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By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday called on newly appointed cabinet ministers and other top officials to work diligently in serving Tanzanians and respect lawful

authorities as per the oath they take upon appointment.

In a post-swearing-in address, the president said public institutions underline the legitimacy of those who hold those offices,

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Prison wardens lead Freeman Mbowe (2nd-L, foreground), national Chairman of the opposition Chadema, to a Dar es Salaam court yesterday for the continuation of the proceedings of his criminal case. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



'Human rights court facing tests in 2022'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE year 2022 comes with peculiar challenges that the African Court on Human and People's Rights must work to solve, the court's president, Lady Justice Imani Aboud (pictured) has declared.

"The African Court will certainly encounter challenges that are common to the administration of justice in Africa during a time when justice will remain largely virtual," she said in the judicial entity's New Year statement.

"These challenges include upholding fair trial rights, developing adequate solutions to emerging socio-political litigation, and

enforcing effective remedies in an era of increased assertion of sovereignty by states," the statement underlined.

"In the year 2022, the African Court will therefore assume the huge task of delivering human rights justice in a regional environment impacted by the global democracy crisis. For this, the court will have to withstand the challenges that the operational environment will undoubtedly affect its operation," she asserted.

The court needs to grapple with the crucial need to best capitalize on its now well established operational capacity to harness quality and greater authority, she stated, affirming that realising this aim necessarily involves internal institutional reform.

"But it certainly requires external stakeholders to reinvent their judicial engagement in a way that helps the court unleash its full justice-delivering potential, as envisaged by the African Union and fervently awaited by Africans," the court president intoned.

The Arusha-based Pan-African Court is

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Sand quarry pit collapses, leaving three people dead

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

AN abandoned sand quarry pit caved in on five people on Wednesday at Mlima CCM in Muriet ward, Arusha Region, leaving three of them dead.

Regional Police Commander Justine Masejo said the five were digging for murram before a huge chunk of soil broke loose and fell on them.

District Commissioner Said Mtanda confirmed the incident, as he headed for the quarry to help in supervising rescue efforts.

He conveyed his condolences to the families of the deceased, but declared: "I would like to stress that the government has been prohibiting quarrying activities in these areas after assessing the possibilities

of disaster striking."

The DC ordered police, the Mining Commission and the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to mount patrols in the area and in all other places where quarry activities continue despite being prohibited.

Anyone found disregarding the directives would face legal action, he warned.

While Muriet health centre doctor in charge Hamisi Balewa confirmed having received the bodies of the three people.

Peter Kachema, the chairman of the Murram Mining Association in the area, said the two people who survived the incident had fled shortly before the pit collapsed.

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TPDF member (31) 'stabs, kills father'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya Region have arrested a TPDF soldier, Mussa Ndonde (31) from Ruvu JKT camp at Mlandizi in Coast Region, suspected of killing his own father, Edward Ndonde (75), resident of Lumbila area in Mbeya City.

It is claimed that the suspect attacked the deceased with a knife and cut off one of his hands, with Acting Regional Police Commander Christina Musyani (pictured) saying here yesterday that the incident happened on Wednesday at around nine in



the morning. As to the cause of the murder, Musyani said the suspect accused his late father for being a magician, using his charms on him so that he does not become successful in his undertakings.

"Earlier, the suspect arrived at the house of the deceased unannounced and went straight to the sitting room and fiercely started attacking him leading to his death," she said.

The body of the deceased was preserved at the Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital for examination while the suspect was admitted to the same hospital under police guard, after he was attacked by neighbours upon seeing what he had done to his father.

Acting RPC Musyani reproved the incident saying they will make sure the suspect answers for his crime in court, urging people to stop believing in witchcraft.



40 illegal immigrants from Ethiopia arrested in Iringa

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

POLICE in collaboration with immigration officers in Iringa Region have arrested 40 Ethiopian nationals for allegedly entering the country illegally.

Iringa Regional Police Commander, Allan Bukumbi told reporters here that the suspects were arrested on Wednesday along the Iringa-Mbeya highway after they were abandoned in a truck with registration number T517 DJY owned by Deogratius Kimambo, a Kilimanjaro Region resident.

Bukumbi said the arrest of the suspected illegal immigrants was a continuation of various on-going operations in the region aimed at combating criminal incidents.

"In efforts to strengthen security and safety in our region, we've continued to conduct various patrols and anti-crime searches, the operations have been producing positive outcomes which include arresting of various criminals and properties," he said, noting:

"On January 12, this year at around 4:45pm at Ugwachanya area in Mseke ward, Iringa municipality, while on patrol, the Police Force was able to seize a vehicle with registration number T517 DJY-Mitsubishi Fuso which belongs to Deogratius Kimambo of Moshi in Kilimanjaro region being abandoned on the Iringa-Mbeya highway by an unidentified driver."

He named some of the arrested Ethiopian nationals as Cosoin Nyele (20) and Tomes Kebera (21), along with other suspects who entered the country through Namanga border crossing.

RPC Bukumbi said the suspects were en-route to Mbeya and will be brought to court after investigation.

In another incident, on January 11, this year at around 3pm on the Iringa - Njombe highway in

Changalawe area of Mafinga Town in Mufindi District, Iringa Region, police officers in collaboration with security officers at the Ruaha national park arrested two suspects transporting 17 elephant tusks, two whole teeth and a hippo tooth on a motorcycle.

The suspects were identified as Ezekiel Patrick (43) and George Ng'umbi (25), both farmers and residents of Kinyanambo in Mafinga town. They were transporting the government trophies on a motorcycle with registration number MC.171 CBO owned by Ng'umbi.

The police force also, on January 7, this year arrested Paul Kalinga (47), a farmer and resident of Igangindundu in Kiponzero ward with two elephant tusks.

In its patrol also in various areas of Watalisori, Ifuwa and Udekwa in Kilolo District, the Police Force caught various weapons, including three shotguns, three rifles and five gobole which were mostly used to implement illegal wildlife hunting.

Police have also arrested a hardcore thief of motorcycles in Iringa Municipal identified as Godson Kahemela whom after a search in his house was found with various theft items including a motorcycle with registration MC. 770 AJF, a 56-inch mattress in the country 56, a small ORYX gas cylinder, one Aboder subwoofer and various clothes.

The regional police commander said Kahemela injured three police officers before he was arrested.



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similarly working to bring states back to the heart of human rights justice in Africa in the course of this year, she remarked, commending member states of the African Union for their unwavering commitment to engage in a constructive dialogue with the court.

The dialogue aims at conducting a review of their role in promoting human rights justice in the AU member states, she stated, affirming that it was also important to note that the protection of human rights cannot be fully realised without the active participation of African citizens and the support of non-government actors, as they represent the people of Africa.

"The African Court therefore hopes that African civil society joins the court's reform process by actively engaging with the African Union, individual states, and the court," the statement noted, urging citizens all over the continent to "proactively engage with the court directly and through African civil societies to ensure the effective protection of their rights and fundamental freedoms."

Human rights justice is at the center of the debate on current threats to democratisation in Africa, with a growing general concern that human rights will be the primary victim of a new global trend of unconstitutional changes

of government and relapse to authoritarianism, the leading jurist lamented.

"Should African governments renew their commitment to the original aim that led to the establishment of the African Court, it is certain that, by readapting itself to cope with and respond to today's challenges, the court will make an unprecedented contribution to resolving the regional democracy crisis currently facing the continent," she further asserted.

"My message for this year is therefore a call for all stakeholders to build an alliance towards three main achievements: pursue quality justice; place States at the heart of the discourse on human rights justice; and devise strategies to promote Africa's contribution to overcome the global and regional democracy crisis."

In the past two years, the African Court has adjusted itself to the fast-changing sphere of international human rights justice, especially in handling the challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, underlining that court achievements since the advent of the pandemic show a consistent trend of increased 'productivity'.

Despite the difficulty of holding in-person sessions, it has almost doubled its judicial output by delivering several judgments in one calendar year, the statement added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday swearing in Said Shaibu Mussa as Tanzania's Ambassador to Kuwait. Photo: State House

Respecting authority is paramount, says Samia

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explaining that the presidency is a vital institution and even if one doesn't like Samia, patriotism requires that the person show respect for the presidency.

"If you don't like Samia, just respect your country," she affirmed, underlining that the presidency was an institution and not a person, expressing discomfort with faulty constitutional views where people think of a person rather than that institution as such.

President Samia said anyone holding the presidency represents that institution and no one has an option about respecting that institution, in wishing well for the country.

Citing scriptures, President Samia said since all power comes from God; therefore, if you don't like Samia respect divinity, knowing that the president's power to rule comes

from divinity.

The new appointees must not to ignore what the presidency is obliged to do for the public interest, demanding that they assess themselves in relation to the oath they took upon appointment, to be sure of their commitment to lead the way in serving the community.

"Although no one is perfect, weaknesses should not override duty," she said, referring to files containing work assessments of everyone. "When I go deep, I find that most of you did not respect or work as per the oaths taken upon appointment."

She expressed concern on the way misunderstandings among leaders lead to leakage of classified public information on social media, urging that officials should ensure there is no leakage of classified public information. They need to ensure they solve problems wisely

in the ministries they lead "instead of shouting or showing masculinity," she cautioned.

The president reminded ministers to avoid nepotism, to recruit staff based on qualifications, warning that it kills institutional performance. When implementing their duties, ministers must assess themselves if they are on the right track in serving the public, she emphasised.

Former Lands minister William Lukuvi has meanwhile been tasked with a new role as coordinator of government business, working from the State House.

Explaining the roles of the senior member of the cabinet, President Samia cited challenges experienced as to coordinating government work, which hinders efficiency, as the department of coordination within the Prime Minister's Office was inadequate.

Lukuvi shall work with the office of the Chief Secretary hand in hand to coordinate government work, liaising the work of different sectors and monitoring performance in all ministries, the president underlined.

"We have had challenges in coordination of operations of government in key sectors that affect our people directly such as water, health, education and others. Now Lukuvi will help us with this," she said.

A few sectors have a direct impact on the people so they must be given priority and closely coordinated, she further noted, citing the sectors as education, health, water and rural electrification

"Those who have been ministers and deputy ministers are aware that there was lack of coordination and cooperation between various sectors, with every agency or ministry working on its own," she



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has an audience at Zanzibar State House yesterday with Chief of National Service Major General Rajabu Mabele (2nd-L), who went to introduce himself. Left is Zanzibar JKU Chief Commander Colonel Makame Abdalla Daima. Photo: State House

RC directs local councils to submit weekly reports on students' enrolment

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

ALL local councils in Mbeya Region have been directed that on every Friday they should submit to his office a report on the number of students in elementary classes who were enrolled in the region's various primary schools.

The directives were given here

Wednesday by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera during his investigation visit of various projects implemented with Covid-19 funds in the education and health sectors in Rungwe and Busokelo district councils.

He said the submission of such reports should start as soon as schools open.

"Our region is among regions

that have been making big efforts to enroll students at elementary school in the country, attaining 46 per cent countrywide, but the situation is far from being satisfactory, we should increase enrolment efforts in order to do well nationally," said RC Homera.

In another development, Homera was handed with more than 70 classrooms whose construction was

completed at 100 per cent for use by Form I students soon after schools are open.

He praised Rungwe and Busokelo district officials for completing in time classrooms construction as well as the construction of new secondary school through Covid-19 funds provided to build classrooms.

