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DPP draws up guidelines for transparency in plea bargaining

By Correspondent James Kandoya

GUIDELINES for plea bargaining to increase transparency and inclusivity in the process and thus enhance observance of justice will be published by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the next two weeks.

Renatus Mkude, assistant director for offences against person and public order, said this in an open dialogue late last week for stakeholder inputs on plea bargaining in economic offences, held in Dar es Salaam.

The dialogue was organized by the DPP's office in collaboration with Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), bringing together a range of law practitioners.

The guidelines will be used as standard procedures by the courts when initiating plea-bargaining exercises, he said, noting that initially there were no clear guidelines for prosecutors and investigators in carrying out their responsibilities when plea negotiations arose.

The Criminal Procedure (Plea Bargaining Agreement) Rules, 2021 limit the participation of courts in plea negotiations between a public prosecutor and the accused, with no clear guidelines for the public prosecutor

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Optimism after signing of pact on LNG project

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

TANZANIA'S top energy officials have expressed confidence that a landmark host government agreement (HGA) needed to underpin the country's long-delayed US\$30 billion liquefied natural gas project can now be concluded by the end of this year.

The Dodoma-based authorities have been locked in talks with Equinor and Shell - the key players in the planned 10 million tonnes per annum LNG scheme - since early November last year, trying to hammer out the details of a mutually acceptable HGA that will drive the project forward.

Dodoma's HGA signing of the LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) project on Saturday is a dream come true for President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Speaking at the ceremony, the president said that since she was a minister in the fourth-phase (Jakaya Kikwete) government and later vice president under former President Dr John Magufuli, her dream has been to see the project taking off.

Signing the memorandum broke the deadlock on the development of the key investment in the country's gas industry, with the LNG project having stalled for years.

The memorandum was signed with five international energy companies. The firms are Royal Dutch Shell of Holland, Pavilion Energy of Singapore, Medco Energy of Indonesia, Equinor of Norway and ExxonMobil of the United States.

These are collectively planning to invest

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Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angeline Mabula (4th-L, in cap) and members of the Hadzabe indigenous tribal community in celebratory mood at the weekend when heading for the chief's residence at Munguli in Mwengeza ward, Singida Region, where the minister graced the historic presentation of land title deeds to them. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

Prof Luoga, Lake Oil chief exec win business leadership prizes

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Tanzania (BoT) governor Prof Florens Luoga has been cited in the African Business Leadership Awards (ABLA) for 2022, alongside Lake Oil Group CEO Ally Awadh.

The African Leadership Magazine said in a statement yesterday that the duo are among winners in the 13 categories of this year's ABLA edition following the call for vote entries which ended on June 3.

The keenly contested awards attracted over 370, 000 entries on the website and across social media platforms, as well as submissions via email and physical posts from Africans across the continent and in the Diaspora, it said.

Awadh won the young business leader of the year award, with Sangu Delle of Ghana, the chairman of Golden Palm Investments Corporation cited as first runner-up. Prof Luoga won the central bank governor of the year award, followed by Tarek Amer, governor of Central Bank of Egypt.

Lake Oil Group is one of East Africa's fastest-

growing energy trading and transportation firms, also operating in Zambia, DRC, Burundi, Rwanda, Mozambique, Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, and Ethiopia, the statement noted, elaborating that the firm has been producing automotive lubricants and concrete building materials.

Prize winners and runners-up shall be presented with trophies decorated with the instruments of the honour at the 7th Africa Summit in London on July 4, where a conference will be held under the theme 'Rethinking African Trade & Partnership Possibilities.'

The winners emerged through a keenly contested three-step points-based selection process that included a call for nomination, online voting for shortlisted nominees and the editorial board's final review of the nominations and voting submissions.

The board used supporting evidence and voting considerations to decide the African Business Leadership Awards 2021 winners. Voting was responsible for 65 per cent points and supporting evidence accounted for 35 per cent in the final selection.

ABLA is a prestigious recognition event to reward exceptional corporate practices and outstanding achievers in Africa's business landscape and its private sector, the statement affirmed.

The awards keep up with the African Leadership Magazine's tradition of presenting the sides of the continent's businesses and leaders missing in global media platforms, celebrating exemplary business leaderships on the continent, it added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

IN what resembled a scene in a horror film, the dismembered body of a Catholic Church priest based here were found here yesterday, sending shock waves among residents of the city.

The mutilated remains of Michael Samson (63) were found in Meta River, under Sabasaba Bridge, wrapped in a blanket, with the circumstances of his killing yet to be established. Some parts of the body were

Catholic Church priest dead, conditions hazy

■ Dismembered body found under a bridge

found scattered around, including the head and legs.

Mbeya Archbishop Gervas Nyaisonga said

Fr Samson of the Missionaries of Africa Society (White Fathers), went out of church youth

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Traffic police officers on patrol on stand-by at the Igumbilo motor vehicle inspection post in Iringa Region yesterday. It was all part of a road safety enhancement operation following late last week's collision involving a truck and passenger service vehicle in which 20 people died and several were injured. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin





Wiebe de Boer, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Tanzania, speaks at the Dutch-Tanzania Business Dialogue held in Arusha at the weekend. Organised by the Netherlands Embassy, it brought together a range of stakeholders including Tanzanian government officials, members of the Dutch business community and Tanzanian private sector players. The focus was on opportunities and challenges relating to investing and doing business in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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centre in Mbeya on Friday at around 6:00pm. His whereabouts were not known until his body was discovered in the river at around 10:00 am on Saturday, he said.

Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei said the police were investigating the matter to find out the culprits, expressing shock at the incident and similar acts that happen in the city from time to time.

"The priest told his fellow seminarians that he was going for a walk but never came back until the time his body was found thrown into the river," he said.

Interviewed residents appealed to

the government via the security organs to mount investigations on the issue to apprehend those behind the murder and appropriate legal measures follow.

Gilbert Mhando, a motorcycle driver said since he started ferrying people in the city, he never came across a ghastly incident as this one, urging the government to leave no stone unturned in its investigations.

The area has street lamps using solar power hence it is lit up at all times, but still the police need to beef up security in city streets, he said.

Lilian Victor, another resident, called on the government to install CCTV cameras at the area since not many people pass the area during the night.

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between US\$30bn and US\$40bn (over 9trn/-) to build an LNG facility at the Likong'o Mchinga industrial area in Lindi Region.

President Samia stated that the project will create at least 10,000 jobs, calling upon Tanzanians to get prepared to make use of opportunities embedded in the project as it will bring capital and incomes into the country.

Expectations are focused on concluding the talks in December to kick off the project, enabling availability of locally processed gas for domestic and industrial use, with large amounts being exported for the global market.

Construction is expected to take up to five years and cost upwards of 7trn/-, with at least a tenth of that amount going into the local payments system through the hiring of labour and the purchasing of various goods and services, she stated.

"I have been hearing about this LNG project since I was a minister. There was a time when I was vice president I tried to support and push but the problem was serious and there were many things in it I could not sort out," Samia said after the signing ceremony.

"When I was given the opportunity to be President I put my foot down

and said this must be possible," she declared.

A month later she instructed the government to ensure that negotiations with LNG investors stalled since 2019 resumed within six months.

Seeing no direction in the talks, President Samia reshuffled the leadership of the Energy ministry in September and demanded the revival of talks with LNG investors, she elaborated, noting that the talks resumed last November.

The plan is for the project to feed gas from offshore blocks 1 and 2 using up four to 10 million tonnes per annum at the LNG complex.

The memorandum indicates that this resource base is split equally between blocks 1 and 4, with Shell working with Pavilion Energy and Medco Energi, while in block 2 Equinor works with ExxonMobil.



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in discharging this responsibility, he stated.

The DPP's office has developed the guidelines to ensure consistency, efficiency, effectiveness, integrity and transparency in the plea bargaining process, he asserted, noting that once stakeholders' inputs are taken up, the DPP will publish the guidelines in the as a Government Notice in the official gazette for use by the different parties involved in the plea bargaining process.

Plea bargaining was being practiced without guidelines, so accused persons were oppressed and there was no transparency, he declared, elaborating that the guidelines facilitate inclusivity and transparency.

When handling an initiated plea bargaining process, the guidelines

DPP draws up guidelines for transparency in plea bargaining

clearly mention the responsible persons to initiate the matter, to guide public prosecutors and authorized officers on safeguards, while altering court procedures or rules regarding the matter followed at present, he explained.

Upon completion, there will be plea-bargaining guidelines that allow free forms of plea bargaining in criminal cases, with the full involvement of stakeholders, including advocates in the process of initiating it in court, he said

A plea bargaining proposal will

now be initiated by the accused, his advocate or public prosecutor where the case involves a child in conflict with the law, his parent, guardian or social welfare officer, he stated.

Where the accused or his advocate has notified the court his intention to negotiate a plea agreement he shall, by a letter, inform the DPP or an authorized officer his intention to negotiate a plea agreement, he pointed out.

TLS president Dr Edward Hosea said the new guidelines have recognized the actors in the process of initiating

plea bargaining, while advocate Edson Kilatu said that mistrust among the plea bargaining stakeholders, namely the presumed offenders, the DPP's office and advocates will now be curtailed.

Advocates were excluded in the process of initiating plea bargaining, and as a result their clients were oppressed, he emphasised.

