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## Building collapse survivor: Stick as rescue signal led to happy ending

### **By Guardian Reporter**

ONE of the survivors in the Kariakoo Market four-storey building collapse in the central business district in Dar es Salaam, Hassan Yahya, has recounted how he and others used a stick to signal for help from rescuers.

Police confirmed on Saturday that five people died and 77 were rescued following the building's collapse, with Yahya telling Speaking to reporters at the scene yesterday, Yahya described how after being trapped, they discovered a small opening and improvised with a stick to seek assistance.

"I was a trader in the collapsed building, and when it came down, I was on the middle floor. I heard a loud rumble and saw my neighbours running, so I followed, realizing something was wrong.

"As I ran, I didn't get far as about 26 of us found ourselves trapped in a small area. Everyone was panicking and crying, so we had to pick some people to control the situation. I volunteered to lead," Yahya explained.

The group began searching for any light or openings that could indicate an escape route. They found a small gap-too small for a hand to pass through-so they used a stick they had found to signal rescuers.

"The rescuers noticed the stick and began breaking through the wall. We agreed that the smaller ones should be rescued first. I was the third-last to be pulled out from our group, but even as we were being rescued, we could hear others in a different area also crying for help," he said.

Once he and two others were certain they would be rescued, they took a photo and sent it to their families to inform them they were alive, he said, highlighting that after being discharged from the hospital, Yahya said he received numerous calls from people who had mistakenly believed he had died in the

John Masunga, the Fire and Rescue Force

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured shortly after jetting into Galeão Air Force Base in Brazil's commercial capital, Rio de Janeiro, on Saturday aboard an Air Tanzania flight in readiness for participation in a G20 Leaders' Summit at the special invitation of host president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. She was expected to take part in discussions on ways to step up international cooperation in the fight against hunger and

## **FNBC, VPO launch blue** economy working group

**By Guardian Reporter** 

THE Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) has launched a new blue economy working group,

aimed at unlocking economic oppressing strong optimism about its portunities and driving sustainable socio-economic growth, in an event in Dar es Salaam.

Private sector stakeholders ex-

potential to contribute to eco-

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## Kariakoo fall: Samia directs PM to check zone's safety

**By Guardian Reporter** 

RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed immediate investigation into the tragic collapse of a fourstorey building and other tall buildings in Kariakoo area-the largest and busiest market in Dar es Salaam.

In televised remarks from the G20 summit venue of the Brazilian commercial capital of Rio de Janeiro, beamed early in the night, the president directed Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to organise a team to conduct a thorough inspection on multi storey buildings in the central business district and check on safety, and ways of conducting rescue efforts if an emergency

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The president, who is attending the 19th heads of state and government conference of the Group of 20 (G20), stated in the

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Members of various armed forces come together with those of civilian fire and rescue teams in searching for people trapped in a storey building that caved in on Saturday



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nomic development, while chief guest Abdallah Hassan Mitawi, deputy permanent secretary in the Union Vice President's Office (VPO) said the blue economy is vital in identifying new economy driv-

It is a sector where Tanzania can harness its aquatic resources to stimulate economic growth, he said, noting that this initiative aligns with directives from President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The measures are tied to the 2012 Rio de Janeiro and 2019 African Union (AU) summits, which underscored the vast potential of the blue economy in driving Africa's economic growth, he stated.

The blue economy encompasses a wide range of resources, including the seashore and special economic zone, rivers, lakes and related marine life, with key components such as fisheries, marine products and coastal tourism playing a central role, he said.

Zanzibar has already taken significant steps towards implementing blue economy initiatives since 2019, including setting up a functional ministry, while on the Mainland, the blue economy policy is a fairly recent initiative.

Introduced this year with coordination led by the environment division of the Vice President's Office, the blue economy touches on a wide range of activities, including fisheries, mining, tourism, energy, manufacturing, environmental conservation and commerce, he stated.

"We are here to identify opportunities and challenges within this sector and develop actionable recommendations to ensure it makes a substantial contribution to the nation-

al economy," he stated. Ambrose Mugisha, head of tal conservation, he added

the blue economy unit at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) country office, noted that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects Tanzania's economy to double in the next decade, with blue economy activities increasingly becoming a key growth driver.

Asserting that Tanzania's population is projected to reach 100m by 2034, he said this situation provides a substantial workforce to support blue economy's expansion.

The global economy is increasingly focusing on the blue economy, rapidly becoming one of the fastest-growing sectors and this will be the case over the next decade and half," he said.

Lamine Diallo, head of the natural resources unit at the European Union (EU) delegation, shared that the EU has been actively funding projects to support the blue economy, for sustainable fisheries and climate change mitigation ef-

Dr Godwill Wanga, the TNBC executive secretary, stressed the need for improved conditions to foster the growth of the blue economy, underlining that the EU has agreed to prioritise areas that can accelerate growth through this sector.

He also expressed gratitude to the development partners, including the EU, UNDP and private sector stakeholders, for sustained support, urging more collaboration to strengthen the pace of realisation of the president's development agenda.

The launch of the blue economy working group marks a significant step towards leveraging the country's abundant aquatic resources for sustainable growth while addressing pressing challenges such as climate change and environmen-



Cyprian Luhemeja, Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, addresses Tanzanians participating in the ongoing 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TCRA issues 38 licences, six boost digital economy

**By Guardian Reporter** 

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) issued 38 licenses across various service categories in the communications sector from July to September this year.

Dr Jabir Bakari, the TCRA director general, said this in a weekend update on the state of communications over the first quarter of fiscal 2024/2025, noting that out of them, six licenses are tied to working out strategies for building a digital economy.

The licenses include for communication infrastructure, where the license holder builds own communication infrastructure or communication services that enable the licensee to offer core services, he said.

These include connecting various communication networks either through their own infrastructure or by utilizing similar infrastructure, he said, also citing communication applications licences which enable owners to provide services such as data usage for internet access.

He was upbeat on trends in internet usage growth, citing growth by 5.0 per cent during the period, from 39.3m subscribers to 41.1m users, with the data reflecting users on active SIM cards accessing internet services, uti-

lizing any available technology. The government aims to ensure that 80 per cent of the population has access to internet services by late next plained.

year, he said, elaborating that TCRA By late September TCRA had issued approved 184 electronic communication devices.

Regulations require that all devices entering the country be duly approved by TCRA, as it also grants licenses for importation and distribution of electronic devices, he

Other licenses granted during the period include regional radio licenses where five district and two community radio licenses were issued. Three national pay-TV stations, one internet radio, one unit for producing and processing online content, two licenses for blogs focused on news and events, he ex35 communication infrastructure licenses, 16 communication service licenses and 146 licenses for communication application service providers, he said.

Other cumulative licences issued include 246 radio licenses, 33 free-to-air television licenses, 63 cable television licenses, 29 pay-TV licenses, 210 internet television licenses, 10 internet radio licenses, 66 news and event blogs, plus 146 postal and courier service providers, he asserted.

The licensing process is pivotal for ensuring growth and regulation in the communication sector in line with the country's digital transformation goals, he added.



Mohamed Mchengerwa, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), briefs journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on the fate of appeals by aggrieved candidates for various leadership positions as relates to the upcoming (Nov 27) countrywide local government elections. Photo: Correspondent

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remarks that after the rescue exercise is completed, the safety status of the zone needs to be taken up intensely.

"I want the prime minister to lead a team of building inspectors to inspect all buildings in Kariakoo and come up with recommendations to avoid such incidents in future," she said.

The police force was instruct efforts made by well-wishers

get information from the building's owner on how construction work was conducted, with the president noting that by mid-morning yesterday a total of 84 people had been rescued and 13 people were confirmed to have died.

"The government will carry all burial and treatment expenses," she said, commending who were involved in rescue operations, asserting that safety and security agencies plus volunteers were in the forefront to support the rescueoperation.

"I have received with great sorrow reports on the collapse of the building in Dar es Salaam," she stated, hinting at periodic updating by the prime minister on the situation.\

Many have been rescued and

26 are still in hospital receiving treatment, she said, noting that the government will be updating the public on progress in rescue efforts.

She thanked doctors, nurses and other health attendants for providing close medical assistance to those who survived the incident, stressing non-stop work until everyone who was near the place is accounted for.

SACP Jumanne Muliroi had earlier said that the rescue operation had registered good progress, with the wounded being rushed to the Muhimbili National Hospital for treatment.

The respective agencies were on the spot to ensure that effective measures are in place to save those trapped inside, he had affirmed.

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commissioner general, said at the site that the force had communicated with some victims still trapped under the rubble to reassure them of ongoing rescue

"Some of the victims used knocking sounds on the walls as a signal to help rescuers locate them faster," he said, pointing out that rescuers had successfully provided oxygen, water and glucose to some survivors, but faced significant challenges owing to the disaster

"We had to break through two or three walls to reach the trapped individuals. We also drilled small holes to provide emergency assistance while working to free them," he explained.

Albert Chalamila, the regional commissioner, said that as of mid-yesterday 77 people had been rescued and five were confirmed dead, meanwhile as Renatus Mlelwa, the Dar es Salaam Traders Association assistant secretary, praised the rescue team for their efforts.

"I have been part of the efforts to locate those trapped and it is evident that many lives have been saved," he said, urging that lessons need to be learned from the tragedy, like the need for stricter safety measures for buildings, particularly in Kariakoo.

"Safety standards of our buildings, especially the lower floors, need serious attention. We ask the relevant authorities to address this issue urgently," he stressed, with journalists noticing heightened security at the site and across Kariakoo.

The Fire and Rescue Force were being assisted by the military and National Service units, who sent a few sections to secure the area and help in rescue efforts.

Access to the dusty vicinity of the collapsed building was restricted with barriers to prevent entry. Sector ministers remained stationed at the scene to oversee operations, officials indicated.



Dorothy Semu (C), ACT-Wazalendo's Leader, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday moving to launch the opposition party's 2024-2029 Election Mani-

### festo for local governments, villages and localities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

### China-aided Ngorongoro Lengai Geopark project breaks ground

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

CONSTRUCTION of the China-aided Ngorongoro Lengai Geopark project in Arusha Region officially began on Saturday with the laying of its foundation stone.

Agnes Gidna, manager of the geopark museum project, said the initiative aims to protect, preserve and promote the area's geological and cultural heritage while fostering sustainable tourism.

The 57.8 million Chinese yuan (\$8 million) project is funded by the Chinese government and implemented in collaboration with the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), the Tianjin Geological Survey Centre and China Railway 25th Bureau Group Co., Ltd.

The construction phase of the project is being managed and executed by China Railway 25th Bureau Group Co., and tourism industry," she Ltd, a construction company

with extensive experience in large-scale infrastructure projects.

Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Pindi Chana expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for its support, saying that the project would not only enhance visitor experiences but also position Tanzania as a premier global tourism destination.

"This project will elevate Tanzania's global profile in tourism, conservation and cultural heritage," Chana said.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Chen Mingjian said that the project is China's first overseas geopark aid initiative, signed by the two countries leaders in Beijing.

"Once completed, the project will not only enhance the conservation and management of the Ngorongoro-Lengai Geopark but also boost Tanzania's geological research said.

## Govt reports stability at North Mara Gold Mine despite human rights violation reports

### **By Guardian Reporter**

MINERALS minister Anthony Mavunde has maintained that security and human rights situation at North Mara Gold Mine in Tarime District, Mara Region, remains stable despite recent violation reports.

Speaking in an interview recently, Mavunde referred to a report by the government-backed Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) which reported increasing stability at the mine.

He said the government will continue to supervise peace and stability at the mine co-owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the government of Tanzania through Twiga Minerals Corporation.

He pointed out that Tanzania has robust systems in place to monitor human rights standards, noting that CHRAGG is legally mandated to ensure the standards

Additionally, the country's laws and constitution allow local and international non-governmental organisations to independently conduct research and publish their findings on human rights issues.

When asked about recent allegations made by Mining Watch Canada concerning human rights violations during the mine's expansion to Komarera and Kewanja villages, Mavunde said the government had thoroughly investigated the claims.

The report alleges that people from the two villages in Tarime District were subjected to forced eviction, reporting that the eviction process was unpredictable, coercive, intimidating, violent and not in accordance with Tanzanian laws.

He said that CHRAGG had conducted its own independent inquiry and found no evidence of human rights violations.

"Tanzania does not operate in isolation. We have

state agencies that actively monitor and address legal or human rights concerns. Legal action is always taken against those who break the law," he said.

The minister said that the main concerns raised by communities around mining areas were on economic participation, access to social services and corporate responsibility rather than accusations of human rights violations.

"I have personally visited the communities and their key concerns are about job opportunities, access to mining resources and how mining companies contribute to local development. These are the real issues they face," he said.

"The mining sector is rapidly growing and plays a crucial role in our economy, contributing significantly to national income, jobs and taxes. In 2021 and 2022, it accounted for 7.2 percent of the GDP."

Mavunde emphasised the positive impact of amendments to the Mining Act, particularly in the areas of local content and corporate social responsibility.

The changes have led to greater community involvement in decisionmaking regarding CSR projects.

"In the past, mining li-

cence holders unilaterally decided on CHRAGG Chairperson, Judge (rtd) CSR projects such as building toilets or Mathew Mwaimu, recently said that all health facilities. Currently, the decisions are made with input from the community at various levels, ensuring that their priorities are properly addressed," he

legal procedures were followed during the mine's expansion. Mwaimu noted that the process was

transparent with community involvement at every stage.

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### PRE-QUALIFICATION OF LAW FIRMS FOR GENERAL CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO MKUJU RIVER PROJECT SITE.

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Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites qualified law firms to express their Interest (EOI) for general consultancy and legal advisory services to Mantra.

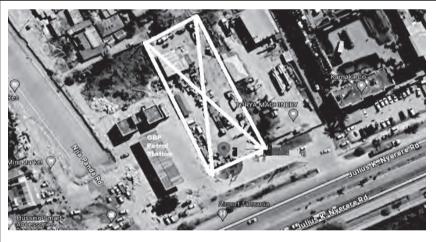
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  - f) Also, attach copies of LPOs, Letters of award/signed contracts/reference letters.
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### WHO rings alarm after 10 million cases of measles reported in 2023

#### **By Special Correspondent**

MORE than 10 million cases of measles were recorded last year, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The figure represents a 20 percent increase in comparison to the previous year.

In 2023, the highly contagious disease claimed more than 107,000 lives, a majority of them children.

A fall in vaccine coverage is behind the spike in cases.

It's a trend that occurs in different areas around the world, according to the director of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

A total of 57 countries saw significant measles outbreaks last year; almost half were reported

One of the most infectious diseases, measles can result in a rash, flu like symptoms and fever.

It can lead to serious complications, particularly in young children.

At least 95 percent measles vaccine coverage is required to avert outbreaks. However, 83 percent percent of children were administered with their first dose of vaccine in 2023 and only 74 percent were given their second dose.

WHO has warned that the global aim of eradicating measles by the end of the decade is under threat. Measles is a highly contagious, serious airborne disease caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications and death.





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- (iii) General customs bonded warehouse facility

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The service provider must provide the following documents to demonstrate compliance with the Scope of

### 1. General Requirements

- a) Detailed Company information with organization structure.
- b) List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- c) Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three (3) years and similar contract/agreements currently under execution under headings:
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- f) Letter(s) of agency or partnership where applicable
- g) Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
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a) A copy of Valid LATRA license to operate as a transporter

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#### Omary Kitojo (2nd-R), a senior officer with the Bank of Tanzania's currency management directorate, pictured in Mwanza city on Friday showing journalists based in the Lake Victoria zone regions how to identify fake banknotes. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

## Study highlights gaps in farmer involvement in agro-innovation

### By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A BASELINE survey aimed at assessing participatory approaches of researchers and farmers in agricultural innovation and technology transfer has revealed that over 70 percent of farmers are not engaged in the early stages of developing the innovations.

This was said at the weekend here by Dr Nicholaus Mwalukasa, Associate Principal Researcher in a project dubbed 'Agrispark' which is focused on participatory approaches that involve farmers in agricultural innovation and knowledge transfer.

Dr Mwalukasa said lack of involvement contributes to weak adoption of new knowledge and technologies among farmers, resulting in poor outcomes. "The results show that majority of farmers are only involved once the research or technology is already developed. They are often called upon to test the technology which leads to lack of adequate knowledge and understanding," he said. He said the preliminary study

Region involved farmers who previously participated in innovation, technology or projects conducted by researchers from the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).

Dr Mwalukasa noted that the find-

ings suggest a need for researchers to engage farmers more in the early stages of knowledge creation and development of innovations. "This would ensure that agricul-

tural technologies are more suitable, better understood and more likely to be adopted," he said. He also stressed the importance

of closer collaboration between researchers, extension officers and farmer groups to strengthen dissemination and adoption of agricultural innovations as the groups have greater influence in reaching and educating farmers effectively.

Dr Geoffrey Karugila, Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CoNAS) at SUA, said the project was a result of the university's vision to empower its researchers, especially young researchers by allocating internal funds to conduct rewhich was conducted in Morogoro search aimed at solving community the agricultural sector.

and national challenges.

"There are many research projects being carried out by SUA researchers. Each year, the university allocates 1bn/- to support studies. The Agrispark project is one of the outcomes of the government's funds which help provide solutions to challenges faced by Tanzanians while also building the capacity of our researchers," he said.

Dr Philbert Nyinondi, Agrispark Principal Researcher, described the project as a unique initiative that works to address the climate challenges faced by local communities.

"Often, research funded by international donors is guided by the priorities of the funders. However, research funded by our own resources directly addresses national needs and has a direct impact on people's lives," he said.

Hildegarda Mushi, Director of Research at the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), praised the efforts of SUA researchers in addressing the challenges faced by farmers and the nation in

### Invest in health as much as in wealth, Janabi urges Tanzanians

### **By Guardian Reporter**

MUHIMBILI National Hospital (MNH) Executive Director Prof Mohamed Janabi has called for a shift in societal priorities, urging Tanzanians to focus on investing in their health just as much as they do in wealth.

In a series of public health messages shared on his social media platforms, Prof. Janabi stressed that people often focus on financial investments, such as acquiring property as part of their retirement planning.

However, he argued that investing in one's health is just as critical for ensuring a long and fulfilling life.

He emphasized the importance of adopting long-term health practices, particularly for individuals over the age of 35 in order to prevent non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and improve overall wellbeing.

"People often prepare for their future by investing in material assets but health should be an equally important priority. By the time you reach your mid-30s or 40s, taking proactive steps to protect your health should become a cornerstone of your lifestyle."

As part of his public education efforts, Prof. Janabi has been actively raising awareness about the lifestyle choices



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advocates for the adoption of a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity, a balanced diet, effective stress management and adequate rest. Prof. Janabi outlined several key habits for

that contribute to the prevention of diseases

such as diabetes, hypertension and cancer. He

maintaining good health. Regular exercise is essential for cardiovascular health and weight management. He emphasized the importance of taking

10,000 steps per day, consuming a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables and fruits while limiting the intake of sugary and fatty foods as crucial for preventing diet-related dis-He also provided insights into proper hydra-

tion, noting that the amount of water needed depends on one's activity levels. He advised against excessive water consumption, explaining that overhydration can lead to headaches, electrolyte imbalances and other health issues. "I personally don't drink more than 1.5 litres

a day unless I am very active. However, if you're working in an air-conditioned office, 3 to 4 litres a day is unnecessary," he said. When it comes to fruit consumption, Prof.

Janabi recommended eating one type of fruit at a time to avoid spiking blood sugar levels. "I avoid mixing fruits as it can cause an in-

crease in blood sugar levels. For example, I might have a banana in the morning, a pear at lunch and papaya in the evening," he said. Prof. Janabi emphasized the importance of

portion control and managing stress. He encouraged individuals to practice emotional balance and forgiveness to avoid the negative effects of stress hormones that can contribute to chronic health conditions. "Studies suggest that by 2035, most deaths worldwide will be linked to poor diets and life-

style choices, leading to conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Each year, around 35 million people die from diseases related to poor nutrition, not infections," he said. In light of the trends, Prof. Janabi has taken a

personal approach to his health by adopting a strict regimen of one meal a day.





George Simbachawene (L). Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance). has a word in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with Public Service Commission chairperson Judge (rtd) Hamisa Kalombola (2nd-R) and secretary Mathew Kirama (R) as well as Occupational Safety and Health Agency officials. They were on official business at the agency's offices. Photo: Guardian

### Speaker appeals to developing countries to take decisive steps on climate change

By Guardian Correspondent, Baku

National Assembly Speaker and Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Dr. Tulia Ackson has urged developing nations to take decisive steps in addressing climate change.

Speaking at the weekend to Tanzanians attending the 29th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ((COP29)) in Baku, Azerbaijan, Dr. Tulia emphasized that discussing the impacts of climate change is not enough.

She called for intensified efforts, particularly from developing countries like Tanzania, to ensure sustainable environmental conservation. She encouraged participants to leverage the insights gained during their side meetings with various stakeholders at the conference and implement them upon returning to Tanzania.

"I commend you for your preparation and participation in this important conference. I believe you represent over 60 million Tanzanians and when you return home, you will bring with you valuable experience gained here," she

Dr. Tulia noted that despite the challenges posed by climate change, Tanzanian government has taken significant steps to address the issue. She highlighted

Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General, emphasized that addressing the ernmental organizations.

impacts of climate change should not be left to governments alone but must involve all stakeholders.