For his part, Rungwe District

Council Chairman, Mpokigwa Mwangunga thanked the government for providing them with funds for various development projects, the projects that will ensure provision of better social services to the people.

He added that apart from the completion of these projects, including those for health centres, dispensaries and schools, still there

was the huge challenge regarding staff shortage, and appealed to the government to employ more staff in both the health and education sectors.

For his part, Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney said all ongoing projects are fully supervised, and wished that all of them to be completed by April this year.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan swears in Aisha Amour (R) as Works and Transport ministry (Works) permanent secretary at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Dar es Salaam man jailed for impersonating a TRA officer

DODOMA magistrate court has sentenced Dar es Salaam resident, Kitareti Mahuti to two years' imprisonment and 2m/- fine after being found guilty of pretending to be Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)'s officer.

In his ruling on case number 170 of 2019, Resident Magistrate, Aloyce Katemana said the court was satisfied with the evidence tabled by the complainant. The accused is said to have committed the offence in different regions in the country.

He said the court has been convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the accused committed the offence and sentenced to jail term and a fine in addition, adding that the sentence should serve

as a lesson to others with similar intentions.

"The accused person is sentenced to serve a term of two (2) years imprisonment and pay Tsh 2,000,000 /= as fine" reads the imprisonment order sent to the Isanga Prison's Superintendent Officer.

Earlier, government attorney, Miyango Kezilahabi told the court that the accused was reigned for the first time in 2019 for the similar offence.

TRA's Legal Officer, Hadija Senzia

said the accused at different times used forged TRA identity card, going round, threatening to take action on owners of guest houses and lodges who do not issue EFD machines.

She added that during his 'operation' the accused used to inspect the traders and business people, threatening to take disciplinary measures due to various offences.

"He used many fake documents, threatening and saying that he is from TRA and can take serious measures for failure to use EFD

receipt machines if they do not give him money" she said.

She said during the coning spree, the accused used different unofficial names on the identity cards with numbers indicating he was TRA officer.

"He had a fake TRA identity card bearing the name Miringe James, tax officer" she added.

Senzia noted that the accused was arrested in August, 2019 after going round in different regions in the country, posing as TRA officer as he used Toyota IST car.

Dr Mwinyi demands closer links between JKT and JKU

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on the good relationship between the Tanzania National Service (JKT) and Zanzibar National Service (JKU) insisting the need for further cooperation in training and construction projects.

Dr Mwinyi made the statement at the State House yesterday when he met with the Chief of National Service (CNS), Brigadier General, Rajabu Mabele.

He said that JKT is already ahead of JKU in many aspects including implementation of construction projects. He said since JKT has been implementing the projects for many years, it is high that JKU also extends its activities to start executing construction projects.

Dr Mwinyi added that JKU should also establish its own commercial wing which will be undertaking construction projects across the country.

Earlier, Brigadier General Mabele informed President Mwinyi on the long-time existing relationship between JKT and JKU, saying they have been partnering in a number of activities since 2001.

He said they started cooperating in conducting training as well as during national celebrations and development projects. He said a lot of successes have been recorded since the two armies started cooperating in provision of training to its officers.

Brigadier General Mabele said that for the first time the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) commercial wing Suma-JKT has been contracted to construct a branch of the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (MNMA) Zanzibar. He said that Suma-JKT has been engaging officers from JKU in the project implementation for purposes of sharing experience.

He promised President Mwinyi of continued support to JKU to

ensure they gain experience and achieve its targeted goals of being able to execute major construction projects.

Meanwhile, President Mwinyi met with a delegation from the US-based 54gene, a genomics research company focused on Africans accompanied by Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, Zanzibar's Minister for Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender, and Children.

President Mwinyi assured the company of Zanzibar's readiness to cooperate with them in improving the health sector especially in development of software for data management as well as the use of modern laboratories in disease diagnosis.

The Health Minister said it was important for Zanzibar to start using modern laboratories in disease diagnosis to be able to know the type of diseases that attacks people most and find ways to protect residents from contracting them.



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TCF and LC in partnership, are excited to be commencing work as part of a wider consortium on this new multi-year Disability Inclusive Development (DID) project in Shinyanga City, Shinyanga district council in Shinyanga region and Misungwi in Mwanza region of Tanzania, in line with the National Inclusive Education Strategy (NIES). The project aims to increase the enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in education, to increase their learning and improve their life-chances focusing on inclusive education for pre-primary and primary school-going age children.

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Coalition to hold survey on causes of women's killings

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders is fundraising for a countrywide survey to develop the main source of killings of women in society.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, CWHRD coordinator Hilda Dadu said: "We're targeting 150m/-, which will be okay for the study. During the survey, we'll visit in different areas and have a face-face interviews with men, women, youth, legal aid providers, gender desk in police stations and other people to identify the cause of femicide that is very high than in the past years."

Hilda said: "In recent years women are killed for being suspected witchcraft in rural areas, but right now gender-related killings of women are very high in Tanzania and as defenders we're very concerned with the high level of femicide in our country."

According to her, women are routinely killed by their husband, partner and their children for love envy or inheriting property.

So far, eight women have been killed by their spouses and children, that's why we want to conduct research to see what the causes are and what should be done to prevent this femicide.

"I thought, this is not true, the cause of women killings is depressing because right now mental health problem is very high for Tanzanians due to poverty, lack of employment, conflicts between two families or relatives, gender based violence for both women and men, sitting at home idle with no work, no movement and other issues," she said.

Hilda said a country-wide survey will help them to come up with new compressive strategy and legal action to protect women, urging government to take stronger actions to prevent femicide across

the country, end to GBV and take legal action for all suspects or killers because women have right to live and to be valued similarly to men.

According to her, social welfare officers should also take serious measures to assist local communities on what they encounter in their families, giving them proper advice in accordance with the main challenges they have and even visit in their localities and have a face-to-face discussion with them to investigate the source of the killings.

The coalition said the obtained report should be submitted to Psychiatrists to see their mental health conditions that in turn will help them to access medications and even provide therapy for them, the main goal is to protect femicide that is very high across the country.

Highlighting on parents, Hilda pointed out that parents should also listen their children once they come to report what they encounter from their husband or partners, don't ignore them, allow them to say everything that they thought can cause killings to them instead of telling them to be patience in marriage.

Media organizations should also take serious measures to identify and report these incidents so that the government can be aware on what is going on across the country, have a proper data on femicide and later on take legal actions for killers, the statement said.

All human rights defenders and activists should come up with new programme to visit in local communities to solve the main challenges they encounter in their localities.

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Goodluck Moshi (R), Vodacom Tanzania's head of digital innovation and care, presents a dummy cheque for 10m/- to Lilian Haule of Tegeta in Dar es Salaam for winning the firm's 'Tusua mapene' promotion raffle held in the city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kondoa

Dodoma RC Mtaka far from pleased with new classrooms

DODOMA regional commissioner, Anthony Mtaka has said he is not pleased with classrooms constructed by Kondoa Town Council in the region due to their poor quality.

RC Mtaka expressed his displeasure here on Wednesday at his meeting with officials of the Council.

He said the classrooms were to be built within 90 days, instead this time was extended with very poor workmanship withstanding.

In the circumstances, he called

upon Council officials to work together and stop unnecessary wrangling that retard development projects in their area.

"I hail you for completing 24 classrooms construction for the money given, but I am not satisfied with the quality thereof," RC Mtaka said.

He added that instead of wrangling

among themselves, council officials should come up issues that will spur development in the area including the education sector and economy.

For the part, Kondoa Town Council officials asked for an additional refuse collecting truck due to huge work load as the town's population continues to increase every day.

Chimichimi Ward Chairman said his ward has been a great producer of solid waste and this is shown by shortage of refuse trucks.

He added: "Since the coming of the new Council Executive Director, he had never had a meeting with us chairmen, hence he should come to meet us to know about various challenges we face," he added

Mbeya Region planning two schools to cater for students with disabilities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AUTHORITIES in Mbeya Region are set to build two special schools - primary and secondary for children with disabilities aimed to solve the challenge from large number of students to learn in tranquil surroundings.

This was revealed on Wednesday by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera at a meeting that discussed various issues plaguing people with disabilities in the region.

He said they plan to build modern schools for children with disabilities that will incorporate friendly learning infrastructures.

He said the schools will be demonstration schools for the country and that the government, in collaboration with various stakeholders will accomplish the project.

"We have seen various obstacles facing students with disabilities including classes and other infrastructures for learning hence we hope the schools will

be a solution," he said.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Professions Officer, Wilbrood Yangha said the government has provided a total of 15bn/- for the construction of classrooms.

He said the primary school with special needs - Katumba II Primary School in Rungwe District has been allocated 80m/- for the construction of a dormitory, 90m/- for the administrative building and three classrooms aimed at reducing classrooms congestion at the school.

He added that Katumba II Primary School is faced with a huge challenge in regard to classrooms infrastructure due to a huge influx of students from various areas of the country.

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Manyoni District Council likely to find itself in soup over land buyers' money

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

MANYONI District Council in Singida Region could find itself in soup following claims that it received more than 600m/- from the people on promise of providing them with land for farming, but after four years now that has not happened.

Following the claims that the people who paid the money into special council accounts as instructed, Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr Binilith Mahenge on Wednesday convened a meeting of the Manyoni Cashew Nuts Projects Committee.

In the meeting, Manyoni District Commissioner, Rahabu Mwangisa directed for closure all accounts that receive money for purchase of land for farms until full verification is made.

Meanwhile RC Mahenge instructed the Committee that by Monday, January 17 this year it should issue a correct report on the project that will first be perused by the Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) before being sent to him.

Mahenge said he directed for the report to be submitted afresh as an earlier one was deficient as the names of the people who allegedly paid the money for purchase of farms were missing while he had them himself while the total money paid was not stated.

He said it is totally unacceptable to receive the money from the people but fail to prepare a comprehensive report thereon.

"Executive Director, district Commissioner, I direct you that the report should be prepared afresh and it should show the size of land area allocated to the purchaser, how many people submitted applications and paid, costs of application forms and transport for officials, what

were your conditions, and all such other details including total money received and in which banks was it deposited," he added.

He said he wants the issue to be finalised and he leaves it to the executive Director dealt under the supervision of RAS and should not be left to the committee alone.

Manyoni District Council Internal Auditor who is also a member of the committee, Aderaide Rweikiza said a full comprehensive report on the entire project exists and will be submitted to the RC.



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Devotha Mayala, public relations officer with the Tanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority, has a word with water stakeholders in Muheza town yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

DC: Parents failing to take their children to school risk 'trouble'

KILOSA district commissioner Majdi Mwangi has threatened to arrest and bring to justice parents and guardians who fail to send their children to school on January 17, this year.

DC Mwangi said this in Kilosa at a public meeting with the people on mobilizing development activities including the education sector.

The district commissioner said that in order to see all first-form one students enter the classrooms on January 17, this year; his office has drafted agreements between parents and guardians regarding controlling the behavior of some parents as a source of students dropping out of school.

He said the move was to

implement Article 11 (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, which emphasizes the basic right to education.

"We have prepared agreements that aim to strengthen the management of parents and guardians, fulfill the responsibility to care for their children, and have been distributed in secondary schools and government and village and ward government offices," said the Kilosa district commissioner.