"We want the new guidelines to enable prosecutors, advocates and representatives of the suspected offenders to be allowed to initiate the plea bargaining process," he added.

Samia calls on regional leaders to manage our development projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called on regional leaders to wisely manage development projects, while protecting the safety of the people so that the nation can achieve rapid development.

Samia issued the directive yesterday when speaking with Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera in telephone conversation on the projects' achievements made by the government. Mbeya regional authority organised the event to congratulate the government for its executed development projects at the Sokoine Stadium.

President Samia urged the people of the region to continue to work with the government in the implementation of various development projects as well as to ensure that they protect it to last.

She lauded leaders and people of Mbeya Region for organizing a ceremony to congratulate the government she leads for the implementation of various development activities.

"I have received information that you have organized a walk and a meeting to congratulate the government, I thank you very much and I want you to work together for the development of our country quickly, very much to protect the security of the people," said President Samia.

RC Homera said the government has implemented many development projects within the region.

He noted that in the education sector, the government, with funding from the Development Program

and Covid-19, has built classrooms at various secondary schools, including secondary schools.

He also stated that the government has built laboratories in various secondary schools, construction of classrooms in colleges as well as renovation of old schools including Rungwe Secondary School.

The RC also said that the government has built various water projects in areas with water problems including the Shongo Water Project which cost 3.5bn/- which has ended the problem of water scarcity in Mbalizi Town.

"But also the Government has promised to expand our Tanzania-Zambia Highway (TANZAM) from Uyoile to Songwe by making it four-lane, this will help us reduce traffic congestion in the city center," said Homera.

CCM youth wing secretary general, Kenan Kihongosi commended the Mbeya Regional leadership for organizing the meeting to congratulate the government and President Samia on the implementation of the projects while emphasizing that youth are among the beneficiaries.

Kihongosi said young people are among the groups that benefit from the district council's 10 percent. Other groups that benefit of the loans are women and people with disabilities.

He said the money helps young people to do various income-generating activities while also emphasizing that the Royal Tour film benefits the youth more.

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Prof Eliamani Sedoyeka (L), the Education, Science and Technology ministry's permanent secretary, has an audience in Dodoma city at the weekend with senior NMB Bank Plc officials led by CEO Ruth Zaipuna (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Special Correspondent

SCIENTISTS overseeing breeding, principal technicians and data management and support staff from the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) learned about the Enterprise Breeding System (EBS) at training recently in Nairobi, Kenya.

This was the first in-person training on this advanced tool held in Eastern Africa.

CIMMYT Data Manager, Kate Dreher was the primary trainer. Dreher sought to ensure that scientists and their teams

EA researchers add the enterprise breeding system to their work tools

are well equipped to confidently use the EBS for their programs, including the creation and management of trials and nurseries. During the training, participants had the opportunity to test, review and give feedback on the system.

"The EBS is an online comprehensive system that brings together different types of data, including field

observations and genotypic data, to harmonize processes across all teams and enable optimized decision-making in the short term and continuous learning for the long term," Dreher said.

She explained that the EBS is more efficient than the former approach of using the Excel-based Maize Field book software, even though it managed

several useful processes.

The EBS is currently available to registered breeding and support team members and data managers from CIMMYT, IITA, IIRRI and Africa Rice, across all geographies where related programs are implemented. Currently, the EBS is used by programs in maize, rice and wheat crops.



Vodacom Tanzania PLC managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose (L) speaks in Dar es Salaam late last week at the launch of Farm Clinic, a programme meant to connect farmers across the country to digital agricultural information and help them make payments using M-Pesa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania and Dutch investors meet to iron out challenges facing investment

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Dutch Government, through its trade and investment institutions in Tanzania have been meeting with traders from the two countries for discussions on challenges in trade and investment in the two countries and how to deal with them.

Speaking here at a meeting on trade and investment between the two countries, Dutch Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe De Boer said the discussions are essential for the two countries as they can open up investment opportunities in Tanzania to spur economic growth.

He said the discussions will be used as a forum for discussions joint efforts

for improving trade and investment environment to woo competitive investment.

He said they are pleased with Tanzania government's efforts to improve the investment climate including the removal of various obstacles in the sector. He added that the aim of the discussions is to discuss business and investment challenges facing Dutch investors in the country and on how to solve them jointly.

Closing the discussions, the Investment, Industry and Trade Minister, Dr Ashatu Kijaji said the Netherlands is among Tanzania's big investors who have significantly contributed in the farming sector.

Speaking on behalf of Dr Kijaji, the

Director of the ministry's Development Department, said from the discussions, stakeholders and investors have been pleased by the improvements in regard to the accessibility to work permits, immigration related issues saying these were now obtained from single window. "Another issue for joint discussions is to put up strategies on how to solve the challenges and results from these discussions, which indicate that the investors are satisfied with the results," he said.

She added: "You know Dutch investors concentrate in farming and perform well in the horticultural sector," and added that the government is in the process to finalise and electronic system to facilitate investors

in the country through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) which is incorporating 12 institutions to have one window to serve investors.

For his part, TIC Director of Investment Mobilisation, Revocatus Rasheli said the government has also amended laws regarding issuance of work permits for visitors.

"In the past, only five visitors for each project were qualified for short time (three years) work permits but now up to ten visitors qualify for work permits for the entire project period.

He said the meeting is important for Tanzania because Netherlands in among ten leading investors in the country.

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Manager for Arusha Region, Eva Raphael said sometimes it is not that stakeholders refuse to follow the laws, only that they lack the understanding and one of the Authority's tasks is to educate them.

Govt: Birth certificate right of every child born in Tanzania

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has said that every child born within the Tanzania borders regardless of his/her parents nationality, has all the rights to be identified, registered and given birth certificate.

Permanent secretary in the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Mary Makondo made the statement recently during the launch of the decentralized birth registration system in Tabora Region.

The PS wanted authorities and the public to spread awareness on this so as to ensure that every child who is born within the country's borders as long as they meet all the required conditions set by the government are registered.

She noted that there were some people who think that only children whose parents are Tanzania nationals, are the ones with the rights to be registered, but the truth is that birth identity was for every child born within the country's borders and living legally here.

"Birth certificate is a right for every child born in Tanzania, be it a national or non-citizen. So we have to promote this and make sure that we do not leave no child behind this important national initiative which will provide the government with accurate data and thus make it simple to plan for its people," she said.

She noted that since the gender-responsive simplified childbirth registration system commenced in 2013, a total of 7.5 million children under the age of five have been registered and given birth registration certificates across 23 regions in mainland, increasing the documentation and provision of certificates to children from 13 percent to the current 65 per cent.

Implemented by the government in collaboration with partners such as UNICEF, Tigo and the Canadian government, the programme aims to reach all under-five children across the country.

Makondo asserted that the government had waived fees for registration under this programme and the first copy of the certificate is given free of charge. The

programme introduces a 'one step, one visit' process and adapts an innovative way of data collection. Through the use of SMS, data will be instantly transferred and uploaded, facilitating a real-time tracking of progress.

"The system makes birth registration more accessible to the community. Before this system was introduced, registration could only take place at the district headquarter town, now registration points are established at health facilities, which provide reproductive and child health services, and at the community ward executive offices in line with the government policy of decentralization through devolution," she said.

Chief Executive Officer of the Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) Angela Anatory said the strategy has been rolled out in 22 regions including Mwanza, Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Songwe, Geita, Shinyanga, Lindi, Mtwara, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Rukwa, Morogoro, Coast, Mara, Dodoma, Singida, Arusha, Manyara, Tanga and Katavi.

UNICEF country representative Shalini Bahuguna said the birth certificate is a vital record that documents the birth of a child for sustainable planning and development.

She noted that right from the inception of the design of the innovative birth registration system, UNICEF has been working closely with the government in implementing it seamlessly one region at a time with the aim of covering the entire country by 2023.

Helen Fytche, head of cooperation and senior director (Development) at the High Commission of Canada in Tanzania said Canada is proud to be providing over CAD30 million in support of Tanzania's innovative under-five birth registration system.

Tigo Tanzania acting executive director Innocent Rwetabura said: "As a telecom that champions digital lifestyle in Tanzania, we are supporting this noble initiative in partnership with RITA, Global Affairs Canada and UNICEF, and we are committed to improve access of birth certificates for the under-five children in Tanzania."



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PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IN-COUNTRY ITN PIPELINE MONITORING AND PROCUREMENT PLANNING SYSTEM

1. Background and project description

USAID Tanzania Vector Control Activity (TVCA) is a five-year USAID funded contract implemented by Johns Hopkins University-Centre for Communication Programs (CCP) Tanzania. TVCA implements proven, evidence-based vector control approaches in Tanzania, focusing on insecticide-treated nets (ITNs). TVCA works with the Government of Tanzania (Mainland and Zanzibar) and other malaria stakeholders to support Tanzania in its goal to eliminate malaria, which is a public health concern.

Johns Hopkins Centre for Communication Programs (JHUCCP) is soliciting quotes to award a purchase order to develop an in-country ITN Pipeline Monitoring and Procurement Planning System. This purchase order will be awarded under USAID Tanzania Vector Control Activity Project managed by CCP and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The procurement is subject to all applicable CCP, USAID, and U.S. Federal Government procurement regulations.