"Collaboration between governments and the private sector is essential to achieving positive outcomes in combating climate change impacts," he said.

He added that participation of diverse delegates from various countries and sectors at COP29 demonstrates the collective effort needed to tackle environmental degradation.

Cyprian Luhemeja, Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, underscored that environmental protection is a shared responsibility requiring active participation of everyone. Luhemeja reminded participants that caring for the environment does not necessarily require financial resources but rather personal commitment to fostering sustainable surroundings.

He urged attendees to implement the best practices observed at COP29 when they return to Tanzania.

"We want all of us here to take the lessons on environmental conservation witnessed at this conference and apply them when we return to Tanzania," he said.

The meeting with Tanzanian participants at COP29 was held at Tanzania's pavilion. It brought together leaders and experts from the Vice President's Office, various ministries and non-gov-

## VP to officiate TAFORI's third international scientific forum

By Correspondent Christina Haule, Morogoro

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango is scheduled to officiate the opening of the third International Scientific Conference organised by the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) next month.

Briefing reporters here yesterday, Dr Revocatus Mushumbusi, TAFORI Director General, said the conference is set to attract around 400 experts in forestry

and beekeeping.

Dr Mushumbusi stated that the event is set to take place from December 11 to 13 in Arusha and will create a platform for experts to share experiences and discuss best practices in managing natural resources, particularly forests and beekeeping.

He said the event will feature presentations and exhibitions highlighting forestry and beekeeping products, noting that the conference will focus on the

theme 'Restoring Forest Landscapes for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Mitigation'.

Expected attendees include scientists, policymakers, environmentalists, users of forestry and beekeeping products, tree planters, beekeepers, research institutions, universities, government and non-governmental organisations and forestry students.

It will also provide a platform for presenting the latest research findings and

exploring new conservation initiatives that focus on restoring forests to promote sustainable development and mitigate climate change.

"The event will also encourage collaboration among stakeholders in preparation for the World Congress of Beekeepers to be held in Tanzania in 2027," he

Dr Mushumbusi urged all stakeholders to participate, highlighting that their involvement is crucial to TAFORI's mission

of disseminating forestry and beekeeping research findings and addressing the challenges facing the sector in Tanzania.

Zuhura Raphael, a forestry stakeholder, expressed gratitude for TAFORI's initiative, recognising the conference as a critical opportunity to address pressing environmental conservation issues.

She specifically noted the importance of tackling climate change which significantly affects agriculture and livestock across the country.

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1.		Network Facilities and Services	Benadetha Simon Luziga (Tanzanian)	40
	Paratus Tanzania Limited	National Application Services Without Network Facilities and	Paratus Group Holding Limited (Mauritian)	13.7
2.		Services	Green Telecom Limited (Tanzanian)	11.3
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3.	Starlink Satellite Tanzania Limited	National Network Facility	Starlink Holdings Netherlands B.V – Dutch	99
3.		National Application Services	SpaceX Netherlands B.V – Dutch	1

Pursuant to Section 8 of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the application.

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### JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA **WIZARA YA FEDHA**



### MWALIKO WA KUSHIRIKI MKUTANO WA PILI WA JUMUIYA YA WAHASIBU **WAKUU WA SERIKALI AFRIKA-AAAG**

Tanzania inatarajia kuwa mwenyeji wa Mkutano Mkuu wa Wahasibu wa Serikali wa Afrika mwaka 2024 (AAAG) utakaofanyika jijini Arusha kuanzia tarehe 2 hadi 5 Desemba, 2024.

Mkutano wa pili wa Jumuiya ya Wahasibu Wakuu wa Serikali Afrika utakuwa na mada mtambuka ambazo zitasaidia watumishi wa kada mbalimbali kuwaongezea ujuzi na Maarifa.

Pia Mkutano huu utasaidia Viongozi na Watumishi wa Tanzania kupata nafasi ya kubadilishana uzoefu na kupeana fursa na Viongozi na Watumishi toka nchi nyingine za Afrika, Benki ya Dunia na IMF. Mgeni rasmi anatarajiwa kuwa Mheshimiwa Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania.

Ada ya ushiriki ya mkutano ni **Shilingi za Kitanzania 1,300,000/=** kwa kila mshiriki. Hivyo, Mamlaka husika zinaombwa kuwaruhusu na kuwalipia Wahasibu, Wakaguzi wa Ndani, Maafisa Usimamizi wa Fedha, Maafisa TEHAMA na watumishi wa kada nyingine kuhudhuria mkutano huu.

Washiriki wote wanatakiwa kuanza kijisajili kupitia lango (portal) lifuatalo: https://conference.aaag.org.zm kuanzia sasa hadi tarehe 01 Disemba, 2024 na ada ya ushiriki ilipwe kupitia **akaunti namba 9924915301 yenye jina African** Association of Accountants General (AAAG).

Aidha, kwa Taasisi za Umma, Kampuni mbalimbali na watu binafsi wanaotaka kudhamini Mkutano huu kwa lengo la kujitangaza kibiashara na kufanikisha Mkutano huu; Wizara ya Fedha inawakaribisha.

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Pia kama muombaji amesahau namba ya simu, barua pepe na Sanduku la Posta anaweza kupata mawasiliano kupitia wakuu wa Hazina Ndogo waliopo kila mkoa Tanzania bara na Ofisi ya Mhasibu Mkuu wa Serikali Zanzibar.

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### **Guardian**

### NATIONAL NEWS

### Tamwa trains mobilisers to advance women's role in politics, leadership

#### By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

IN a bid to promote women's participation in leadership and advance democratic rights, Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA)-Zanzibar has organised a two-day training session for 60 community mobilisers in Unguja.

The initiative is part of the Strengthening Women in Leadership (SWIL) programme which aims to foster a gender-equal society by empowering women to take on leadership roles.

Speaking at the opening of the training here at the weekend, TAMWA-Zanzibar head of communications Saphia Ngalapi expressed her confidence in the mobilisers, highlighting their vital role in advocating for women's rights to leadership participation.

"Through this team, we expect to see transformative education within communities regarding women's democratic and leadership rights. Our goal is to achieve 50/50 representation at decision-making levels to contribute to sustainable development for everyone," she said.

Mohamed Khatib, TAMWA Zanzibar Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, underscored the significance of the mobilisers' efforts in advancing opportunities for women in leadership.

"Educating communities is not merely a job; it is a voluntary mission to ensure that women's leadership aspirations are realised by changing societal attitudes. By 2025 General Elections, we want to see women in leadership positions from the grassroots to the nation-



Mahimbo Mndolwa (with mic), Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, pictured yesterday making remarks to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the first bishop of the Church's Diocese of Zanzibar and Tanga, Frank Weston. The event was held at the Magila Msalabani church in Muheza town. Right is Capt (rtd) George Mkuchika, Minister of State in the President's Office (Special Tasks), who presented special commemorative badges to various officials of the church. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

al level because they have the capability to lead," he said.

The training was attended by a diverse group of participants, including religious leaders, people with disabilities, anti-violence activists and male advocates for change.

Asha Abdi, the training facilitator, encouraged the community mobilisers to play an active role in ensuring the project's objectives are met.

"Your commitment will be key to the success of this initiative," she said.

Ukhty Amina Salum, a religious leader and activist, expressed her gratitude for being selected as a community mobiliser.

"I am honoured to be part of this initiative. I take this responsibility seriously and aim to inspire the community to move away from stereotypes about women's abilities and challenge religious misconceptions about their role in leadership," she said.

Haji Khamis Haji from Unguja North Region noted that the training will help him encourage his community to recognise their democratic rights and increase women's representation in leadership positions.

The training is part of TAMWA-Zanzibar's ongoing efforts in collaboration with Zanzibar Women with Disabilities

Association, the Pemba Environmental, Gender and Advocacy Organisation (PEGAO) and the Zanzibar Female Lawvers Association (ZAFELA) with support from the Norwegian Embassy.

Together, they work to prepare women aspiring for leadership roles ahead of the 2025 polls with a focus on increasing the number of women in decision-making positions in Zanzibar.

### UTT seeks to expand services throughout EAC, SADC blocs

### By Getrude Mbago

THE Unit Trust of Tanzania Asset Management and Investor Services PLC (UTT AMIS) has unveiled plans to expand services across East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) blocs to bring investment opportunities closer to more people.

Currently, UTT AMIS supervises six funds, including Umoja, Wekeza Maisha, Watoto, Jikimu, Liquid and Bond.

Addressing journalists in Dar

sidelines of the company's annual general meeting, UTT AMIS Board Chairman Prof. Faustin Kamuzora said as part of the strategic plan, the firm will focus on technology-driven solutions to improve service delivery, making investing simpler and more efficient.

"We are upgrading our systems to handle a higher volume of transactions and ensure that investors continue to receive the best possible service," he said.

He noted that despite global challenges such as geopolitical tensions and economic volatiloutstanding performance with annual return for the 2023/24 year standing at 12.1 percent, surpassing last year's performance of 11.2 percent and exceeding its benchmark.

"This performance is a testament to the strength and stability of both the Tanzanian economy and our well-executed investment strategies," he said.

Prof Kamuzora said: "One of the key highlights of the year was the performance of the Umoja Fund which posted a strong return of 12.1 percent. This is in line with our goal of consistently

es Salaam atthe weekend on the ity, UTT AMIS has delivered an delivering competitive returns to our investors. We are committed to ensuring that our funds continue to provide value and security for our investors' hard-earned money."

> The board chair said the company will continue improving existing products and services and identifying new business lines for the benefit of investors, shareholders and other stakeholders.

> Simon Migangala, Managing Director UTTAMIS, said the firm has continued to perform well with its schemes total size growing to 2.2trntrn/- in the financial year ended June 2024 from 1.5trn/- of

the previous year.

This indicates an increase of 702.8bn/- by June 2024, compared to an increase of 538.9bn/- in the previous financial year. Growth in fund size is also supported by the increase in the number of investors in the schemes that went up by 79,519 compared to 47,480 in the previous financial year.

Migangala said the growth has been driven not only by good market returns but also increased investor confidence, automation of investment processes and a broader public understanding of the benefits of collective investment schemes.

According to him, other funds such as Wekeza Maisha recorded annual returns of 14.8 percent, Watoto had 15 percent, Jikimu (14 percent), Ukwasi had 12.9 percent and Bond recorded returns of 12.5 percent.

Apart from providing a huge investment avenue for small scale investors to participate and benefit from financial markets, he said the fund also pays dividends to the government.

"Our new strategic plan aims to continue this momentum with a goal of growing our fund size from 2.2trn/- to 7.5trn/- by 2030," he said.



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP Title: Conducting capacity building on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) for

cottage industry FFV processors and SMEs. **RFP Number:** 2024-TCP/011/02 Date of Solicitation: November 18, 2024

Closing Date and Time: November 26, 2024, 11:00 am EAT. **Questions and Clarifications:** Due by 22, November 2024

### Introduction to TAHA and Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula Project (Let's Save Food) Project

TAHA is an apex member based private sector organization that advocates for the growth and competitiveness of the horticulture industry in Tanzania. Since its inception in 2004, TAHA has been an effective voicing platform for producers, traders, exporters and processors of horticultural products mainly; flowers, fruits, vegetables, horticultural seeds, and spices. The Association safeguards the interests of industry stakeholders and ensures industry issues are well represented within national and international agendas. Visit us at https://www.taha.or.tz/taha/about

Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula Project (Let's Save Food) Project is a five-year project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by TAHA. The overarching objective of the Project is to reduce food loss and waste and resultant climate effects for improved food security and livelihoods. The project has been co-created to improve food handling, storage, and value addition, facilitate market access, inform, and promote policy and regulatory frameworks that reduce food loss and waste, and strengthen local organizations' capacity to lead in post-harvest management. Overall, the project will contribute to reducing post-harvest losses from 30-40% for horticulture to 15% and from 13% to 7% for cereals by the end of the project.

### Rationale of the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Hygienic Practices (GHP) to the Cottage Industry and Post Harvest Management

In the context of Tanzania, where small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and food processors play a vital role in the agricultural value chain, the implementation of prerequisite programs such as Good Hygienic Practices (GHP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) is crucial for ensuring food safety and quality. These programs form the foundation for any food safety management system by establishing basic conditions and activities necessary to maintain a hygienic environment throughout the production process. For Tanzanian SMEs and food processors, adhering to GHP and GMP is particularly important due to the challenges associated with maintaining food quality in a tropical climate, where spoilage and contamination risks are heightened.

Implementing GHP ensures that food is produced in a clean and safe environment, minimizing the risk of contamination that can lead to foodborne illnesses and product recalls. GMP, on the other hand, focuses on the operational aspects of food production, including the proper maintenance of equipment, sanitation, employee hygiene, and process controls. Together, these practices help processors maintain product integrity, extend shelf life, and meet both local and international quality standards, which are critical for accessing export markets.

By focusing on GHP and GMP, the capacity-building efforts under initiatives like the Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula (Let's Save Food) Project enable Tanzanian food processors to minimize post-harvest losses, improve food safety, and contribute to the sustainability of the agricultural sector. It is from this background TAHA through Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula (Let's Save Food) Project has set aside a budget to solicit and engage eligible and qualified consultants for conducting capacity building on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) for cottage industry FFV processors and SMEs.

### A. Submission Instructions

Interested consultants or firms should download the detailed terms of references through the link: https://shorturl.at/h6Z5q

### B. Clarification on the Advert

- All correspondence related to the RFP shall be made in English.
- Each consultancy opportunity should be responded to separately.
- Should there be any uncertainty, the Bidder shall seek clarification in writing through e- mail to: procurement@taha.or.tz while copying
- · Any clarification sought by the bidder in respect to the RFP shall be titled CLARIFICATION "CONDUCTING CAPACITY BUILDING ON GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMP) AND GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES (GHP) FOR COTTAGE INDUSTRY FFV PROCESSORS AND SMES."
- TAHA will only respond to requests for clarification received no later than Friday, November 22, 2024.



### INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST FOR BUILDING CONTRACTORS REGISTERED WITH TANZANIA CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION BOARD IN CLASSES I AND II

PROJECT NAME: MATERNITY AFRICA MATERNAL HEALTH CENTRE CHIBWE-MANCHALI 'A.' CHAMWINO DISTRICT LOCATION: DODOMA REGION, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

**DESCRIPTION:** CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 40-BED HEALTH CENTRE WITH **OUTPATIENT CLINIC, INCLUDING M.E.P. AND EXTERNAL WORKS** 

Maternity Africa is a Christian based not for profit organization that endeavours to provide fistula treatment and quality maternity care for all marginalized women through out Tanzania, through professional excellence and in the example of displaying love, kindness and compassion regardless of race, religion and ethnicity.

Maternity Africa is proposing to undertake construction of a new 40-bed maternal health centre on its property in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region, Tanzania. Works shall include construction of patient wards, surgical and delivery theatres, outpatient clinic, administrative and support facilities, plus related external works. Total built-up area will be no less than 2,100 square meters, AQRB Medical

The client is now soliciting information from Building Contractors registered with Tanzania Contractors Registration Board (CRB) in Classes I and II. Tenders shall be solicited by invitation upon completion of this exercise, and a construction contract shall be awarded upon receipt of tenders. Companies in Classes I and II wishing to be considered for invitation to tender are requested to submit the

- 1. Company Description, including copies of Business License; CRB Classification Certificate and current receipt of annual registration fee; VAT Registration Certificate; and Condensed List of Physical Assets.
- 2. Separate Curricula Vitae for a proposed Company Project Manager (one only) and Site Foreman (one only), showing education and professional experience.
- 3. Specific List of Proposed Sub-Contractors legally registered in Tanzania to undertake such works.
- 4. Specific List of All Current Projects, including photographs, contract value, completion date, sub-contractors, project consultants and client representatives, with current contact information for all.
- 5. Specific List of Recent Projects of Similar Size (minimum 2,000 square meters) and/or Type (medical) completed within the past five years (none earlier than 2019), including photographs, contract value, sub-contractors, project consultants and client representatives, with current contact information for all.
- 6. Specific List of Recent Projects Undertaken in Dodoma Region completed within the past five years (none earlier than 2019), including photographs, contract value, sub-contractors, project consultants and client representatives, with current contact
- 7. Reference from the Company Banker confirming the Company's financial capacity to finance a project of this size. Indication that the Company could obtain Letter of Credit facilities stating maximum value available for this facility should a contract for this project be awarded to them, is also required. 8. Statement of Intent to Tender, including admission to undertake work within two weeks of contract award, and capacity to
- complete all work within twelve calendar months.

Interested firms should submit this documentation in bound two hard copies format, signed by a Company Director, to the following physical address no later than 16:00 hours (4:00 pm) on Wednesday, 4th December, 2024.

Country Director, Maternity Africa Kivulini Maternity Centre, Plot 181, Kivulini Estate Ngaramtoni Chini, Arusha, Tanzania

Interested firms should also submit the exact same documentation in PDF soft copy format to the following e-mail address immediately after (but not before) hard copies submission, and within twenty-four hours: info@maternityafrica.org

Building Contractors registered with Tanzania Contractors Registration Board in Classes I and II shall be considered. Failure to provide any of the above-prescribed information may result in disqualification. The Client reserves the right to select qualified companies at its discretion, and will notify parties of results in writing. No contact may be made with the Client or its Project Team prior to written notification of results.

www.maternityafrica.org



Same district commissioner Kasilda Mgeni (R) pictured at a council meeting at the weekend presenting an iPad to Same district council chairman Yusto Mapande for official use in making presentations on development projects. Forty-five other councillors were issued with similar devices. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

### Another black rhino reported dead in Kenya's national park

THE Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) last Tuesday confirmed the death of another black rhino at the Lake Nakuru National Park.

KWS said the 12-year-old male rhino was killed on Monday night by suspected poachers who also escaped with two horns from the park.

"Sad to report the killing of a 12-yearold male black rhino in Lake Nakuru National Park last (Monday) evening. Pursuit for poachers is underway," said KWS Corporate Communication Manager Paul Udoto.

Catherine Wambani, KWS Senior Park Warden at the Lake Nakuru National Park, said the warders found the dead rhino with its horns missing.

The latest death comes amid increased criticism the ministry has been facing in the past week following the death of 11 black rhinos during the

A total of 12 rhinos were translocated from the Nairobi and Nakuru National Parks to Tsavo East National Park in a new rhino sanctuary in an exercise launched on June 26.

The sanctuary in the expansive park was a joint effort between KWS and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The ministry of tourism and wildlife has suspended four senior KWS officials following the death of the rhinos.

According to KWS, Kenya had at the end of 2017 rhino population of 1,258, having grown from fewer than 400 rhinos in the 1980s.

Unrestrained poaching in the 1970s and 1980s occasioned a substantial deterioration in the rhino population, from more than 20,000 to approximately 300 individuals in 1989.

The surviving rhinos are being corralled into fortified sanctuaries with the aim of enhancing breeding.

## BII commits \$16million to Africa go green fund

LONDON

BRITISH International Investment (BII), the UK's development finance institution and impact investor, announced a \$16 million commitment at the weekend to Africa Go Green Fund (AGGF), managed by Cygnum Capital Asset Management, to advance climate resilience in Africa.

Having raised over \$166 million at the interim close, the fund will expand access to finance for climate-friendly projects such as purchasing high-efficiency appliances and industrial equipment, retrofitting existing buildings, constructing new green buildings, investing in the growth of electric mobility vehicles and infrastructure, and installing battery storage for residential, commercial, and industrial consum-

Africa remains highly vulnerable to climate change, with nine out of the 10 most

vulnerable countries globally located on the continent. It requires \$2.5 trillion of climate finance between 2020 and 2030, with mitigation accounting for 66 percent of total climate finance needs. This leaves a significant financing gap. The gap is even more pronounced in nascent climate sub-sectors such as energy efficiency, green buildings, electric vehicles and clean cooking.

Despite their crucial roles in supporting the energy transition, these sub-sectors are often underserved by traditional lenders due to perceived risks, unproven business models, limited scale, and less advanced regulatory environments in developing countries. AGGF aims to demonstrate the commercial viability and credit-worthiness of these critical sub-sectors by creating a more operational track record to catalyse further private investment.

Since becoming fully operational in 2021, AGGF has provided financing to several panAfrican clean energy platforms, including Solarise and Burn Manufacturing, to accelerate access to clean energy and cooking solutions for millions of Africans. Other notable investments include AktivCo, a telecoms Energy Services Company (ESCO) that is expanding clean energy solutions for telecoms infrastructure in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Senegal; M-Kopa, an asset financing platform that provides underbanked customers in Africa access to essential products including solar lighting, televisions, fridges, smartphones and financial service; and Ampersand which is scaling electric motorbikes and charging infrastructure across Rwanda and Kenya.

UK Minister for Development Anneliese Dodds said: "Africa is the part of the world which is most vulnerable to climate change and needs a significant injection of private as well as public investment. Britain is taking a leadership role in harnessing private capital to support some of the world's most vulnerable people and nations. British International Investment is a fantastic vehicle for this, delivering significant investment across the Global South. This commitment to the Africa Go Green Fund for climate-friendly projects, is yet another example of the UK's development finance institution championing innovation to drive more private finance towards tackling the climate crisis."