For his part, CCM chairman in Kilosa District, Ameir Mbaraka

congratulated President Samia Suluhu Hassan for equipping Kilosa district with 4.3bn/- spent on the construction of 186 classrooms.

Kilosa District Council executive director, Kisena Mabuba said, the council is scheduled for 9,405 students who are expected to start their first form studies on January 17, this year.

Mabuba said another initiative is to encourage early and first-grade enrollment from pastoralist communities.

"I want the pastoralist community to come forward and enroll their

children who have reached school age so that they can avoid the hand of the law," said Mabuba.

However, he said, the council will continue the process of registering high schools, to provide opportunities for primary school students to overcome the need to walk long distances.

Some residents of Gezaulole Village in the district, Everine Mlinga said that most of the parents and guardians have already reached the agreements and there are no difficulties in its implementation.

Katavi cassava farmers lined up for supplies of high-grade TARI seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Mpanda

CASSAVA farmers in Katavi Region are faced with the lack of quality cassava seeds, hence they continue using traditional seeds that take long time to harvest as well as not being resistant to diseases.

The remarks were made by Mwanza based TARI-Ukiguru researcher, Habai Masunga soon after distributing modern quality cassava seeds to farmers in Katavi Region.

Masunga said the seeds will be a saviour to the farmers as they produce bigger harvests thereby increasing their incomes.

"We are distributing these seeds to three regions - Katavi, Kigoma and Tabora and the main aim for selecting these regions is that they are best suited for cassava cultivation due to the friendly climate therein," he said.

He said they were distributing three kinds of seeds including 'mkombozi' type totaling 116,000 seedlings of which Nsimbo District will receive 54,000 seedlings.

Nsimbo Ward Agriculture officer, Nemes Matindi said even those farmers who had lost hope will come back to the fold and grow cassava.

"In the past, our farmers were

cultivating seeds that had no certainty of better yield and were not resistant to diseases, my call to them is that these quality seeds should spread to all villages starting the coming farming season and you should be proud to be the first users to cultivate the new seeds," Matindi added.

For their part, some farmers who received the seedlings, including Joseph Kisimba, Ibrahim Mzutu and Pius Abel thanked TARI for supplying thee the seeds and pledged to abide by farming procedures regarding cassava cultivation.



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Simanjiro District Council planning officer Heri Kuria pictured yesterday presenting the council's 25.267bn/- draft budget for financial year 2022/2023. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MP donates cash to complete classroom, toilet construction in 18 schools in Moro

MOROGORO Urban MP, Abdulaziz Abood has donated 28m/- to complete the construction of classrooms and toilets in 18 Secondary Schools in Morogoro Municipality as a move to support the education sector.

The classrooms and toilets are different from those built under the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s financial assistance and debt service relief to Tanzania facing the economic impact of the COVID-19

pandemic. Classroom construction was completed on December 25, last year, and to accommodate all selected Form One students in January 2022.

"I recently made a visit to 18 wards to inspect the construction of classrooms for the Covid-19 project

with funding provided by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. The challenge is for the classrooms that have been built are lack of classrooms and modern toilet facilities," the MP said.

Abood said that by accepting the challenges posed by the people he was able to contribute 28m/- towards classrooms and toilets that

have just started to be built, and the money will be used to buy bricks, concrete, toilets, masks, clean and safe water facilities.

Morogoro Municipal Secondary Education Officer, Jaribu Malambughu, commended the lawmaker for providing financial support for the completion of

classrooms and toilets built by the people to overcome the shortage and shortage of toilets for students.

He said: "I hope the Municipal Leadership that this assistance will enable the completion of these classrooms on time and will be the responsibility of the council to complete the demolition of these

fences and this will continue to reduce student overcrowding in the classrooms."

For his part, Kola Hill Secondary School acting headteacher, Felister Shayo said: "The school needs to build another toilet with 30 holes for male students and 35 holes for girls according to the number of students at 1,149."

Shayo said, currently the existing toilet has 40 holes for male students and 45 for girls, a number that does not match the number of 1,149 students.



Consolata Mushi (L), National Kiswahili Council's acting executive secretary, pictured in Zanzibar yesterday speaking at a joint meeting with policy and planning directors from Zanzibar's Culture, Arts and Sports ministry. The thrust was on ways to improve the language. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Too soon to treat Covid-19 like flu as Omicron spreads - WHO

By Special Correspondent

IT is too soon for countries to be treating COVID as an endemic illness like flu, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned, because there is still a "huge amount of uncertainty" regarding the spread of the Omicron variant.

Omicron is on track to infect more than half of Europeans in the next two months, WHO's Europe director Hans Kluge told reporters.

Omicron on track to infect more than half of Europeans in two months

Europe saw more than seven million new reported cases in

the first week of 2022, more than doubling over a two-week period.

"At this rate, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation forecasts that more than 50% of the population in the region will be infected with Omicron in the next six to eight weeks," Mr Kluge said during a news briefing, referring to a research centre at the University of Washington.

Fifty out of 53 countries in Europe and central Asia have logged cases of the more transmissible variant.

Since it was first reported by scientists in South Africa in November, the COVID-19 strain has spread internationally and is now

known to be in at least a third of countries.

The transition from pandemic to endemic

Several studies have shown the risk of hospitalisation from Omicron is lower than from Delta.

But the WHO has cautioned more studies are still needed to prove this.

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said on Monday that it may be time to track the ongoing COVID crisis in a similar method to the flu due to its lethality falling.

He said: "I believe that we have the conditions for, with precaution, slowly, opening the debate at the technical level and at the level of

health professionals, but also at the European level, to start evaluating the evolution of this disease with different parameters than we have until now."

At the weekend, Zahawi told Sky News' Trevor Phillips on Sunday: "I hope we will be one of the first major economies to demonstrate to the world how you transition from pandemic to endemic, and then deal with this however long it remains with us, whether that's five six, seven, 10 years."

WHO's senior emergency officer for Europe, Catherine Smallwood, has since warned against treating the virus as endemic.

She said: "We still have a huge amount of uncertainty and a virus that is evolving quite quickly, imposing new challenges. We are certainly not at the point where we are able to call it endemic."

Deforestation behind rise in frequency of thunderstorms locally in West Africa - study

By Special Correspondent

THE frequency of thunderstorms in some fast-growing African coastal cities has doubled over the past 30 years, many of which are related to the impact of deforestation on the region's climate, according to a new study.

The study led by the United Kingdom Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) revealed that more frequent storm activity in coastal areas is a second, previously unrecognised, way in which deforestation can increase flooding.

This study examined southern West Africa, a coastal region where deforestation has been ongoing since 1900 within a 300-km coastal belt.

It analysed three decades of satellite data from southern West Africa to see how meteorological patterns changed as a result of deforestation through changes in heating and humidity of the atmosphere.

The removal of vegetation increases rainwater runoff and landslides, which happened in Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, in August 2017 when 1,100 people died.

There are two rainy seasons (March-June and September-November) along the south coast of southern West Africa (March-June and September-November), with a little dry season in July and August.

The little dry season coincides with the peak of the West African monsoon, which brings heavy rain further north in West Africa.

The researchers found that the removal of large areas of woodland greatly exacerbated the effects of global warming in the coastal areas of the region, which includes Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Nigeria.

In deforested areas, the frequency

of storms has doubled since 1991, but the increase in forested areas has been around 40 per cent.

Deforestation is not the only driver of land surface temperature (LST) trends. At small scales, urbanisation strongly increases LST, affecting parts of Southern Nigeria in particular.

The deforested land had been turned over to use for agriculture and fuel for cooking to support nearby growing populations but the storms and rainfall affect urban as well as rural areas.

The study was published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

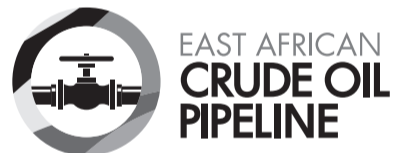
Chris Taylor, UKCEH professor, who led the study, said: "The extent of increase in coastal storm activity is likely to vary in different regions, depending on the local climate, but we would expect deforestation to have a similar effect in other coastal deforested areas."

In Africa and South-East Asia, large areas of coastal tropical forest are being destroyed, global climate change has had an impact on communities and drainage and other infrastructures are often ill-equipped to cope with major flooding.

In Sierra Leone's capital Freetown in particular, the residents are already suffering from multiple, damaging effects of climate change, including extreme temperatures and flash flooding from storms.

Nearly 2.4 billion people (about 40 per cent of the world's population) live within 100 km (60 miles) and more than 600 million people (around 10 per cent of the world's population) live in coastal areas that are less than 10 meters above sea level of the coast, according to the United Nations factsheet.

Large numbers of people live close to the sea because of the food and economic benefits that it provides.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF FIELD EQUIPMENT FOR EACOP. REFERENCE NO: 0010007360

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing field equipment to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The required field equipment includes:

- Large and medium sized Marquee tents with open drop sides.
- Plastic chairs, tables & dustbins.
- 5KW petrol powered, portable generator.
- 5m, 10m, 15m extension power cables.
- Rechargeable handheld radios/Walkie-talkies and charging equipment.
- Mobile hand sanitisers.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with the Occupation Safety and Health Authority - OSHA.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: GRAVE REMOVAL AND RE-INTERMENT SERVICES FOR EACOP. REFERENCE NO: 0010007361

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in planning and executing of the relocation and re-interment of graves along the route affected by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project. This process will include conducting the required engagement activities with regional and local authorities and the affected families.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The grave relocation and re-interment services will comprise the following:

- Confirming coordinates and locations of graves as provided by Company
- Conducting engagement with district and local authorities including District Health Officers to arrange all legal requirements for grave removals
- Conducting engagement with affected families to ensure all grave removal ceremonies have been conducted and compensation have been paid.
- Conducting engagement with affected families and community leaders to identify places where the graves will be relocated.
- Working with local authorities to identify labourers to conduct the grave removal
- Secure all required Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) equipment to safely deliver the grave re-interment exercise

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Experience relocating & reinterment of graves in Tanzania for industrial or other projects
- Experience engaging authorities for grave removal activities in Tanzania
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with Occupation Safety and Health Authority - OSHA
- Application for registration with the EVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
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Politics ought to consider the past to be relevant today and tomorrow

COMPARING past performance with current methods or techniques is routine in marking important events in a country's life. A ready example would be how various governments react to crises of confidence or cabinet conscience at one time or another.

We have just marked 60 years of Tanganyika's Independence and 58 years of the Zanzibar Revolution in the background of ideological debates within the ruling party.

That was only to be expected, as vigorous internal communication is healthy for any community, all the more so if that happens to be a political party all the more so.

Founder president Julius Nyerere retired as ruling party chairman in 1990, five years after leaving office. His parting words - to CCM delegates - included these: "Without a strong CCM, our country will be unstable."

It is definitely the case that our country isn't unstable, though that should not translate into suggesting that it is all hearty handshakes within the ruling CCM and between it and opposition parties.

The political landscape may not be as smooth as some quarters would wish to see, which some analysts may describe as only natural.

This is especially common whenever there is no sufficient inter-party and even intra-party agreement or harmony - most particularly when watershed elections are just around the corner.

In a situation of ideological harmony, things would tend to reduce themselves cases calling for orientation relating to personal ambitions which could be handled by the relevant party organs and procedures.

More complicated situations,

though, would demand more principled stances reaching the level of more highly placed party organs.

When, on the contrary, there is an appreciable difference in orientations, any malaise coming up would have to do with such divergence, and more issues of principle would emerge.

