine's Twitter account on Saturday.

"You need to make sure vaccine works against current and future mutations. In that regard Sputnik platform is doing very well, showing good virus neutralization against Omicron," Dmitriev said in a BBC interview.

In his words, booster vaccines, such as Sputnik Light, as well as combinations of existing vaccines are extremely important in the fight against emerging variants of the novel coronavirus.

On November 26, the World Health Organization (WHO) designated the B.1.1.529 variant identified in South Africa as a "Variant of Concern" and assigned it the Greek letter omicron.

In its statement, the WHO noted that "this variant has a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning." To date, as many as 783 Omicron cases have been identified in Russia.

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China's intelligent voice market size grows 44 percent in 2021

A virtual host named "i+" has been put into use for the upcoming Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Empowered by intelligent speech recognition technology, it can translate Mandarin Chinese into English, French, Japanese, and other languages in real time, spreading knowledge about the Beijing 2022 to the world more quickly.

Intelligent speech recognition technology has been increasingly integrated into terminal applications to serve people's everyday life. Besides AI host, its application scenarios also includes smart fitness mirror, smart wearables that can assist couriers in collecting and delivering parcels, and intelligent mouse that can type automatically when you talk.

Intelligent voice industry, as an important part of the software industry, has entered a new stage characterized by high-speed development, said Wang Jianwei, deputy director of the information technology department at China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), at the China Intelligent Voice Industry Development Summit Forum held in December 2021.

China's intelligent voice industry has grown vibrantly in recent years, with breakthroughs made in core technologies, Wang said, adding that the accuracy rate of speech recognition has reached 98 percent.

The size of China's intelligent voice market hit 21.7 billion yuan (\$3.4 billion) in 2020, an increase of 31 percent from the previous year, and is projected to rise 44 percent year on year to 28.5 billion yuan in 2021, effectively driving industrial digitalization, pointed out a white paper on the development of China's intelligent voice industry (2020-2021) released on Dec. 18, 2021.



A volunteer helps a man with visual impairments read with a text-to-speech device at a library in Wuyi county, Jinhua city, east China's Zhejiang province, Oct. 13, 2021. File photo

In the world where all things are connected, more smart devices are required to be controlled from a distance, which brings about opportunities for the industry, said Liu Qingfeng, chairman of the council of the Speech Industry Alliance of China (SIAC) and chairman of iFlytek, a leading Chinese AI firm.

The number of smart devices driven by rising demand for speech interaction is increasing rapidly, Liu noted, adding that the amount of interaction services handled by the company's voice assistants registered a year-on-year increase of 84 percent in 2021.

Intelligent voice technology is faced with three major challenges, including multilingual intercommunication, human-machine interaction in complex scenarios and multi-modal virtual world, Liu pointed out.

Multilingual intercommunication not only includes foreign languages, but also dialects in

China; effective interaction in complex scenarios calls for accurate speech recognition when several people are talking at the same time; and multi-modal interaction means adding timbre, tone, expression, mouth shape and other factors to voice to make speech recognition more intelligent, Liu explained.

It's estimated that the recognition rate of iFlytek products increased from 69 percent to 80 percent in complex scenarios in 2021, according to Liu.

The key innovation drivers of the future development of the intelligent voice industry include unsupervised learning, multi-modal fusion and innovative cross-disciplinary research in brain science, the white paper said.

Algorithm concerning unsupervised learning and low-resource model algorithm still need major breakthroughs; and in terms of AI chips, the foundation of computing power, China needs to hurry to catch up with frontrunners in the world.

People's Daily

Hezbollah, Amal end boycott of Lebanon's cabinet amid crisis

BEIRUT

POWERFUL Lebanese groups Hezbollah and Amal said on Saturday they would end a boycott of cabinet sessions, opening the way for ministers to meet after a three-month gap that has seen the economic crisis deepen and currency collapse further.

The groups, which back several ministers in a government made up of members from across the political and sectarian spectrum, said the decision was driven by a desire to approve the 2022 budget and to discuss an economic recovery.

The groups had been refusing to attend cabinet sessions in a dispute over the handling of an investigation into the huge Beirut port blast in 2020.

The failure to hold cabinet meetings has delayed talks on a recovery plan with the International Monetary Fund, seen as vital to unlocking international support to lift the country out of a crisis that has driven swathes of the nation into poverty.

Hezbollah, an Iran-backed group that has a well-armed militia, and Amal, another Muslim Shi'ite group, have sought the removal of a judge who has been overseeing the blast

probe.