Chris Chijiutomi, Managing Director and Head of Africa, BII, said: "Expanding the universe of bankable climate projects across Africa is a priority for BII to achieve our goal to invest at least 30 per cent of total commitment in climate finance. AGGF's approach allows our capital to reach more nascent climate sub-sectors such as clean cooking and waste-to-energy, which are equally important to energy transition but face the challenge of getting finance to support their growth."

Clemens Calice, CEO of Cygnum Capital, commented: "We could not be more excited about reaching this milestone. AGG is testimony to the belief that energy transition in Africa requires the collaborative effort of investors that want to support viable and innovative businesses, whilst also contributing to a low carbon economy across all of Africa. By committing to AGG, BII and all existing investors have made a clear statement of intent. Cygnum's team managing AGG has already translated this intent into a number of pioneering climate investments and is confident that energy efficiency as an investment strategy is gaining momentum."

BII's investment in AGGF directly contributes to several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG7), Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG8), Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (SDG9), and Climate Action (SDG13).



Michael Feng, Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification in Tanzania, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. It was during the re-launch of the China Media Group and the showcasing of Chinese films and television programmes aimed at promoting cultural links between China and Tanza-

### After missing school due to extreme heat, African children now want climate action

By Gloria Dickie, Baku

CHILDREN from East Africa, where heatwaves and floods shuttered schools in recent months, now push for world leaders to protect their education - and their future - at the United Nations COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan. Siama, 17, from South Sudan, missed two weeks of school in April when temperatures surged to 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit).

"Our country is a developing country so we do not have climate-resilient buildings ... and do not have ACs in school," she

More than 40 million children were kept out of classrooms this year, from Asia to Africa, due to extreme heat, which scientists say has been made worse and more frequent by climate change. Naomi, 14, also struggled with South Sudan's school closures.

"This really affected me because this year I am sitting for my national exams," she said.

At home, "we were not able to concentrate because it was hot. the temperatures were really high, you have to focus more on reducing the temperature of your body by going to bathe every two hours". In Somalia, Nafiso, 16, often can't sleep at night, thinking about her future under climate change.

"My father - he is a farmer. When there is a lot of heat, it becomes a lot of drought. When there is a lot of rain, it is difficult

Sometimes she does not have enough food to eat three times a day. Floods, too, have at times prevented her from getting to

"This is really making us worried how will the future be if there is no action being taken, if there is no climate finance to create climate-resilient schools in the country," she said.

## Chinese telecom firms eye African market at vital Tech Festival 2024

**CAPE TOWN** 

CHINESE telecom companies, showcasing innovative technologies and products at the Africa Tech Festival 2024 in South Africa, have set ambitious goals to expand their footprint in the rapidly growing African market.

Held from Nov. 12 to 14 at Cape Town International Convention Centre in the country's legislative capital, the festival -- Africa's largest and most influential telecom and technology event -- attracted 15,000 attendees, over 300 exhibitors, and 450 speakers from across the continent and beyond.

According to its organizers, the event offered a "360-degree view" of how technological innovation and strategic shifts are reshaping key sectors, while also serving as a platform to explore the trans-

formative impact of technology across Africa's diverse industries.

South African Minister of Communications and Digital Technology Solly Malatsi called for united efforts to advance Africa's digital future at the festival's official opening ceremony on Tuesday. He noted the digital era has unlocked opportunities for growth and inclusion across Africa, paving new pathways for economic and social progress.

This year's Africa Tech Festival also highlighted the growing role of international players in Africa's tech ecosystem, including major Chinese telecom companies increasingly expanding their presence in the region.

China's Inspur Communication Information System Co., Ltd., exhibiting for the first time at AfricaCom, one of the

festival's anchor events, expressed optimism about its growth potential in Africa. The company's sub-Saharan Africa Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sky Sun told Xinhua: "We aim to attract more customers not only locally but across sub-Saharan Africa.'

"While regions like Asia and Europe may be more advanced, we have made significant strides in the African market and continue to experience growth," he said. "Additionally, we have been actively engaging with our telecom customers in the sector, and we are seeing positive progress."

China Unicom Global in the African Region CEO Yao Siyang underscored his company's commitment to expanding presence in the African market, mark-

ing its fourth exhibition at the event. "We are happy to be part of this event

and to bring our smart solutions to local customers in Africa, where we see significant growth potential in the telecommunications sector and beyond. There is a lot of opportunity here, and we see a lot of newcomers come to the continent to expand their businesses. We are also proud we can have the chance to connect and meet people at this event," Yao

International Sales Manager of China's Chengdu Qianhong Communication Co., Ltd. Jack Lu also expressed the company's desire to deepen partnerships with African telecom operators. "We hope to provide deeper cooperation for South African telecommunications operators. The world's future is Africa," he said.

Chinese smartphone maker Honor also made its debut at the AfricaCom exhibition. "Africa is a market with great potential, and we have very strong confidence in South Africa and the entire African market," said Fred Zhou, CEO of Honor South Africa.

According to him, Honor's sales in South Africa surged by more than 600 percent last year and grew by over 200 percent this year. "Honor already ranks second in the South African contract phone market, and we are confident that Honor will become the brand with the largest market share in South Africa's contract phone market in the next three to five years," Zhou said.

As a Chinese company creating over 300 jobs in South Africa annually, Honor aims to be a bridge for cooperation between China and South Africa, he said. "We want to help South African users accelerate the process of embracing the digital age."

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### Licensing big internet subsidiaries could boost competition, cut costs

NEWS that internet services in our country are set to improve after three international companies applied for licences from the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) can be said to have come at the right time.

Noticeably, one of the firms is said to be linked to the world's richest person, Elon Musk - an aspect raised by industry analysts in the wake of a public notice by the regulatory agency that Starlink Satellite (T) Ltd, GX Technologies Co. Ltd and the Mauritian firm Paratus (T) Ltd have submitted applications. It is the first applicant who seems to excite the public.

The notice said that the firms are applying for national network facilities and national application services licences, which suggests delivering internet as such and communication facilities housed in those networks.

Those expressions of interest don't appear to be new, and their being taken up at the moment is significant for what is happening around the world and, additionally, what is taking place at the local level.

It would appear that what seems to be foregone as to delivering that licence is a boost for competition, what with diminished control.

What was somewhat spectacular was that the main shareholder of Starlink's parent company is none other than Elon Musk, a member of the inner circle of incoming US president Donald Trump.

Now, Musk has a longstanding association with the hardliner republican leader. Analysts say that the firm he is linked with has in previously expressed frustration with delays in Starlink's international rollout, as regulatory approval was too slow. Closer reading of the reposts show intense disenchantment too.

Even as TCRA set a 14-day public comment window regarding those proval expected as the consultation

window closes, the timing and the

tone of the announcement are suf-

ficiently indicative of 'giving back the

bird its nest'. That may not be directly admitted but the regulator or power corridors may have felt the wind blowing in a different direction, presumably feeling ill-prepared to explain why the licensing is taking curiously long to

This could affect wider expectations, as what a country or top-level adviser feels on particular issues can easily impact bilateral links.

materialise.

While the notice aired the standard sentiments of the regulator for the past few years, it doesn't appear that it will stick to this frame of reference, in stressing the importance of ensuring that Starlink operations align with local regulations on data security and internet governance.

Chances are that the company expects our regulatory precepts to basically relate to global conventions in that regard.

This would limit auxiliary requirements to a minimum and, recalling how the law has often been altered, an accord would prove difficult to strike. Reference is now being made to making use of its presence, unlocking new economic opportunities.

One can only expect that this turns out not just to be the case but in a big way, as some analysts contend that the new internet firms may help to enhance access to education and spur innovation.

They point to the rural areas where ensuring reliable connectivity has often been a daunting challenge, though it is well known that the regulator has in between been talking of one or two firms being tasked with spreading internet in schools, etc.

Now it will become clearer if this was a developmental pursuit if it is uneconomical or, alternatively, a moapplications, with a decision on ap-nopoly quest.

### **COP29** jamboree calls for proper sequence of recovery, energy factor in conflict zones

DELEGATES at the 29th conference of the parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change now in progress in the Azerbaijani capital. Baku, are casting the net far and wide on various global issues.

Their attention is being turned to "ways in which clean energy can transform post-conflict recovery efforts", in the sense of bringing about environmental resilience and social stability to various regions. It has been quite pleasant in the hearing, until one starts getting to grips with some unsolved, knotty issues. After framing the issue in that manner, it is not difficult for a lead panelist to state that renewable energy offers more than environmental benefits -that it has the potential to catalyse economic recovery.

That would unavoidably improve living standards and build long-term resilience in areas most vulnerable to conflict, with the case for renewable energy thus sort of settled, while nothing has been said about the conflict itself. Nor is explicit elaboration on how sustainable infrastructure can reduce dependence on foreign energy imports and fuel local economies in war-torn areas very helpful, as war will itself dictates policy.

This sort of comfort zone elucidation of what can be done in a post-conflict situation is far too unrealistic to be seen as a winning formula, with the conference deemed to be avoiding tackling or seriously addressing the key issues.

How far are conflicts related to energy and can governments actually prevent conflicts from outright civil war by adopting clean energy?

And just how sustainable is clean energy in situations hovering on conflict, most especially over land allocation, use or ownership? Some may see energy as a minor issue here, not the key aspect.

The reason for this inappropriate formulation - not really for its inapplicability but in avoiding primary concerns of how conflicts come about and how they are solved - is an underlying attitude.

The Baku jamboree, much like various other discussions within the United Nations system generally, will likely touch on whatever facets of traditional social formations are to be found around the world including seeing land owned communally an unalterable. But this UN palaver will surely be expected to do lots more than merely talking to and bout people in conflict, promising them low-cost clean energy to be funded by multilateral agencies and concluding with explosions of joy. What was thus said in that direction was meant to convince those holding the purses of global flows of loans and grants as to the plausibility of this strategy.

It it wasn't just about post-conflict countries per se but about all poor countries - that if clean energy is available all over the place chances of conflicts breaking out will be minimal. This sort of formulation has the potential to become a new international development mantra, eliciting enhanced disbursements of funds for numerous projects. All is well that ends well, so the conference will have done well in unlocking energy funding, if not ending wars, as that would require that prior tackling of land The Guardian Limited Key Contacts

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## Early warning signs, minimally invasive surgical approaches in pancreatic cancer

### By Shan Lam and JoJo Novaes

PANCREATIC cancer presents no obvious symptoms and is often referred to as "the king of carcinoma".

This is owing to the pancreas's hidden location and the lack of noticeable symptoms, making early detection extremely difficult.

In most cases, the cancer has already progressed to an advanced stage by the time it is diagnosed. Experts emphasize the importance of recognising key symptoms to ensure timely medical care.

The pancreas is an organ located in the abdomen with two main functions: exocrine and endocrine. The exocrine function involves releasing pancreatic juice to aid in the digestion of proteins, carbohydrates, and fats.

The endocrine function meanwhile releases hormones into the bloodstream, including insulin to lower blood sugar and glucagon to raise it, thereby maintaining healthy blood sugar levels.

Pancreatic cancer accounts for about 3 per cent of all cancers in the United States but roughly 7 per cent of all cancer-related deaths, according to the American Cancer Society.

It is estimated that approximately 66,440 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year, and about 51,750 will die from it. Furthermore, only 12.8 per cent of patients survive five years or more after their diagnosis. **Common symptoms** 

Dr Tong Jing, a physician at Jing Gastroenterology & Hepatology and an assistant professor at NYU School of Medicine, has discussed the common symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options for pancre-

According to Jing, the early symptoms are nonspecific but there are key signs to watch for. He says these symptoms do not necessarily indicate pancreatic cancer but advises that it is important to consider the possibility if other common conditions have been ruled out.

Stomach pain and back pain: Pain associated with pancreatic cancer varies from person to person. Some patients experience persistent, dull pain in the upper abdomen, middle back or upper back, possibly caused by a pancreatic tumour pressing against the spine.

Others describe the pain as starting in the centre of the abdomen and radiating to the back. The pain often worsens when lying down but eases when leaning for-

If older adults experience chronic abdominal pain that persists despite treatment for gastric issues, pancreatic disease should be considered.

Jaundice: A pancreatic tumour can block the bile duct, preventing bile from flowing into the duodenum. This can lead to the yellowing of skin and eyes, dark urine, pale and greasy stools, and itchy skin. Unexplained weight loss: Pancreatic cancer often reduces or eliminates appetite, resulting in weight loss. If sudden weight loss occurs without intentional

dieting, consulting of a doctor is recommended to determine the cause is essential.

Gastrointestinal problems: As a pancreatic tumour spreads, it can press against the stomach or other parts of the digestive system, causing loss of appetite, indigestion, nausea, vomiting and abdominal bloating or swelling.

Unexplained fatigue: Many patients with pancreatic cancer experience a persistent lack of energy. However, fatigue can also result from other causes, among them sleep disturbances or emotional stress.

Diabetes: Pancreatic cancer can damage insulin-producing cells, leading to elevated blood sugar levels. Patients may experience frequent thirst, hunger and urination. If a non-overweight, middle-aged person with no family history of diabetes suddenly develops high blood sugar, it may indicate a pancreatic tumour.

### **Risk factors**

Jing explains that pancreatic cancer is relatively uncommon but its mortality rate is very high, adding that the following factors can increase the risk of developing the disease:

### **Smoking**

Former US president Jimmy Carter, who just turned 100 this year, has a family history of pancreatic cancer - his father, brother and sister all passed away from the disease. Carter has said that while other members of his family smoked, he never did.

Iing says cigarettes, cigars and modern e-cigarettes all contain nicotine, which is carcinogenic.

A European study found that smokers had a 71 per cent higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer compared to those who never smoked. However, the risk became comparable to that of non-smokers after quitting for five years or more.

The study also showed that parental smoking harmed children's health, with individuals exposed to daily second-hand smoke during childhood facing more than double the risk of developing pancreatic cancer.

### Obesity

Jing notes that obesity increases the risk of pancreatic cancer and other gastrointestinal tumours. A larger waist circumference is associated with a higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer.

A 2009 study published in JAMA indicated that overweight or obese people were more likely to develop pancreatic cancer at a younger age. Among pancreatic cancer patients, those who were obese also had lower survival rates than those with an average weight.

### **Diabetes**

Obesity increases the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, and the incidence of pancreatic cancer is higher among patients with Type 2 diabetes.

A systematic review found that for patients with prediabetes or diabetes, every 0.56 mmol/L increase in fasting blood sugar raised the risk of pancreatic cancer by 14 per cent.

According to Jing, many young adults experience high levels of stress, eat unhealthy fast food, and get little exercise - all of which contribute to a rising trend of pancreatic cancer in younger populations.

### Chronic pancreatitis

Research has shown that alcohol consumption is a major risk factor for chronic pancreatitis, and people with chronic pancreatitis are at a higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer.

### Long-term chemical exposure

Prolonged exposure to chemicals containing carcinogens (substances, organisms or agents capable of causing cancer) increases the risk of pancreatic cancer.

### **Aging**

The risk of pancreatic cancer generally increases with age, with most cases occurring after the age of 50. Gender

### The incidence of pancreatic can-

cer is higher in men than in women. The lifetime risk of developing pancreatic cancer is one in 50 for men and one in 60 for women, according to the American Cancer Society.

### Race

Research shows that pancreatic cancer occurs more frequently in black Americans than in white Americans and other racial groups, though the reasons for this remain unclear.

### **Dietary habits**

A meta-analysis found that regular consumption of processed meat was associated with an increased risk of pancreatic cancer. Red meat, processed foods, foods high in saturated fats and sugary beverages may also contribute to the risk, although the evidence remains inconclusive, according to Jing.

Medical experts recommend the prioritising of whole foods and the reduction of the intake of processed items like sausages, bacon and fried

### **Treatment options**

In terms of treatment, early-stage pancreatic cancer can be treated with surgery though, in most cases, the cancer has already spread by the time it is diagnosed.

Pancreatic cancer is divided into four stages, Jing said.

Stages 1 and 2 pancreatic cancers can be treated with surgery to remove the tumour. The Whipple procedure, the standard surgical treatment for pancreatic cancer, removes both benign and malignant tumours.

However, it is highly invasive and causes significant trauma to other organs, as it involves extensive dissection and rearrangement of abdominal structures. It typically requires the removal of parts of the duodenum, gallbladder and stomach, with the remaining organs needing to be rejoined.

The procedure is highly complex and demanding, often requiring surgeons to operate continuously for more than ten hours. Moreover, the risk of postoperative complications

Jing, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, notes that the modified procedure developed at Johns Hopkins incorporates robotic assistance to perform minimally invasive surgery.

Rather than fully opening the abdomen, the surgery is done through a few small incisions to remove part of the pancreas with greater precision and less trauma, allowing for faster

In 2018, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine had a groundbreaking case involving a patient named Lana Brandt, who had a family history of pancreatic cancer. After experiencing several episodes of pancreatitis, she was informed that she carried a gene that increased her risk of developing pancreatic cancer. To prevent the disease, doctors used a minimally invasive technique to remove her pancreas and spleen.

They then isolated her islet cells and transplanted them into her liver, allowing them to continue producing insulin. Following the surgery, she no longer needed insulin injections.

For stages 3 and 4 pancreatic cancer, surgery is not initially an option. However, some patients may opt for a "sandwich therapy" approach, where radiation and chemotherapy are used to shrink the tumour, downstaging it to stage 2 and making surgery possible.

After the tumour is removed, additional radiation and chemotherapy are administered to target any remaining cancer cells.

Jing has shared the case of a 45-yearold patient, Ms. Liu, who was diagnosed with stage 2 pancreatic cancer that had progressed toward stage 3. She underwent sandwich therapy and is still alive eight years later.

Another patient, a man in his 50s, was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer after the tumour had spread to his liver. Fortunately, only a single metastatic lesion was found.

After chemotherapy and radiation, surgeons removed most of his pancreas and part of his liver, eliminating all visible tumours.

The patient continued with chemotherapy and radiation post-surgery to target any remaining microscopic cancer cells. Five years later, he is still alive and enjoys a good quality of life.

· A dispatch originally published in The Epoch Times.

### By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

N a heartfelt effort to address the acute shortage of health personnel in the country and honour the memory of her only son–Zawadi Mrema, Valeria Dominic Mrema has founded the Zawadi Memorial Health Training Institute (ZMHTI).

Based in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region, the institute is dedicated to producing skilled healthcare professionals to serve the community, particularly in rural and hard to reach areas.

Sharing her motivation for starting ZMHTI, Mrema told The Guardian: "My intention was to contribute to the government's efforts in improving healthcare services, especially in underserved regions, while also honouring my late son–Zawadi, who passed away in 1999"

Under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the government has expanded healthcare facilities across the country, creating an urgent need for trained health experts.

Mrema emphasized that her institute aligns with these initiatives by producing qualified nurses and midwives.

### Breaking gender stereotypes in nursing

Mrema is also advocating for more men to join the nursing profession, which is traditionally dominated by women. "Nursing is for everyone," she said, adding: "The stigma that nursing is only for women discourages men from joining. We need both men and women to contribute to the profession."

She highlighted that nursing, while historically female-dominated, offers opportunities for anyone committed to serving others. "I invite both genders to enroll in our programmes and help bridge the health-care gap."

### **Training future health experts**

Established in 2013, the institute started to operate in 2021, offering integrated diploma programs in nursing and midwifery. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for certification as nursing officers, with practical training provided at Mawenzi Hospital and Nganjoni Clinic.

"Our aim is to educate healthcare professionals who will serve underserved populations, including women, the elderly, and children," Mrema told The Guardian, highlighting that the institute's vision aligns with the belief in equitable healthcare access for all, regardless of socio-economic or demographic differences.

Since its inception, a total of 48 healthcare professionals have graduated from ZMHTI while plans are to introduce new community health courses starting next year. The institute's core values include profes-

## A devoted mother honours her late son by establishing health training institute



ZMHTI executive director, Valeria Mrema (L) speaks to students during the institutes' first graduation held recently. Right is the General Manager of Uchumi Commercial Bank (UCB), Samwel Wado who was the chief guest. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka.

sionalism, integrity, teamwork, and government compliance to ensure highquality education and services.

### Challenges

Mrema acknowledges several challenges facing the institute including shortage of classrooms and administrative buildings following an increased number of students.

"We need more facilities especially classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students," she said.

She also identified systemic issues contributing to the national shortage of health experts, such as inadequate science education at the primary and secondary levels. She urges for concerted efforts to ensure more pupils opt for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) while at primary and secondary school.

"Many schools lack laboratories and qualified science teachers, making it difficult for students to excel in subjects critical for medical studies," she noted.

To address these challenges, Mrema calls upon the government to establish more health training institutions and ensure that health facilities are well-equipped with the necessary resources.

### A lasting legacy

Inspired by her son's memory, Mrema remains committed to her mission. "Our institute not only provides a comprehensive curriculum but also fosters a sense of community and personal growth among students," she said.

Despite challenges, ZMHTI continues to uphold its commitment to produce competent healthcare professionals who embody the values of professionalism and ethical services. By honouring her son, Mrema has created a legacy that will impact countless lives in Tanzania for

generations to come.

### GR project to boost domestic connectivity, facilitate trade with landlocked African states

By Correspondent-Emmanuel Onyango

HE government launched its electric Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) three months ago, aiming to expand its transportation network and facilitate trade among African nations.

The modern train, equipped with cutting-edge signaling technology, is East Africa's first electric railway within the East African Community (EAC) member states.