With respect to questions of development strategy, for instance, impressions created along the decades would include what is right - or wrong - in relation to the country's economy. When such issues are raised they surely merit a principled response.

In his time, Mwalimu Nyerere at one point in time came up with an essay examining the issues involved - as he did when Tanzania faulted relations with Britain after having quarrelled with West Germany the year before as the government refused to rescind recognition of East Germany.

Mwalimu issued a celebrated paper entitled: 'Principles and Development', and Kwame Nkrumah's government (in Ghana) was overthrown a year later.

Then, come October 1966, students of the then University College of Dar es Salaam demonstrated against (among other things) the National Service, following which Mwalimu brought in the Arusha Declaration.

Much of this has surely witnessed natural adjustments over the years - some positive and others not as much.

Of most importance and relevance would be those thoughts, ideas and views aired as freely as possible so as to move the political conscience for the good of the country and the nation and which, if not addressed to satisfaction, would result in acrimony not benefiting the people.

Well done, Uganda, for re-opening schools after 2 years of lockdowns

NEIGHBOURING Uganda has in the past week been breathing fresh air after moving to reopen schools, following nationwide Covid-19 lockdowns that lasted nearly two years.

However, the country still has daunting challenges on its hands as it battles new waves of Omicron variant infections, as is the case in a number of other African countries.

Many parts of the world, especially the more developed ones with independent and reliable national data networks among hospitals and care homes, Africa has only a patchy capacity for such reporting - and generally feels disinclined to be entirely transparent.

The fact is that Uganda's travails with inhibiting Covid-19 infections were nowhere near ending as yet, given the situation at the country's numerous border crossing points especially with Kenya.

Truck drivers were being directed to take a test for infection even with having a certificate from Kenya or say Tanzania (as Malaba was an affected crossing point as well), and also pay Kshs30 for the test (close to 60,000/- here), in disregard of having an exit negative test certificate.

The cause of this mishap wasn't being explained in thorough terms, but it can be figured out that officials fear that papers can be stamped for a bit of cash, whether routinely or exceptionally - if it is in just one country, one border post or it is a general habit.

More recent information was suggesting that the test (or re-testing) requirement had now been removed, and also the test cash demanded.

This means that trucks will now be moving to and fro in the usual

manner, after clearing several kilometers of backlog.

That is precisely why lorry drivers and other people should seek to be vaccinated and carry with them digital certificates of vaccination, as mere tests don't guard against being infected, which also implies starting to spread infection once one is infected.

But there is no East African Community-wide mandatory vaccination pass requirement as yet in place, as discussions so far have been focusing on testing, not vaccines.

Trouble is that too much vaccine hesitancy is still being experienced around the world, and often in countries with high numbers of infections and deaths during the spread of earlier variants of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The latest variant, Omicron, is credited with rapid infection rates but with relatively low hospitalisation and a scant death rate compared with the Delta variant.

What this implies is that vaccine hesitancy will be boosted by this opening, namely, that people prepare for mild or strong bouts of headache or chest pains, even fever and vomiting, but they know that it will take only a short while and all will be well again.

That would essentially mean that EAC customs officials at territorial border points need to be ready for the tests and mutual recognition of certificates for a while to come.

The major explanation here is that it is unlikely that EAC partner states will move into mandatory vaccine passports (or passes) any time soon. So, all concerned ought to play ball - as expected.

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Trust in media is low worldwide. Are media outlets reaching out to the wrong people?

By Rick Edmonds

THERE are countless efforts to increase trust in news. Few have reached beyond existing readers and likely subscribers to the truly skeptical.

It has become an article of faith among editors and reporters that they need to come up with strategic efforts to build reader trust. However, a report late last year from the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford offers a sobering caution.

It is that few of countless efforts to build reader trust have reached beyond existing readers and likely subscribers to the truly skeptical.

I asked Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, director of the institute, whether this should be read as pessimism about the entire trust effort of the last several years.

He said: "I would say realism. Even if the truth is not entirely welcome ... we need to be clear-eyed about the incentives (at play)."

Right now, those incentives turn out to be foremost retaining subscribers or broadcast audiences, often paired with adding a new paid digital base, according to the report.

That means that "few individual news organisations have clear incentives for investing in building trust with indifferent, skeptical or outright hostile parts of the public" - while, additionally, few of the organisations with trust-building initiatives "can point to systematic efforts for tracking their effectiveness".

The conclusions were based on focus group conversations with journalists from four countries - the US, the UK, Brazil and India. An earlier Reuters survey report last summer meanwhile found that trust levels are low worldwide, with the United States ranking last among 46 countries surveyed.

On the one hand, according to Nielsen, the principal measure of trust is the attitude of lay users alone. But he and co-author Benjamin Toff thought that it was worth digging deeper into how the trust challenge is playing out within news organisations.

Given finite resources, it may make sense to individual organisations to focus engagement efforts narrowly on best prospects, the Reuters report authors write. They say the trouble is "for journalism more generally".

The authors elaborate that if each news outlet focuses on building trust with those already most likely to trust them, the people most

indifferent to or distrusting towards news - who are most difficult to reach and most resistant to such appeals, and frankly often less commercially attractive - are at risk of being left behind or further alienated.

They say many of those the outlets target for attention already compete for attention, trust, and reader revenue from the same, often already relatively trusting (and privileged) parts of the public.

Editors in the discussions indicated awareness of the problem and offered some experimental solutions their organisations are trying.

Paul Volpe, who became editor of a new New York Times trust team in September, said the paper shares the Reuters perspective that there are groups of "hardcore loyalists who already believe you" and the "unconvertible who never will".

The Times is focusing on defining a third, middle group who might be those who do not yet know what to think: "Maybe it's a younger audience, maybe it's someone who is not exposed as much to media."

Volpe continued that one avenue to defining that group may be social media comments, many of them based just on the incomplete picture a headline paints rather than an assessment of the whole story. Such posts may point the way to subsequent stories needed to address commenters' news concerns.

Suki Dardarian, senior managing editor and vice president of The Star Tribune in Minneapolis, offered a similar perspective from a regional newspaper.

She said: "If they're older, disinterested people, how hard do I have to work to get those people, when I have a bunch of younger people coming in who might be more interested? Like, I'm not saying I'm writing them off, but you know, if I have to make some choices ..."

She also spoke of Star Tribune initiatives considered successes in trust-building. Internal metrics suggested that reader interest in uplifting stories so The Star Tribune has markedly upped its storytelling about faith, religion and spirituality.

Similarly, an annual feature about lifestyle challenges, like cutting back on sugar or improving sleep, prompted the creation of a community format on those topics which has attracted thousands of comments.

For the toughest groups to reach, the report concludes that there are no easy answers, especially in a climate of polarisation and media-bashing politicians.

But it argues: "Much of the public sees journalism and news media as powerful institutions ... and are unlikely to accept that the root of the problem lies elsewhere, or that they have few options at their disposal. Thus, giving up on building trust may look like a lack of real interest in the issue."

I asked Nielsen for further thoughts on what outlets might do. He offered three. "Familiarity does not breed contempt, and that's quite encouraging," he said, adding that media outlets should not be reticent to "show the value of their work."

Second, Nielsen also said he thinks that outlets "should be as clear as possible about the mission of the organisation," particularly in an era where large segments of the public suspect hidden agendas. "You need to have ideals. Say it and then show it."

He said he has noticed (as I have) how many of the best digital startups are explicit about their mission and editorial standards. Many newspapers, by contrast, "may be 100 years old, but it is easy to forget that, especially among a community of younger readers, what you stand for may not be known", he noted.

Third, Nielsen suggests - just as the report does - that outlets need to spend some time facing facts about what they think about alternate trust strategies.

"No one can do everything," he said, adding that it has however been easy to back into a narrow approach without much reflection.

He offered, as examples of creative approaches, a Canadian Broadcast Corporation initiative to embed journalists in pop-up newsrooms in remote Indigenous communities or the Los Angeles Times' "reckoning with its own history" of inadequately covering the many ethnic and racial groups it intends to serve.

Looking forward, Nielsen suggested that media outlets could borrow a page from the playbook of successful politicians. "You do one set of things to energise the base and another to reach the undecideds".

His agenda for 2022 includes more academic work to understand the everyday impact of platforms and devising online experiments to see what's working among what's being tried.

I also asked for a reaction to the report from Joy Mayer, founder and director of Trusting News and a Poynter adjunct faculty member. "It gets at some absolutely crucial tensions. There are choices to be made about who you want to serve," she said.

Even if the goal ends up being just

to seek a broader audience, she said, "you are going to encounter people who are hostile ... and there are others who are misinformed or have reasons to be mistrustful".

Her six-year-old project, co-sponsored by the Reynolds Institute at the University of Missouri and the American Press Institute, has embarked on a series of experiments under the banner of "the road to pluralism".

It has been A-B testing, for instance - as the Reuters report recommends - whether explicit links to a mission statement make a given piece of content more credible.

The Reuters report notes that hostile assaults from some politicians on "the media", so prevalent here, are a huge issue also for the Brazilian and Indian editors who participated in the study.

The report found that the level of hostility towards journalists and their organisations, together with echo chambers for animosity and misinformation, have induced a grim mood among many journalists.

It doesn't recommend any easy solution, but I would concur with the Reuters authors that this is no time to give up on identifying persuadable audience segments and a sustained effort to gain their trust. And for realism, as Nielsen suggested, about how far along outlets actually are.

• **Rick Edmonds is media business analyst for the Poynter Institute, where he has done research and writing for the last fifteen years.**



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Moscow expects West to give written response to Russia's initiatives

BRUSSELS

THE discussions that Russia and the West had at Wednesday's meeting of the Russia-NATO Council, the first such event since 2019, were useful and direct.

They have not led to any agreements but made it possible for the parties to understand each other's position and realize that Russia and NATO still view fundamental issues differently.

Russia expects the United States and other NATO countries to give a written response to Moscow's security initiatives, and will decide whether it is reasonable to continue talks or move to other measures to ensure national security.

To sum up the event, TASS has put together the key statements of Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko and the Russian Defense Ministry.

Response to proposals

Grushko pointed out that Russia had clarified all of its concerns at the meeting and called on the other party to commit its proposals to paper.

The senior Russian diplomat added that there were reasons to expect NATO members to do it in the near future but it was too early to talk about further contacts.

Diplomatic presence

The Russian deputy foreign minister noted that Moscow would consider restoring its permanent mission to NATO, provided that the alliance changed its policy and abandoned attempts to raise tensions.

He also stressed that Russia would not allow anyone to make decisions about its diplomatic presence.

De-escalation in Ukraine

Grushko stated that in the four-hour meeting, discussions of the Ukraine issue had lasted one and a half hours.

He also said that de-escalation in the country was possible based on the Minsk Agreements. However, he emphasized the need to make Kiev fully implement its obligations under the accords.

The Russian diplomat added that once it was done, "there will be no threat to Ukraine's security and territorial integrity." According to him, if NATO is really interested in de-escalation, it should stop providing any kind of military assistance to Ukraine, including weapons supplies, and withdraw inspectors, instructors, officers and soldiers.

Political and military tools

Grushko also told reporters that Moscow could not accept NATO's approach to the principle of indivisible security as the alliance viewed it "as the indivisible security of NATO member states."

He pointed out that ignoring the interests of other countries and trying to build a security system "against Russia" and without Russia would lead to nothing.