2. Purpose of the consultancy services

TVCA will contract a consultancy firm/company to develop an in-country ITN Pipeline Monitoring and Procurement Planning System. The developed system will provide an ITN pipeline software that suits the current needs of the program (National Malaria Control Program) and Medical Stores Department (both Central & zones). The pipeline software should generate reports of the procurements done, three years forecasted quantities, Insecticide Treated Nets supply plan specific to each zone, and show the available Insecticide Treated Nets stock at the zones. These reports will help in planning shipments to the zones to avoid either oversupply or undersupply of Insecticide Treated Nets at Medical Stores Department zones and also timely delivery of Insecticide Treated Nets from the supplier to the zones

3. Timeframe

Work will commence after the execution of the agreement by both CCP and the consultancy firm/company. All deliverables should be completed within the agreed timeframe of the performance of the contract.

4. Required Experience

Previous experience in developing the health management systems and database development is highly required

5. Application Requirements

Interested applicants may request a full RFP document to infotvca@jhu.edu, and the deadline for requesting the RFP document is **21st June 2022 at 5 pm**. The deadline for application submission will be **24th June 2022 at 5 pm**.

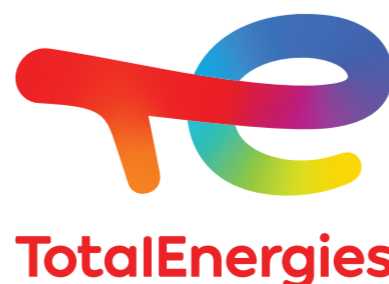
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By Guardian Correspondent, Mara

Illegal fishing is conducted by ministry's officers - RC

MARA regional commissioner Ally Hapi has said the ongoing illegal fishing in Lake Victoria, in Mara Region specifically, is conducted by some fisheries officers ganging up with illegal fishermen.

Hapi made the remarks at the weekend during a visit by the Deputy Minister for Livestock and fisheries, Abdallah Ulega.

The RC said they have reports that some fisheries officers are also involved in the illegal acts and that is why all crackdowns against illegal fishing do not come to fruition, as they leak reports of the intended crackdowns.

"I have names fisheries officers here that keep on coming up who are suspected to be involved in illegal fishing, I promise you that we will take stern measures against all those who will be found to be involved," said RC Hapi.

Following the claims, the RC instructed the Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) to make sure that

within three days he should make a follow up and verify all those being suspected and report to him for further steps.

"I am instructing the RAS to make a follow up in Bunda, Rorya, Musoma Rural districts as well as Musoma Municipality, we shall unearth the entire network, and I want feedback within three weeks," he stressed.

For his part, Deputy Minister Ulega said illegal fishing contributes to the

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destruction of fish breeding grounds in the Lake hence it is important to demarcate these areas to exclude all fishermen.

He added that sardines fishing that does not abide by existing laws has contributed to the drop in Nile Perch catches because as for now both the sardines and young Nile Perch are being fished together, which is against the law.

He said the government plans to look for machinery that use simple technology for drying the sardines which will be loaned to fishermen to dry and packaging for export.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister Ulega praised RC for the steps he plans to take to clamp down illegal fishing activities, saying the exercise will bear fruit if all stakeholders are involved in the exercise.



Masasi district commissioner Claudia Kitta (with a pair of scissors) pictured moments after cutting the ribbon to launch a Tigo shop in Masasi District at the weekend. Second left is Tigo's Coast Zone director and acting chief sales officer, Uthman Madati. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Temesa sets aside 69.6bn/- for ferries refurbishment

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) has set aside 69.6bn/- for implementing 27 projects on refurbishments of all its ferries in the FY 2022/23.

This was revealed by TEMESA Chief Executive Officer, Lazaro Kihalalaha in a special interview with press from the ministry of Works and Transport on how the agency will implement its projects.

Kihalalaha said the project includes purchase of seven new ferries, refurbishment of the ferries currently

in service and construction of ferry infrastructures.

He said so far agreements for projects costing 27.25bn/- for purchase of new ferries have already been signed.

He said TEMESA continues with the refurbishment of all its ferries countrywide as part of its normal procedure to repair them every after four to five years to enable them provide better and safe service to passengers.

"At Magogoni in Dar es Salaam for instance, this year the government has already signed a 4.4bn/- contract for refurbishing MV Kazi, the work of

which is going on, but also in its coming budget after MV Kazi resumes service, we shall embark on major repairs on MV Magogoni," he said.

He added that ferries that have so far been refurbished by TEMESA include MV Sengerema, MV Tegemeo (at Mwanza), MV Kigamboni (Dar es Salaam) and MV Mafanikio (Mtwara).

He said other ferries whose repair work was still going on include MV Kitunda (Lindi), MV Tanga (Pangani, Tanga), MV Ruhuhu (Ruvuma) and other ferries plying in Lake Victoria - MV Sabasaba, MV Nyerere, MV Misungwi (Mwanza) and MV Musoma (Mara).

Samia calls on ministers, PSs to work on all resolutions from 13th TNBC meeting

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has instructed Ministers and Permanent secretaries of all ministries to make sure they work on all resolutions of the 13th Meeting of The Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) in order to improve the country's business and investment environment.

Speaking recently when closing the 13th TNBC meeting in Dodoma, President Samia said it would be better the meeting's resolutions and recommendations are worked on in every ministry by involving the sectors concerned that have been seen as obstacles to the private sector.

"what was discussed in the meeting were heard by all delegates hence it is the responsibility of sectoral Permanent to make sure the resolutions are dealt with and recommendations thereof to reach higher levels for further decisions," she said.

She cited some of the resolutions as including the improvement of policies and laws on taxes and levies that should aim to improve business environment through task force investment blue print; to increase collaboration between the public and private sectors and to closely work together in formulating development policies in regard to the private sector.

"All these resolutions need implementation hence you should form teams of experts for making follow up so that recommendations to be issued should reach higher levels for decisions, so that in the next 14th TNBC meeting, there should be a positive feedback in regard to their implementations," said president samia.

She added that the meeting's success depends on the collaboration between the public and private sectors to attain sustainable development through enhancing the business and investment climate, as well as constructing able

infrastructure to simplify business activities.

She also stressed accountability and transparency in the government and private sectors, the issue she said, will help in increasing achievements in the implementation of their duties in order to speed up the country's development.

She explained that Tanzania has been bestowed with good fertile land for farming, mineral resources, ports, water and various tourist attractions hence if there is close cooperation between the public and private sectors, and we can use these resources to make great strides in economic development.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary, Amb. Hussein Kattanga said the collaboration between the public and private sectors have improved significantly in the past one-year period. "What we need is a disciplined and compliant private sector, we have made a good start and we shall move forward," he said.

Agriculture stakeholders express gratitude to sponsors of SAGCOT

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

AGRICULTURE stakeholders, livestock keepers and fisheries in Ithemi Cluster representing Iringa and Njombe regions have outlined various benefits they have made thanks to Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) sponsors.

They said this recently in a tour by SAGCOT sponsors who include the Government of Tanzania, the Royal Norwegian Embassy, USAID, UK AID and AGRA who visited the cluster to witness achievements made by the stakeholders in question and the contribution they have made in the growth, development and modernization of the sectors.

Speaking shortly after the tour, beneficiaries from Asas Dairies Ltd, GBRI Business Solutions (T) Ltd and Tamu Tamu Tanzania have extended their appreciation on the way SAGCOT has supported their projects and contributed in the growth of the sectors in the area leading to improved standards of living and the growth of the national income.

The Tamu Tamu Tanzania Extension Officer, Gibson Kalyetkela said his company started working with SAGCOT in 2019 and has since achieved a lot in terms of growth and managed to reach out to over 10,000 farmers and supply them with seedlings of apple trees produced by the company together with the provision of education to farmers on the cultivation of the precious fruits.

"Through SAGCOT we have been able to reach out to 10,000 farmers who have purchased apple tree seedlings from us and we have also sensitized them on the importance of measuring soil health and ways of rectifying deficiencies if any for better produce," he said.

He told the visitors that the company has the plan to expand its span and reach out to 30,000 farmers this year, provide them with extension services and supply quality seedlings in a bid to increase their agricultural output and speed up economic growth.

ASAS Dairies director, Faud Abri said SAGCOT has stood as a firm link between farmers, pastoralists, extension service

providers, farm inputs and markets which is a key in supporting the growth of sectors in the cluster.

"SAGCOT has enabled us to reach out to farmers in Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya regions thus leading to the assurance of the factory receiving adequate raw materials for the dairy products and at the same time giving pastoralists the guarantee of market availability for their produce," he said.

The General Director of GBRI Business Solutions Ltd, Ms. Hadija Jabir who deals with vegetables and fruits farming in Iringa Region acknowledged the visitors for the call, thanking SAGCOT for being such a vital pillar in connecting her company to both local and international markets.

"Through SAGCOT I have been able to work with over 5,000 vegetable and fruit farmers and over 840 vendors in Iringa and Dar es Salaam regions, this is crucial because in the process farmers and vendors have boosted their income and raised their standards of living," she said.