They have accused Judge Tarek Bitar of bias after he sought to question two senior Amal figures charged over the blast.

Bitar, who does not make public statements, has been quoted by the families of blast victims as saying he would press on with his investigation that has repeatedly been stalled by a slew of lawsuits filed by powerful suspects in the case.

Prime Minister Najib Mikati, whose post is held by a Sunni Muslim under Lebanon's sectarian political system, said in a statement he welcomed the decision to end the boycott and would call for a cabinet meeting as soon as he received a draft 2022 budget from the Finance Ministry.

A government source told Reuters there was not expected to be cabinet session in the coming week as budget preparations were still under way and figures for a financial recovery plan were being drawn up.

Mikati has said his government was seeking to sign a preliminary agreement for an IMF support programme in February.

An IMF spokesperson told Reuters that virtual talks would be held with Lebanese authorities in the last week of January.



Hezbollah supporters listen to their leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah as he speaks via a video link during Ashoura, the Shiite Muslim commemoration marking the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, at the Battle of Karbala in present-day Iraq in the 7th century, in southern Beirut, Lebanon. File photo

US health agencies slammed for failing Americans over COVID-19 communication

NEW YORK

Vox, an American news and opinion website, on Friday published an essay criticizing U.S. health agencies and their officials for their failure to effectively communicate with the public over the COVID-19 pandemic, all the way through its raging course.

"The fierce backlash to the CDC's (the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recent decision to shorten the recommended isolation period for people who test positive for COVID-19 was the latest in a series of communications blunders so severe that they have now become a meme," it said.

America's public health institutions have failed to communicate effectively with the U.S. public throughout the pandemic for two reasons: either they have been left trying to defend poor policies, or the messag-

ing has taken the place of creating any kind of coherent policy at all, according to the article.

"I don't think any federal or state agency has done a great job communicating policy during the pandemic," Briana Mezuk, co-director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, was quoted as saying.

"The CDC should have been setting the example, and I guess in a way it did: a less-than-great example."

INCONSISTENCY

Communication is an essential part of any public health response, but U.S. health agencies have struggled with it since the very beginning of the pandemic, when government officials initially advised against wearing masks in early 2020 before re-

versing themselves to recommend nearly universal masking, said the author Dylan Scott, who is a policy reporter at Vox.

It appeared the initial guidance may have been issued in order to preserve enough masks for health care workers.

Government officials were warning at the time that hospitals' supplies could be depleted at a critical moment if there was a run on masks. It was the first of the pandemic's "noble lies," according to the essay.

A year after the first masking flip-flop, the CDC stumbled on masks again. In April 2021, the agency urged vaccinated people to continue wearing masks in most indoor settings to reduce transmission before reversing itself and saying that vaccinated people could feel free not to wear masks indoors unless it was required by a local or state government.

"Many public health experts believed the

decision to relax the masking guidance for vaccinated people was premature and, just a few months later when the delta variant drove up cases, the CDC changed course again and recommended everyone, including vaccinated people, wear masks when indoors in public," added the article.

SKEPTICISM

"The problem of unsound or indecisive policy creating bad messaging has been repeated over and over again throughout the pandemic, which has deepened skepticism about the agency's recommendations and created a fertile environment for disinformation to flourish," said the essay titled "The Most Consistently Botched Part of the U.S. Pandemic Response."

"Public health authorities faced serious obstacles to communicating effectively with the public," it said. The American peo-

ple are divided, consuming different information from different sources, motivated by different ideologies.

Some of the confusion that has undermined the American response was avoidable. Prevailing attitudes inside the medical establishment prior to COVID-19 and specific mistakes made during the pandemic itself have contributed to the disconnect between public health authorities and the public they are trying to protect, according to the article.

"Our institutions are failing us with the lack of coordination, the lack of clarity," Scott Ratzan, editor-in-chief of the Journal of Health Communication: International Perspectives and a lecturer at the City University of New York, was quoted as saying. "This is a case clearly that shows our 21st-century institutions are not prepared."



Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (JMK) Youth Park's football outfit's player, Munir Ramadhan (2nd R), challenges Yombo Youth team's player, Mussa Kholid, during friendly match bringing together the two outfits at the JMK Youth Park's venue in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

No title defense for No. 1: Novak Djokovic deported from Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia

INSTEAD of starting the defense of his Australian Open title today, Novak Djokovic was slated to be deported from the country, a stunning and unprecedented end to his run of success at Melbourne Park.