Moreover, in his words, Russia will use all the tools that it has to ensure its security, including political and military ones.



The deputy foreign minister stressed that Russia would respond with a policy of counter-deterrence to NATO's policy of deterrence and with counter-intimidation to intimidation.

"If it's about searching for vulnerabilities in Russia's defense system, we will look for NATO's vulnerabilities. It's not our choice but if we fail to overturn the current dangerous course of events, there will be no other option," Grushko said, adding that it would be better to overcome the crisis by finding "a reasonable balance of interests."

Expansion as a threat

Grushko noted that one of Russia's core demands was that NATO put an end to its eastward expansion, namely to former Soviet countries. According to him, the necessary element of the agenda was the need for NATO to give legal guarantees that it would not expand to the east.

Defense Ministry's remarks

Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin, in turn, clarified Russia's views of the current European security situation and the military aspects of Russia's draft agreement on security guarantees, according to a statement by the Defense Ministry.

Fomin stated that "Russia-NATO relations have reached a critically low level" amid global instability, the threat of terrorism, a looming arms race and the decay of the European security architecture.

According to the Defense Ministry, Russia emphasized at the meeting that it "has repeatedly called on the alliance to take measures to ease tensions" but NATO gave no response, which created conditions for incidents and conflicts.

Issues to resolve

The Russian Defense Ministry said that in such a situation, Russian President Vladimir Putin had made a decision to send Moscow's draft agreements on legally binding security guarantees to the United States and NATO.

The ministry listed the key issues that required solutions.

First, it is the need for NATO to guarantee that it will not expand to the east.

Second, it is about obligations not to deploy more US intermediate and short-range missiles to Europe because such a move may dramatically worsen the security situation on the continent.

Third, it is about restricting military activities in Europe and steps to increase the size of the so-called forward deployed forces.

"Russia expects to hold constructive discussions in order to promptly prepare agreements on security guarantees," the ministry's statement quoted Fomin as saying.

Agencies



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Zimbabwean artist makes artistic statements out of trash

CHITUNGWIZA

ONE man's trash is another man's treasure! The saying literally describes the works of Johnson Zuze, a 36-year-old Zimbabwean mixed media artist who makes artistic statements out of trash.

Armed with nothing but his hands and the junk he collects from dumpsites in his hometown of Chitungwiza, about 30 km south of Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, Zuze is fighting hard for raising awareness about the protection of the environment -- not by words but through visual artistic expressions.

"What I do is I collect items of urban junk either from street corners or landfills and I give them new existence beyond their primary use into a poetic justice dimension," Zuze told Xinhua.

His latest piece titled "Save and Protect," is an art installation resembling a full-size elephant completely made out of recycled materials.

The self-taught artist said the idea behind the piece, which is a commissioned artwork for a regular client in the United States, is to give new existence to daily objects and present them with a lively presence beyond their primary use.

The symbolic figure, which is made partly of snare wire used by poachers and other recycled materials such as glass and ceramic items, speaks of two pressing issues -- recycling and the protection of wildlife.

The whole structure, which took him more than five months to complete, was erected without any welding but with hand fastened wires only. The only tool involved was an angle grinding machine.

To make the piece structurally sound, the core skeleton was made using spring wire, a type of wire that resists corrosion, but is not friendly to work with because of its spring nature and resistance to tension. The other



Johnson Zuze, a mixed media artist, works on his latest piece of art made from recycled materials in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, on Dec. 29, 2021. File photo

wires that make up the structure are fences from the pre-colonial era which people are now replacing with precast concrete walls, thereby presenting a challenge to waste management authorities.

The rest of the objects are non-biodegradable items such as bottles and ceramic items, which give the work resistance to harsh weather conditions.

Zuze said it's high time people adopted sustainable ways of managing waste, adding that if not managed properly, non-biodegradable waste will present challenges to future generations.

"A bottle needs something like a million years to decompose. So those are the materials that I usually target. Those that take long to decompose," Zuze said.

In addition to being widely available, bottles and ceramic items maintain color and texture without fading over time, he said.

The talented artist said the use of snare wire is a statement against poaching, which is a major issue in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe houses the second larg-

est herd of elephants in the world, and poachers continue to endanger the lives of the giant land mammals.

Inspired by his parents, Zuze had his early works mainly made of wire despite no formal training in creative art.

Growing up in the high-density township of Chitungwiza, Zuze said his father used to make craft art, kitchen and hardware products using wire, and his mother used to print fabrics.

The artist said his interest in recycling was sparked after the burning down of his family house in 2009 and he went through the remains to express himself.

From the remains of the burnt house, he collected metal items such as spoons and wire and created a work called "Beautiful Struggle." He said the work was meant to portray the image that hope can still be found even in unimaginable situations.

The artwork established him as one of the pioneers of his genre of art in Zimbabwe, kick-starting his

career as a mixed media artist. It also earned him an award at Harare-based Gallery Delta on an exhibition event titled "Unity exhibition."

Since then, the artist has managed to attain 11 awards on different occasions, including the National Arts Merit Award (NAMA) in 2016.

Known as one of the pioneers of found object art in Zimbabwe, Zuze has groomed many artists of the same genre who used his template to create their own identities.

He said art in itself is a powerful means of self-expression, as it communicates messages that cannot always be described in words but are felt and shared among communities. While many artists are struggling with pandemic-related disruptions to the art industry, Zuze took advantage of the increased use of the internet during the pandemic to market his works.

"During the start of the pandemic, I started to receive more commissioned works, maybe because I was using the internet more than before," he said.

His work has gained worldwide acclaim, and later this year he will hold a solo exhibition in the United Kingdom. The works for the show are currently under construction and will be reviewed by the public in the coming months.

Xinhua

Nighttime economy thrives in China's Xinjiang

NIGHTTIME economy is currently prospering in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, creating splendid scenarios of consumption and entertainment for the people there after the night falls.

The Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar, one of the most famous landmarks in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang, has turned into a shiny star in the night where visitors and local residents can enjoy both tempting food and beautiful sceneries. The tourist attraction now runs 24 hours a day, and is receiving nearly 30,000 visits on a daily basis.

For Zhang Ying, a local resident in Urumqi, nighttime economy means more time for shopping. In the past, malls would always close at an early time, and Zhang, who clocks off at work later than that, could hit the malls and dine out with friends only on weekends.

"Now many malls have extended their operation hours, and that's why me and my colleagues are hanging out here today. Later, we'll watch a movie together," Zhang told People's Daily.

Nighttime economy not only tickles people's taste buds, but also is attractive culturally. In night markets, brilliant performances are seen everywhere, such as traditional Chinese operas, talk shows, music, and even xiangsheng, also known as cross-talk or comic dialogue.

The municipal library of Urumqi, as well as other cultural places in the city extended their operation hours, too, and many ski resorts have launched



People shop at the Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, Nov. 26, 2021. File photo

nighttime skiing activities. The Silk Road Ski Resort in Urumqi received nearly 500 ski enthusiasts on the first day it launched a night skiing program in November the last year.

Nighttime economy, apart from making people's night life more splendid, is also bringing more income to relevant businesses and employees.

Wu Xiaohui, a service assistant at the skincare and cosmetics department of the Wuika Plaza, Urumqi, was still serving customers at nearly 23:00. "Though the extension of operation hours made our work more tiring, we feel happy about it. My sales performance went up rapidly, and so did my salary and bonuses," she told People's Daily.

Vice operations manager of the

mall Peng Li said the mall used to close at 21:00, and now it has extended the operation hours and is running 24 hours a day on holidays. The mall is seeing more customers at night, and its revenue has increased by more than 12 percent from a year ago, Peng added.

Given the prospering nighttime economy, Nureli Wulayin, owner of a night market stall in Xinjiang's Kashgar now gets up very early in the morning to prepare food. The man now earns over 1,000 yuan (\$156.81) each night from the barbecue and lamb intestine soup he makes. "My customers are mostly local residents, which makes my income stable," he said.

Nighttime economy also created more jobs for local communi-

ties. The 37 night markets and 20 flea markets in Xinjiang's Changji Hui autonomous prefecture are visited by around 80,000 people per day, generating daily revenue of 2.8 million yuan and creating more than 3,000 jobs.

Such healthy development of nighttime economy couldn't have been achieved without delicacy management and services. Eight parking lots around the Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar offer nighttime discounts in parking fees, and temporary routes of night buses have been launched. Other commercial zones in Urumqi have also established new temporary parking space and offered favorable parking policies.

The Urumqi High-Tech Industrial Development Zone has launched nighttime winter activities covering six major themes, as well as two nighttime tour routes. Besides, it has been offering a series of discounts for wider participation.

Ma Huiliang, head of the commerce bureau of the Urumqi High-Tech Industrial Development Zone, told People's Daily that there are 26 supermarkets and malls joining nighttime economy in nine locations of the zone.

Apart from offering extra parking space, the commerce bureau has also worked with local neighborhood committees and relevant administrations for electricity and fire safety inspections, so as to ensure safe production and solid pandemic control for businesses, Ma said.

People's Daily

NEW YORK

Doctors hit out at 'crazy' Omicron-chasing trend

DOCTORS say there is a dangerous trend of people deliberately contracting the highly contagious Omicron variant to "get it over with".

It is "all the rage", Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, told CNN.

"It's caught on like wildfire. And it's widespread, coming from all types of people the vaccinated and boosted and the anti-vaxxers. You'd be cra-

zy to try to get infected with this. It's like playing with dynamite," Robert Murphy, executive director of the Havey Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, told CNN.

"People are talking about Omicron like it's a bad cold. It is not a bad cold. It's a life-threatening disease."

Offit said it is true that if someone catches Omicron

as opposed to Delta, "you're less likely to be hospitalized, less likely to go to the ICU, less likely to be put on a mechanical ventilator and less likely to die and that's true of all age groups".

'Less severe'

"But that doesn't mean that it can't be a severe illness," he added. "It's just less severe. But you don't have a zero percent chance of dying. You

should never want to get infected."

While most people have spent the last two years trying to avoid contracting COVID-19, the Times reported that some parents are taking their children to "COVID-19 parties" to deliberately infect them so that they will have natural immunity in theory.

In one social media video, a woman purposely tries to get the coronavirus by sharing a

glass of orange juice with her COVID-positive daughter.

In another video, a bride-to-be is purposefully attempting to get infected. In the 15-second video, the woman embraced several people and swapped drinks at a nightclub.

The video had 121,000 views on TikTok.

The logic behind the trend, according to various TikTok

videos and other posts, is to contract the virus and "speed up the process".

People who have contracted Omicron could also get long-lasting COVID-19. An estimated 100 million people around the world have or have had long COVID-19, according to a study by researchers at the University of Michigan released in November. "People don't know if they're going to (be one)

of the folks who are able to endure an infection with few long-term consequences," Laolu Fayanjy, regional medical director for Oak Street Health in Ohio, told Time magazine. There is no reason to intentionally take that risk, he added.

Catching Omicron on purpose also can stress the healthcare system, Murphy said. The US set a new COVID-19 hospitalization record on Monday, with 140,000 COVID-related patients staying in hospitals.



Yanga's newly signed winger, Denis Nka Hip Hop artist, Emmanuel Elibariki, alias 'Ney wa Mitego'.

Hip Hop artist snubs fascination over love songs

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT Hip Hop artist, Emmanuel Elibariki, alias 'Ney wa Mitego', has said that he has no plans to dwell on composing and singing either love songs or songs that praise people.