The launching event was witnessed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan who graced the occasion as a guest of honour at a grand ceremony which was held at the main railway station in the country's capital city—Dodoma.

Now the modern passenger train plies along a completed two phases which is almost half of the whole SGR's entire routes from Dar es Salaam city to Mwanza city on the shores of Lake Victoria, covering a total stretch of 1,457 kilometers.

The completed section involves two slots out of five earlier slated within the designated main route from Dar es Salaam to the capital city–Dodoma which covers a stretch of 722 kilometers. The passenger train transports about 1,500 passengers on daily basis along the line.

Apart from these five slots, there is another extension line which has been will run from Tabora to Kigoma Region on the northeastern shores of Lake Tanganyika covering a stretch of 506 kilometers.

Both lines are designed to offer a modern, efficient, and reliable alternative for passenger and freight transport as they replace the aging old meter-gauge of the central railway line running alongside.

The electric train, a project worth nearly 14trn/- (\$ 6.5 billion) on its completion is seen as an immense boost to domestic connectivity, trade and economic opportunities aiming to connect Tanzania with neighbouring landlocked countries such as Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Tanzania Railways Corporation's Director General Masanja Kadogosa emphasized the SGR's role in



driving economic growth and improving transport efficiency across Tanzania and beyond.

The project is set to facilitate faster, more reliable transportation for both raw materials and finished goods, which can reduce logistical barriers for Tanzanian businesses trading across the region.

In addition to enhancing trade and reducing travel costs and time, the train is poised to improve access to social services, increase exports, and boost tourism. It will also create direct and indirect employment to Tanzanians; attract more local and foreign investment as well as uplifting Tanzanians' quality of life.

The environmental impact of SGR is

significant as well; experts estimate it will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 80,000 tonnes annually, contributing to Tanzania's climate

change mitigation goals.

However, the SGR project faces challenges that could hinder smooth operation if not addressed. Experts warn that insufficient technical knowledge may affect the reliability of the electric trains. To counter this, the Ministry of Transport is encouraging private sector partnerships.

The Director General highlighted the importance of collaborative maintenance under the Railways Open Access Regulations Act 2024, which permits public-private partnerships for both passenger and freight services.

These regulations were published in the government gazette in March 2024 and are designed to foster sustainable, long-term management of the railway.

Several Tanzanian companies, including GSM Group, Bakhresa Group, Mohammed Enterprises Company Ltd., Lake Oil, Azam, and Jambo, have expressed interest in partnering with the government to operate and maintain the electric SGR.

Additionally, companies from China and Europe are exploring investment opportunities. Jambo, notably, plans to invest in luxury services for tourists.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, Prof Godius Kahyarara, recently announced that the government has allocated 54.4bn/- to acquire 264

cargo wagons which are expected to arrive in the country in few months to come.

The World Food Programme has also donated eight cargo wagons to assist in transporting fruits and vegetables.

Under the Railways Open Access Regulations 2024, companies interested in independent railway operations must meet application requirements and pay maintenance charges. Once approved, infrastructure managers and operators will gain transit rights, allowing them to utilize various railway lines for their services.

The SGR project, initiated in 2017, follows Kenya's SGR model, launched the same year and connecting Mombasa to Nairobi using diesel engines. Yapi Merkezi's Project Manager, M. Firat Aygen, lauded Tanzania's SGR as a transformative step toward a comprehensive transportation revolution in East Africa.

#### By Guardian Correspondent

HE embassy of Algeria in Tanzania celebrated the 70th anniversary of liberation revolution and emphasizes more cooperation with Tanzania as the two nations have been beacons of the liberation of many countries in Africa.

The 70th anniversary of the Algerian Great Revolution offers an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and milestones since the historic turning point. The anniversary is not only a commemoration but also a testament to Algeria's enduring spirit of resilience, sovereignty and commitment to freedom.

Algeria is celebrating the day when dignity and the right of self-determination have been restored to its

Speaking at an event held at his residence in Dar es Salaam during the weekend Ambassador Ahmed Djellal, of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Tanzania said: "I am glad to celebrate together with you the 70th anniversary of the start of the glorious liberation revolution, It is real and important stage in which the Algerian people remember all the great sacrifice he made in order to restore his national sovereignty from brutal colonialism."

He said seventy years ago, the forefront of the Algerian people detonated one of the most important revolutions of the twentieth century, which resonated with all continents, because it carries the meanings of sacrifice and dedication to defending human values including the right of peoples to get rid of colonialism and racial discrimination and to decide for the selfdetermination

Djellal said that those are the values that found the Algerian foreign based on the principles of international cooperation, peaceful coexistence and resolving disputes by peaceful means and defending the just causes in the world.

"In this place we strongly condemn what the brotherly Palestinian people are subjected to from genocide to displacement to staving to the destruction of all basic infrastructures and even most vita one by the occupying forces. We also condemn the same intensity their aggression against the two brotherly countries Lebanon and Syria," said the Ambassador, adding, "We also confirm Algeria's support for the brotherly Sahrawi people for their self-determination in line with the relevant United Nation and African Union resolution. The Western Sahara is the last colony in our continent

He affirmed that during these seventy years, Algeria has made great strides in building a country destroyed by colonialism, so that the people can enjoy prosperity and growth.

The re-election of the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune will contribute to the process of continued building of new Algeria. As for the bilateral relationships, it should be noted that they go back to: Tanganyika period, immediately after the independence of the two countries.

He said Algeria and Tanzania are linked by a close historical relations based on solidarity, mutual respect. Consultation and close coordination regarding issues of common interest for sake of peace, security and progress in our continent and the world.

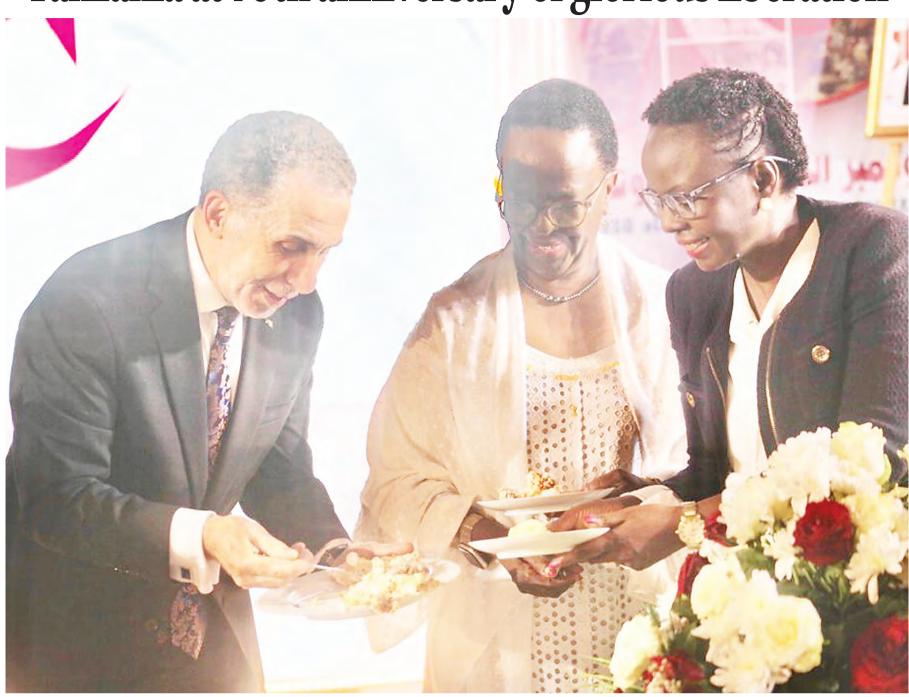
"For the sake of peace, security and progress of our continent and in the world we can be truly proud of the commitment of both countries to these established principles that formed our identity internationally. These same principles became our historic struggle for International relations based on justice, complementary and also correcting the historical mistake by giving the African continent the status that befits its history weight and size in the Security Council. This is what Algeria is striving for and working hard to achieve with the rest of the countries, since it was elected as a non-permanent member of the same council," Ambassador Djellal stated.

Algeria note with proud what the bilateral relations have reached in all fields under the wise leadership of Algerian President Abdelmadiid Tebboune and President Samia Suluhu Hassan of Tanzania as well as the Revolutionary government of Zanzibar under President Hussein Ali Mwinvi

Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed, Zanzibar's Minister for Construction, Communication and Transport said: "We commemorate the courageous movement led by visionary leaders such as the late Ahmed Ben Bella and Larbi Ben M'Hidi, who fought for Algeria's freedom from colonial rule beginning on November 1st, 1954. Their heroic struggle initiated a new era in Algeria's history, inspiring independence movements across the African continent.

Mohamed added: "The government, and the people

## Algeria celebrates long-standing historical ties with Tanzania at 70th anniversary of glorious liberation



Algeria's Ambassador to Tanzania, Ahmed Djellal (left), gives a piece of cake to one-time Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (centre). Right is Ellen Maduhu, Acting Director for Africa in the ministry. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

of Tanzania, extend warmest congratulations to you, Your Excellency, and to the government and people of Algeria on this important day in the history of your nation. We also applaud Algerians for the countless achievements attained over the past 70 years. Algeria has been able to maintain peace, security, and stability and achieve various socio-economic and cultural developments. Indeed, today Algeria is among the African Countries with the highest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2024."

He said it is satisfactory to note that Algeria's achievements extend beyond its borders, offering significant benefit to the entire African continent. After its Revolution in 1954, Algeria supported many liberation movements in Africa including the United Republic of Tanzania by providing moral and military support.

"Thanks to this support, the continent is now free from the voke of colonialism. Algeria also played an instrumental role in establishing the Organization of African Unity, now the African Union. As a founding country of the African Union, Algeria has always shown unprecedented support to promote the role of the Organization in the priority areas of peace and security, governance, integration, and representation of the continent at the international level," added the minister.

Mohamed saluted the invaluable sacrifices made by the Algerian heroes and heroines who came forward to lead the revolution and took their lives into their hands to create a new dawn for their

"I wish to commend the incumbent President, Abdelmadjid Tebboune for his outstanding contribution. Indeed, since he assumed the Presidency in 2019, Algeria has achieved important milestones in various sectors, especially in the areas of infrastructure, new urban communities, energy, and industry." Minister Mohmaed

Explaining, he said the close relationship between Algeria and Tanzania was solidified immediately after Tanzania gained independence, as Algeria was among the very first countries to open its Embassy in Tanzania.

"Even during the pre-colonial era, our people closely interacted through trading and other social and cultural activities," he said, adding that "after independence, our founding leaders, the late President Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria and the late President Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere of Tanzania, shared a common interest and concern for African freedom, unity and self-determination for the African countries, further strengthened these relations.

As we mark the 61st anniversary of diplomatic relations this year, Tanzania officially inaugurated its Embassy in Algiers in August 2024. The inauguration of the Tanzania Embassy is a momentous occasion in the history of the long-standing diplomatic relations and friendship between Tanzania and Algeria.

He said Algeria has always been attentive to Tanzania's needs and has on numerous occasions expressed its willingness to provide concrete support in the accomplishment of development objec-

However, during the 50th anniversary of the African Union in July 2013, the government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria graciously wrote off Tanzania's debt of \$144,140,969.

"Thanks to these outstanding historical ties, our two countries work together in different frameworks including the Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation (JPCC) that we established in 1981. This framework set the pace for greater cooperation in a variety of areas such as energy, industry, trade, investment, education, agriculture, health, tourism, defence, and security. To date, several Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding between our two countries have been signed, and implementation on the same is ongoing," he remarked.

At the international level, Tanzania and Algeria collaborate closely in forums such as the United Nations, African Union, Non-Aligned Movement, and South-South Cooperation. We see eye-to-eye on many international issues, including in the promotion of peace, security and stability in the region and continent as well as development for the continent.

He said Tanzania is committed to continue reinforcing her relations with Algeria in order to preserve the legacy of the bond of friendship that was forged by the founding fathers of these two countries.

"I am optimistic that our relations will continue to grow and flourish with each passing day. As we stand together with our Algeria brothers and sisters, I wish to assure you my brother, Ambassador Ahmed Djellal that Tanzania attaches great importance to the development of these long-standing historical ties, the minister noted, insisting Tanzania will remain a steadfast partner to Algeria on issues of peace, security, and regional integration, promoting a shared vision of prosperity for Africa.

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### **Guardian**

## Chinese road-upgrading projects transform Namibia's rural region, boosting livelihoods, connectivity

**WINDHOEK** 

LIZABETH Simboti, a vibrant 60-year-old woman from Mbora Village in Namibia's rural Kavango East region, vividly recalls the immense challenges she once faced in her goat-selling business. Poor road conditions in her remote village of 200 households made it nearly impossible for buyers to access her livestock, leaving her dreams of growth stifled.

"In the past, customers couldn't reach us because of the terrible roads," Simboti told Xinhua during a recent visit. The region's sandy, underdeveloped roads often became impassable during the rainy season, crippling economic activities and isolating communities like hers.

A turning point came when the China Henan International Cooperation Group (CHICO) began upgrading the region's roads from sand to gravel as part of the Namibian government's initiative to enhance transport infrastructure, bringing new hope to communities like Mbora.

"Now cars, even taxis, can move

easily," Simboti said. The upgraded roads have transformed her business -- livestock prices have risen, transportation costs have dropped, and buyers can now access the village directly, eliminating the need for her laborious trips to distant markets.

The improved infrastructure has also eased mobility for residents like Sikongo Kakondo, principal of Mbora Primary School. "Previously, only 4x4 vehicles in excellent condition could navigate the roads. Now, even small sedans can reach the school, sparing teachers from parking far away," he said.

The better roads have also attracted new visitors and potential settlers, further energizing the local economy, Kakondo added.

In Ndama, a peri-urban area near Rundu, the capital of Kavango East, residents have similarly reaped the benefits of road upgrades. Martin Elias, a local resident, noted that public transport now reaches homes easily, enhancing both safety and acces-

CHICO, active in Namibia since 2007, has earned accolades for its infrastructure projects, including



Elizabeth Simboti (L) poses for photos at Mbora Village, Rundu, Kavango East region, Namibia

roads, bridges, and railways, as well as for creating thousands of iobs for Namibians.

Sakaria Shopati, strategic executive for Infrastructure, Planning, and Technical Services at the Rundu Town Council, commended CHICO's ongoing projects, such as upgrading the University of Namibia road from gravel to bitumen standards. "The first section is already completed, and overall progress is about 60 percent," Shopati said. He also highlighted CHICO's efforts in upgrading 11 sandy roads, covering 13 km, to gravel standards in informal areas around Rundu. These roads, previously accessible only to 4x4 vehicles, posed significant challenges to the community. "We are striving to bring essential services closer to the community," Shopati explained.

While noting that improved road infrastructure is critical for

providing access to schools, clinics, and shopping centers, Shopati emphasized the council's commitment to job creation, with certain construction components, such as concrete and interlocking works, reserved for local small and medium-sized enterprises collaborating with CHICO.

Reflecting on the progress, Shopati said that three or four years ago, Rundu had some of the worst roads in the country. Even inves-

tors avoided the area due to poor infrastructure. Now, improved roads are attracting tourists and investors alike.

Currently, Rundu is one of the fastest-growing towns in Namibia and the second-largest by popula-

CHICO has been an outstanding partner and they deliver quality work with minimal supervision and at an impressive pace, Shopati said. "We look forward to maintaining this harmonious relationship." Namibia's Roads Authority, tasked with constructing and maintaining the country's road infrastructure, has partnered with CHICO through various agreements.

Kennedy Chigumira, regional engineering manager under the Network Maintenance Division for Roads Authority, praised CHICO's efficiency and adherence to timelines. "They sometimes finish projects ahead of schedule, enabling us to deliver services to communities faster," Chigumira noted.

According to the country's 2023 Population Census, the Kavango East region, with a population of 218,421, is experiencing significant growth, underscoring the need for continued infrastructure development to support its rapid growth.

Beyond road construction, CHICO has also invested in education and community development projects, further contributing to the region's progress and improving the quality of life for its resi-

## UK to help 10 million people worldwide have access to clean cooking

**BAKU** 

Minister for Development Anneliese Dodds will announce a major package to boost global access to clean forms of cooking that avoid burning wood or coal. Globally, around 2.1 billion people still have to cook on firewood, charcoal or other polluting fuels, often worsening the health of many women and girls in particular, and damaging forests.

The funding of £74 million will extend clean cooking access to an additional 10 million people in countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific.

Minister for Development Anneliese Dodds said: "Britain is back with a voice on the world stage, and we are leading on new initiatives to support health and the environment.

"This package will support 10 million people across Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific to leave coal and wood cooking behind, helping the environment while also improving the health of women and girls who are so often exposed to damaging fumes from burning coal and

"Nothing could be more central to the UK's own national interest than delivering progress on arresting rising temperatures. This is our chance to achieve clean and secure energy, both globally and at home, and, in doing so, drive growth for the UK."

The Minister for Development will make these pledges while attending COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. With the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Energy Secretary and others also attending, UK ministers are seeking to encourage ambitious emissions reductions and agreements that take the needs of the Global South into account while also growing the UK's economy and maximising opportunities for Britain.

£44 million of the clean cooking package will come from a five-year extension to the UK government's Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) programme up to 2030.



ton Fund, which aims to accelerate the clean energy transition in Global South countries.

Alongside this, the Minister will announce a \$16m investment by British International Investment (BII) into Africa Go Green, a fund backing early stage businesses taking climate action in Africa including accelerating access to clean cooking solutions. The Minister for Development has also The remaining £30m will come through the Ayrannounced at COP29 a boost to support the Weather and

Climate Information Services (WISER) programme in Africa. WISER sees the UK Met Office partner with meteorological organisations across Africa to increase countries' capacity to forecast and plan for extreme weather events and cli-

mate change. Additional funding of £30m from the UK will support farmers and communities in adapting to a changing climate. This brings total funding up to £47m.

This aligns with the modern approach to development outlined by Minister Dodds at Chatham House in October, based on working in partnership with the Global South.

This is additional to a £6m commitment to launch Jahez, a project supporting climate vulnerable refugees in Jordan. This includes through the restoration of water supplies and introducing climate smart agriculture to generate growth that can withstand the impacts of the climate

The UK will continue to prioritise the most vulnerable and remains committed to spending £1.5bn in 2025 to support countries with building resilience to the impacts of climate change, tripling adaptation spend from 2019 levels. This is part of the existing UK commitment to spend £11.6bn in International Climate Finance between April 2021 and March 2026. Minister Dodds also met with the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The UK has confirmed its commitment to the GCF, helping millions of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people deal with the impact of climate change, and help countries build a cleaner, greener future.

The £1.62 billion funding - the UK's largest single International Climate Finance (ICF) investment - shows the UK is playing a leading role in supporting the fund, which is already delivering 286 projects in 133 countries.

### Climate finance loans a disaster for climate-burdened African communities

By Isaiah Esipisu, Baku

AFRICAN environmental activists at the ongoing climate summit (COP29) in Baku have called on climate financiers to stop suffocating poor countries with unbearable loans in the name of financing climate adaptation and mitigation on the continent.

Just a few months ago, a wave of protests by young people rocked the East and West African regions, protesting against exorbitant taxes that were being imposed on them for the governments to raise extra finances to service for-

"We reject loans or any type of debt instrument for a continent that had no role in warming this planet; we indeed

refuse to borrow from the arsonists to put out fire they lit to burn our livelihoods," said Dr. Mithika Mwenda, the Executive Director at the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA).

According to PACJA, between 70 and 80 percent of all the finances from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to African countries come in the form of loans, through intermediaries, and by the end of the day, only some lucky climate-burdening communities can access the money-estimated at about 10 percent of the total funds disbursed.

"We demand these finances be directed first and foremost toward those who are most exposed to climate risks and least

able to adapt, said Mwenda. "This means moving beyond



Protesters at COP29 call for climate justice.

fragmented and delayed funding and toward a reliable, affordable, accessible and timely flow of finance (in the form of grants) that reflects the actual scale of the crisis," he said dur-

ing Africa Day, an annual event organized by the African Development Bank on the sidelines of COP29.

Several examples mitigation and adaptation loans were

touted during the event which would mean that African taxpayers would be required to repay loans of more than USD

1.6 billion. "Some of these projects do

not have footprints of the target communities in terms of prioritization," said Charles Mwangi, a Nairobi-based climate activist.

"Communities need to take lead in decision-making and framing of these projects," he said, noting that most of the finances are lost in expensive air tickets for consultants who are based abroad, hotel expenses and allowances.

On the contrary, Kenya is piloting a program known as 'Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA).' A 5-year initiative jointly supported by the Government of Kenya, the World Bank and other donors aimed at delivering locally led climate resilience actions and strengthening county and national governments' capacity to manage climate risk.

"We are advocating for such policies that position adaptation at the forefront, not as an afterthought," said Mwenda. "We amplify the voices of local organizations and grassroots leaders in these discussions, so global commitments reflect the priorities on the ground,"

At COP29, discussions on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) offer a critical moment to reshape global financing in a way activists believe will truly address Africa's needs.

"It is essential that adaptation finance be needs-based, mobilized from public finances in the Global North, and be grant-based, with resources that consider the private sector as a third or fourth solution and not the first solution," said Mwenda.