Djokovic has won nine of his 20 Grand Slam trophies at the Australian Open – including three in a row – and was scheduled to play in the main stadium to conclude Day 1 of the tournament.

But the No. 1-ranked player in men's tennis now must leave Australia after three Federal Court judges decided unanimously yesterday to affirm the immigration minister's right to cancel Djokovic's visa. The ruling was made less than 18 hours before the first Grand Slam matches of 2022 were scheduled to begin.

Djokovic said he was "extremely disappointed" by the legal outcome but respected the decision and would cooperate in his "departure from the country." He also said he planned "to rest and to recuperate."

The 34-year-old from Serbia was trying to use a medical exemption approved by two independent medical panels and Tennis Australia to get around the requirements that everyone at the Australian Open – players, their support teams, spectators and others – be inoculated against COVID-19.

Djokovic is not vaccinated, and the government said his presence could stir up anti-vaccine sentiments.

The saga started on Jan. 5, when Djokovic's flight landed at a Melbourne airport.

"I am uncomfortable that the focus of the past weeks has been on me," he said Sunday, "and I hope that we can all now focus on the game and tournament I love."

Tennis Australia issued a statement saying it "respects the decision of the Federal Court" and added: "We look forward to a competitive and exciting Australian Open 2022 and wish all players the best of luck."

Djokovic's absence means just one past champion is in the men's bracket: 2009 winner Rafael Nadal. And that also means now it is only Nadal who will have a chance to claim a 21st Grand Slam title and break a tie with Djokovic and Roger Federer (who is sidelined after a series of knee operations).

Djokovic's dominance in Grand Slam play of late has been particularly impressive, winning four of the last seven major tournaments and finishing as the runner-up at two others. The only time he did not get at least to the final in that span was at the 2020 U.S. Open, where he was disqualified in the fourth round for hitting a ball that inadvertently hit a line judge in the throat after a game.

Last season, Djokovic went 27-1 at majors, coming within a victory in the U.S. Open final of becoming the first man since 1969 to win a calendar-year Grand Slam.

On Monday night, Djokovic was supposed to play Miomir Kecmanovic,

a Serbian ranked 78th, at Rod Laver Arena, the main stadium.

Instead, Kecmanovic will head to a smaller arena to face 150th-ranked Salvatore Caruso of Italy, a so-called "lucky loser" – someone who loses in qualifying rounds but gets access to the main draw because someone else withdraws after the first day's schedule was released.

Third-seeded Alexander Zverev's opener against Daniel Altmaier was moved to Rod Laver Arena.

The Federal Court's decision was as polarizing as Djokovic's vaccination status in a city where residents spent more than 250 days in lockdown and faced harsh travel restrictions at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Nadal was among those who said before Sunday's ruling that players knew the rules coming to Australia and no individual was bigger than the tournament.

After the ruling, Vasek Pospisil, a Canadian who won the 2014 Wimbledon men's doubles title and has worked with Djokovic to form an association to represent players, tweeted: "There was a political agenda at play here with the (Australian) elections coming up which couldn't be more obvious."

Pospisil also wrote: "This is not his fault. He did not force his way into the country and did not 'make his own rules.'"

Pospisil said Djokovic wouldn't have traveled to Australia and would have "been home with his family" had he not received the medical exemption that turned out to be so contentious.

The ATP Tour described Djokovic's absence from the Australian Open as "a loss for the game" and said the court ruling "marks the end of a deeply regrettable series of events."

The tour said it "continues to strongly recommend vaccination to all players."

More than 95% of the Top 100 in both the men's rankings and women's rankings have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Patrick Mouratoglou, a coach who has worked with Serena Williams and other top players, said the "biggest loser of this mess is the tournament."

Djokovic's visa originally was canceled on Jan. 6 and he spent four nights in an immigration detention hotel before that decision was overturned by a judge on procedural grounds last Monday.

He spent another night confined to an immigration hotel on Saturday while awaiting the result of his last legal challenge.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has defended Australia's tough border policies since Djokovic was detained, tweeting that "rules are rules" on that day.

Morrison, who will face a vote by May, issued a statement Sunday saying he welcomed the decision "to keep our borders strong and keep Australians safe. ... Australians have made many sacrifices during this pandemic, and they rightly expect the result of those sacrifices to be protected."

Kili Marathon registration gains momentum

By Guardian Correspondent

WITH barely one month left before the 2022 Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon takes place, the race's organizers have called on participants to register early for it to avoid last-minute inconvenience.