Jabir said SAGCOT has also connected her company with financiers, bankers, development partners as well as capacity building in modern farming, processing and value addition.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Advisor for university cooperation in the area of land governance in Eastern Africa

As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

The GIZ programme "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)" is part of the One World - No Hunger Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and development (BMZ). To strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the AU agenda on land, the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC) together with GIZ-SLGA and other partners has established a Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA). NELGA is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. Currently, NELGA has more than 70 partner institutions across Africa.

Ardhi University (ARU) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, is one of the leading training and research institutions in the areas of land and built environment in East Africa. It offers integrated training in the entire spectrum of land-based disciplines and actively supports NELGA universities in the region in developing and implementing training programs on land governance through curricula development, staff and student exchange. Against this background, ARU has been selected as the regional Node for East Africa.

The GIZ regional advisor builds a bridge between GIZ-SLGA, the NELGA Node they are embedded in and the NELGA Secretariat, housed within ALPC. As such, they provide technical support to ensure the successful implementation of GIZ-SLGA and NELGA activities.

The GIZ SLGA programme is looking to fill the position of Advisor for university cooperation in the area of land governance in Eastern Africa.

Duty station: Dar es Salaam

Responsibilities

- Focal point of the GIZ program "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)" in East Africa
- Supporting the Ardhi University in Dar es Salaam in implementing its activities as a NELGA Node
- Liaising with the NELGA Secretariat and other NELGA partners

Tasks

- Monitor of SLGA activities in the region
- Report regularly to the SLGA project management about progress and challenges of the project implementation
- Inform the GIZ country offices regularly about SLGA activities and cooperate closely with relevant GIZ programs in the country and region

Providing technical advice to ARU in implementing its activities as NELGA Node East Africa

- Support the university in conducting national and regional land governance related policy dialogues with government organizations, research institutions, civil society and other academia, e.g., by ensuring that the organization capability is improved
- Support in networking activities and academic exchange with other relevant universities and networks in the region, as well as with relevant stakeholders outside of Africa, e.g., by facilitating coaching of NELGA Node staff members on how to network for academic exchange and introduce them to new networks
- Support training and education activities, including possible support to the scholarship program (PhD, MSc, short term trainings) on land governance in cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), e.g., by acting as a link between ARU and DAAD on SLGA scholarship matters
- Support the department to establish communities of practice for land experts, policymakers, and practitioners, e.g., through methodological support and advice on best practices)
- Coordinate collaborative research activities in the region
- Support and coordinate capacity development activities, e.g., by overseeing end-to-end capacity development initiatives from needs assessment to evaluation of capacity developed
- Cooperation and liaison between ARU and other NELGA Nodes, including co-organization of joint continental activities

Liaising with the NELGA Secretariat by ensuring synergies and joint activities

- Assist ARU in facilitating information and knowledge exchange with the NELGA Secretariat and other partner institutions

Required qualifications, competences and experience

Qualifications

- Master's degree in land governance, agriculture, geography or related studies
- 3-5 years' experience in implementing land governance projects
- Experience in collaborating and/or working with international organizations
- Knowledge of universities and/or networks is an advantage
- Excellent communication skills both written and oral in English
- Willingness for frequent travel within Africa
- High level of independency, self-initiative, integrity, and accountability
- Computer skills in MS Office applications
- Good intercultural communication and capacity to work in inter-disciplinary environments
- Strong team orientation and flexibility to assume new tasks

Applications:

Interested candidates should send their letter of application together with the CV and copies of academic certificates by email to hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de Please use the subject line "SLGA Advisor".

Closing date for submission: **23.06.2022**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

GIZ Tanzania is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all qualified and eligible candidates regardless of their gender, origin, religion/belief, disability or any other minority group.



Partnership and Responsibility Against Lies and Hypocrisy

By **Amb. Andrey Avetisyan**

This year on the 12th of June we celebrate Russia Day for the 30th time. Starting from 1992, the country has been commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation following the dissolution of the Soviet Union. After centuries of glorious history newly independent Russia has once again become a young nation enjoying freedom, striving for better future just like as any other nation in the world. Having come through a turbulent decade in the 90s, Russia managed to regain political, economic and military strength that characterized our country for centuries. At the same time, Moscow was showing great openness and true interest in developing equal and sincere partnership with all members of the world community, both politically and economically. Due to this frank approach, we have strengthened our relations with old and new friends in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

We also hoped that open, fair and mutually beneficial cooperation would characterize our relations with Western partners. It seemed to be the case until it became obvious to them that Russia was not a country that would dance to their tunes against its own national interests. So the attitude towards Russia changed completely. The West has adopted a policy to contain Russia (the same line they have later taken towards rising China). Several waves of NATO enlargement towards Russian borders, gradual dismantling of the global security system, efforts to substitute the international law with some kind of rules that they formulate behind closed doors, different sorts of barriers and measures against free trade - these are the features of the Western approach to modern Russia. However, they obviously haven't taken into consideration that, quoting President Vladimir Putin, "Russia is

a country with a history that spans more than a thousand years and has practically always used the privilege to carry out an independent foreign policy".

In this context, I have to touch upon the Ukrainian subject. Unfortunately, our neighbor has been chosen by the West to wage a proxy war against my country. They spared no effort to create an Anti-Russia out of Ukraine. The support provided by Washington and Brussels (NATO and the EU) to the Kiev regime in order to turn it into a tool for containing Russia and everything that is Russian came as the high point of their Russophobic policies. All these years, Ukraine has consistently been passing laws banning the use of the Russian language in education, the media, and even in everyday life. That way, all Russian roots and the common history of the Russian and Ukrainian peoples were ripped out in Ukraine.

In recent years, Ukraine has been flooded with weapons, drawn into cooperation with NATO, and nudged towards a forceful solution of the Donbass issue. The Kiev leadership was encouraged to sabotage the Minsk Package of Measures for the peaceful settlement of the crisis in eastern Ukraine even despite the fact that this document is part of international law and was approved by a UN Security Council resolution.

While the Ukrainian leadership was evading its obligations under the Minsk agreements, the nationalists were destroying civilian facilities, schools and hospitals in Donbass. Everyone knows that. These facts, including the killing of civilians, were regularly depicted by our media, but hushed up in the West. Over 10,000 Donbass residents are dead. No one in the West paid attention to the inhuman economic, trade, transport and food blockade of the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics.

Kiev's unconcealed plans to acquire nuclear capability caused our concern. The military biologi-



Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Tanzania, **Andrey Avetisyan**

cal programmes implemented by the Pentagon in Ukraine and the creation of almost 30 laboratories came to our attention. We raised this issue at the UN Security Council. This is not a one-time act, and this topic will remain in the focus because it is directly related to risks and threats to international peace and security. It is in this vein that we will be asking questions about non-transparent military-biological activities around the globe.

We are particularly concerned about the geopolitical space of the former USSR, where the American military is establishing its bio-laboratories. Even the host countries of these US facilities do not always know what kind of research they are doing there.

President Vladimir Putin explained several times in detail that in this situation we had no choice. An onslaught was waged against us from all sides to impede our development and create a direct threat at our borders. Furthermore,

Ukraine officially announced that it would never fulfill the Minsk agreements. The fact of burning all the bridges of dialogue by the West and its clients compelled Russia to recognize the DPR and the LPR and to launch a special military operation at their requests and based on our mutual assistance treaties with them. This operation is aimed at protecting people and their lives from the danger of the war as well as at demilitarizing and de-Nazifying Ukraine. We had to make sure that the threats to Russia's security and the rebirth of Nazi and neo-Nazi ideology and practice, banned by the Nuremberg Trials, would never come from the territory of Ukraine.

The West does not hide its goals but declare them in public: to break, destroy, eliminate and stifle the Russian economy and Russia as a whole. When we see this no-holds-barred sanctions campaign, we understand that nothing stands behind the "values" that our Western colleagues have continuously

preached at us: freedom of expression, market economy, inviolability of private ownership or presumption of innocence. As soon as the West had to do something practical as regards Russia, it easily abandoned all these values.

The present-day political culture of Western states is best characterized by a striving to blame Russia for everything. Among them, allegations related to food security assumed a leading role. Nevertheless, anybody who's been following this issue knows that in fact a number of different factors have led to the current situation.

Among the reasons that triggered it are such consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic as interruptions in supply chains, growing freight and insurance charges. Steep increase of anti-crisis financial injections in economy also played a role. Add to this all previously started trade wars and lasting contradictions with regard to agricultural market regulations. As a result, food supplies turned out to stand at their lowest in recent 5-10 years, which kicked up food prices and related costs. At the same time, Western states drew over all commodity flows, which aggravated the already complicated situation of import-dependent developing countries.

The universal problem of food shortage cannot be neglected and Russia as a responsible member of the international community is ready to continue to supply its grain to the world market. Russian grain export only in May has seen almost three times growth. This year we actually expect a record harvest of 130 million tons of grain. However, our exports encounter problems that Western states created artificially. I mean the illegal unilateral coercive measures that affected the area of agriculture even before the recent events in Ukraine. But after 24 February 2022 a true mayhem began. More than 10,000 sanctions were imposed on Russia. They disrupted transportation routes, impeded movement of Russian vessels and banned them from entering ports, caused problems with freight and insurance, restricted international commercial transactions - to name a few.