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## Empowering tomorrow: Building a climate-ready generation in Tanzania

By Frank Abel

N Tanzania, climate change is profoundly impacting the environment and reshaping the lives of its youngest generation. With rising temperatures, erratic rainfall and shifting ecosystems becoming more prevalent, young people are increasingly confronted with the urgent need for action.

Adopting sustainable practices—such as using renewable energy, reducing waste, and conserving natural resources—is no longer optional; it is essential for mitigating the effects of climate change and safeguarding their future.

By fostering an early understanding of these issues, we can empower youth to embrace sustainable lifestyles and build resilient mind-sets.

This shift in behaviour is critical for creating a climate-ready generation and establishing long-term resilience against future environmental challenges. Across Tanzania, climate education is gaining traction in schools, enabling students to become leaders in environmental stewardship. Armed with knowledge and a strong sense of responsibility, they are actively working to protect their communities and contribute to global sustainability efforts.

As one of the countries vulnerable to climate change impacts, Tanzania faces unique environmental and socio-economic challenges that require proactive solutions. With over 60 percent of Tanzania's population under 25, youth form a powerful demographic whose actions can significantly shape the country's climate future.

Equipping young people with adaptable and resilient behaviours is essential, as they are the generation most likely to experience and confront the long-term effects of climate shifts.

Training youth in sustainable practices helps them develop a flexible mindset capable of adapting to changing conditions, whether it's learning water conservation in times of drought or adopting renewable energy sources in regions with limited electricity.

Such behavioural training also cultivates resilience, preparing young people to respond constructively to climate-related challenges and adopt lifestyles that reduce environmental impact.

By instilling these habits early on, Tanzanian youth can champion community efforts, drive innovative local solutions, and become advocates for sustainability. Investing in youth education now not only strengthens individual adaptability but also lays a foundation for collective resilience, empowering future generations to protect their communities and preserve the environment.

To effectively raise sustainability awareness among Tanzanian youth and encourage lasting behavioural change, it is important to create educational programs and activities that are both practical and engaging. By connecting knowledge to action, these strategies can empower young people to make a difference in their communities. Here are some impactful approaches:

### Integrating climate education in schools, colleges

Climate education should be embedded within school and college curricula, covering topics like renewable energy, waste reduction, water conservation, and the importance of biodiversity.

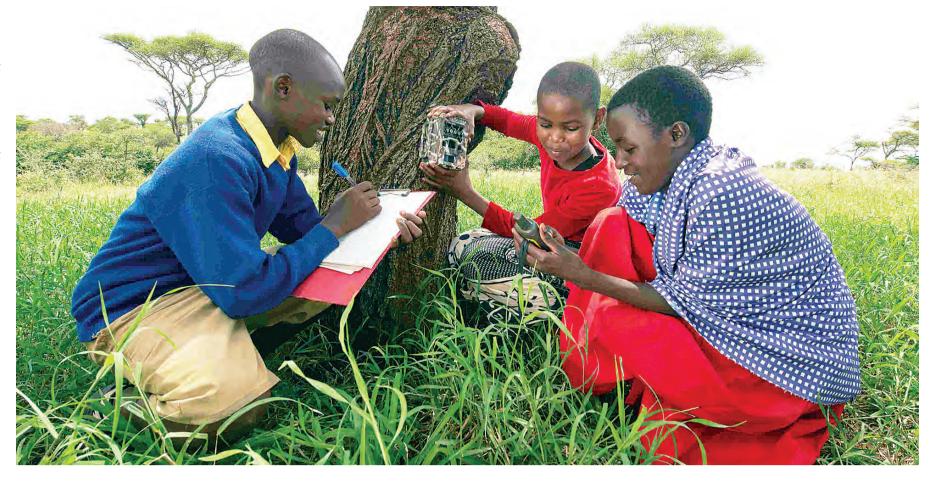
Interactive sessions, such as debates, workshops, and guest lectures by environmentalists, can encourage students to think critically about the impact of their choices. Teachers and educators can also organize eco-clubs, where students take on projects such as monitoring energy use, setting up recycling initiatives, or finding ways to reduce school waste.

By equipping students with this knowledge early, we can foster a generation that understands climate issues deeply and is motivated to seek solutions.

#### Community-based environmental programmes Engaging youth in local environmental initiatives

Engaging youth in local environmental initiatives connects them directly with the communities they aim to impact. Programs focused on tree-planting, street-cleaning, and community clean-up days not only beautify neighbourhoods but also cultivate a sense of ownership and responsibility for the environment.

Involving students and youth groups in tree-plant-



ing initiatives teaches them about the role of forests in maintaining ecosystem balance and combating climate change. Community-driven projects like these can be organized in partnership with local government, NGOs, and environmental organizations, enhancing their impact and sustainability.

### Youth-led eco-awareness campaigns

Youth-driven awareness campaigns are powerful tools to spread messages about sustainability. By providing platforms and resources, schools, local governments, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) can empower young people to create and lead campaigns on topics like reducing single-use plastics, recycling, and preserving water.

These campaigns can include social media outreach, neighbourhood events, and workshops to engage community members of all ages. Such involvement amplifies youth voices and emphasizes that everyone has a role to play in environmental stewardship.

### Environmental training, skill development programmes

Hands-on skill development programmes that focus on sustainable practices can have a profound impact. Workshops on creating home gardens, managing waste, or upcycling can inspire youth to implement sustainable practices in their homes and communities.

Vocational training in green jobs—such as solar panel installation, organic farming, and ecofriendly building techniques—can offer practical career paths that support environmental sustainability. By providing these skills, we empower young people with the ability to make meaningful contributions and generate livelihoods that align with climate goals.

Exchange programmes and eco-

conferences

Exposure to diverse perspectives through exchange programs and conferences helps broaden young people's understanding of climate change and introduces them to innovative solutions from different contexts.

Programmes that facilitate exchanges between Tanzanian youth and peers from other regions or countries can provide valuable insights into successful sustainability practices worldwide. Conferences on climate resilience and sustainable practices allow youth to interact with climate leaders and innovators, inspiring them to adopt similar practices locally.

Using technology as a learning tool can enhance climate awareness and inspire action. Educational apps, online courses, and social media platforms can provide easy access to information on climate issues and practical sustainability tips.

Digital platforms also offer a space for youth to connect with like-minded individuals and participate in global environmental initiatives. For instance, mobile apps that track individual carbon footprints or offer tips on reducing waste can serve as daily motivators, helping youth build sustainable habits in a format that is both engaging and accessible.

Incentives and recognition can motivate young people to adopt and maintain sustainable practices. Schools and community organizations can establish awards or public acknowledgment for environmental contributions, such as certificates for students who lead eco-friendly projects or awards for schools that achieve waste reduction goals.

Such programmes can foster healthy competition and inspire more youth to take up sustainability initiatives. Additionally, incentives such as scholarships for eco-leadership or funding for youth-led environmental projects can encourage further action.

Engaging families, local leaders

Sustainability education is most effective when it extends beyond classrooms to include families and local leaders. Engaging parents, guardians, and influential community figures in environmental discussions can reinforce the message of climate awareness and responsible behaviour.

Workshops for families on sustainable practices, and inviting local leaders to support youth-led ecoinitiatives, can foster a community-wide culture of environmental stewardship, creating a supportive environment that encourages youth to apply what they learn.

### Private sector engagement

Imagine the impact if private companies across Tanzania investing in supporting youth-led sustainability groups in schools and colleges. When businesses team up with students, they can drive real change while building stronger community ties and inspiring young people to become lifelong advocates for the environment.

Through their financial support and brand visibility, companies can make it possible for these groups to organize clean-up campaigns, tree-planting drives, and impactful environmental awareness programs.

This partnership isn't just about funding; it's about mentorship and resources too. By providing tools, guidance, and even volunteer support, companies can empower students to make their eco-initiatives thrive. This collaboration also aligns brands with sustainability—showing that they are actively invested in the future of their communities and the planet. When students see these partnerships in action, it sends a powerful message that they are not alone in the fight for environmental resilience. It shows that the private sector is ready to back their ideas and support the journey toward a greener, more sustainable Tanzania.

In short, private sector support is a win-win: companies strengthen their community bonds and environmental reputation, while young people gain the resources and encouragement they need to champion climate action.

As climate change intensifies, so does the need for a prepared, proactive, and resilient generation to meet its challenges. Tanzania's youth, as the stewards of tomorrow, are at the forefront of this journey, and empowering them with the tools, knowledge, and support to build a sustainable future is more urgent than ever.

Through well-rounded strategies—from comprehensive climate education in schools to hands-on en-

vironmental projects, community involvement, and private sector partnerships—we can nurture environmentally conscious behaviours that will last a lifetime.

The initiatives we adopt today to educate and engage young people on issues like tree-planting, waste reduction, and sustainable resource use are not merely temporary solutions but foundational shifts that can shape the country's future.

By creating environments where young people can lead, learn, and innovate, Tanzania has the opportunity to raise a generation that not only understands the value of sustainability but is equipped to act on it. These young leaders will be capable of adapting to climate challenges with resilience and resourcefulness, and they will inspire their communities to do the same.

In the face of escalating environmental threats, the stakes are high. But with a concerted effort from educators, community leaders, businesses, and the youth themselves, we can set Tanzania on a path to climate resilience.

By prioritizing sustainability education and action today, we are not only safeguarding the natural heritage of our nation but also investing in the skills, adaptability, and innovation that our young people will need to navigate the challenges of tomorrow.

Let's continue to support and inspire Tanzania's youth, so they can lead us all into a future where communities are resilient, ecosystems are protected, and sustainability is a way of life. Together, we can build a climate-ready generation for Tanzania, ensuring a legacy of environmental stewardship and hope for future generations.

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Agricultural experts at TARI Kihinga center in Kigoma region inspect the paddy at the Biodiversity for Opportunities, Livelihood and Development (BOLD) Project's regeneration trial. PHOTO: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

## Research institute supports rice production in Kigoma Region

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

The Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), through its Kihinga center in Kigoma, is implementing a project designed to enhance the food system by collecting, regenerating, characterizing, and conserving rice varieties across Tanzania.

Dubbed the Biodiversity for Opportunities, Livelihood, and Development (BOLD) Project, this initiative is a collaboration between TARI Kihinga and the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) under the National Plant Genetic Resources Center (NDCRC)

The project is funded by CROP TRUST, a non-profit organization committed to preserving crop diversity worldwide.

The project aims to expose rice farmers to improved seed systems and effective agronomic practices.

Principal Investigator Masoud Salehe explained that the project's regeneration trial was conducted at the Katengera irrigation scheme in Kinonko Village, Kakonko District, under both rainfed and irrigated conditions in 2023/2024.

The materials were characterized morphologically and preserved at the gene bank for future use.

Katengera, recognized as an important rice cultivation hub, supports 317 registered rice farmers. During the

project, 125 rice accessions from TARI Dakawa and NPGRC were planted, and eight landraces were found to possess desirable traits.

These traits include panicle shape, seed color, tillering ability, aroma, maturity rate, disease and pest tolerance, plant height, and yield potential.

The trial site also served as a learning center, welcoming farmers, community leaders, government officials, and students for educational visits.

In total, 138 farmers, 12 government officials, and 24 college students received training on the value of genetic diversity for crop improvement, climate resilience, and nutritional benefits.

Salehe highlighted that over 80 percent of farmers rely on seeds saved from previous seasons, which often lack' quality assurance.

Landraces are essential for maintaining traditional food systems and generating income, but farmers face challenges accessing quality seeds.

"Establishing a functional seed system offering a range of local and improved planting materials will help farmers meet nutritional needs, build climate resilience, and improve livelihoods," Salehe said. Selected accessions will be prioritized for seed multiplication at TARI, with free distribution to farmers to boost their prosperity.

## Zimbabwe lithium miners want royalties to be linked to prices

### HARARE

Zimbabwe lithium miners want royalty payments to the government linked to metal prices as the current market downturn threatens the viability of investment projects.

That will ensure "the government captures a higher share of revenue when lithium prices are high, while providing relief when prices drop," the miners said in proposals forwarded by the Chamber of Mines to Zimbabwe's Ministry of Finance.

The battery metal has slumped from a peak in late 2022 amid oversupply and weak demand from the electric vehicle sector.

That's coincided with the imposition of higher royalties in Zimbabwe, while projects operated by companies including China's Chengxin Lithium Group Co. and Sinomine Resource Group Co. are relatively new.

"They are still facing huge start-up costs and are yet to recoup their investments," the chamber said. "The high royalty has a huge impact on their top line,

thereby compromising on the viability of lithium projects."

Zimbabwe's mining sector has lost \$500 million of potential revenue due to output losses from power outages, the chamber said.

During the first half of the year, the country's mineral earnings fell 1.1 percent to \$2.6 billion, it added. Gold output declined 3 percent, while production of platinum group metals dropped 1 percent. Lithium output slumped 9 percent.

Other recommendations by Chamber of Mines: For the platinum sector, it proposed a price-linked royalty of 3.5 percent up to \$1,100 an ounce, rising to 5 percent for \$1,100-\$1,400, 7 percent for \$1,400-\$2,000 and 8.5 percent for price above \$2,000 an ounce.

Mining companies want the minimum retention of foreign currency earnings to be increased to 85 percent from current 75 percent

\* Miners are seeking a power tariff of around US9c/KWh compared with current USc14.21/KWh, and peak tariff of around USc19/KWh, which they say is unaffordable.

## People with disabilities trained on procurement laws, opportunities

**By Guardian Correspondent** 

ore than 200 people with disabilities have received training on procurement laws, opportunities available for special groups, and how to use the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Nest system to benefit from the 30 percent of the government's budget allocated for public procurement for special groups.

This was stated by the Director of the Disability Department in the Prime Minister's Office, Rashid Maftaha on behalf of Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office for Labour, Youth, and People with Disabilities, Ridhiwani Kikwete, during a capacity-building workshop for people with disabilities in Dodoma.

He mentioned that the government has enabled PPRA to support various special groups, including people with disabilities, by building their capacity in public procurement. Ten percent of the 30 percent allocation is specifically reserved for people with disabilities.

He also noted that the group is being economically empowered through employment opportunities, which help them lift themselves out of poverty.

The law mandates that 3 percent of all jobs be reserved for people with disabilities, and over 200 people with disabilities have been employed in various sectors, including education, social welfare, health, and nutrition.

Additionally, he said that the Prime Minister's Office has begun reviewing the 2004 Disability Policy

Various steps have been taken, including conducting an assessment, and they are currently drafting the policy, which is at various stages of completion.

"The goal of preparing this policy is to strengthen the economy of individuals within the entire community of people with disabilities through the 30 percent of public procurement funds specifically



he said.

The Director of the Foundation for Disabilities (FDH), Michael Salali, said that the workshop involved over 200 people with disabilities, including those with albinism, visual impairments, physical disabilities, hearing impairments, and intellectual disabilities.

He thanked PPRA for prioritizing the capacity-building of people with disabilities through this training, which will enable them to be self-employed and employed, helping them overcome poverty.

The Director, Corporate Services Directorate, PPRA, Salmini Malole, stated that in the previous fiscal year, from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, a total of 85 youth groups secured tenders worth more than 3.9bn/-.

"This fiscal year as well, tenders

have continued to be awarded to special groups, with more than 1.8bn/- awarded to 39 groups. Of these, 29 were youth groups, 29 were women's groups, and one group was for the elderly."

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"We believe that due to these ongoing capacity-building efforts and the enthusiasm shown, the group of people with disabilities will be part of those benefiting from tenders through the NeST system, as 10 percent of the 30 percent allocation is reserved for them."

"We encourage people with disabilities in the country to seize these special opportunities provided by the Sixth Government, which are legally mandated," said CPA Malole.

FDH's Public Relations Officer, Furahini Chemakaa, highlighted challenges faced by people with disabilities, including the lack of understanding by leaders of public and private institutions, as well as unfamiliarity with sign language, which hinders service delivery.

He added that another challenge is the failure to implement the 2010 Law No. 9, especially in the area of employment, which requires employers to allocate 3% of job opportunities for people with disabilities when announcing vacancies.

FDH Board Chairman Dr. Henry Humba expressed gratitude to the government for continuing to economically empower people with disabilities, enabling them to contribute to the development of their communities and the nation.

He noted that President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, through the Prime Minister's Office, has ensured that people with disabilities are economically empowered to contribute to their personal and national development.

## Organisation plants 2,500 trees in govt institutions



Dr Elizabeth Mshote, Coordinator of Clean Energy for Cooking in the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner's Office (C) joins environmental stakeholders in planting seedlings at NHC secondary school in Ubungo district of Dar es Salaam. Photo: Francis Kajubi.

### By Francis Kajubi

Climate Voice of Tanzania (CVT) has planted a total 2,500 trees in six government institutions in mitigating climate change effects especially urban extreme heat in major cities with the highest rate of industrial activities that largely contribute to reasonable greenhouse gases emissions.

The tree planting was held on Friday in Dar es Salaam involving six public institutions such as hospitals, police station premises, primary and secondary school premises.

Joyce Shebe, CVT Co-Founder and Chairperson said during the tree planting activity sponsored by the institution at the NHC secondary school in Ubungo district that climate change

Shebe, a senior journalist who doubles as the Chairperson of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) and a scholar in the area of climate change, said that continuing to cut down trees for urban development or for charcoal and firewood puts Tanzania at risk of climate change implications.

She said the aim of the institution is to ensure that experts use their profession in bringing solutions to the effects that can be caused by the cutting down of trees that perpetuates climate change crises.

"Another goal is to make the voices of people from different groups of society heard in issues related to climate change. To educate the community about mitigation and adaptation on climate change crises," said Shebe.

She said that CVT has sponsored the planting of fruit and shade trees in secondary schools of Urafiki, Ubungo Police Station, Ubungo district hospital and Msewe Primary School

Dr Elizabeth Mshote, Coordinator of Clean Energy for Cooking in the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner's Office, said the use of charcoal and firewood is on a large scale in the

She said the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is five percent in the Dar es Salaam region where 68 percent of the city's residents use charcoal for cooking.

"The government is in the process of evalu-

ating the issuance of permits for charcoal production activities that contribute to the destruction of the environment. There is a need for law amendments, policy and guidelines regarding charcoal production," she said.

She said that the government continues to come up with tax incentives and subsidies that will help the use of clean energy in cooking within the next ten years.

At the event, NHC Secondary school Form One student, Shadya Said (14) was chosen as an ambassador for clean energy for cooking where she was handed an LPG cylinder as a symbol of transforming her family from the use of charcoal to the use of LPG as the main

energy source for cooking.

Shadya said that she has been leaving in the morning for school without drinking tea because her family does not own a gas stove.

"Now I am sure to take tea in the morning because it will only take me a few minutes to brew it. A charcoal stove takes a long time to cook, which was an obstacle for me," said

## European stocks lag US by record margin

**PARIS** 

uropean markets are lagging behind Wall Street by a record margin after Donald Trump's election victory pushed the region's stocks lower and sent the euro tumbling

US stocks hit record highs after Trump secured his second term in office and are up nearly 25 per cent so far this year. But European equities have turned downwards as traders try to price in the impact of Trump's promised tariffs on exporters.

The Stoxx Europe 600 is up only marginally this year in dollar terms, and trails the S&P 500 this year by the widest margin on record, even after a Friday sell-off on Wall Street. According to analysts from Barclays, a big "Trump premium" had opened up between the two stock markets.

Meanwhile, the euro has slumped to its lowest level

in a year at around \$1.05 its sharpest sell-off since the 2022 energy crisis - as investors bet on a growth hit to Europe that will encourage the European Central Bank to cut interest rates more aggressively, just as US growth strengthens.

"Investors fear that Europe will be in the front line of the coming trade war," said Chris Turner, global head of markets at ING. "In the absence of European fiscal stimulus, it looks like the support is going to have to come from the

The bank is among those now predicting the euro could reach parity with the dollar, or close to it, by the end of next year.

Futures markets have priced in around three quarter-point cuts by the US Federal Reserve by the end of next year, according to levels implied in swaps markets. This contrasts with six cuts expected from the ECB in the



same period.

Investors argue that while it can be difficult to predict which bits of Trump's campaign rhetoric will become policy, his first term in office demonstrates that economic protectionism will be a high priority.

"Trump's not messing around," said Markus Hansen, a portfolio manager at Vontobel. "His administration wants to get going on tariffs from day one" and European companies "will find themselves in the crossfire".

The Republican presidentelect has threatened 60 per cent tariffs on Chinese imports to the US, and blanket 10 per cent to 20 per cent duties on all other trading partners in a move that analysts say will leave European manufacturers facing a double hit of higher export costs and the prospect that China floods the region with cheap imports.

At the same time, several of

Trump's proposed policies, including tax cuts and deregulation, have boosted the outlook for US companies.

The dislocation has prompted fund managers to vote with their feet: the latest Bank of America survey showed the proportion of fund managers that had gone overweight US stocks had reached an 11-year high after the election, while the balance remained underweight Europe.

"Sentiment is really weak in Europe and really, really strong in the US right now," said Drew Pettit, a US equity strategist at Citi.

The UK has also been caught up: analysts at Goldman Sachs said the country would feel a "moderate" impact from tariffs but still lowered its 2025 growth forecast from 1.6 per cent to 1.4 per

down more than 2 per cent ports each year are sent to the

against the resurgent dollar at US. around \$1.26.