A statement issued by the organizers in Dar es Salaam said the early discounting period for Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon ended on January 7, 2022, meaning that the 20 percent discount is now over.

"This discount has been on since October 17, 2021, when we opened registration and this came to an end on January 7 after which the registration fees went up," read the statement in part.

The statement noted registration is done through either the marathon's website www.kilimanjaromarathon.com or mobile phone transaction, Tigo Pesa, by dialing *149*20#.

Previously, 42km and 21km races' registration fee was 25,000/- but from January 8, it went up to 30,000/- and 5km's fee will remain 500/- for Tanzanians and East Africa citizens.

According to the organizers, Tanzania residents and East Africa residents with work permits/residency status and SADC citizens were paying \$40 for 42km and 21km but from January 8, 2022, this rose to \$50 for 5km participants will pay \$ 5 throughout.

"International runners were paying \$80 to register but as



Athletes take part in a recent Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon which took place in Moshi.

from January 8, 2022, they started paying \$90 for 42km and 21km races, and for 5km they will pay \$5 throughout," the organizers revealed.

According to the statement, registration will close at either midnight of February 7, 2022, or when capacity is reached.

"We urge participants to take note of these dates to avoid inconveniences as the entries might run out early enough considering that we are marking the 20th anniversary this year," the statement noted.

The organizers also assured

participants that preparations were in top gear to make the 20th anniversary special and memorable to all as the marathon that started with barely less than 500 social runners, 20 years later, becomes the biggest marathon event in Tanzania and boasts of over 12,000 runners and almost a similar number of spectators.

This year's event will be held on February 27, 2022, at the Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) venue.

Sponsors for this year's event include Kilimanjaro Premium

Lager- 42km, Tigo- 21km, and Grand Malt -5km.

The marathon's water table sponsors are Absa, Unilever, TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, and Kilimanjaro Water.

GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles are the marathon's official suppliers.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon is organized by Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Limited.

AFCON finals a framework for Tanzania's quest for progression to 2023 edition

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE 2021 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals are held in Cameroon where 24 teams battle it out in the group stages to secure progression to the knockout stages.

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) faced criticism over the timing of its continental showpiece, and last month had to address rumours the tournament would either be further delayed or moved following the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

A total of 24 teams are taking part in the finals which started on January 9 and are expected to end on February 6. The sides have been divided into six groups.

Guinea, Morocco, Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, and hosts, Cameroon, got off to a great start with wins in their opening matches and now have a chance to do well to advance to the next stage.

For the second successive tournament, the AFCON finals have 24 participants. There is nothing like a modest team at this level.

All teams worked hard to qualify for the finals and they have all got off their campaign in the tournament on an equal footing, so it will all depend on the approach in a particular game.

Sages say one trip starts another and that is what is expected to happen in Cameroon as the finals of this phase progress.

The CAF will play a draw and schedule the next AFCON qualifiers to



Tanzania's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' players pose for a photo before playing a recent friendly at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

be played in Ivory Coast in 2023.

According to a statement from CAF, the draw for the 2023 AFCON qualifiers will be played on January 21 in Douala, Cameroon.

The qualifiers will start in the preliminary round which will involve teams that are below the FIFA World Cup rankings.

Those who will play in the preliminary round will advance to the group stage which will include a total of 48 teams divided into 12 groups and after that, the two teams that will lead each group will qualify for the AFCON 2023 finals.

Tanzania's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' will be among the participants in the qualifying tournament.

The side will no doubt start directly in the group stage if it seeks to participate in its third AFCON finals after failing to qualify for the ongoing finals in Cameroon.

'Taifa Stars' has participated in the showpiece on two occasions—the 2019 AFCON finals held in Egypt and the 1980 AFCON finals which took place in Nigeria.

Although 'Taifa Stars' is not in Cameroon, there are three key operational factors that are seen in the ongoing AFCON finals that could make the squad participate regularly and perform well in the showpiece.

The first thing that Tanzania should do is enhance the quality of the country's soccer referees.

Having the best referees means Tanzania will have a better and more competitive domestic league that will help 'Taifa Stars' find the best players and competitors who will be the key to its success.

The second step is to prepare a large number of talented and high-quality local coaches who will coach national teams and clubs at different levels.

In the ongoing AFCON finals in Cameroon, out of the 24 teams participating in the tournament this year, only nine have head coaches from outside the African continent while 15 are coached by local coaches.