We know that African countries are among the most vulnerable in terms of food security. Some of

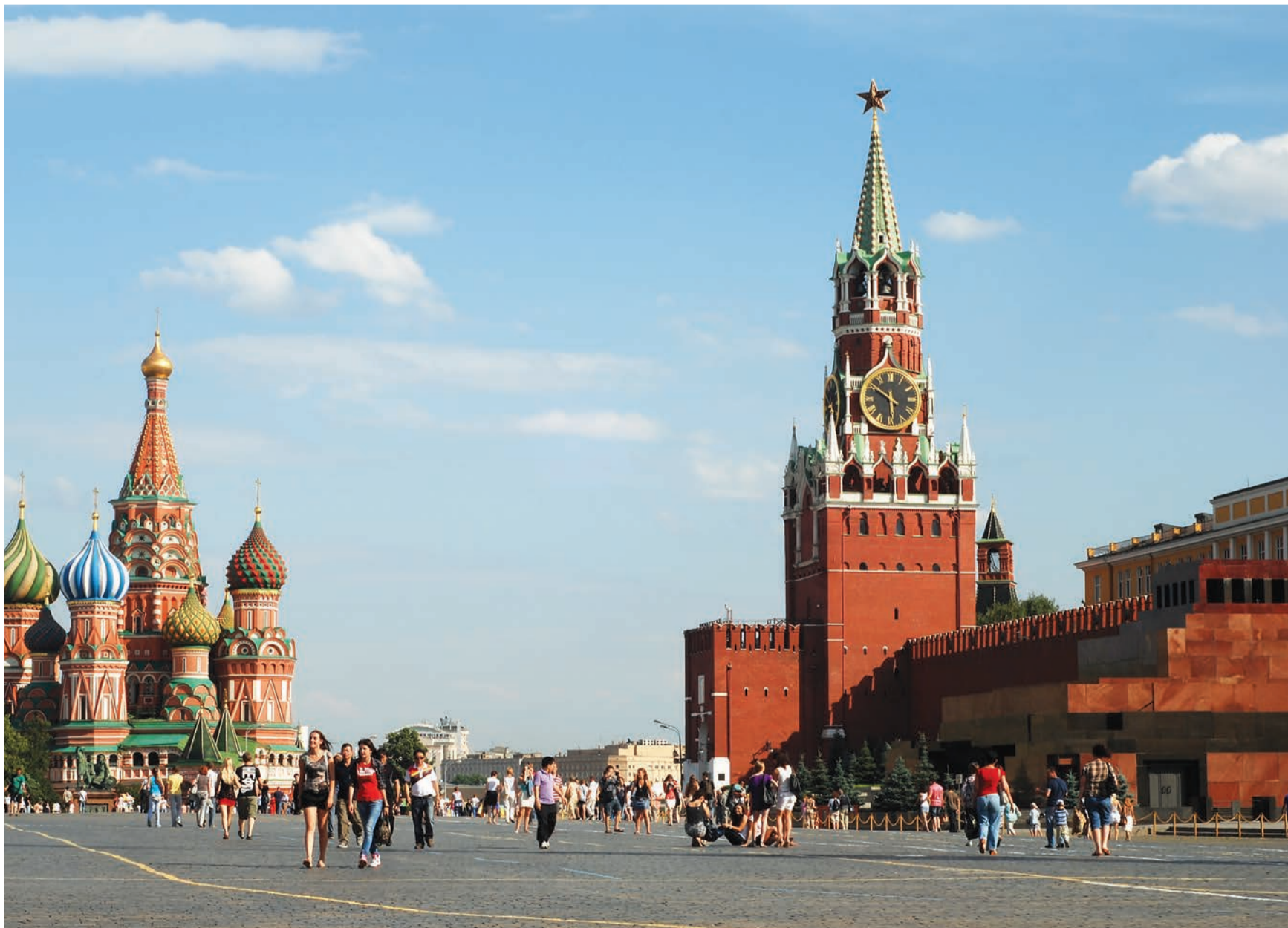
them are critically dependent on agricultural imports from Russia. We are aware that these supplies are of great importance for maintaining social stability and achieving the benchmarks stipulated by the UN-approved Sustainable Development Goals. I would like to reassure you that Russia is fulfilling and will continue to honestly fulfill its obligations under international contracts in terms of export supplies of food, fertilizers, energy and other commodities that Africa needs.

Isolating Russia is out of the question (although precisely this goal was set). Nor are we going to self-isolate. We have many friends, allies and partners in the world. In his message to the African leaders on the occasion of Africa Day the Russian President stressed that our country had always placed particular emphasis on expanding friendly relations with African partners. Meeting recently with the Chairperson of African Union President Putin emphasized that "our country has always been on Africa's side and has always supported Africa in its fight against colonialism". This includes of course our long-time friendship with Tanzania, which is going back to the days when your nation, led by a good friend of my country Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, freed itself from colonial yoke.

In the interests of our peoples, it is important to work together to maintain and expand mutually beneficial trade and investment ties in the new circumstances in order to be able to rely on dependable supply and finance mechanisms that are protected against external interference. Therefore, we very much appreciate the efforts of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to open Tanzania to new opportunities in economic development and my priority as the Russian Ambassador will be to facilitate the mutual access of Russian and African economic operators to each other's markets and to encourage their engagement in major infrastructure projects.

Together with all sorts of trade and economic ties we will continue to provide Tanzanian youth with scholarships to study in the best Russian universities. This year their number will exceed fifty and I expect that the next year it will be more since the Russian Government has decided to gradually increase the annual quota of students admitted from Africa. Being very much impressed by the rich and diverse culture of the people of Tanzania I'll do my best to further expand our exchanges including bringing Russian music, dance and art teachers to work with your talented youth. In addition to culture and student exchanges, we will continue to focus on expanding and deepening social, scientific, youth and sports contacts.

These tasks are central to preparations for the second Russia-Africa Summit which are ongoing in close coordination with our African friends. Russia has always been here in Africa supporting our brothers' struggle for independence from colonial powers, celebrating the birth of new nations, helping them to firmly stand on their feet. And today while celebrating our own National Day, my message to the Tanzanian people is: be assured that we, the Russians, still keep the African cause as close to our hearts as ever.



The Red Square - The Heart of Russia

HKMU students call on govt to increase amount of loans for medical, nurses students

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

HUBERT Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) students have asked the government to increase the amount of loans for medical and nurses' students and also increase the number of loans beneficiaries.

They have also pleaded the government to provide grants to private universities to enable them enroll many students, the move which they said would help to fill the gap of health workers professionals in the country.

They made the request over the weekend during the closing ceremony of their two days scientific conference which was held at the university premises Mikocheni in Dar es Salaam.

The President of HKMU Student Association, Nimrodi Matungwa, said despite good move by the 6th phase government in investing in education and health sector but still there are many things to be done to create conducive environment for medical and nurses students because the current trend is not encouraging.

"We commend our President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the good things she is doing in health sector but we will be happy to see government provide grants to private medical universities so that they can be able to enroll many students in our field who will eventually save in public and private hospitals around the country," said Nimrodi.

He said if the government will invest more in health sector and provide loans to many medical and nurses students will help to reduce the shortage of health workers which is currently seen in many hospitals and health centers.

"The trend of loans provisions in our field is not good at all and we have statistics even for medical and nurses students who are getting loans here at HKMU. The number of beneficiaries is too small so we ask our government to increase loans so that we can be

able to pay for our school fees and accommodations," he said.

"Our course take too long example for a medical doctor to graduate it take five years so you can imagine how difficult it is for the student who is not capable financially. It become very difficult to complete his/her studies that is why we are always crying for loans to be increased," said Nimrodi medical doctor student last year.

On her side, the Minister for Loans at (HKMU) Elizabeth Mbwambo, had the same opinion that the number of HKMU students who benefit from government loans is very small adding that the situation put them in bad environment.

She said medical and nurses students need special facilities in their studies to facilitate them in their practical training adding that the government should increase the amount of their loans they get and increase the number of loans beneficiaries.

"Fees for medical students and nurses is high and most of us come from low income families we cannot pay university fees and other expenses and some students fail to continue with their studies because of financial challenges, we need help because eventually we are going to work for our nation" said Elizabeth who is nurses student second year.

On her side, Emilia Kitambala asked the government to increase the amount of grants which is provided for researchers in order to sensitize young researchers who will eventually come up with solutions of many challenges that is facing our nations.

"It will be the best if our government will consider this and increase the amount because I believe by doing so many research will be conducted and give proper answers to our challenges. Imagine if a second year medical student will start to practice research it means the nation will produce many researchers," said Emilia who is medical doctor student 5th year.



Prof Mbembati Naboth (2nd-R), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Dar es Salaam's Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, presents a certificate to student Edwin Mrosso for making what was rated the best presentation at a recent scientific conference held at the university. Witnessing the event are HKMU students' association president Nimrod Matungwa (R) and Prof Columba Mbekenga. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Zanzibar car importer wants assessment of his tax redone

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) in Zanzibar says Mifuko Turkey, a firm owned by a prominent Zanzibar businessman and Mpendae Member of Parliament Toufky Salum (CCM) has submitted an application for the review of import tax assessment of 308.5m/- on the imported Mercedes car following two times rejection of tax exemption by the Zanzibar Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Saada Mkuya Salum.