And UK stocks were already absorbing a rise in business taxes in last month's historic Budget. The market has moved to price in "what could be a bit more of a headwind to earnings growth," said Richard Bullas, an equity fund manager at Martin Currie, part of Franklin Templeton. The manufacturing sector,

the key engine of growth for countries including Germany, was already struggling. Mohit Kumar, chief European economist at Jefferies, cited lagging demand from China and that these economies' "cheap energy model has been broken" in the fallout from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

But tariffs have added a layer of uncertainty across the region. China is the bloc's third-largest trading partner, accounting for nearly 9 per Sterling suffered its worst cent of exports, while around week since early last year, one-fifth of all European ex-

European automakers such as Volkswagen and Mercedes and luxury groups including LVMH - already wrestling with weak demand from China – are particularly sensitive to US-China tariffs, while wind power companies like Ørsted and Vestas have been hit hard by Trump's pledge to scrap renewables

European and US indices moved in lockstep before 2009, but began to diverge following the financial crisis. This was driven by growth in US mega cap technology stocks which have commanded higher valuations. Europe's bourses, dominated by older sectors such as banking, energy and industrials, have failed to keep up.

Karen Ward, chief market strategist for Emea at JPMorgan Asset Management, cautioned that the widening gap between the US and Europe in the past few weeks reflected a historic trend.

"[Trump's victory] intensified a problem that was already there,"



Bagamoyo district commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga (3rd L) hands over fruit and shadow trees seedling to Kigongoni pre and primary school pupils on Saturday in Bagamoyo. Photo: Jumanne Juma.

## Bagamoyo school receives 2,000 trees seedlings

By Francis Kajubi

Kigongoni pre and primary school located in Bagamovo District in Coaster Region has received 2,000 seedlings to grow fruit and shade trees.

Shaibu Ndemanga, Bagamoyo district commissione, said on Saturday that planting trees determines the sustainability of human life through nature preservation.

"We are planting trees because it is the only proven way to combat climate change crises such as extreme drought. We rely on trees to produce enough oxygen compared to greenhouse gases emissions that are produced by human activities," said Ndemanga.

He said the planting of trees goes hand in hand with the campaign for the use of clean energy for cooking and control of environmental damage such as arbitrary sand mining in riv-

He said10 years ago, Bagamovo areas such as Nyakahamba forest were invaded and human settlements were built while thousands of trees

"Many of the trees that are planted have a very low survival rate. We plant 2,000 trees but after a year you find there are only 300 left. There should be strategies to take care of planted trees. It should not exceed five percent of the trees

that die after being planted," said Ndemanga.

> Christopher Vuhahula, Stan-Chart Chief Technology and Operations Officer said that for 13 years now, the bank has been involved in social issues, including giving back to society part of its profits through corporate social responsibility

He said that so far the bank has participated in providing 6500 seedlings which have been planted in various areas.

For the past three years, the bank has provided seedlings in five primary schools in the district.

"Taking care of the environment is a matter of priority in our bank and we have made

it sustainable for a good future of the world with an integrated goal in fighting climate change," said Vuhahula.

Shauri Selenda, Bagamoyo District Executive Director said that the district has been entering into various agreements with private sector environmental care institutions that have been very beneficial.

Mwanaharusi Jarufu, Councilor of Magomeni Ward in Bagamoyo said that environmental issues are a concern of every member of the community.

She said that her office will cooperate with the school in ensuring that the trees are taken care of and grow well.

## Trading assets at US banks cross \$1tn

**NEW YORK** 

The trading accounts of US banks topped \$1tn in the third quarter – their highest level in more than 16 years and close to an all-time high - as the nation's largest financial firms seek to profit from rebuilding their market-making businesses.

That growth has at the same time left the banks, particularly the largest ones, more exposed to market moves than at any time since the financial crisis as they hold ever-greater inventories of price-sensitive securities.

Their trading accounts last peaked at just over \$1tn, slightly higher than today, in the first quarter of 2008, according to industry tracker BankRegData. That was just a few months before the bursting of the housing bubble that led to a credit crunch, cratered markets and sent the US into a significant recession.

"You see the cash that the banks had sitting on the sidelines flowing recently into their trading books," said Bill Moreland, who runs Bank-RegData, which compiled the trading data from the bank's regulatory filings with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. "It is a bet on financial assets, rather than say lending or the economy, because that's where they see the returns."

Trading was a key source of the bank instability that con-

tributed to taxpayer-financed bailouts in the financial crisis, as desks took proprietary directional bets that turned against them. After the crisis, lawmakers adopted rules that prohibited banks from speculating with house money and required that trading facilitate client business.

Nearly all of the trading activity in the US banking industry remains concentrated at the nation's largest banks.

The biggest is JPMorgan Chase, which had \$506bn, roughly half the industry total, in its trading account at the end of the third quarter, up from \$329bn at the beginning of the year, according to its FDIC filings.

But all of the big lenders, including Citigroup, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, have boosted their trading assets this year, according to data logged with the FDIC.

Trading accounts at Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which generate more of their income from Wall Street activity than lending, are the highest they have been in

The biggest jump, for all the banks, has been in plainvanilla equity holdings. JP-Morgan's stock market traders held \$190bn in securities, more than double the \$85bn they had at the beginning of the year.

But bank trading desks also have increased their holdings of asset-backed securities. These have been among Wall Street's hottest financing markets this year, such as bonds comprised of consumer debt like credit cards and auto loans.

Despite the jump in assets, executives and industry analysts say the banks' trading businesses are significantly less risky than they were prior to the financial crisis.

They say much of the activity that the big banks carry out is either on behalf of their clients or to facilitate client trades. The Dodd Frank Act and other post-financial crisis legislation have made it hard for banks, as they once did, to make proprietary bets or to put their depositors funds at risk.

For example, value-atrisk – or VaR – assessments, which estimate how much a bank could lose in the market in any one day, in most cases stand at levels that are half of where they were before the financial crisis.

And while trading assets are up, they still only make up 4 per cent of the banking industry's total assets, and about half of what they were as a percentage of assets back in 2008.

"Generally the business of banks these days is to sell the securities and investment to others, not to hold it themselves," said Christopher Whalen, a veteran bank analyst at Institutional Risk Analyst. "But activity is up and can't sell everything you want."

## Dangote seeks to boost crude supplies

### By Aanu Adeoye, Lagos

Nigerian business tycoon Aliko Dangote is seeking to raise billions of dollars to step up production at his \$20bn oil refinery on the outskirts of Lagos.

The industrialist is in talks with commercial lenders, development banks, oil traders and other industry participants to raise funds for crude supplies to turn into refined products, according to people familiar with the matter.

His company Dangote Industries has bought crude from the US and Brazil, and in July was in talks with African suppliers such as Libya and Angola, according to Devakumar Edwin, a senior executive at the

Africa's richest man needs to secure more crude to reach the refinery's capacity of 650,000 barrels per day for a project he has said is a "game changer" for the country.

The billionaire told the Financial Times last month that he expected the refinery to be at capacity by the second quarter of next year, although previous targets have often slipped.

Dangote added that Nigeria's biggest infrastructure project in decades and the largest of its kind in the world is already producing 420,000 b/d.

He wants to resolve what he describes as an "absurd" situation in which Africa's biggest oil producer

imported all of its refined petroleum products because of a lack of refining capacity.

The plant began producing jet fuel and naphtha at the start of the year and petrol in September, raising hopes that Nigeria could finally end decades of reliance on imported fuel.

It would cost about \$2bn every 90 days to secure a minimum supply of 300,000 b/d, people familiar with the matter say.

Investors have expressed frustration at Dangote's inability to gain a steady supply of crude, according to one banker involved in the fundraising. Another added that there was also a major concern among potential financiers over exposure to Nigeria's currency, the naira, which has fallen sharply following two devaluations over the past

"The refinery may never make a profit in real terms," said the second banker. "It was built overbudget and the naira, which is a major currency of future revenue, has devalued massively."

Dangote last month attended an emergency meeting with President Bola Tinubu and Mele Kyari, head of Nigeria's state oil company NNPC, to talk about crude supplies.

The billionaire told the FT the meeting was to discuss "the modalities" by which NNPC would supply 365,000 b/d of crude to his plant to be paid for in naira.



## Namibia's oil dream takes a detour

By Irina Slav

amibia has been frequently mentioned when talking about the future global oil landscape.

With potentially significant reserves, the southwestern African country eyed the status of fifth-largest oil producer on the continent.

But then something happened: 'Big Oil' discovered gas. A lot of it.

Companies including Shell, TotalEnergies, Chevron and Portugal's Galp Resources are drilling for oil in the Orange Basin off the Namibian coast. They are striking oil too.

Shell struck oil at a prospect called Graff, estimated to contain up to 1.7 billion barrels of crude.

TotalEnergies' Venus discovery could turn out to be even bigger, containing up to 3 billion barrels of oil.

Galp also struck oil earlier this year, but has not disclosed the size of the discovery. But all these companies have a problem: There's too much gas in there with the

"What we are seeing is that all our discoveries have a very high gas-to-oil ratio," the head of the Petroleum Affairs Directorate at Namibia's Ministry of Mines and Energy,

Maggy Shino, said in October, as quoted by Reuters.

Since Namibia has banned flaring, this means the gas must either be injected back into the wells during extraction or processed for marketing, Reuters reported this

This would require investment in additional infrastructure that could push back the start of commercial hydrocarbon production in Namibia.

Per the report, 'Big Oil' executives are not happy about this prospect, because the longer they wait to monetise Namibia's oil and gas, the harder this would become, Reuters wrote.

The suggestion seems to stem from long-term demand forecasts from outlets such as the International Energy Agency (IEA), which predicts peak oil demand is a couple of years away and will be followed by a sharp drop.

However, current data does not seem to support this

Standard Chartered reported in October that global oil demand had hit an alltime high in August, reaching 103.79 million barrels daily.

This goes against a statement by the head of the IEA, who said oil demand this year was much weaker than



Potential homebuyers check models of housing projects at a real estate agency in Shangha

in previous years.

This seems not to be the case. What is slowing down is global oil demand growth, and there is a pretty good reason for this trend.

The years 2021 and 2022 saw a rebound after demand took a plunge during the 2020 lockdowns. Since in 2020, demand was not

caused by fundamentals, but lieve. rather by external factors.

The moment these ended, demand came roaring back. Momentum was bound to run out, and this is what we are witnessing right now.

So, the outlook for oil demand growth may not be as bleak as some forecasters want to have the industry be-

There is a good market for Namibian oil - and for Namibian gas as well.

According to resource estimates, Namibia could hold natural gas reserves of as much as 8.7 trillion cu ft.

And the outlook for natural gas demand is even brighter than for that of oil.

That means there is demand for gas; just ask Europe. The Namibian government

has already started working with the 'Big Oil' majors active in its waters to build gas extraction infrastructure.

But 'Big Oil' is cautious.

Supermajors would only move forward with their Namibian plans if production costs are low enough.

TotalEnergies, as noted in the Reuters report, wants to get production costs at the Venus discovery down to less than US\$20 per barrel.

To do that, the company may have to renegotiate the terms of its deal with the Namibian government, including the need to reinject a lot more gas than initially expected into the wells.

Shell has warned that its Namibian operations have turned out to be more challenging than expected, with chief executive Wale Sawan saving: "A lot of our focus is on figuring out whether we can find ways to develop commercially investable pro-

With prices where they are now, there might not be strong enough motivation to overcome the Namibian challenges, but it may only be a matter of time.

## Coal mines supplying steel mills due to face new methane scrutiny

### LONDON

Mines supplying coal for steelmaking will face new pressure over methane emissions as a United Nations watchdog expands its work.

The International Methane Emissions Observatory will extend a program that currently alerts oil and gas producers and governments to releases of the greenhouse gas detected by satellite, according to a report published Friday.

Methane emissions from metallurgical coal production account for about 30 percent of the short-term climate footprint of the steel industry, IMEO said. The cost to mitigate that impact could be as low as 1 percent of the price of steel, according to the organization.

Coking coal suppliers including Anglo American and BHP Group are among companies implementing and testing methods aimed at reducing methane pollution. Addressing 100 percent of fugitive emissions will likely require "significant technological progress," BHP said in a June presentation.

IMEO's alert program is intended to sound the alarm on emissions, and to press companies and policymakers to take action to address them.

Since 2023, the agency has prompted major releases from oil and gas sites in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Nigeria and the US to be halted, the report said. However, of more than 1 200 alerts that have been issued, IMEO received substantive responses in only 1 percent of cases.



### **Bezos' ex-wife** now sells more **Amazon shares**

**NEW YORK** 

MacKenzie Scott, the ex-wife of Amazon.com, Inc. founder Jeff Bezos, has recently sold 11 percent of her Amazon shares, valued at over \$8 billion.

Scott received approximately 400 million Amazon shares as part of her divorce settlement with Bezos in 2019 and signed The Giving Pledge, a commitment to donate most of her wealth during her

The latest sale brings her total Amazon stock sales and donations to 255 million shares valued at approximately \$37 billion.

Scott has disposed of two-thirds of her Amazon shares in less than six years since the divorce.

According to Forbes, she is one of the five most generous living donors in the US and has given at least \$17.3 billion to more than 2,300 separate nonprofit groups.

Forbes speculates the

remaining \$20 billion could be sitting in her various charitable accounts, with the shares likely sold, regardless of whether Scott moved them into one of her many reported donor-advised funds.

"Most charities have a policy of immediate sale," Holly Welch Stubbing, CEO of National Philanthropic Trust, a donor-advisedfund sponsor where Scott reportedly has an account, per Forbes.

One organization Scott supported with proceeds from sales of Amazon shares is the West Philadelphia Skills Initiative, which helps job seekers find careers and employers locate top talent. Scott donated \$4 million in unrestricted funds to the organization.

If Scott had not given any of her shares away, she would be one of the 20 richest people in the world and the second richest woman, worth \$82 billion.



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## UN climate chief asks G20 leaders for boost as finance talks lag

**BAKU** 

THE UN's climate chief called on leaders of the world's biggest economies on Saturday to send a signal of support for global climate finance efforts when they meet in Rio de Janeiro next week.

The plea, made in a letter to G20 leaders from UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, comes as negotiators at the COP29 conference in Baku struggle in their negotiations for a deal intended to scale up money to address the worsening impacts of global warming.

"Next week's summit must send crystal clear global signals," Stiell (pictured) said in the letter.

He said the signal should support an increase in grants and loans, along with debt relief, so vulnerable countries "are not hamstrung by debt servicing costs that make bolder climate actions all but

saying they were concerned about the "lack of progress and focus in Baku".

"We call on governments, led by the G20, to meet the moment and deliver the policies for an accelerated shift from fossil fuels to a clean energy future, to unlock the essential private sector investment needed," said a coalition of business groups, including the We Mean Business Coalition, United Nations Global Compact and the Brazilian Council for Sustainable Development, in a separate letter.

Success at this year's UN climate summit hinges on whether countries can agree on a new finance target for richer countries, development lenders and the private sector to deliver each year. Developing countries need at least \$1 trillion annually by the end of the decade to cope with climate change, economists told the UN talks.

But negotiators have made slow progress midway through the two-week con-



earlier this week was 33-pages long and comprised of dozens of wideranging options, had been pared down to 25 pages as of Saturday.

Sweden's climate envoy, Mattias Frumerie, told Reuters the finance negotiations had not yet cracked the toughest issues: how big the target should be, or which countries should

"The divisions we saw coming into the meeting are still there, which leaves quite a lot of work for ministers next week," he told Reuters.

European negotiators have said large oil-producing nations are also Business leaders echoed Stiell's plea, ference. A draft text of the deal, which blocking discussions on how to take

forward last year's COP28 summit deal to transition the world away from fossil fuels.

Progress on this issue has been dire so far, one European negotiator told Reuters.

Uganda's energy minister, Ruth Nankabirwa, said her country's priority was to leave COP29 with a deal on affordable financing for clean energy

"When you look around and you don't have the money, then we keep wondering whether we will ever walk the journey of a real energy transition," she told Reuters.

## President Xi meets Biden in Lima

LIMA

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Saturday met with U.S. President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Lima, Peru.

Xi told Biden that over the past four years, China-U.S. relations have gone through ups and downs, but the two sides have also been engaged in dialogue and cooperation, adding the relationship has remained stable on the whole.

Under the stewardship of the two presidents, the two teams have worked out through consultations a number of guiding principles for China-U.S. relations, and the two presidents have jointly brought China-U.S. dialogue and cooperation back

More than 20 communication mecha- challenge red lines and paramount bigger pie of cooperation to achieve nisms have been restarted or established, principles. Contradictions and differ- a win-win result. and positive achievements have been made in such areas as diplomacy, security, economy, trade, fiscal affairs, finance, unavoidable. But one side should military, counternarcotics, law enforcement, not undermine the core interests agriculture, climate change, and people-topeople exchange, he said.

Xi stressed that it is worthwhile to review the experiences of the past four years and draw inspirations from them. He listed the following:

First, it is important to have a correct strategic perception. The Thucydides Trap is not a historical inevitability. A new Cold War should not be fought and cannot be won. Containing China is unwise, unacceptable and bound to fail.

Second, it is important to match words with actions. A man cannot establish himself without credibility. China has always honored its words. If the U.S. side always says one thing but does another, it will be detrimental to its own image, and undermine trust between China and the United States.

Third, it is important to treat each other as equals. As two major countries, neither China nor the United States should seek to remodel the other according to one's own will, suppress the other from the so-called "position of strength," or deprive the other of the legitimate right to development so as to maintain its leading status.



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with U.S. President Joe Biden in Lima, Peru on Saturday. Xinhua

ences between two major countries like China and the United States are of the other, let alone seek conflict or confrontation. The one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiques are the political foundation of China-U.S. relations. They must be observed. The Taiwan question, democracy and human rights, China's path and system, and China's development right are four red lines for China. They must not be challenged. These are the most important guardrails and safety nets for China-U.S. relations.

Fifth, it is important to conduct more dialogue and cooperation. Under the current circumstances, common interests between China and the United States are expanding rather than shrinking. Their cooperation is crucial not only for the economy, trade, agriculture, counternarcotics, law enforcement and public health, but also for handling global challenges of climate change and artificial intelligence (AI) as well as addressing international hotspot issues. The two sides should expand

Fourth, it is important not to the list of cooperation and make a

Sixth, it is important to respond to the expectations of the people. China-U.S. relations should always advance the well-being of the two peoples and bring them closer together. To facilitate personnel and cultural exchange, the two sides need to build bridges and roads, remove distractions and obstacles, and refrain from making any moves that have a chilling effect.

Seventh, it is important to step forward to shoulder the responsibilities of major countries. China and the United States should always keep in mind humanity's future and their responsibilities for world peace, provide public good for the world, and act in a way conducive to global unity, including carrying out constructive interactions, refraining from mutual attrition, and not coercing other countries into taking sides.

Noting that the trajectory of China-U.S. relations has proved the validity of these experiences and inspirations from the past 45 years of diplomatic ties, Xi said when the two countries treat each other as partners and seek common ground while shelving differences, their relationship will make considerable progress.

But if they regard each other as rivals and pursue vicious competition, they will roil the relationship or even set it back, Xi warned.

Noting that humanity is faced with unprecedented challenges in this turbulent world suffering from frequent conflicts, Xi said major-country competition should not be the underlying logic of the times; only solidarity and cooperation can help humanity overcome current difficulties.

He said neither decoupling nor supply-chain disruption is the solution; common development can only be achieved through mutually beneficial cooperation.

He also said "small yard, high fences" is not what a major country should do; only openness and sharing can advance the well-being of humanity

A stable China-U.S. relationship is critical not only to the interests of the two peoples, but also to the future and destiny of the entire humanity, Xi said, adding China and the United States should keep exploring the right way for two major countries to get along well with each other, realize long-term, peaceful coexistence on this planet, and inject more certainty and positive energy into the world.

Xi stressed that China's goal of a stable, healthy and sustainable China-U.S. relationship remains unchanged; its commitment to mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation as principles for handling China-U.S. relations remains unchanged; its position of resolutely safeguarding China's sovereignty, security and development interests remains unchanged; and its desire to carry forward the traditional friendship between the Chinese and American peoples remains unchanged.

China is ready to engage in dialogue, expand cooperation, and manage differences with the United States so as to sustain the hard-won momentum toward stability in China-U.S. relations, he said.

Xi also stated China's positions on such issues as Taiwan, economic and trade ties, science and technology, cybersecurity, the South China Sea, the Ukraine crisis, and the Korean Peninsula.

He stressed that cross-Strait peace and stability and "Taiwan independence" separatist activities are as irreconcilable as water and fire. If the U.S. side cares about maintaining peace across the Taiwan Strait, it is crucial that it sees clearly the true nature of Lai Chingte and the Democratic Progressive Party authorities in seeking "Taiwan independence," handles the Taiwan question with extra prudence, unequivocally opposes "Taiwan independence," and supports China's peaceful reunification, said Xi.

### Asia-Pacific must defend unity and openness amid rising global uncertainty

**HONG KONG** 

AS leaders prepare to convene in the Peruvian capital of Lima for the 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, one question looms large: how can the Asia-Pacific region sustain its further development in a world rife with uncertainty?

For decades, Asia-Pacific has been an economic powerhouse, driving growth through trade and investment liberalization, business facilitation, and economic and technical cooperation.