With a large number of good local coaches, it means Tanzania will be sure of embarking on better preparation for local players

considering that 'Taifa Stars' has long been relying heavily on locally-based players due to the shortage of those playing abroad.

The third step is to make sure the country strengthens and invests more in youth football than what it is currently doing.

A large number of teams participating in the AFCON finals this year have a large group of young players who have not yet arrived at the pick of their career but fortunately enough they are doing well for their teams.

Many have gone through the basics of football from an early age which attracted the interest of various European and Asian teams to sign and use them.

The approach has turned the footballers into strong and mature performers that are ready to serve their national teams.

Tanzania has made the mistake of failing to make it to Cameroon for the AFCON finals this year, but it should not make the mistake of not learning from what is going on in the 33rd edition of the showpiece.

Salah shows up for Egypt, Nigeria through to Cup of Nations last 16

YAOUNDE

MOHAMED Salah got back among the goals for Egypt on Saturday as the record seven-time champions beat Guinea-Bissau after Nigeria secured their place in the last 16 of the Africa Cup of Nations.

Salah's first-time finish at the back post in the 69th minute in Garoua got his and Egypt's campaign in Cameroon up and running after they had lost 1-0 to Nigeria in their opening Group D game.

However, Guinea-Bissau were left fuming after a stunning 82nd-minute strike by Mama Balde was ruled out following a VAR review.

Carlos Queiroz's Egypt, who also hit the woodwork three times, now need only draw their last group game against neighbours Sudan in Yaounde on Wednesday to guarantee safe passage to the last 16.

"It was a really tough game and we were a little bit lucky with the foul," Salah admitted to broadcasters.

"We have to win our next game now to make sure we qualify and we will do our best to go as far as we can in the tournament."

Salah, who had not scored in any of his previous six appearances for Egypt this season, struck the post with just 84 seconds played and Mostafa Mohamed hit the same upright later in the first half.

The Liverpool star finally broke the deadlock midway through the second half when he met Amr El Solia's floated ball to the back post with a first-time cushioned volley that beat Guinea-Bissau goalkeeper Jonas Mendes.

Substitute Zizo also hit the woodwork for Egypt before Balde's superb strike into the far corner was ruled out by the referee on review for grappling defender Omar Kamal to the ground.

The small west African nation of Guinea-Bissau are appearing at their third straight AFCON having never qualified before 2017, but they are left still searching for their first win at the tournament after eight attempts.

- Super Eagles cruise -

In contrast, continental powerhouse Nigeria secured qualification for the knockout phase thanks to a 3-1 win over Sudan earlier at the same venue in northern Cameroon.

With former Super Eagles star Augustine Eguavoen in temporary charge after last month's sacking of German coach Gernot Rohr, Nigeria stuck with the same line-up that defeated Egypt.

Villarreal's Samuel Chukwueze struck in the third minute and the three-time winners scored a second goal in slightly fortunate circumstances on the stroke of half-time.

Captain William Troost-Ekong's header ricocheted off a Sudan defender and then the head of Taiwo Awoniyi and squirmed in under the goalkeeper.

Moses Simon added a third right at the start of the second half, with Waliuddin Khidir converting a consolation spot-kick for Sudan.

The Super Eagles are now certain to top Group D meaning they will stay in Garoua -- close to the border with the Nigerian state of Adamawa -- for a last-16 tie against a third-placed side on January 23.

"To be a champion you should be ready to play against any team, so any team that comes our way, we'll be prepared," said Eguavoen.

The matches in Garoua, home of leading Cameroonian club Cotonsport, attracted larger crowds than have been seen at most Cup of Nations matches, with the requirement to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and provide a negative test appearing to put many fans off attending in the football-mad country.

On Sunday reigning champions Algeria look for their first win when they play Equatorial Guinea in Douala after the Ivory Coast face Sierra Leone in the same Group E.

A Tunisia side missing a raft of players due to positive coronavirus tests take on Mauritania in the coastal town of Limbe after Gambia face Mali at the same venue.

Ghana striker Benjamin Tetteh has been handed a three-game ban after punching an opponent during a mass brawl at the end of Friday's 1-1 draw with Gabon.

Tetteh took a swing at Gabon's Aaron Boupendza and was later shown a red card by the referee.

The ban means he will not be able to play again at the tournament unless Ghana reach the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Ivory Coast coach Patrice Beaumelle has shrugged off criticism of star striker Sebastien Haller and hopes the Ajax marksman will quickly find his best form at the Africa Cup of Nations.