Briefing reporters here at the weekend, Zanzibar TRA Commissioner Juma Bakary Hassan said the application has been received after the importers were given seven days to pay the demanded tax following rejection of tax exemption application.

Hassan said basically, after the

exemption request was rejected, the importers were required to pay the demanded amount that was calculated on the vehicle that was valued at USD 2,014,668.7 from the documents submitted by the importer.

Speaking at different times here, Zanzibar retired prominent political leaders including Baraka Mohamed Shamte, Ali Hassan Khamis and Ramadhan Nzori said leadership ethics have started to be violated after the Phase II Government repealed the Arusha Declaration.

"It is very disappointing that leaders have become businessmen and the entire cause is the abrogation of the Arusha Declaration and we are now witnessing its effects," said Shamte, the son of the first Zanzibar Chief Minister, Mohamed Shamte.

Shamte said for a leader to evade

paying tax is a criminal offence, it violates leadership ethics and is supposed to be dismissed from the party according to CCM regulations in regard to ethics.

He added that Sections 3 and 4 of CCM Regulations on Ethics says "If a CCM leader evades paying tax, the party should take disciplinary steps including dismissing him from the Party," Shamte said.

He said in the past, the party has dismissed from the party many members for contravening party ethics, including the former Chief Minister, the late Seif Sharif Hamad and his associates including former Zanzibar Chief Justice Ali Haji Pandu, former Union Deputy Finance Minister Hamad Rashid Mohamed, Zanzibar former Director of Intelligence, Khatib Hassan and many others.

But the former CCM Secretary General Horace Kolimba collapsed and died during interrogation for saying that the party had lost direction.

For their part, Ramadhan Nzori and Ali Hassan Khamis said the time has come to stand by the laws against corruption and economic sabotage by deeds, adding that there is a problem of laxity in our legal organs in dealing with these issues and called for them to change.

Nzori said the law regarding tax exemptions for investors should be reviewed as it was being misused by some investors thereby occasioning great revenue loss to the government.

Finance Minister Saada Mkuya Salum said tax exemptions are given to investors during the construction of the project, and not after its completion.

Earlier, the owner of Mifuko Turkey, Toufky Turkey said they were waiting for the Minister's decision after he appealed to the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) who gave him a letter signed by its Director, Sharif Ali Sharif defending them.

ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



SMZ/F0111/NC/NCB/20/2021-22/34

FOR

PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT ZRB HEAD OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICE

(RE-ADVERTISED)

Invitation for Bids

Date: 13th June, 2022

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for Zanzibar Revenue Board that appeared in the Zanzibar Leo, Issue no. 6300 dated 3rd August, 2021.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) during the financial year 2021/2022. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the Provision of Security Services at ZRB Head Office and Sub-Office.
- The Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB)-Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to provide the services for Provision of Security Services at ZRB Head Office and Sub-Office; the service involve provision of three (3) guards at ZRB head office -Mazizini Zanzibar, three (3) guards at ZRB sub office -Paje, Zanzibar, three (3) guards at ZRB sub office -Kiwengwa, Zanzibar and two (2) guards at ZRB sub office -Michenzani, Zanzibar for the period of two (2) years.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and are open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the **Secretary, Tender Board, Zanzibar Revenue Board, Second (2nd) Floor, Room No. 209, P. O. BOX 2072, Mazizini, Zanzibar Revenue Board Building from 8:00 - 17:00** on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tanzania Shilling One Hundred Thousands (100,000/-)**. Payment should be settled through the following Account details: Bank name -People Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ), A/C Name; Commissioner -Zanzibar Revenue Board and A/C No.0404003000.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an acceptable form in the amount of **Tanzania Shillings One Million (TZS 1,000,000/-)** or freely convertible currencies.
- All Bids in one original plus plus three (3) copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address: **Mazizini- Zanzibar, room no. 209, Floor no. 2nd Floor, Building Name.ZRB Building at or before 10:00hrs Monday 4th July, 2022**. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the **Mazizini- Zanzibar, room no. Board room, Floor no. 4th Floor, Building Name.ZRB Building**
- Late Bids, Portion of Bids, Electronic Bids, Bids not received, Bids not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Commissioner
Zanzibar Revenue Board
P. O. Box 2072, Mazizini- Zanzibar.

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ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



TENDER NO: SMZ/F0111/G/NCB/2021-22/24

FOR

SUPPLY OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES

Framework Contract

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 13th June, 2022

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- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) during the financial year 2021/2022. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for **Supply of Motor Vehicle Registration Number Plates**.
- Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) -Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of Motor Vehicle Registration Number Plates for Zanzibar Revenue Board.
- Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Public Procurement (Goods, Works, and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Act No.11 of 2016 and are open to all Bidders as defined in the Regulations.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Secretary - Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) P. O, BOX 2072, Mazizini- Zanzibar Tel: 255-24-2230639/2233041 Fax: 255-24-2233904 email: zrb@zanrevenue.org and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given above from 8:00 - 17:00 Monday to Friday except for public holidays.
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- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Tanzania Shillings Five Million (TZS 5,000,000/-)** in the format provided in the Bidding documents.
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Zawadia Nanyaro (C), DCB Commercial Bank Plc board chairperson presents an award to her predecessor, Prof Lucian Msambichaka, at a function to mark the bank's 20th anniversary held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Looking on is the bank's managing director Godfrey Ndaluhwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt, Marie Stopes 'prevent' 1.4 million unintended pregnancies

By Guardian Reporter

THE government through the ministry of health in partnership with Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) has averted 1.4 million unintended pregnancies which has enabled to save the lives to at least 2,800 pregnant women last year in 2021.

Marie Stopes Tanzania Country Director Vadacanthara Chandrashekar made the remarks over the weekend at the launch of Lifeguard Condoms in Dar es Salaam.

Chandrashekar said MST has continued to work in close partnership with the government to improve the quality of health systems in the country by ensuring that the majority of women have access to quality health services.

"Most of our services which we provide are provided in public health facilities in all regions in Tanzania. Last year our team went to more than 5,000 public health facilities to provide injectables, implants and other services," he said.

According to him, through the collaboration with the government, MST has been able to reach public health facilities at the village level to the district level to offer services in partnership with the government.

He said MST's launch of a new Lifeguard contraceptive product was a good sign that will give clients the products which will enable them to take control of their lives.

"We work with the government and other partners to promote contraceptives use in the country...we'll bring much more exciting products so that women and girls can exercise their reproductive health needs," he said.

Lifeguard Condoms was the second product to be launched by Marie Stopes Tanzania after misoprostol products to Tanzania market following entries of such products in the country from the neighbouring countries.

Ilala District Commissioner Ng'ilabuzi Ludigija said the launch will not only help in the fight against unwanted pregnancies but sexual transmitted diseases as well as infamily

planning.

He asked for the need to ensure that the government was happy that Tanzanians builds a culture on the right way of using condoms especially on family planning.

According to Ilala district commissioner, HIV prevalence amongst youths in various regions including Dar es Salaam keeps on rising.

"Various reports from the ministry of health has shown an increase in new HIV infection by at least 4 percent," he said.

He cautioned the public to make full use of the product as it was helpful in many ways including averting unintended pregnancies, family planning and protection against sexual transmitted diseases especially HIV.

Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) is a non-governmental organization specializing in health, especially reproductive health and general health operating in 9 regions including the Isles.

It offer various services which include cervical cancer screening, specialist care for women and children, general health care and various tests like ultrasound, hepatitis tests, childhood immunizations and hepatitis vaccine.

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Deputy Speaker pleads with MPs to fight misuse of funds for development projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

NATIONAL Assembly deputy speaker Mussa Azan Zungu has called on MPs to control the misuse of funds for development projects implemented by the government in their localities to bring productivity and accountability for professionals responsible in managing those projects.

Zungu said this yesterday in the region when wrapping up the training that started in April and concluded in Singida for members of parliamentary committees on detailed audit in contracts' management such construction and water projects.

The training was provided through the Good Financial Governance (GFG) programme, funded by the European

Union, the German government and Switzerland, and implemented by the German International Cooperation Agency (GIZ), as well as the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

Parliamentary committees that benefited from the training are Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC), Public Accounts (PAC), Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Investment (PIC) and Budget.

He said that in order for the people to get development through the implementation of public funds projects in district councils, cities, municipalities, cities and various sectors, the use of funds for misuse must be controlled, and those who can do that are MPs.

"This training helps to control the

misuse of public resources caused by embezzlement and corruption in your area, must be controlled by public funds. The Parliamentary office will look at the possibility of sending them abroad, learn and build their capacity. Going out is not a luxury but a learning experience for our colleagues who are doing well," said Zungu.

CAG Charles Kichere said that despite asking the government to fund overseas training for committee members, his office was looking into the possibility of sending such training to councilors.

According to Kichere, the initiative will start with city councils, then municipalities and districts and cities, with the aim of councilors overseeing development in their areas of

jurisdiction.

CGF programme officer Umehani Khatri said so far in collaboration with the National Audit Office, the program has conducted a comprehensive audit of 130 local government authorities in the country.

Khatri said the programme had exposed many issues of misappropriation of funds, due to officials not following the bidding process, with the CAG office informing lawmakers for questioning the government, and later making recommendations to hold officials accountable.