The singer noted instead he will continue to focus on composing songs that educate people on various aspects including social and politics.

Elibariki, who released a new track titled 'Hunijui' in December last year, issued the comments during an interview on his stance on music.

"I am not bothered by those who claim that I am attacking others through my music, the truth is that my songs are inspiring and I will continue to compose such kinds of songs," the singer noted.

He pointed out that he is aware many of his songs irritate many people, especially those who do not like to be

told the truth, but the situation does not make him fear telling the truth.

"First of all, we have to understand that, as an artist, I am not forced to sing what a section of music followers want, I compose what I want to convey to the community, so I am not afraid of anyone whether he is a leader or not, I will tell them the truth," he said.

The artist who has of late been riding high in domestic music circles with such hits as 'Shika Adabu Yako', 'Niwachane', and many others, further stated people who have been issuing rude remarks about him do not know him.

Elibariki noted: "There is my song titled 'Acha Niongee', it has sparked an online chat because of the truth that I sing."

"Those who know what I'm singing love my songs, I will keep on exposing those who do not understand me."

It is difficult for foreign football players to pass trials in Tanzania

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MAKING a trip to Tanzania for trials at the country's renowned outfits, Simba SC and Yanga, is probably the most difficult move done by a soccer player.

The footballer has little chance of performing well in the trials and securing a move to either of the two clubs.

There are three foreign players attending trials at Simba SC that, later yesterday evening, confronted Azam FC in the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup final in Zanzibar.

The footballers are Sudanese, Sharaf Shiboub, Nigerian David Udoh, and Ivorian Cheick Ahmed Tenena Moukoro.

On the first day a foreign soccer player will feature in a game, he will find out fans are eagerly awaiting him.

The soccer lovers are eagerly awaiting the player to see whether he is good or not and the followers comment on the player's competence on their terms.

They do not take an outfit's technical bench's criteria into consideration.

Even the outfit's officials do the same, they hardly consider the criteria set by either coach or the technical bench.

The soccer fanatics' first criterion is the soccer player's ability to play football.

The followers are normally impressed with a soccer player's ability to execute stylish nutmegs, dribbles, drills, and other skills that are out of this world.

Soccer fans do not know what they want from the player. The coach may know what he wants, but the rest do not know.

The coach may want an intelligent midfielder, a midfielder who quickly executes passes and launches a quick attack, a central midfielder who knows how to be in the right place at the right time.

Football experts call it tactical awareness. A side may have a player who has a lot of talent, but he has no tactical awareness.

There are so many things. The coach and his staff on the technical bench may see a player with these qualities, but fans and officials may not notice them because the player in question is not very exciting and aggressive.

As a result, the player is denied a contract. But then there is a player who can be sure of his talent.

Unfortunately, he finds himself in a new country, new peo-



Simba SC's Ivorian winger, Cheikh Moukoro (L), speeds past Zanzibar's Selem View FC player when the clubs locked horns in a 2022 Mapinduzi Cup match in Zanzibar on January 5.

ple, new environment, new food, new climate, everything is new to him.

He needs time to get used to the environment before he shows his edge. Edges may exist, but he still needs time.

I know of many foreign players who would have been denied a contract if they had come to Tanzania on trials.

A simple example is a midfielder, Tadeo Lwanga. He terminated his contract with an Egyptian club and started playing for Simba SC in the previous Mapinduzi Cup.

The footballer appeared to be a normal player. Simba SC enthusiasts started asking each other if the outfit had made a poor signing.

The worst thing was fans of Simba SC's rivals, Yanga, and some of the outfit's officials teased the midfielder.

Luckily Lwanga had a contract. Slowly he began to prove his worth.

The more he got used to the environment, the more he showed his edge.

He later became a mainstay of the club. Some players need something like this.

When did football followers in Tanzania know the importance of former Simba SC's Brazilian midfielder, Gerson Fraga?

If the midfielder had come for trials I do not think he would have passed the trials. Luckily he had a contract in hand. The player's importance came into view later.

When forward Donald Ngo-

ma joined Yanga he appeared to be a normal striker.

Some fans mocked the forward by comparing him to one of Yanga's former strikers, Idd Mbaga, who failed at the club.

The followers claimed they did not see the difference between Ngoma and Mbaga.

Ngoma later emerged as one of the best attackers in Tanzania. I think his success came about after he had worked hard in practice at a time some Yanga fans were comparing him to Mbaga.

If Ngoma was on trial, Yanga leaders would have abandoned him.

Some players become more stable once they get used to the environment.

Much as Simba SC saw Mozambican winger Jose Luis Miquissone's brilliance when he was turning out for UD Songo, some of the former's supporters started comparing him to a local winger, Shiza Kichuya, once Miquissone started at a slow pace once he joined the club.

If he had come for a trial it is no wonder some followers would have consulted the outfit and suggested the club should opt-out of roping him in.

Luckily he had a contract with the club and he began to shine. This is the difficulty existing in the country's football.

Yanga recently brought in Mozambican midfielder, Jimmy Julio Ukonde, for trials. In my eyes, he is a good player, but he needed time.

And if he had met competent foreign professionals including Fiston Mayele, Djuma Shabani, Jesus Moloko, and others, who came to Yanga later, it would not be a surprise he would have been much better.

However, Yanga put Ukonde to the test with players who are not quite competent, he also looked normal as the team was not playing well.

However, his possession of the ball was of a high standard. He had unique qualities on his feet. Unfortunately, he came in for trials.

Football supporters fail to understand the science of football. The most important thing right now is for leaders to focus more on expanding the scope of making scouts confident with the player they are seeking to rope in.

When they opt out of handing such a player contract they have nothing to experiment with.

In Tanzanian football, a good player can be cut off from trials after playing for 15 minutes in a game.

It would be better for sides to thoroughly assess the footballer and then give the player a contract.

Even if he could not impress in the first match, the outfit's leaders know there is something to look forward to when the player stays and perform well in his next game.

In Europe, many tests are performed on young players. Ghanaian Michael Essien, for example, had been to Manchester United when was a youthful footballer.

What they are looking for is a chance to take the player and put him in the youth team seeking an opportunity to play for the senior team.

They are looking for a variety of qualities on the pitch and their decisions will look more like whether it would be a good idea to invest in the player in question for future use, or if they will be able to develop the youngster elsewhere.

Others being tested are players who have already shown their potential in place but found themselves without a team for a relatively short period due to either injuries or termination of their contracts elsewhere.

Domestic outfits are testing footballers who were first-team players in their previous outfits.

Why do outfits not opt-out of taking impromptu decisions and go watch footballers play to be satisfied with their standards?

Female artistes to dominate Sauti za Busara 2022

By Guardian Correspondent

AS stage is being set for this year's Sauti za Busara festival slated for next month in Zanzibar, it has been revealed that the event will feature more female artists.

A statement released yesterday by the festival's organizers said the 19th edition of Sauti za Busara is scheduled to take place from February 11-13 at its usual venue, Stone Town, and is expected to attract performers and revelers from Africa and beyond.

As always, the festival shines a spotlight on live music from across Africa, including young and upcoming talents laying a special emphasis on female performers from Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia.

Among this year's headline artistes is



Entertainment revelers flock to a venue to watch a past Sauti za Busara festival's show in Zanzibar.

Sampa The Great, whose unique blend of African Hip-Hop is a journey to self-discovery, enlightenment as fuelled by her experiences living in

physical, spiritual, and cultural inspirations from her ancestral home in Zambia.

Sampa The Great has performed at many of the world's most iconic festivals, winning a

wave of adoring fans with her energetic shows.

"We don't select artists simply because they are women," Yusuf Mahmoud, the festival director, revealed. "All artists at

Sauti za Busara perform quality music with originality, innovation, and energy, as will be loud and clear when Sampa The Great (Zambia), Siti & The Band (Zanzibar), Msaki and Nomfusi

(South Africa), Suzan Kerunen (Uganda), Fanie Fayar (Congo), and Upendo Manase (Tanzania) perform next month under the banner 'Paza Sauti: Amplifying Women's Voices,' Mahmoud added.

Other artistes highlights at this coming edition include Sjava (South Africa), Sholo Mwamba, and Wamwiduka Band (Tanzania), Maallem Abdelkebir Merchane (Morocco), Dendri Stambeli Movement (Tunisia), Sylent Nqo and Evans 'Pfumela' Mapfumo (Zimbabwe), Zan Ubuntu and Nadi Ikhwan Safaa (Zanzibar) and many others.

For almost two decades, Sauti za Busara festival has been the pivot for a regional music ecosystem that expands horizons whilst offering platforms for employment, trade, artistic expression, collaboration, networking, training,

and skills development.

The festival is also fostering social cohesion, unity, and solidarity across borders.

Zanzibar President, Hussein Mwinyi, recently commended the festival for bringing many benefits to the islands.

Addressing potential sponsors, he said: "I congratulate the Sauti za Busara team for their great commitment and achievements to keep the festival alive, and special thanks to all the donors and sponsors who make it possible."

Mwinyi added: "I also congratulate and thank the many musicians who have made this a globally renowned event that attracts more and more visitors each year."

Special prices are offered for all Tanzanians attending the event, at either 6,000/- daily or 16,000/- for an all-festival three-day pass.

Africa Cup of Nations: Referee blunder, security concerns mar Wednesday

LIMBE, Cameroon

A MAJOR refereeing blunder and serious security concerns overshadowed Wednesday's games at the African Cup of Nations in Cameroon.

The referee in charge of the Mali-Tunisia game caused chaos by twice blowing the final whistle too early, incensing coaches on the losing team and causing a lengthy debate about whether the match would have to be restarted.

Mali was ahead 1-0 when referee Janny Sikazwe of Zambia ended the game early in the western city of Limbe. But it was Tunisia that refused to come back out 30 minutes later when officials tried to restart the match, with the coach saying his players were already in their ice baths by then.

While the farcical scenes created more negative headlines for the tournament, there were more serious concerns away from the matches.

The Cameroon news agency reported that a gun battle between separatist rebels and government soldiers left two dead and five injured in Buea, a city 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Limbe and where the Mali squad is based. "Heavily armed" rebels fired guns indiscriminately near a training stadium used by the Mali squad, the Cameroon news agency said.

The fighting was a stark reminder that Cameroon's African Cup is not just unfolding under the shadow of the coronavirus, but also during a far less publicized but violent rebellion playing out in the western part of the country. The fighting is precariously close to where Group F teams Mali, Tunisia, Mauritania, and Gambia will operate.

And if that wasn't enough problems to contend with on Day 4, the sound system temporarily failed at Limbe Stadium before the day's second game, causing Mauritania and Gambia players to stand around waiting to sing national anthems.

There was one feel-good moment at least: Gambia's Ablie Jallow sent a shot arcing into the top corner from outside the penalty area to give his country a 1-0 victory in its first appearance at the continent's soccer showcase.

Max-Alain Gradel scored with an equally-good long range shot in the sixth minute to give 2015 champion Ivory Coast a 1-0 win over Equatorial Guinea in Wednesday's last game. It meant nine of the first 12 games at the tournament have ended 1-0.

But there's no doubt which incident was the talking point of the day.

With Mali leading Tunisia 1-0, referee Sikazwe first blew for full time after only 85 minutes. He seemed to realize his big blunder and restarted the game.