Haller disappointed in his side's 1-0 win over Equatorial Guinea having arrived at the tournament in Cameroon as one of the standout players of this season's UEFA Champions League with Ajax, but Beaumelle said it was unfair to expect too much too soon from the 27-year-old.

"He was stuck indoors for 10 days with Covid and only arrived two days before the first match," Beaumelle told reporters on Saturday ahead of the Ivorians' second Group E game against west African rivals Sierra Leone in Douala on Sunday.

"I decided to play him from the start in the first game so he could get his first experience of the AFCON and the intensity of it, given that it is a step up from what you get in the qualifiers.

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Nigeria flourishing under Eguavoen's new approach

By Colin Udoh, Special to ESPN

THERE was a bit of the fortuitous in Nigeria's second goal against Sudan in their second group game of the Africa Cup of Nations on Saturday, but nothing fortunate about the convincing nature of the result that saw them secure their place in the round of 16.

Kelechi Iheanacho's free kick was flicked across to the far post by defender William Troost-Ekong, and hit Taiwo Awoniyi in the face before creeping beyond the reach of Sudan goalkeeper Ali Abu Eshrein.

But that was the only suggestion of luck in another pleasing display for both team and fans as the Super Eagles cruised to a 3-1 win. In any case, fortune favors the brave, or in this instance, the intentional.

Augustine Eguavoen's wards barely engaged, let alone got out of second gear as they coasted their way past the Sudanese to secure their place in the knockout phase.

Once again, as it was in the opening game against Egypt, what would have been most pleasing of all was less



The Super Eagles are playing with freedom and flair under Augustine Eguavoen -- a style that has not always been the case for the interim boss. AFP

the result, and more the combination of hustle, application and execution.

This was the sort of game, against less than stellar opposition, when in the immediate past Nigeria would have huffed and puffed before blowing down or limping to the finish line. Or, in a worst-case scenario, as was the case with Central African Republic, even taking a gut punch at the end.

Instead, the Super Eagles are playing with a freedom and flair that is translating to the fan base. And they have backed it up with some efficiency up front, and

defensive stability at the other end. At least, thus far.

Following the manner of that opening day win against Egypt, and the lessons of history, their immediate concern would have been to guard against a drop in levels, before even considering ramping up the pressure.

They went one better. Playing a much inferior side to their previous opponents, the Eagles did exactly what Eguavoen and his players said they would: play the game like it was a final, and the approach yielded instant dividends.

Within the opening

three minutes, Nigeria's high-tempo, high-pressure pressure led to the first goal.

Settled by that early breakthrough, the Super Eagles looked untouchable for the rest of the game and Sudan never stood a chance, and they were extremely flattered by the 3-1 score.

Which is not to say the performance was perfect; there were pockets of errors distributed all over the 90 minutes, but overall this was a Nigeria team that threw down their gauntlet with that Egypt win, and have now added a statement of intent with Saturday's result.

As record signings stumble, De Bruyne proves priceless

MANCHESTER, England

IT was a goal worthy of winning the Premier League title, even if it is only January and there are still four months of the season to play. But with Kevin De Bruyne's stunning 70th-minute goal sealing Manchester City's 1-0 win against Chelsea, the reality is that the title race has been settled by a player who, in a league of big-money signings, is absolutely priceless.

After this first-versus-second clash, City now sit 13 points clear of Thomas Tuchel's Chelsea following a 12th successive league win. Third-place Liverpool are 14 points behind City with two games in hand, but even if they win those, it is difficult to imagine Jurgen Klopp's team going on to overturn an eight-point deficit to win the title.

Forget those who will say that "anything can happen" in the final months of the season. City are cruising to a fourth Premier League title in five seasons, and De Bruyne's goal, when he broke clear of N'Golo Kante's challenge and burst forward before curling a right-foot shot beyond Kepa Arrizabalaga from 25 yards, was like a chef's kiss for confirmation.

"I didn't see any pass, but then I saw a little gap between the defenders to bend it around them, and it worked," De Bruyne said, with some understatement.

You can toss a coin to settle the debate as to whether De Bruyne or Liverpool's Mohamed Salah is the best player in the Premier League. Both are incredibly influential on the fortunes

of their team, but De Bruyne arguably flies under the radar more than Salah and sometimes doesn't receive the credit his remarkable consistency deserves.

But it is worth putting De Bruyne's value to City in another context.