According to the National Audit Office (NAO), the programme started in the country in the 2014/15 financial year, involving trained professionals in three regions, and so far 25 out of 26 regions have been reached, with the aim of bringing transparency, accountability and efficiency to public projects.




**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PROVISION OF LOGISTICS SERVICE
REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220607**

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for onshore Marine Terminal and Storage Facilities of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable service providers that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to express their interest in providing Logistics Service for above-mentioned EACOP projects.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS:
The scope of the services shall include Freight Forwarding, Customs Clearance, transportation, project logistics.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Service providers expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- An experience list for similar services supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years, experience in operating tax-free projects;
- A copy of their own OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- Familiar with local and international shipping regulations and laws, experienced in operating international shipping from the port of departure to the port of destination, customs clearance at the port of destination and inland transportation services.
- Need to have fixed assets, including but not limited to own transport vehicles
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania;
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended;
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works;
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.

Interested service providers with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to zhaoning@docgi.cn; qiaobaocai@docgi.cn (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on [27th June, 2022]. Subject of the email should be **MST-TZ-20220607 EO1 – SERVICE PROVIDER NAME.**

Service providers satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by DOCG.

DOCG reserves the right not to consider service providers that submit an incomplete dossier.

Note: Only prequalified service providers will receive invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.




**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR PROVISION OF MIXER, FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, CATHODIC PROTECTION SYSTEM
REFERENCE NO. MST-TZ-20220606**

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable contractors that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to perform related works to express their interest in providing mixer, fire-fighting equipment, cathodic protection system in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

There are three (3) packages planned for Storage and Terminal as follows:

1. Package-1: Mixer (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-001)
2. Package-2: fire-fighting equipment (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-002)
3. Package-3: cathodic protection (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-003)

Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

Package-1: Mixer (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-001)
Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:
The scope of the materials shall include Mixer 12 sets.

Minimum Requirements:
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- a. Company Profile;
- b. An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- c. Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with NF E44-601 standards;
- d. A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- e. Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- f. Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- g. Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- h. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- i. Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Package-2: Fire Fighting Equipment (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-002)
Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:
The scope of the materials shall include Rim Seal Foam Pouter and Chamber and Water Spray System.

Minimum Requirements:
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- a. Company Profile;
- b. An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- c. Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with NF E44-601 standards;
- d. A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- e. Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- f. Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- g. Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- h. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- i. Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Package-3: Cathodic Protection System (Ref: MST-TZ-20220606-003)
Brief Description of the Scope of the Materials:
The scope of the materials shall include Cathodic Protection System, such as Magnesium Alloy Anodes, cathodic protection rectifier, pre-backfilled cable like anode of MMO and etc.

Minimum Requirements:
Vendors expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- a. Company Profile;
- b. An experience list for similar equipment supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years;
- c. Confirmation that they can manufacture or purchase the required materials in accordance with ASME standards;
- d. A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO and OHSAS current certification or equivalent;
- e. Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- f. Trade companies need to have official authorization from manufacturer.
- g. Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- h. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- i. Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested vendors with the capacity to provide the materials listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to zhaoning@docgi.cn; qiaobaocai@docgi.cn (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on [27th June, 2022]. Subject of the email should be EO1 for MST-TZ-20220606-001/002/003 – VENDOR NAME.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

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Commemorating World Blood Donor Day should mean helping to save lives

MEDICAL activists and sections of social workers mark World Blood Donor Day on June 14 each year, organized for the first time in 2005 by major United Nations health agencies including the World Health Organisation (WHO) and international federations of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, respectively.

The purpose was to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, one among a number of world days devoted to health and medical care. An online chronicler says transfusion of blood and blood products saves millions of lives every year, often lifting hope for patients who suffering from life-threatening conditions.

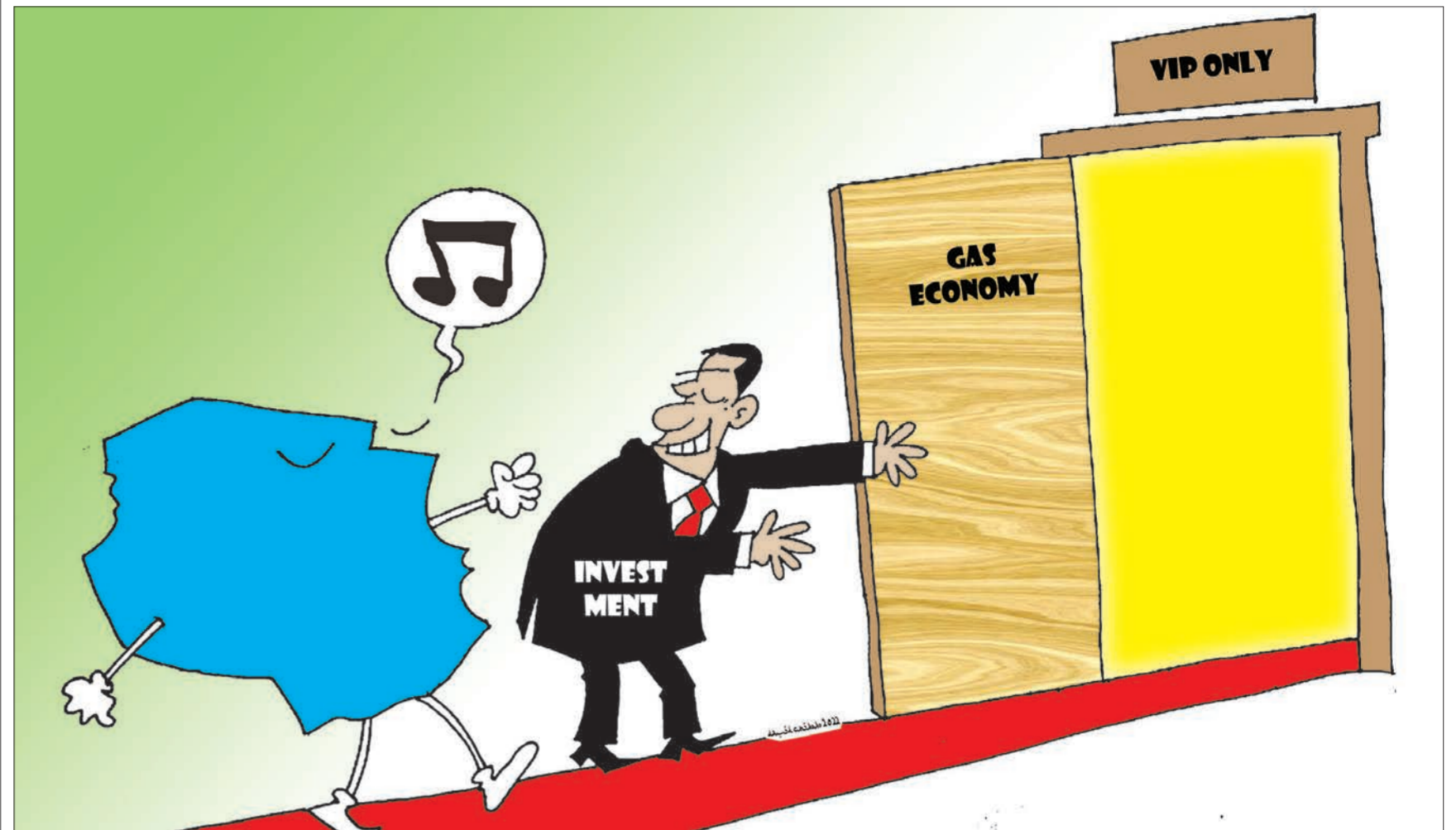
Many are likely to live longer and with a higher quality of life after transfusion, as it supports complex medical and surgical procedures, as well as having an essential role in maternal and perinatal care if something goes wrong. Access to safe and sufficient blood and blood products can help reduce rates of death and disability due to severe bleeding during delivery and after childbirth, thus the need for volunteers to supply at the right moment, to needed quantities, as in many countries there isn't an adequate supply of safe blood. The chronicler points out that blood services face the challenge of making sufficient blood available, while also ensuring its quality and safety.

Traditionally global health agencies have preferred voluntary blood donations to compensating those

who offer blood, as policy makers all over the world shudder over the idea of 'blood trade' governed by supply and demand. What now appear to be myths or legends have often been heard about people collecting blood forcefully for delivery to some places, reports that have been there since independence but they grew weaker as time passed. Payment in relation to blood is made to a hospital where a patient is to be infused with blood, but at times those caring for the patient are refused when they seek to donate; they are directed to pay up as blood is available.

It isn't easy to obtain day to day reports of blood supply or shortages, but blood donation campaigns are conducted from time to time, though it must be said that the AIDS pandemic diminished the frequency of those campaigns and the turnout. That scare has been eclipsed by and large but hospital administrators are likely to wish to finish up volunteered blood by selling it before accepting donations directed at a specific patient. Donation makes more sense that way, but administrators have other plans.

In other words, the more people donate voluntarily, the more those with patients will be refused to donate until the stock already obtained is cleared, by those bringing in patients paying for infusion, one after another. It is a problem of civic morality and administrative prerogatives, where public ceremonies focus on the spirit of donating. This we all do if we have patients, but at times we don't get the chance.