He then sent off Mali substitute El Bilal Toure in the 87th minute for a rash tackle - also a questionable decision. But Sikazwe blew full time again about 20 seconds before the 90 minutes were up, according to the clock at the stadium and on TV broadcasts. About three minutes of added time had been expected.

The second early whistle infuriated Tunisia coach Mondher Kebaier and other members of the coaching staff. Kebaier ran to confront the referee while pointing angrily at his own watch and Sikazwe had to be escorted from the field by security officials. One of the match officials shoved a Tunisian official during the commotion, stoking the situation.

There were then suggestions that the game would be restarted and reports that organizers had burst into Mali's post-game news conference and told coach Mohamed Magassouba that his players had to get back on the field to play another three minutes.

Officials gathered on the field about 30 minutes after the game ended and were seen in discussions. Mali players also came back out but Tunisia refused to re-start the game.

"The players were in their ice baths and then he (the referee) asked us to come back out," said Tunisia coach Kebaier. "In 30 years in this business I have never seen anything like it."

There was no official word from the Confederation of African Football on any decisions made over the game and it appeared the 1-0 win for Mali would stand.

Sikazwe was temporarily suspended by CAF in 2018 following accusations of match-fixing for his performance in charge of an African club game. The Zambian was an official at the World Cup in Russia earlier that year and refereed two games there.

Ibrahim Kone scored from the penalty spot for Mali's goal after a handball by Ellyes Skhiri. Tunisia was awarded a late penalty, also for handball and after a video review by Sikazwe. Tunisia captain Wahbi Khazri had his powerful penalty saved. Mali held on with 10 men after Toure's red card, although not for as long as they should have had to with Sikazwe ending it early.

The violence in Buea led to more questions over why organizers chose it as a suitable base for African Cup teams considering the volatile situation. Buea, the regional capital, has seen many deadly clashes because of an insurrection by English-speaking separatists. More than 3,000 people have been killed in the fighting across the western part of Cameroon since it erupted five years ago.

There was a heavy police and military presence outside the Limbe Stadium and a military helicopter hovered overhead during the Mali-Tunisia game.

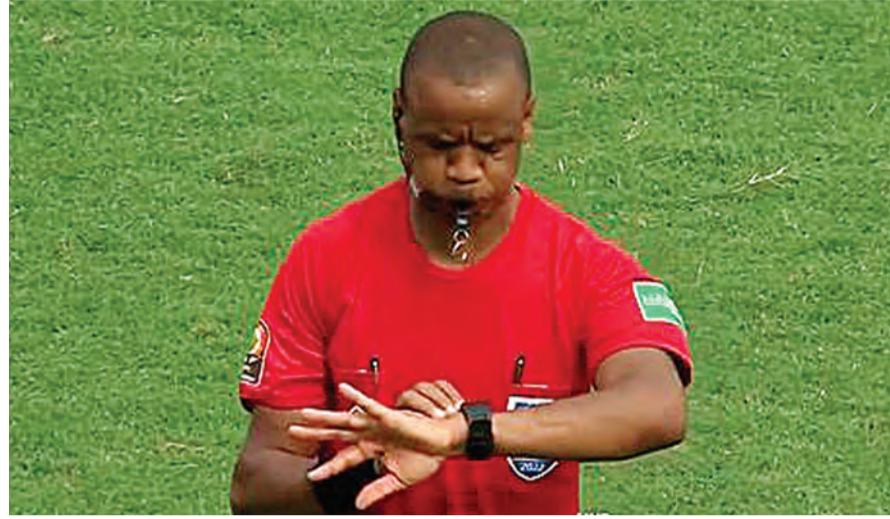
Tunisia-Mali ref mess threatens to overshadow AFCON

By Ed Dove, Special to ESPN

THE early days of the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations have been fraught with incident, from positive coronavirus tests to Burkina Faso alleging "scandal" around CAF's coronavirus protocols, but none of it compared to the refereeing storm that engulfed the final moments of Mali's 1-0 victory over Tunisia in Limbe, Cameroon, on Wednesday.

Referee Janny Sikazwe had made a series of questionable decisions through the course of the contest, with two questionable penalty decisions before a bewildering final five minutes -- or, to be more accurate, four minutes 42 seconds.

Sikazwe appeared to initially blow for full-time after 85 minutes and 11 seconds, then ignored a VAR recommendation to overturn a red card, and finally called full-time on the contest at 89 minutes 42 seconds. It's one thing to cut injury time a little short or misjudge how much stoppage time should be added, but to end the game before 90 minutes, without even referring to the fourth official for a sense of how much time ought to be added, is yet another headache for CAF to



Janny Sikazwe

manage. (Considering there were two penalties, a drinks break, several substitutions by both teams and two decisions reviewed by pitch-side monitor, there was no doubting the need for added time.)

Tunisia, trailing 1-0 after Ibrahim Kone's 48th-minute spot-kick -- awarded when Ellyes Skhiri's hand blocked a Boubakar Kiki Kouyate shot -- were apoplectic when the referee ended the game early. They turned their attention to the linesman near their technical area before pursuing Sikazwe, only for security officials to intervene and escort the official away. Such conduct is unacceptable, but their unhappiness was understandable.

CAF interrupted the post-match news confer-

ences to announce that the match would be resumed and the final minutes played, but it was an act of reconciliation Tunisia were unwilling or unable to accept. Mali took to the field with 10 men -- forward El Bilal Toure was sent off shortly before Sikazwe ended the match -- once again to honour the final stages of the contest, but Tunisia did not. Coach Mondher Kebaier later explained that his players "were already in their ice baths" before they departed the stadium.

In the end, their decision not to return to the field may well count against them when CAF review what happened; Tunisia have already lodged a complaint over Sikazwe's conduct and have requested that the game be replayed.

To their credit, Mali were fully focused on moving forward. "We can only control what's happening on the pitch," Mali coach Mohamed Magassouba told journalists after the match. "Off the field, that's down to the organisers. We were told to return and play and the players were more than willing, but unfortunately our opponents didn't want to come out."

There must be an inquisition into Sikazwe's performance; he is among CAF's most experienced officials, with over a decade and a half of fixtures under his belt. While there have been controversies -- he was acquitted of corruption allegations in January 2019 after a CAF Champions League game between Tunisians Esper-

ance and Primeiro de Agosto of Angola -- he has been considered among the continent's finest officials. At the 2018 World Cup, he presided over Belgium's victory over Panama and Poland's win over Japan -- making him the first-ever Zambian referee at FIFA's biggest competition -- and he also took charge of the 2017 Nations Cup final, as Cameroon defeated Egypt 2-1.

Some might point to testing conditions -- it was 36 degrees Celsius (96 degrees Fahrenheit) and 65% humidity at the Stade de Limbe when the fixture began -- but the 42-year-old teacher has been officiating big matches in similar conditions for over a decade.

Before the early full-time whistle, Wednesday's Group F game involved a litany of poor decisions, with reasonable questions about both handball penalty calls -- one after the contribution of VAR -- and a red card shown to Toure for a clumsy tackle. Each of those incidents should have added up to significant stoppage time, not to mention the nine substitutions, yet Sikazwe -- having already attempted to end the match after 85 minutes -- still curtailed things before the 90 were done.

"He's practically deprived us of seven or

eight minutes of additional time," Tunisia manager Kebaier told journalists after the match. "[Sikazwe's] decision is inexplicable. I've been coaching for almost 30 years, and I've never seen a situation like this. The fourth official was preparing to lift the board and then the whistle was blown.

"I can't even begin to understand how he took this decision," he added. "We'll see what decisions will follow this one."

We might never know the true explanation for Sikazwe's actions, but CAF must act quickly and attempt to restore the integrity of a competition that has been badly dented by Wednesday's mess. His actions will now overshadow the quality we've already seen at this tournament, the organisation of the Cameroonian hosts -- OK, the Mauritania anthem debacle wasn't great -- the importance of Mali's victory and the outstanding performance of their goalkeeper, Ibrahim Mounkoro.

Yet you can bet that Sikazwe's awful display will be used as yet another reason for fans to judge the continent's sport, African officiating and the legitimacy of the Nations Cup.

Oh, and Mali won by the way, 1-0.

Monumental task of fixing Spurs beginning to dawn on Conte

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ANTONIO Conte has always been a coach with the rare ability to deliver a quick-fix and silverware at the same time, but then again, he has never previously had to deal with a challenge like Tottenham Hotspur. As Spurs exited the Carabao Cup with a 3-0 aggregate semifinal loss to Chelsea, accompanied by chants of "Tottenham Hotspur, it's happening again," from the visiting fans, Conte merely became the latest Tottenham manager to discover that this is a club that always stumbles when the pressure is on.

"At the end of the two games Chelsea deserved to reach the final in this competition, we have to be honest," Spurs manager Conte said. "In the second half we created many chances to score and we deserved a result better than losing 1-0 but if you have a judgement over the two games Chelsea deserved to win."

Conte, appointed manager in November following the dismissal of Nuno Espirito Santo after less than six months in charge, has already realised that big changes need to be made at the club, but his usual approach of shock therapy, which has brought success in his first seasons at Juventus, Chelsea and Inter Milan, won't work at Spurs.

This time, he needs to hit the reset button. The only problem for Conte is that he may also have to sanction the departure of Harry Kane in order to bring in the finances required to fund a much-needed rebuild. It's a Catch-22 situ-

ation. Spurs without Kane does not even bear thinking about -- he is their only world-class player and one whose goals have kept the team within touching distance of the elite in recent seasons.

But even with Kane, who had a goal disallowed for offside as Spurs chased the game in the second-half, Tottenham were easily brushed aside by Chelsea, who reached their third major cup final (four if you count the UEFA Super Cup) since coach Thomas Tuchel took charge 12 months ago.

Dealing with Kane is the easy bit, however. If he stays, Spurs retain their best player; if he goes, they will bank at least £100 million to spend on reinforcements.

The problem for Conte is what to do with the rest of the players who are either not good enough or exposed by inferior quality around them. Other than Kane and the injured Heung-min Son, he really doesn't have much to work with.

For this game, the Italian selected a team largely made up of players fighting for their future at the club, but apart from Kane (who has made it clear for almost a year now that he wants to leave), none of them did anything to suggest to Conte that they deserve a reprieve.

Matt Doherty, Harry Winks, Emerson Royal and Giovanni Lo Celso all confirmed their lack of sufficient quality or commitment, while substitute winger Bryan Gil displayed none of the flair he was expected to bring when he arrived from Sevilla last sum-



Antonio Conte

mer.

Dele Alli, meanwhile, remained unused on the bench, while there was no place at all for club record signing Tanguy Ndombele, who was booed off by fans following an unimpressive display during Sunday's FA Cup win against EFL League One team Morecambe.

Sources have told ESPN that Conte would happily offload all of those players, plus Netherlands midfielder Ste-

ven Bergwijn, if the right offers come in this month but, in a game that has been hit hard by the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it would be wishful thinking to expect Spurs to raise substantial funds via sales.

But Tottenham's problems run deeper than a lack of quality within the squad. It is also a club that needs stability off the pitch having had three permanent managers -- and interim Ryan

Mason -- since Mauricio Pochettino took the club to the Champions League final in 2019.

Less than three years have passed since that defeat against Liverpool in Madrid, but all of the promise displayed by Pochettino's Spurs has been progressively eroded by a combination of poor recruitment and misjudged managerial appointments -- Jose Mourinho and Nuno -- since Pochettino left in November 2019.