This was a game in which the record signings of both clubs -- City's Jack Grealish and Chelsea's Romelu Lukaku -- continued to struggle to justify their huge transfer fees and contracts. Grealish has flattered to deceive since his £100 million arrival from Aston Villa last summer, while Lukaku's difficulties at Chelsea since his £97.5 million return from Inter Milan have been well documented and publicised by the player himself, who has spoken publicly about his unhappiness at the role he has been asked to play by Tuchel.

Throughout this game, both Grealish and Lukaku looked like square pegs trying to fit into round holes.

Grealish, accustomed to having every attacking move funnelled through him at Villa, is struggling to accept that he is one of seven or eight options at City and that his influence has diminished as a consequence.

The England winger wasted a good chance to score in the first half and won just one significant free kick in the second. He has scored just three goals in all competitions this season, so it is fair to say that he is not providing too much value for money at the Etihad.

Lukaku is similar to Grealish in that he has fallen well short of expectations at Stamford Bridge, managing just five Premier League goals so far after hav-



Kevin De Bruyne's worth to Manchester City's ceaseless success cannot be calculated. PA

ing been signed with the belief that he would end the campaign with at least 20. Tuchel uses him centrally, when he is perhaps most effective cutting in from the right, but despite this, Lukaku still fails to punch his weight and cause opponents the problems a striker of his pedigree should.

In one first-half chance, Lukaku broke clear of John Stones and bore down on goal, but when it seemed clear he would shoot, he instead passed to Hakim Ziyech and the move fizzled out. He also missed a second-half chance

when he tried to beat Ederson with a first-time shot from 20 yards.

Lukaku spends too much time in the central channel, failing to move cleverly enough to drag his defender out of position, and his constant arm-raising when he doesn't receive a pass is likely to irritate his teammates and his manager.

Considering the value of the two players' contracts, City and Chelsea are going to be stuck with Grealish and Lukaku, regardless of whether they improve. The difference between the

There was a lot for Nigerians to be happy about.

To witness this iteration of Eguavoen's management is a beautiful thing. Both as a coach and as a man manager.

It has not always been so.

Twice he has been replaced as Super Eagles coach after filling in a similar interim role. First by Berti Vogts, and then by Samson Siasia.

On both occasions, some of the criticism of the former Nigeria captain was that his style was too conservative for the talent at his disposal. The same concerns

rose again when he was named interim coach, with some fans on social media harking up to those days, including his most recent stint as national team coach, where his under-23 team failed to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games after one win and two losses at the CAF Under-23 Nations Cup tournament in Morocco in 2011.

Instead, his current team are now playing the kind of football that is almost reminiscent of the halcyon days when Cerezo himself played for the side.

Whether that is a natural evolution from his

learned experiences of coaching clubs in Nigeria, or a response to what was seen as the staid, labored displays under Gernot Rohr, it has certainly been a refreshing change.

Four goals in two games, expansive football, high tempo pressing, and a mean, stingy defence so far Nigerians are pinching themselves.

Eguavoen also appears to be intentional about pushing his man management skills. Stressing continuously that he has encouraged the players to see him as approachable without taking advantage.

"I said to them, take me as your father, your brother, your friend," Eguavoen has said constantly. "Confide in me but don't take advantage of me being too gentle and everyone understands that. It is about freedom."

That freedom appears to be leading to good things and former Super Eagles captain Augustine "Jay-Jay" Okocha a believer.

"He looks focused, he knows what he wants and he is getting the best out of his team and that is what we want," Okocha said after the game.

And so far, it looks like it is working.

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Mbeya City FC eager to stun Simba SC in NBC Premier League



Mbeya City FC's footballers celebrate when one of the outfit's attackers netted a goal in an NBC Premier League clash played in Mbeya. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA CITY FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MBEYA City FC's technical bench has boasted that despite Simba SC quality, it will make sure the former emerges victorious when the clubs meet in an NBC Premier League tie today.

The league match is expected to be played at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya.

Mbeya City FC manager, Mwangane Yeya, said: "We are continuing with preparations towards our league game against Simba SC under our club's head coach, Mathias Lule."

"We know Simba SC have a good team, good players

due to the quality they showed in the Mapinduzi Cup, we also have a good squad, so we will make sure we get a win in the game."

"It will be a tough game but we hardly fear it, we will make sure we make good use of our home field by getting

three points. If our plan fails, we will strive to get one point rather than suffering a loss," Yeya revealed.

Mbeya City FC started this season's Premier League on a sound note before experiencing a poor run of performance. The squad registered

draw in seven games, won three, and lost one match under the tutelage of the Ugandan coach.