The "Asia-Pacific Miracle" does not come easily. It was forged in an environment of peace, inclusivity, and cooperation among diverse economies, each committed to shared prosperity.

But today, the world looks different. Rising geopolitical tensions, coupled with economic disruptions caused by U.S. protectionist measures and attempts at so-called "decoupling" and "de-risking," are placing unprecedented pressure on the region's stability and prosperity.

APEC now faces a critical decision: whether to cling to its role as a beacon of cooperative economic growth or risk degenerating into an arena for geopolitical conflicts or even a "new Cold War."

Home to one-third of the world's population, over 60 percent of global GDP, and nearly half of all trade, Asia-Pacific cannot afford division. It must continue to serve as a stabilizer and booster for the world economy.

Reflecting on its achievements, the region's success has hinged on a peaceful and stable environment, and a shared commitment to openness and integration.

This foundation of stability has nurtured conditions for rapid economic growth. Through concerted efforts to maintain peace and stability, regional members have been able to focus on priorities like improving living standards, creating jobs, and reducing poverty, which, in turn, has fueled stronger economies and more resilient

By respecting differences, embracing diversity, and pursuing common goals, Asia-Pacific members have shown that unity and cooperation are crucial in addressing shared challenges.

The region's dedication to fostering cross-border trade, investment, and technological collaboration has created a dynamic environment where economies can thrive together. This openness to integration has enabled members to leverage each other's strengths and achieve win-win results.

The region has also maintained a strong sense of community. Its past achievements stand as testaments to the shared efforts of all stakeholders, built on a foundation of mutual trust, inclusiveness, cooperation, and mutual benefit. If history is any guide, economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific has never been a zero-sum game. Rather, it has been a platform for mutual success and shared de-

The path forward is challenging. As APEC leaders gather in Peru, they must renew their commitment to building an integrated, open region that prioritizes cooperation over confrontation.

### Kremlin hopes for revival of dialogue with US after Donald Trump's victory

MOSCOW expects to resume dialogue with Washington after Donald Trump's victory in the recent presidential election, local media reported citing the Kremlin on Fri-

"There is ... modest hope that at least some low-level dialogue will resume, because it simply does not exist now," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, adding that Moscow will not view the situation through "rose-colored glasses".

He explained that making statements during an election campaign is one thing, but once a person enters the Oval Office, everything can change.

The Kremlin spokesman said changes in bilateral relations could happen, and this will also depend on the officials that the elected US president appoints to his administration.

Trump, who previously held the US presidency from 2017 to 2021, won the 2024 presidential race, defeating Democratic candidate and current Vice President Kamala



## Gathering consensus, strength to address challenges of times

THE world today is experiencing disorder, slowing growth, uneven development, and a loss of focus in governance. There is an urgent need for all parties to demonstrate the wisdom to see the changes, the ability to deal with the changes, and the courage to make changes.

The 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and the 19th G20 Summit, which will be held in Lima, Peru's capital, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this month, will serve as important opportunities for all parties to work together to address challenges and promote sustainable development.

Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the two important meetings upon invitation. He will expound on China's policies and propositions on advancing Asia-Pacific cooperation, as well as China's firm support for multilateralism, an open world economy, and sustainable development, contributing Chinese wisdom and solutions to keeping Asia-Pacific cooperation in the right direction and pushing

for the reform of the global governance system. Themed "Empower. Include. Grow" and "Building a

just world and a sustainable planet," the 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and the 19th G20 Summit will mirror the reality of the times and make common voices.

The emergence and development of the APEC and the G20 reflect the evolving trends of world multipolarity and economic globalization.

In the world today, changes on a scale unseen in a century are unfolding at an accelerating pace. The world economy faces multiple risks and challenges. Should the world uphold multilateralism or tread the path of unilateralism? Should it adhere to open cooperation or allow protectionism to rise? Faced with this crucial decision, the APEC and the G20 must conform to the trend of the times, and build an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization.

All countries, regardless of their size and strength, are equal members of the international community, and multilateralism is key to coping with global challenges. The APEC and the G20 should take the lead in promoting multilateralism, uphold the

principles of extensive consultation and joint contribution for shared benefits, and steer global governance in a fairer and more equitable direction.

In September last year, the African Union officially became a member of the G20, which marked a significant step in the development of the G20 mechanism and reflected the reform direction of the global governance system. This has given more representation and a greater voice to developing countries in global governance, which is necessary to uphold justice and fairness, and maintain global stability.

Development is the "golden key" to solving global challenges. To this end, all parties should work together to advance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, create a just, fair, and non-discriminatory trade and investment environment, oppose all forms of protectionism, and build more bridges of cooperation while pushing back against the "small yard, high fence" approaches and trade barriers.

To promote global development cooperation, the APEC and the G20 should take a

people-centered approach, drive the full implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, put development back on the international agenda as a central priority, and make regional and global development more equitable, effective and inclusive, so that no country will be left behind on the path to modernization.

Facing a new wave of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, global development is presented with new opportunities and challenges.

People's Daily

## G20 should lead global economic governance toward fairness

AS world leaders are to gather in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the 19th G20 Summit, the moment calls for decisive steps toward creating a more just, sustainable, and inclusive global community.

Themed "Building a just world and a sustainable planet," this summit presents a critical opportunity to recalibrate global economic governance and chart a path toward sustainable and inclusive development.

The G20's influence is unparalleled. Boasting about 85 percent of global GDP, over 75 percent of international trade, and two-thirds of the world's population, the G20 possesses both the economic weight and the diversity to drive changes the world urgently needs.

This summit marks the first gathering of G20 leaders since the inclusion of African Union (AU) as a full member, a historic milestone that strengthens the voice of the Global South. However, inclusion alone is insuffi-

The G20 must ensure that the voice of the AU and the wider Global South is not merely heard but also translated into tangible influence.

As a forum representing the world's largest economies, the G20 has a responsibility to champion the genuine interests of the Global South by concrete steps, including prioritizing infrastructure funding tailored to the needs of the Global South

TWO flash bombs were fired towards

into the garden, police said.

reported, it added in a statement.

in a post on X early on Sunday.

agencies to take the necessary steps.

said an investigation was underway.

**CAIRO** 



cess to green technologies.

Regrettably, in an increasingly divided world, some Western politicians have resorted to a smear campaign against development cooperation between China and Africa.

Dismissing the transformative benefits these projects bring to local economies, they are given to baseless criticisms that reveal not only their bias but also a fundamental disregard for the development priorities of the Global South.

This shortsightedness underscores the urgency for the G20 to break away from such divisive rhetoric and foster a more

inclusive and equitable global order.

The G20 must also take a strong stance against growing protectionism, which threatens to unravel the hard-earned progress of global prosperity.

Protectionist measures like tariffs, trade barriers, and other unfair practices are often sold as remedies for domestic challenges, but their true cost is borne by the global economy, particularly by developing nations that rely on open markets to fuel growth and develop-

Far from providing solutions, protectionist policies ing access to affordable, sus-

Two flash bombs fired into garden of Netanyahu's home in north Israel

exacerbate inequalities, stifle progress, and obstruct global efforts to tackle shared global crises. Take as an example Washington and some of its allies' recent bid to suppress China's electric vehicle industry under the guise of addressing

The maneuver not only undermines international cooperation in green technologies but also jeopardizes the global fight against climate change.

so-called "overcapacity."

By erecting trade barriers, those countries heighten risks of slowing innovation, disrupting supply chains, and restricttainable solutions the world urgently needs.

It is self-evident that such steps are short-sighted as they not only harm specific industries but also sabotage the broader pursuit of sustainable development and climate

At a critical time when the world faces a choice between division and cooperation, the G20 can lead by example, proving that global cooperation is not a zero-sum game but a shared effort to build a fairer and more prosperous future

Xinhua

### Russia inflicts damage on gas production facilities used for Ukraine's defence industry

### **MOSCOW**

RUSSIA'S Armed Forces inflicted damage in the past 24 hours on infrastructure of military airfields and gas production facilities used for operation of Ukraine's defense industry, the Russian Defence Ministry said.

"Operational-tactical aviation, unmanned fighting vehicles, missile forces and artillery of Russian Armed Forces' groups inflicted damage on infrastructure of military airfields, gas production and energy facilities used for operation of Ukraine's defense enterprises, a depot of drones, as well as the enemy's troops and military equipment in 144 regions," the ministry said.

### Energy facilities backing Ukrainian defense industry extensively attacked

Russian troops have extensively attacked energy facilities backing Ukraine's defense industry, the Russian Defence Ministry said.

"This morning the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation extensively attacked critical facilities of energy infrastructure that ensure the operation of Ukraine's military and industrial complex and enterprises making military products, with high-precision strike systems," the ministry said, adding that "all targeted goals

### Ukraine loses up to 520 troops in battlegroup South's responsibility area in 24 hours

The Ukrainian army lost up to 520 troops as a result of actions by Russia's battlegroup South over the past 24 hours, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

The group inflicted damage on troops and equipment of seven Ukrainian brigades in the Donetsk People's Republic, the ministry said.

"Six counterattacks by assault groups of the 46th and 77th airmobile brigades of the Ukrainian army were repelled. The enemy lost up to 520 troops, a tank, six cars, a 122m self-propelled Gvozdika artillery system, two 122mm D-30 howitzers and two US-made 105mm M119 weapons," the ministry said, adding that three weapons depots were also destroyed.

#### Ukraine loses up to 345 troops in battlegroup Center's responsibility area in 24 hours

The Ukrainian army lost up to 345 troops as a result of actions by the Russian battlegroup Center over the past 24 hours, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

The group inflicted damage on troops and equipment of six Ukrainian brigades in the Donetsk People's Republic, the ministry said.

"Nine counterattacks by formations of the 151st mechanized, 68th, 152nd jaeger brigades, the 49th and 425th assault battalions of the Ukrainian army, the 35th marine infantry brigade, the 14th national guard brigade and the Lyut assault brigade of Ukraine's national police were repelled. The enemy lost up to 345 troops, a tank, four US-made Kozak and MaxxPro armored combat vehicles, four cars and a 152mm Msta-B howitzer," the ministry noted.

#### Ukraine loses up to 65 troops in battlegroup North's responsibility area in 24 hours

The Ukrainian army's units lost up to 65 troops as a result of actions by Russia's battlegroup North over the past 24 hours, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

"Units of battlegroup North in the Kharkov direction inflicted damage on formations of the 57th infantry brigade of the Ukrainian army, the 120th territorial defense brigade of the 5th border detachment of the Ukrainian frontier guard duty near the settlements of Okhrimovka, Odnorobovka, Alisovka and Volchansk of the Kharkov Region. The Ukrainian army lost up to 65 troops, an armored combat vehicle, two cars and a 122mm D-30 howitzer," the ministry said.

### Russian air defenses shoot down 4 Hammer smart bombs, 108 Ukrainian UAVs over past day

Russia's air defense systems downed four Hammer smart bombs and 108 unmanned aerial vehicles of the Ukrainian army over the past 24 hours, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

"Air defense systems downed four France-made guided Hammer air bombs, two US-produced HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems and 108 fixed-wing unmanned aerial vehicles," the ministry said.

### By Omar Mjenga

also said on X.

without causing any harm.

ity for Saturday's incident.

THIS article comes few days after the 53rd anniversary of the restoration of the lawful seat of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations. Taiwan question should not have become a question in the first place. Taiwan has long belonged to China since antiquity. The history and legal facts are very clear.

Chinese people's development of the offshore island has been well documented. The earliest references to such activities can be found in the Seaboard Geographic Gazetteer complied in 230 A.D. by Shen Ying of the State of Wu from the Three Kingdoms Period.

The Sui Dynasty (581-618) had on three occasions sent troops to the island, known as Liuqiu at that time. Starting from the Song (960-1279) and Yuan (1279-1368) dynasties, the central government of China invariably set up administrative bodies to exercise jurisdiction over the islands of Penghu and Taiwan.

In 1624, Dutch colonialists invaded and occupied southern Taiwan. In 1662, Zheng Chenggong expelled the colonialists and recovered Taiwan, and was hailed as a national hero. The Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) expanded administrative bodies on the island. A Taiwan prefecture administration was set up under the jurisdiction of Fujian Province in 1684. In 1885, Taiwan was upgraded to the 20th province of China.

In July 1894, Japan launched a war of aggression against China. In April 1895, the defeated Qing government was forced to cede Taiwan and



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's house in Caesarea, Israel, Oct 19, 2024. AP

### Penghu islands to Japan. The Cairo Declaration issued by China, the United States and the United Kingdom on December 1, 1943 stated that it was the purpose of the Three Great Allies that all the territories Japan had stolen from China, such as Northeast China, Taiwan and the Pen-

ghu Islands, should restored to China. On July 26, 1945, China, the U.S. and the U.K. signed the Potsdam Proclamation which the Soviet Union subsequently agreed to. It reiterated that "The terms of the Cairo Declaration shall be carried out." In September, Japan signed the instrument of surrender, in which it promised to faithfully fulfill the obligations laid down in the Potsdam Proclamation.

On October 25, the Chinese government announced that it was "resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Taiwan," and "the ceremony to accept Japanese surrender in Taiwan Province of the China war theater of the Allied Powers" was held in Taipei. Hence through a series of documents with international legal effect, China recovered Taiwan both de jure and de

In October 1971, the 26th session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 2758, which undertook "to restore all its rights to the People's Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chang Kai-shek

from the place which they unlawfully occupy at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it." This resolution settled completely the political, legal and procedural issues regarding the representation of the whole of China, including Taiwan, atthe U.N. It also spelled out that China has one single seat at the U.N., so there was to be no such thing as "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan."

The history across Taiwan Strait and Resolution 2758

It was clearly stated in the official legal opinions of the Office of Legal Affairs of the U.N. Secretariat that "the United Nations considers Taiwan' as a province of China with no separate status," and the "authorities' in 'Taipei' are not considered to ... enjoy any form of government status." In U.N. practice, the island is referred to as "Taiwan, Province of China."

Africa and China are inter-twined in their umbilical cord relation. Africa has always stood with China with regard to the question of Taiwan and the UN resolution 2758. In August 2022, the then US House Speaker Mrs. Nancy Pelosi, made a provocative visit to the Taiwan region of the People's Republic of China, designed to obfuscate the status of the region, African representatives who attended the FOCAC coordinator's meeting on the implementation of the Follow-up Actions of the 8th ministerial conference of the forum on china-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) unanimously stood shoulder to shoulder with China in mutually offering unwavering support to each other in upholding

territorial integrity, security and development interests.

The African representatives once again reaffirmed that, "there is but only one China in the world and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of

Without any ambiguity, what so ever, the African side always restates its commitment to the One-China principle and its support for China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity. This clear position of the African states, is not their own making, one can say.

This support aligns with many global consensuses, expressed in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 of October 25th, 1971, which recognized the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legitimate representative of China, with Taiwan as inalienable part of China's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Following that provocative visit by Mrs. Nancy Pelosi, the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres, described the resolution 2758 as the UN iconic resolution and the orientation we have in everything we do. There has never been passed another resolution by this global body, deferring or omitting the resolution 2758. This resolution will never be deferred at any point in time and we thank all members who supported it. It now remains a cardinal requirement of every member of the United Nations to respect and implement it.

The Government of the People's Republic of China, on a recent released white paper on the Taiwan question, stated that, "Resolution 2758 is a political document encapsulating the One-China principle whose legal authority leaves no room for doubt and has been acknowledged worldwide and that, "the One-China principle represents the universal consensus of the international community, and is consistent with the basic norms of international relations". In my view therefore, this is a living document which cannot be deterred in anyhow.

The United Republic of Tanzania, as a bonafide member of the United Nations, will always live up to this principle, where every citizen should be made to understand so and always rise to support the One-China principle.

As I conclude, I wish to state that Taiwan is part of China and this is an indisputable fact. I hope all the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world will stand with the Chinese people, uphold the purposes and principles of the U.N. Charter, have the courage to debunk any lies and pretexts, firmly oppose any acts that jeopardize peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and the region, and understand and support the just cause of the Chinese people in safeguarding sovereignty and territorial integrity and striving for national reunification.

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zania's senior national cricket team's Abhik Patwa goes for a catch to get Bahrain's Sachin Kumar out when the two squads met in the 2024 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B in Uganda on Friday. Bahrain won by 84 runs. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## Tanzania concludes 2024 ICC Men's **CWC Challenge** League B with loss

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

ending the 2024 ICC Men's Cricket en stint. World Cup Challenge League B on a sour note in Uganda on Friday.

It was the fourth loss for the East African nation's squad in the week-long showdown, an outcome which has left the squad settling for the fifth spot.

The Haider Ali-led Bahrain took the crease first and fully exploited the chance after amassing 237/10 in 49.5

Ahmer Bin Nasir staged a stellar display during the innings, nailing 89 runs and cracking four fours and two sixes.

Skipper Ali was equally in good form at the crease given the cricketer ended 10 runs short of a half-century.

Even though Harsheed Chohan had a four-wicket haul for Tanzania, his exploits did little to foil Bahrain's efforts to notch an imposing score.

The cricketer gave away 51 runs in 7.5 overs, posting a 6.51 economy rate. Sanjay Thakor also had a great outing when Tanzania fielded, having

ended with 2-39 in 10 overs. The 238-run target happened to be a tall order for Tanzania, who ended up

notching 153/10 in 35.3 overs. Maker Mukesh (36 runs), Amal Rajeevan (33 runs), Akhil Anil (31 runs), and Thakor (31 runs) fought to have Tanzania proving its worth, notching two digits each.

Tanzania's batting struggles were nevertheless, in view, considering the top-order failed to step up when needed the most.

Bahrain's Ali Dawood led their bowling surge having taken three wickets in nine overs.

Fellow bowlers Sachin Kumar, Imran Javed, and Abdulmajid Abbas compounded Tanzania's woes with two wickets each.

Favourites Uganda - the 2024 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B eventual champions - has, as of Friday, been topping the showdown table after notching a 2.7247 Net Run Rate (NRR), having emerged victorious in three encounters.

The tournament leader has registered 629 runs and given away 392 runs in the three clashes. The other fixture was declared a no-result.

Uganda was, on the tournament's THE 84-run loss to Bahrain has had climax, facing Bahrain at the Entebbe Tanzania's senior men's cricket team Cricket Oval - aiming to seal an unbeat-

> Second-placed Italy ended up recording a 2.2440 NRR having secured victory in three outings and succumbed to loss in one tie.

The two teams had, before confronting each other, so far been the competitors boasting unbeaten stretch in the showdown.

Italy brought their campaign in the week-long tournament to an end with a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over Singapore on the closing day.

Hong Kong secured third place after amassing the -0.5193 NRR, having come out victorious in three outings, lost one game, and the tie was declared a no result.

Fourth-placed Bahrain had, as of Friday, amassed the 0.7732 NRR following a victory in two ties, a loss in another, and one clash with no result.

The team was, on the showdown's closing day, seeking to end Uganda's

winning run. Fifth-placed Tanzania, which has so far not picked a victory in the showpiece, has ended up recording the

-1.4912 NRR. The fixture versus Singapore, which ended up being declared a tie, had the East African country's squad garnering the only point in the showdown.

Bottom-placed Singapore had as well not registered victory in the tournament, managing a -2.6076 NRR.

Singapore, which brought its participation in the showdown to an end with the loss to Italy, scored 434 runs and leaked 598 runs.

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B is viewed as the first stage of the road to the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

The tournament is the second edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup Challenge League and a cricket tournament which forms part of the 2027 Cricket World Cup qualification process.

Tanzania's senior national cricket team is featuring in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B whilst boasting a successful run in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier A, held in Dar es Salaam in September.

## Lacklustre Yanga Princess struggle to find their feet

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AST season Yanga Princess failed to challenge for the Women's Premier League title and ultimately finished third in the stand-

They struggled to find the consistency required to really challenge their rivals, Simba Queens and JKT Queens.

It was evident Yanga Princess certainly had work to do approaching the new campaign. There was yet another technical bench and playing squad overhaul.

Zambian coach Charles Halubono's contract was not renewed and more than a dozen players were released. In addition, a handful of key stars, including the jewel in their crown Precious Christopher, departed to Simba Queens.

Former coach Edna Lema (pictured) rejoined the team. Nigerian national team stars, goalkeeper Rita Akarekor, centre back Uzoamaka Igwe Confidence and midfielder Toluwalashe Adeshola were signed in a show of big intention.

Zimbabwe international defender Danai Bhobho was also a big-name arrival, joining from arch rivals Simba Queens.

Given the new coach and the squad now in place, a strong title charge was deemed a fair expectation for the 2024/25 campaign. There was hope last season's struggles were firmly behind them as a new era at the club



Signs were mostly positive for Yanga Princess after an opening day 1-1 draw with Simba Queens saw them proceed to the Community Shield on a penalty shootout victory.

In the final JKT Queens avoided defeat with a late equaliser at the KMC Stadium to leave Yanga Princess heartbroken in the ensuing penalty shootout.

With two decent performances against the top two teams, there was big hope the newly assembled squad under coach Lema was ready to compete for the title this season. For the first time in a while, things were looking up.

However, the optimism was short-lived as cracks started to show in the first league game

when they scraped a point from a 1-1 stalemate against Bunda Queens. They followed it with another disappointing goalless draw with Alliance

The opposite trajectory was confirmed when they fell short of an elusive victory once again in their third outing, after Mashujaa Queens forced them to a 1-1 draw at KMC Mwenge Complex leaving fans increasingly frustrated.