The players have suffered as a consequence. Their confidence has been drained by Mourinho and Nuno and the squad is now imbalanced -- a mash-up of players signed by three different managers with different tactical requirements.

Those same players were made to look like rookies by Chelsea, who played with the confidence, arrogance and belief of a team that has won big and knows how to do it again.

Conte has the pedigree to turn it around and put Spurs back on track, but he has never been a team-builder during his

time as a top-level coach, so he is entering new territory at Spurs and, if the combustible personality which led to his exits from Chelsea and Inter resurfaces, he may not even hang around to see the job through.

But right now, Spurs aren't even showing signs of competing. As soon as Antonio Rudiger headed Chelsea into the lead in this game on 17 minutes to make it 3-0 on aggregate, Spurs looked bereft of hope.

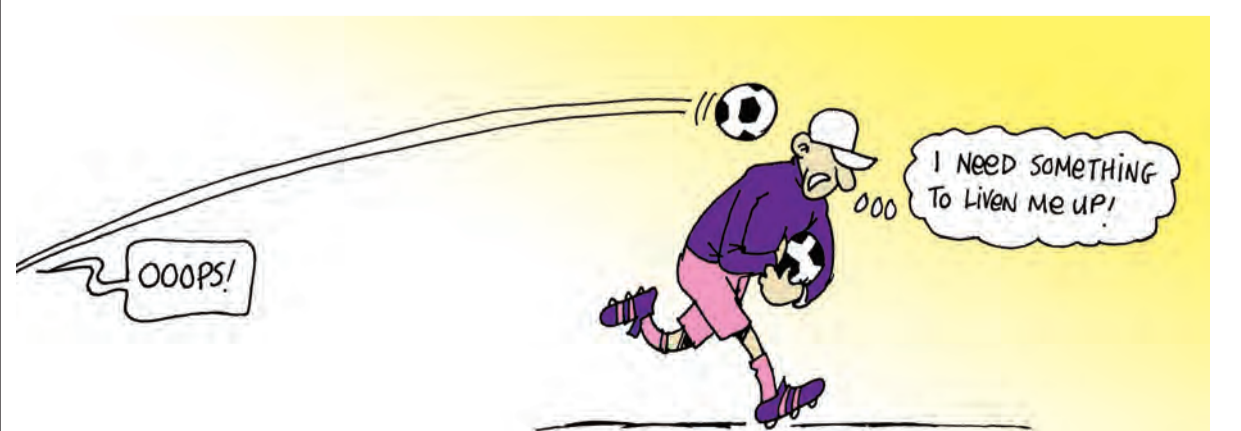
Yes, they had two penalties rightly overturned by VAR, after referee Andre Marriner had pointed to the spot, and Kane was unhappy at seeing his "goal" ruled out on 63 minutes, but Tuchel and his players never looked in danger of surrendering their advantage.

It was a routine win for Chelsea, who will face Liverpool or Arsenal in the final at Wembley on Feb. 27, as Spurs fell short once again.

Conte has it all to do, but at least he has already worked that out. Fixing it will be the toughest job of his career though.

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Paralympic Committee meeting postponed

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) executive committee meeting, which was scheduled for Wednesday in Dar es Salaam, has been postponed to the end of this month.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, TPC secretary-general, said the meeting was postponed so that the committee could prepare well for other logistics.

The official stated: "The executive committee meeting which was to be held last Wednesday has been postponed to January 23."

Namkoveka added: "There are some problems which led us to postpone the meeting. Some of them are that we have not received a response from the Registrar of Sports Associations and Clubs on our amended constitution."

"The International Paralympic Committee also advised us to make some amendments on our constitution, the committee wants a constitution which will go in line with its constitutional vision and mission," the official disclosed.

"We, on Wednesday, sent them the draft of our constitution for their approval" he said.

He however said the TPC annual general meeting will be held on January 30 that was earlier announced.

Namkoveka revealed recently TPC has arranged several activities which include seeing to it that Tanzania performs well at next year's Commonwealth Games, All Africa Games, and the 2024 France Paralympics.

TPC set the bronze medal as domestic para athletes' target at the coming France 2024 Paralympics.

He disclosed the information after Tanzania's Paralympic squad's head coach, Bahati Mgunda, presented a report on the side's stint in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics to the TPC.

The TPC official said the report was prepared by the coach, South Africa-based consultant, Michael Louwrens, and experts from Nippon University.

Namkoveka disclosed: "It included recommendations and suggestions on the team's current and future performance at international events."

He said the meeting was very crucial as it has provided TPC and the coach an opportunity to make recommendations on the way forward based on the performance of the team in recent games.

He said the report has recommended that TPC should maintain the current team, arrange team and individual training, athletes should attend the gym regularly and improve fitness.

Namkoveka also said the report suggested that TPC should organize more events that will be used to tap new talents.

The TPC official revealed: "The committee, Tanzania Para Athletes Association (TPAA) and other stakeholders met on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam, among other issues, the national team coach, Mgunda, presented his report."

"He explained that lack of resources is hindering the growth of Paralympic sports in the country, suggested a lot of issues including the one recommending that TPC ought to set bronze as domestic Para athletes' target at the 2024 France Paralympics."

He said following the recommendations, TPC will start athletes' preparations for the 2024 Paralympics soon.

He asked stakeholders, the private sector, and others to help them to realize the Para athletes' dream of winning a bronze medal in the 2024 Paralympic Games.

At the just ended Tokyo Paralympics, Tanzania was represented by two athletes, Sauda Njopeka and Ignatius Mtwewe.

The TPC official said the athletes' performance was encouraging.

"The Paralympics is the biggest event, the performances of the two are very encouraging, they posted season-best in their respective categories."

"It must be known that Mtwewe was the only African in his group," he said.

GP Pak Stars clinch inaugural DC-MCC T20 Cup tournament top honour



GP Pak Stars' players celebrate with the trophy after the inaugural Balakrishna Foundation Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-Malabar Cricket Club (MCC) T20 Cup tournament's final against Upanga SC B outfit held on Wednesday. GP Pak Stars cruised to 19-run victory over Upanga SC B outfit to lift the trophy. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MCC

By Guardian Reporter

MUZAMIL Hussain put stellar displays at the crease as GP Pak Stars lifted the maiden Balakrishna Foundation Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-Malabar Cricket Club (MCC) T20 Cup tournament's silverware with a 19-run victory over Upanga SC B side in the final which took place on Wednesday.

GP Pak Stars raced to 143 runs, dropping eight wickets in the allotted 20 overs, after taking the crease first.

Hussain, the side's skipper, made his experience count given he was three runs short of a half-century, nailing three fours and three sixes.

Fellow batsmen, Sarfaraz Tare and Sultan Qureshi, also put solid knocks to show and posted 29 runs and 18 runs respectively.

Sheraz Khan, who opened the innings with Hussain, chipped in with 17 runs.

Saqib Ul Hassan, deployed as a middle-order batsman, somewhat boosted the club's score, notching 16 runs.

Much as Upanga SC B outfit's bowlers, Karim Kiseto, Shivan Kamania, and Arjan Rabadiya, put spirited showing, they could not prevent GP Pak Stars from ending the innings with a convincing total.

Kiseto ended with three wickets, fellow bowlers, Kamania and Rabadiya, notched two wickets apiece.

Notching 144 runs to emerge victorious proved to be tall order for the Upanga SC B squad, as the side's batting unit ended with 124 runs all out in 20 overs.

Opener Kiseto was the batsman with the most runs, notching 34 runs that consisted of two boundaries and a six.

This is the second title for the year 2021 for GP Pak Stars after winning the Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division B 30 overs title.

Upanga SC B team was playing its

third final of the 2021 season, having won the season's DC Cup's Division C top honour and DC KNML Division C title earlier in the year.

Sheraz Khan of GP Pak Stars was voted as the DC-MCC T20 Cup's Man of the Series, the tournament's best batsman award went to Muzamil Hussain from the same side.

Ayaz Mustafa of GP Pak Stars lifted the showpiece's best bowler prize, best wicketkeeper prize was won by Abbas Adamji of Annadil Burhani.

GP Pak Stars' Muzamil Hussain laid his hands on the final's Man of the Match prize to cap a fantastic outing for the club.

The tournament, organized by MCC in association with DC and Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), was officially inaugurated in Dar es Salaam in 2016.

The tournament, which was not

held last year due to the coronavirus outbreak, involves 16 teams this time around.

The teams that have taken part in the tournament are Estim, Aga Khan SC, Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC), Tamil Nadu Sports Club, GP, Alaf Aces, K&P Constructions outfit, and Caravans Cricket Club.

Lions Cricket Club, Union SC, Sandy's Super Strikers, Annadil Burhani, Dar Cricket Club (DCC), Dar Black Panthers, Upanga SC, and hosts, MCC, complete the list.

The 16 teams had been divided into four groups playing against each other in the round-robin phase, with the top two winners in each group qualifying for the quarterfinals.

The eight teams proceeded to the knockout stage and battled for progression to the semi-finals, with the last two reaching the finals.

The tournament had witnessed 31 matches being played during seven weeks, with the final due to be played at Leaders Club ground this month.

Other matches were played at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club oval.

Balakrishna Foundation is the competition's main sponsor. Other supporting sponsors include Estim Constructions Limited, Alliance Insurance Limited, Canara Bank Limited, Nida Textiles Limited, NTS-Bosch, Tanzanair Limited, Kivingu, Cosmos Group, Alliance Finance Limited, Eleven Agri Limited, and Rickshaw Travels Limited.

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KMC FC out to defeat Prisons in NBC Premier League



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC striker, Charles Ilanfya (L), goes for a header as Ruvu Shooting defender, Santos Mazengo, seeks to block the former during this season's NBC Premier League match that took place in Dar es Salaam last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KMC FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS season's NBC Premier League side, Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC, has said it is well prepared for Sunday's away league match against Tanzania Prisons that will take place at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Rukwa.

Christina Mwagala, KMC FC information officer, issued the statement yesterday, saying the club's players are in good shape and they are looking for good results in Rukwa.

She said during the period in which the league was suspended due to the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup which was held in Zanzibar, KMC FC's technical panel worked hard to address the team's weaknesses.

Christina said the coming in of new head coach Thierry Hitimana has boosted morale in the camp.

The official pointed out: "We are ready to face Tanzania Prisons on Sunday at Nelson Mandela Stadium and, after that game, we will play against Mbeya Kwanza FC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya."

"The team is ready for both games, morale is high in the camp

especially after the coming in of our new head coach Thierry Hitimana," she said.

KMC FC sits 12th in the top-flight standing and interestingly the Sunday game will be the first Premier League assignment for both Hitimana and Tanzania Prisons head coach, Patrick Odhiambo at their respective clubs.

Odhiambo had previously served as head coach of Biashara United while Hitimana was an assistant coach at Simba SC.

KMC FC recently conceded that the ongoing season is extremely tough and they need to work hard to realize their dream of finishing among the top four positions.

KMC FC failed to collect six points in the past two games against Simba SC, conceding a 4-1 defeat, and thereafter notching a 1-1 draw with Ruvu Shooting.

Although KMC FC is not performing well, it has skillful and talented players who can defeat any club in the domestic top-flight.

The team boasts of having good players capable of winning any game but it seems they are not dedicated and courageous.

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