The Mbeya club's opponent, Simba SC, have arrived in Mbeya with a full squad including midfielder Clatous Chama that has rejoined the club on a three-year con-

tract from Morocco's RS Berkane. Simba SC comes up against Mbeya City FC after having won the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup tournament's silverware in Zanzibar last week.

A second half spot kick scored by attacker, Meddie Kagere, had Simba SC cruising to 1-0 win over Azam FC in the competition's final to lift the fourth trophy.

Last season, today's league clash's hosts Mbeya City FC lost 1-0 to Simba SC at the Sokoine Stadium.

Simba SC's head coach, Pablo Franco Martin, stated that when he saw Chama in various videos he embraced his potential and that is why he did not want to put a stumbling block in his return to the club.

"He is a very good player, I believe he will help the team in collaboration with his teammates, he has only great potential and I have faith in him," Martin stated.

The Spanish coach said he has been following the midfielder on various social networks and the way the player is talked about reflects his great potential.

"He would have been a normal player if he hadn't been talked about so much that it made me even follow him closely to see his potential," Martin said.

The coach said every Simba SC player has potential and that is why he has been roped in, so, he believes the goals will be achieved.

Simba SC sits second on the Premier League log with 24 points after participating in 11 games.

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Coastal Union FC's winger, Abdul Selemani (R), negotiates his way past Ruvu Shooting's midfielder, Rashid Juma, when the clubs locked horns in a recent NBC Premier League tie played in Coast Region. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION FC

Coastal Union FC launches campaign

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union Football Club, alias 'Wagosi wa Kaya', has over the weekend launched a campaign dubbed 'Hatoki Mtu', which targets to motivate the club to register good results in this season's NBC Premier League.

The campaign, launched at Mkwakani Stadium in Tanga, aims at making sure that every team in NBC Premier League that will be hosted by Coastal Union at the stadium concedes loss.

Coastal Union's Winning Committee's Chairman, Juma Hemedi Kunonga, disclosed the club's initiative in an exclusive interview with a radio station in Tanga last weekend.

He said Coastal Union was looking forward to making sure there was no loop hole as the outfit played host to Yanga in a Premier League clash at the stadium yesterday.

According to Kunonga, his outfit was all out to take three points in the yesterday duel.

The official disclosed: "From today onwards, Coastal Union will not easily succumb to loss in an NBC Premier League clash that will take place at Mkwakani Stadium."

"We will make sure we collect three points on hand, our opponents will not find it easy playing here."

He further said Coastal Union now sitting fourth in the NBC Premier League standing with 17 points, will make sure it comes out victorious in home fixtures right up to the end of the season to move into the top three.

Coastal Union is level with fifth-placed Polisi Tanzania but the former boasts having better goal difference.

Midfielder Clatous Chama confident of excelling

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC midfielder, Clatous Chama, has said that he is confident that he will perform well for the outfit in the upcoming NBC Premier League games.

Chama has made his way back to Msimbazi Street side from Morocco's RS Berkane.

He emphasized that his departure from Morocco was not a defeat but a football challenge.

The midfielder stressed he would show his club's fans his quality has improved.

The footballer is alleged to have failed to adapt to Florent Ibenge-coached RS Berkane environment and the Moroccan climate.

Chama is said to have prompted Simba SC officials to fight to bring him back to the club.

Simba SC's rival, Yanga, was said to have attempted to intervene in the deal even though the latter was stuck in the middle due to a deal that former had with RS Berkane.

Chama, who has been conducting regular interviews since his arrival at Simba SC, said that he has come to the outfit to work hard.

He said when he left the side, he was a great player that squad relied on due to his work on the pitch,

therefore, he has planned to step up.

"Let's wait, I am confident I will perform well in the squad in all competitions," the midfielder said.

"The main goal is to fight for the team in all competitions to do probably better than before and that is possible."

"I always want to play successfully in any team and I do not want to see myself fail to achieve that because I have confidence in my ability," Chama revealed.

Chama will not play for Simba SC in this season's CAF Confederation Cup due to having already made an appearance with RS Berkane.

The footballer disclosed: "Given the challenges I have faced I believe I will build respect in Tanzania by doing better."

Chama is the previous season's Premier League best player and the league's best midfielder.

The midfielder netted eight goals and executed 15 assists last season and his fine form earned him a return to Zambia's senior national team 'Chipololo'.

Chama is expected to make his first appearance this month for Simba SC, with the midfielder being eligible for today's league match versus Mbeya City FC.



Clatous Chama

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