In what was their biggest test so far, Yanga Princess left their fans with more heartbreak when they were consigned to their first defeat of the season by arch-rivals Simba Queens on Wednesday.

Four matches, three points, zero wins and only two goals games into the campaign Yanga Princess have all but said farewell to their Women's Premier League title hopes.

In a league where even just a few dropped points often isn't good enough for the title, going four matches without a win is guaranteed failure in the title race. At the top end of the Women's Premier League, it's a win or bust.

Although fans may be hoping to find respite in what has been a disappointing start of the season, the road continues to grow all the more treacherous as the club prepare to play a recovering Fountain Princess.

They must now chase down a nine-point deficit between themselves and Simba Queens in the league table. If it looks dire on paper, it certainly appears the same on the pitch.

Despite strengthening with recruitment, it is safe to say that Yanga Princess have been a ghost of their true potential in the Women's Premier League so far. They now have a mountain to climb.

Challenges are always going to arise in a coach's first season and especially early days into the campaign. Lema's playing style will require both time and investment in order to properly shine. However, the betwixt and between is a frustrating space for Yanga Princess fans to be in for the time being.

The significant overhaul in the squad means a period of transition may be required before they can return to or even improve on last season's performance.

## Elie Mpanzu: Simba SC's midfield ace gears up for action

By Correspondent Seth Mapol

ATTACKING midfielder Elie Mpanzu continues to be actively involved in Simba Sports Club's training sessions as he awaits the completion of his registration to officially compete for the team.

Although the Congolese playmaker (pictured) has yet to feature in competitive matches, his presence in the team's preparations has been undeniable.

With only a month remaining before his registration is finalized, Simba fans eagerly await Mpanzu's official debut.

The 24-year-old is anticipated to inject creativity and flair into Simba's midfield, significantly bolstering the team's prospects in both domestic and international competitions.

A promising development for Simba is that Mpanzu will be eligible to participate in the CAF Confederation Cup after his registration.

The midfielder is expected to debut in the competition's second round, with a crucial away match against Tunisia's CS Sfaxien scheduled for January

On the domestic front, Mpanzu's NBC Premier League debut is set for December 18, 2024, in a highly anticipated home match against Ken Gold at the KMC Complex.

In preparation for upcoming matches, Simba recently faced Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) in a friendly at the KMC Complex, which ended in a 1-1 draw. Despite not scoring, Mpanzu made a significant impact, showcasing his technical skills and creativity.

KMC took the lead in the first half when Pascal Mussa capitalized on a defensive lapse to beat Simba's goalkeeper. In the second half, Simba intensified their attacks but struggled with poor finishing.



Kelvin Kijili salvaged a draw buildup demonstrated his abilfor Simba late in the game, tapping in a rebound after Mpanzu's powerful shot was parried by KMC goalkeeper Ismail

Mpanzu's involvement in the

ity to create goal-scoring op-

Head coach Fadlu Davids fielded a mixed lineup to test the squad's depth, starting with players such as Ally Salim,

Kelvin Kijili, Edwin Balua, Karaboue Chamou, Che Malone, Mzamiru Yassin, Augustine Chasambi, Jean Charles Ahoua, Leonel Ateba, and Mpanzu him-

Multiple substitutions in the second half saw Ayoub Lakred, David Kameta, Saleh Karabaka, Fabrice Ngoma, Omary Omary, and Hussein Kazi enter the game, replacing several start-

Simba's next league fixture against Pamba Jiji on November 22 at the CCM Kirumba Stadium is critical for maintaining the team's competitive rhythm.

This match, rescheduled to bridge a potential three-week gap due to the league's pause for FIFA international fixtures, ensures Simba stays matchready ahead of their international commitments.

Without this adjustment, Simba's next game would have been against Angola's Bravos do Maquis on November 27 in the CAF Confederation Cup group stage.

Simba's technical bench, led by Davids, emphasizes the importance of consistent match play, particularly before pivotal international matches.

The excitement surrounding Mpanzu's imminent debut continues to build among Simba's supporters.

His performances in training and friendlies suggest he is quickly adapting to the team's playing style, promising a seamless transition once his registration is completed.

With Simba's ambitions high in both the NBC Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup, Mpanzu's arrival is seen as a vital boost to the team's aspirations.

For now, fans remain patient, confident that the midfielder's contributions will make the wait worthwhile.

## **Dutch skipper** Van Dijk praises Hungary for playing on after coach falls ill

**AMSTERDAM** 

NETHERLANDS captain Virgil van Dijk praised opponents Hungary for their decision to play on in their Nations League clash on Saturday after assistant coach Adam Szalai appeared to have suffered a fit on the bench only minutes after kickoff.

There was a 13-minute medical delay as Szalai was treated pitch side before being taken to an Amsterdam hospital. The Hungarian federation said he was recovering.

He could be seen lying on the floor, next to the team's bench, with his legs twitching and kicking uncontrollably as staff and substitutes quickly formed a protective barrier around

"That was quite a shock of course," van Dijk told Dutch NOS television.

"You see someone lying down, you see someone shaking. That is quite scary. But thankfully at a certain point it became clear that he was

Van Dijk heard from Liverpool teammate Dominik Szoboszlai, who captained Hungary, that Szalai had suffered a similar incident pre-

"But yes, it is still very scary to see. I hope he is doing well and that he recovers quickly.

Van Dijk said it must have been difficult for Hungary to continue playing. Szoboszlai gathered his teammates in a huddle on the pitch before they agreed to carry on with clash.

"They had to decide whether they wanted to continue playing. I think it shows a lot of strength that they did carry on. I have a lot of respect for that."

The Netherlands went onto register a 4-0 victory and make sure of a place in next March's Nations League quarter-finals.

But Van Dijk thought his side's performance was "sloppy" overall.

"The pitch was very fast," he explained. "But that's no excuse. It was sloppy. In the end we won deservedly and that's the most important thing. We go to the quarter-finals, we win, we keep a clean sheet."

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### Japan's Moriyasu tells team to focus in quest for World Cup trophy

**JAKARTA** 

JAPAN coach Hajime Moriyasu told his players to maintain their focus on winning one game at a time, having set his team the lofty target of lifting the World Cup in North American in 2026.

The Japanese have never progressed beyond the last 16 at the World Cup, but Moriyasu's side took a step towards qualifying for the finals on Friday with a comprehensive 4-0 win over Indonesia after weathering an early storm on and off

Victory took the Samurai Blue seven points clear of Australia, Saudi Arabia and China in the battle for the two automatic berths available from their qualification group at the halfway stage in the preliminaries.

"I have set a very high standard for the team, and that is to become world champions," Moriyasu said after an own goal from Justin Hubner and strikes by Takumi Minamino, Hidemasa Morita and Yukinari Sugawara secured victory

"But to do this we have to play each game one by one, step by step, and I'd like to focus on the next game.'

Japan take on China in Xiamen on Tuesday, having dismantled Branko Ivankovic's side 7-0 in the qualifiers at Saitama Stadium. Moriyasu's team handed out another significant defeat to the Indonesians on Friday.

It was Japan's fourth win in five games in the current phase of qualifying, coming despite a torrential downpour that started before kickoff and drenched the Gelora Bung Karno Stadium

The Japanese defence, missing the injured Shogo Taniguchi, struggled in the wet and goalkeeper Zion Suzuki was called upon to make a last-ditch save in the ninth minute to deny Ragnar Oratmangoen from giving the hosts a morale-boosting lead.

However, Japan's class eventually told, with Hubner's own goal putting Moriyasu's side in front in the 35th minute and, after Minamino doubled their advantage five minutes later, the Samurai Blue cruised to victory.

"I told the players not to let Indonesia come at us from the beginning, but we dealt with that pressure well although we had some scary moments," Moriyasu said.

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## Guirassy strike puts Guinea on course for Africa Cup of Nations berth

By Mark Gleeson

TRIKER Serhou Guirassy scored in stoppage time to hand Guinea a boost in their Africa Cup of Nations qualifying campaign as they beat the Democratic Republic of Congo 1-0 in Abidjan to put them one point away from a place in next year's finals.

The victory keeps Guinea in second place in Group H and two points above Tanzania, who had won earlier away against Ethiopia.

Experienced striker Simon Msuva and midfielder Feisul Salum netted in the first half away in Kinshasa for a 2-0 victory that moved Tanzania temporarily into second place in Group H behind already-qualified Democratic Republic of Congo.

However, Guinea restored their two-point advantage later on in the day against DR Congo, giving them nine points.

But they left it until two minutes into stoppage time to snatch the vital victory, with the Borussia Dortmund forward's goal ending DR Congo's 100% record in the group stage.

It means Guinea now need only



Guinea's Serhou Guirassy celebrates with his teammates. Agencies

Tanzania in Dar-es-Salaam tomorrow to book a place in the Cup of Nations

The loss for Ethiopia on Saturday saw them eliminated from qualifying. Ethiopia and Guinea were hosting their matches at neutral venues because their stadiums have been de-

draw their last group game away to clared unsuitable for use in international matches.

> The two Group H clashes were the only Cup of Nations matches played on Saturday.

The last set of group matches will be played Sunday through to tomorrow, with five places in next year's 24-team tournament still to be decided.

The top two teams in each of the 12 qualifying groups will compete in Morocco from Dec. 21, 2025 to Jan. 18,

### SNATCH SECOND PLACE

In Group D, Libya can come from last in the standings and snatch second place, behind Nigeria, if they beat Benin at home today. Rwanda also have a chance but must win away against Nigeria, who are already through to the finals.

Also today, second place in Group F will be decided with Sudan needing a point from their last match against already-qualified Angola. If they lose, Niger can move into second place but must win away against Ghana, whose shock elimination was confirmed on Friday when they drew 1-1 in Angola.

Tomorrow it will be a straight shootout between the Lusophone rivals Guinea Bissau and Mozambique to decide who joins Mali as the two qualifiers from Group I.

In Group C, second placed Botswana have a two-point advantage over the Cape Verde Islands and Mauritania but complete their fixture away against top of the standings Egypt.

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## Kosovo FA say they warned UEFA about provocation, Romania deny racist chants



Romania on November 15, 2024. REUTERS

By Reuters

THE Football Federation of Kosovo (FFK) said it had repeatedly warned European soccer's governing body UEFA about potential provocation from Romania fans ahead of Friday's Nations League match, which was abandoned when Kosovo's players walked off.

The clash between Group C2 leaders Romania and second-placed Kosovo in Bucharest was abandoned in stoppage time after the visiting players left the field with the score at 0-0 when they heard pro-Serbia chanting from the home fans, a claim Romania denied.

The match was initially suspended before being abandoned an hour later when the Kosovo team refused to return to the pitch. UEFA said disciplinary proceedings have been instigated against both federations.

"Cries such as 'Kosovo is Serbia' and 'Serbia, Serbia', whistling during the singing of the national anthem of Kosovo, and evidence that will throwing hard objects be submitted to UEFA's ... and other offensive disciplinary bodies," it

and provocative actions added. were present throughout the match, creating an unacceptable atmosphere not safe for our players," the FFK said in a statement.

had warned the relevant UEFA more bodies twice in writing about the possibility of such actions, once a few days before the match and then a few minutes before it started.

"Despite these warnings, the Romanian fans continued irresponsible discriminatory and behaviour, forcing the Kosovo national team to leave the field due to the lack of safety and

The FFK also alleged that a Romania official "threatened assaulted" a Kosovo player in the corridors of the stadium.

"For all these serious violations. FFK has immediately reported the incidents to the match delegate and has started preparing a full complaint with facts

Reuters has contacted UEFA for comment.

The Romanian Football Federation (FRF) said it was disappointed by the behaviour of the Kosovo delegation and describing players, their accusations as baseless while also saying their actions were premeditated.

Kosovo players were seen making an eagle gesture with crossed hands directed at Romania fans as they walked off the pitch, much to the ire of the home crowd.

The gesture mimics the eagle on Albania's national flag, which can inflame tensions between Serbian nationalists and ethnic Albanians, who make up the vast majority of Kosovo's population.

declared Kosovo independence Serbia in 2008 and has been recognised by more than 100 countries, but not Romania.

'NO RACIST CHANTS' "It is important to emphasise that there were

no racist chants during the match, nor was the slogan 'Kosovo is Serbia'

chanted even once," the

FRF said.

"Moreover, we would like to remind everyone of the decision made by UEFA's Disciplinary Committee regarding a similar incident during from a match last year, where Kosovo acted in the

> "The decision clearly stated that the slogan 'Kosovo is Serbia' cannot be classified as racist and, therefore, cannot trigger the three-step

same manner.

procedure."

The three-step procedure involves the referee requesting a public announcement to call for racist behaviour to cease, suspending the match until it stops and, in some scenarios, abandoning the match altogether.

"This point was also reiterated by the UEFA delegate during the technical meeting prior to the last evening match," the FRF added.

"We find it regrettable that a football team would choose to leave the pitch and retreat to the locker room just two minutes before the final whistle, given that the result was not favourable to it."

After four matches Kosovo are three points behind Romania, who have 12 and will be promoted to League B if they finish top.

The FRF was fined by UEFA last year over pro-Serbia chanting and the display of a banner reading "Kosovo is Serbia" by supporters during a Euro 2024 qualifier between the countries at the National Arena.

Kosovo also finedlast month for interruptions in a match between the two sides in September when their fans lit and threw flares, entered the pitch and whistled during the Romanian national an-

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# Coach Hemed Morocco urges Taifa Stars to finish the job in Dar

Guirassy strike puts Guinea on course for Africa Cup of **Nations berth** 



## Ramovi sets high ambitions after appointment as Yanga head coach

NEWLY appointed Young Africans (Yanga) head coach Sead Ramovi has pledged to restore the club's dominance in Tanzanian football and elevate their standing on the African stage.

Speaking shortly after signing his contract, the German tactician (pictured), renowned for his tactical acumen, emphasized the club's legacy and the weight of expectations that come with leading one of Africa's most storied teams.

"I know the size of this club and its expectations. Yanga is one of the biggest clubs in Africa, and I am proud to join this family," Ramovi declared.

"It is my responsibility to ensure we reclaim the top spot in the league and establish ourselves as strong contenders in international competitions. The players here have great talent, and I believe we can achieve the dreams of the club and its fans to-

Ramovi's appointment follows the dismissal of Argentine coach Miguel Ángel Gamondi, whose tenure ended abruptly due to disappointing results. Gamondi's exit was announced hours before Young Africans unveiled Ramovi, who had been managing South Africa's TS Galaxy earlier this sea-

The 44-vear-old coach is celebrated for his attacking football philosophy combined with defensive solidity. At TS Galaxy, he gained recognition for implementing a balanced tactical approach that allowed his team to compete with South African heavyweights like Mamelodi Sundowns.

"I've seen how passionately the fans support this team," Ramovi stated. "I will ensure we deliver high-quality, competitive football that they can take pride in."

Despite Young Africans' recent dominance in Tanzanian football, with three consecutive league titles, they currently trail arch-rivals Simba SC by one point in the NBC Premier League standings.

Recent defeats to Azam FC (1-0) and Tabora United (3-1) have added urgency to the need for a turn-

This season is shaping up to be one of the most competitive in years, and Ramovi 's immediate task is to stabilize Young Africans' performances and reclaim the top spot.

Additionally, Young Africans face a daunting challenge in the CAF Champions League, drawn into a group with African heavyweights TP Mazembe (DR Congo), Al-Hilal (Sudan), and MC Alger (Algeria). Success in such a group will require swift improvements in both defensive organization and attacking efficiency.

Ramovi brings with him a philosophy that emphasizes discipline, effort, and a winning mentality. In a previous interview, he stated, "Soccer is more than talent; it's about effort, discipline, and the will

Young Africans boast a talented squad, featuring key players like Stephane Aziz Ki, Clatous Chama, and Clement Mzize, who have the potential to thrive under Ramovi's system. The coach's ability to foster cohesion and unleash the creativity of these players will be instrumental in achieving suc-

Young Africans' management and fans have placed immense trust in Ramovi to not only restore domestic supremacy but also propel the team to greater heights on the continental stage. His first priorities will be to stabilize performances in the Premier League and prepare the team for the rigors of CAF Champions League competition.

ANZANIA cruised past Ethiopia at the Pentecost Martyrs Stadium in Kinshasa, DR Congo on Saturday to keep their Africa Cup of Nations (AF-CON) 2025 qualification hopes alive.

First-half goals from Saimon Msuva and Feisal Salum saw Hemed Morocco's side bounce back from a 2-0 defeat to group leaders DR Congo last month to claim their second win of the qualifying campaign in Group H.

Iraq-based Msuva opened the scoring for the Taifa Stars in the 15th minute, heading in from close range after a well-executed corner by Novatus

Tanzania continued to dominate proceedings, doubling their advantage in the 31st minute when Feisal Salum nodded home an inviting cross from Shomari Kapombe.

The result keeps Tanzania within

two points of second placed Guinea who beat DR Congo 1-0 to move to nine points. Striker Serhou Guirassy scored the decisive goal, bringing his tally to six goals in three matches.

Ethiopia, rooted to the bottom of the group with just one point, have been eliminated from contention while DR Congo have already sealed a ticket to Morocco.

With DR Congo already through, the final group match between Tanzania and Guinea tomorrow will decide who joins them at the continental showpiece. Tanzania must win to qualify while a draw will be enough for Guinea at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Now, coach Morocco is desperate to avoid any slip-ups from his side as he targets a place in the AFCON 2025.

Reacting after the game, Morocco emphasized the magnitude of the Guinea match and the need to strategize for a victory.

"It was a difficult game because Ethiopia has always been a team that wants to keep possession and are technically good. We knew that and did our best to block them. We wanted to kill the game early and I think we succeeded in doing that," he said.

"We created a lot of chances but could not fully utilize them. We scored two goals and thereafter managed the game to contain pressure from Ethiopia. Sometimes it is more difficult to play against a team with nothing to lose."

He added: "Congratulations to the players, the three points were crucial and we got them. We now shift focus to the next game.

"The next game is more challenging because to qualify for the AFCON finals we need to win at home. We have to plan to ensure we return to the AF-



### By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA made up for their backto-back defeat in October when they defeated Ethiopia 2-0 in Kinshasa on Saturday evening.

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The success saw Taifa Stars keep their Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2025 qualification hopes alive ahead of tomorrow's do or die encounter with Guinea at Benjamin Mkapa Sta-

Head coach Morocco headed into the November international break keen to rediscover the form saw his charges boasted a decent five-game unbeaten record with three wins and two draws prior to October's losses against Group H leaders DR Congo.

He will have been pleased with the outing in Kinshasa as two first half goals made all the difference in the Congolese capital. Though it was a collective team

performance, here is how each player contributed individuall against Ethiopia. Tanzania player ratings (4-2-3-1)

GK: Aishi Manula - 8/10 Manula was calm and command-

## **How Taifa Stars players** rose to the occasion in

ing between the sticks. His leader- high standards. He could have ofship from the back was vital in keeping the team focused. He made solid saves to deny the Ethiopians a consolation goal.

### RB: Shomari Kapombe - 7/10

The experienced defender was extremely versatile, contributing in both attack and defence, making a number of excellent passes and working hard at the back.

### CB: Ibrahim Hamad - 7/10

Stability, composure, presence. The Young Africans defender represented a true leader in the back-four. He was simply immense, showing the quality, that Tanzania often relied on during their AFCON campaign.

CB: Dickson Job - 7/10

Held firm for the most part, especially when defending his box.

### LB: Mohamed Hussein - 6/10

Tshabalala did not make any obvious mistake but was below his usual fered more in attack after choosing not to take any risks.

### **DM: Novatus Dismas - 7/10**

The Goztepe midfielder enjoyed a successful evening with an assist before he was removed from the game after the hour mark for a tactical change.

### DM: Mudathir Yahya - 7/10

Did well going forward though was a bit slow in finding his teammates with the final pass.

### LM: Clement Mzize - 6/10

The Young Africans player was the quietest attacker on the pitch and was unable to offer much going forward. Once again Mzize was short of his club performances on the international stage.

### AM: Feisal Salum - 8/10

Never stopped working while he was on the pitch and proved to be a handful for Ethiopia. Smart passes,

well-timed duels and an all-round solid performance.

### LW: Saimon Msuva - 8/10

Scored the opener for Tanzania and continued to place himself in the best positions to strengthen his side's lead.

### ST: Mbwana Samatta - 8/10

Led the line and proved vital for Tanzania. His ability to dance around the pitch, manoeuvre the ball and torment his opponents made him one of the most impressive players on the pitch.

### **Substitutes**

SUB: Adolf Bitegeko (66' for Dismas) - 6/10

Worked hard on the pitch but was unable to offer any moments of greatness.

### SUB: Denis Kibu (66' for Mzize)

Coming off the bench, Kibu added fresh legs but struggled to make a significant impact.

SUB: Ibrahim Ame (85' for Mudathir) - 6/10

Tanzania turned to Ame to close out the game.

SUB: Nassor Saadun (85' for Samatta) - 6/10

Came on and offered a new pres-

ence up front.

SUB: Pascal Msindo (90' +6 for

Msuva) - N/A

### Flexibles by David Chikoko

YOU WOMEN, DON'T HAVE a sense of time. FOR instance; How old are You Madam?