By Reuben Abati

THE current presidential election process in Nigeria, the sixth, since the return to democratic rule in 1999, is like no other before it. It is the most contested, the most controversial, and the most demonstrative of the fault lines, and notably, the moral depravity in Nigerian politics and society. By this time in every other Presidential election before now, there was more or less a clear sense of direction and whereas there were contenders, they were few known figures. This time around, the race for the presidency especially in the two main political parties - the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Congress (APC) has become an all-comer's affair, a lottery in fact, if not a comedy, at the lower end of that spectrum - a farce, a burlesque. About a week ago, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) closed the sale of its expression of interest and nomination forms, and after screening the 17 aspirants that showed interest in the Presidential position, the party came up with a short list of 15. Fifteen: the highest number of eligible aspirants ever in the 24-year history of the party! Today, Tuesday, May 10, the rival APC closes the sale and submission of its expression of interest and nomination forms, having extended this by a week to accommodate the Ramadan holiday.

The last time I checked, the APC was talking about 40 aspirants, and 24 of them having paid the high fee of N100 million, and the party boasting of over N2.4 billion in its coffers. No other electoral process has been this costly since 1999! By the time the APC closes shop for submissions today, Nigeria would have most probably on its hands, over 40 aspirants trying to be President in just two political parties. There are 16 other political parties. Where are they? Nobody is talking about them. They have been crowded out by the PDP and the APC, most effectively. Due to lack of capacity and prominence, it would be difficult for any other political party in Nigeria at the moment to provide better traction at the presidential level, even if many of those other parties may have better aspirants, and that is the truth. How inclusive is the emerging democratic process? How diverse, open and fair are the options available to the Nigerian electorate? The two major political parties: the APC and the PDP project much that is wrong with the current transition process and the move towards 2023. It is worse that there is only one female presidential aspirant!

And why do we have so many Presidential aspirants, so many that nobody is even focusing on what goes on at the State and local council levels in all the 36 states plus FCT and the country's 774 local governments, or in other political parties? It is perhaps

Becoming Nigeria's next president: Matters arising

not so unusual in other political jurisdictions. In the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries in the United States, a total of 29 candidates declared their intention, the largest number in any Presidential primaries in the U.S. since 1972. The primaries in the U.S. are organised in all the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the five U.S. territories and abroad. It is not the kind of overnight affair that we have in Nigeria, rather it is staggered, and it is in comparison based on the principle of proportional representation.

In 2020, on the US Republican side, as early as April 2019, Bill Weld, former Governor of Massachusetts, Joe Walsh in August, former Governor of South Carolina, and U.S. Rep. Mark Stanford, showed interest in the primary, but the party had earlier chosen Donald J. Trump, who was eligible for a second term. He became the presumptive Republican candidate in March 2020, after securing a majority of pledged delegates. Trump couldn't be bothered anyway. He referred to those who dared to challenge him as "stooges". Trump's advantage was his incumbency in 2020. Four years earlier a total of 17 candidates tried to get into the primary on the Republican side. Trump won narrowly, even with his 44.95 per cent majority. Those who point to the US example as evidence that there is nothing wrong if 40 or more persons show interest in the Nigerian presidency, drawing comparisons from the US, may have the plain evidence of numbers, but the truth is that both systems are different. The numbers do not explain everything. Nigeria's current situation points to other metrics of analysis, within a cultural, social and individual context.

The presidential position in Nigeria is the most contested and the most attractive in Nigeria today because the position has been demystified so completely. I would not be surprised to wake up tomorrow morning to hear that a herbalist or a vulcaniser has purchased a presidential nomination form. This demystification has been gradual, and it speaks to the failure of successive leaders to use the office to do grand things, failing to act at critical moments, alienating the people, creating spectacles of doubt and trust, and thus evoking in the general populace the thinking that even the right-thinking, lowliest placed can lead Nigeria.

The bar has been set so low, it seems anybody can be president of Nigeria today. The other day, I was asked:

what exactly does it take these days to be president of Nigeria? While I was trying to put an answer together, I was reminded that once upon a time in this country, a cobbler once aspired to be Legal Adviser of a political party: SDP, Kano State. When the cobbler was told that he needed to be a lawyer to provide legal advice, he was said to have retorted famously that it did not matter! I dismissed the story as entirely apocryphal but I was again reminded that in this same Nigeria, political parties once appointed men as Leaders of the Women's Wing of political parties, and 60-something-year-olds as youth leaders. The presidential race ahead of the 2023 elections, notably in the two major political parties is beginning to look exactly like that.

You only need to have a group of friends or access to enough money and then wake up on the wrong side of the bed, one early morning and then just decide that if you and your friends can afford the cost of the relevant forms, you too can be President of Nigeria. Money has been the bane of Nigerian politics. It is worse today. Sums of N100 million or N50 million may look like chicken change to the Nigerian elite, when that is converted to the dollar, but to the ordinary Nigerian who has no job, facing a high cost of living crisis, and a hostile environment, that is more than a fortune. That poor Nigerian has had to witness one big man after another churning out that fortune to buy a form or two, in the past weeks, in what is at best a gamble. Many of the aspirants know that they won't go beyond the primaries, or may never win, but they are into the lottery all the same. The Electoral Act 2022 sets a ceiling on campaign finance but it seems that this is being observed already in the breach even before the ink on the law dries off. Nobody is even concerned about the law. The Chief Law Officer of the Federation wants to be Governor in his home state of Kebbi and he is the one saying that an electoral provision arising from an enactment of the National Assembly codified as Section 84(12) of the Electoral Act does not matter, indeed that it will be expunged and deleted summarily, in line with a controversial court ruling, so why should anybody bother about what the law says?

This scant regard for the law is most signposted by the involvement of the Central Bank Governor of Nigeria, Godwin Emeifele in the political process. The ding-dong over the alleged political interest of the CBN Governor has been one of the major highlights of

the 2023 pre-primary process. For more than a month, a group of persuaders have taken it upon themselves to persuade the CBN governor that he must seek the Presidency of Nigeria and that he is the best man for the job. The #MeffyforPresident group, as it is known, has held public events, printed posters, placed advertisements in the media, and paraded campaign vehicles in a show of strength and readiness. Twice, Emeifele has had cause to inform Nigerians that he is focused on his job as CBN Governor and that it is God that chooses leaders. Last Friday, a group of Mefy supporters, majorly Rice Farmers decided to take the bull by the horns. They collected expression of interest and nomination forms on behalf of the CBN Governor on the platform of the ruling APC party - N100 million!

This time around, rather than talk about his focus on his job, as the manager of Nigeria's monetary policy, Emeifele did not disown the persuaders. He said he is consulting and seeking Divine Guidance given the seriousness of the matter, with a caveat that if he chooses to join the presidential race, he would pay the N100 million from his own earnings in a banking career that spans 35 years. By saying so, the CBN governor simply crucified himself with his own mouth. He has confirmed that he is in fact a politician and that he belongs to Nigeria's ruling party. It has since come to light that he has been a card-carrying member of the APC since February 2021, and the Chairman of his local ward - Ward 6 in Ika South Local Government Area of Delta, Nduka Erikpume, has confirmed this to be true. Can Nigeria's CBN Governor be a card-carrying member of a political party and engage in partisan politics? His supporters point to the fact that in the United States, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is a member of the Democratic Party. Before her, her predecessor, Steve Mnuchin was a Republican. The example has also been cited of the Central Bank Governor of Ivory Coast, Tiemomo Meyliet Kono who has now been handpicked by President Alassane Ouattara as his country's Vice President. But what does the law say in all these places? And what does the law say in Nigeria? In the US, the Treasury Secretary, the Fed Chair, and even Supreme Court Justices are identified by their ideological and party affiliations. In Ivory Coast, the CBN Governor had to resign before he assumed office as Vice-President.

Hepatitis: Let us listen to experts

HEPATITIS is inflammation of the liver tissue. Some people with hepatitis have no symptoms, whereas others develop yellow discoloration of the skin and whites of the eyes (jaundice), poor appetite, vomiting, tiredness, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Hepatitis is acute if it resolves within six months, and chronic if it lasts longer than six months. Acute hepatitis can resolve on its own, progress to chronic hepatitis, or (rarely) result in acute liver failure. Chronic hepatitis may progress to scarring of the liver (cirrhosis), liver failure, and liver cancer.

THE Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine was awarded this week to three researchers who discovered the virus that causes hepatitis C.

According to the announcement, "For the first time in history, the disease can now be cured, raising hopes of eradicating hepatitis C virus from the world population."

New blood tests and drugs for this deadly disease have already saved millions of lives. But for millions more around the world, the celebration is bittersweet and the revolution in diagnosis and treatment remains a distant dream.

In Africa, dying from viral hepatitis is becoming a bigger threat than dying from HIV/AIDS or malaria. Although there are five types of viral hepatitis (A, B, C, D, and E), chronic B and C cause nearly all hepatitis-related sickness and untimely deaths.

The majority of those who have viral hepatitis don't know it. And in most countries the vast majority of those who are sick are not getting diagnosed and treated until it is too late to save them.

Some people get the virus from their mothers at birth. Some get it through sexual contact, or because health care providers do not properly screen blood

transfusions or sterilize equipment. Shared needles, sharp objects at home, and traditional practices such as circumcision, tattooing, and scarification also spread the disease.

Hepatitis B and C may cause few obvious symptoms for many years, one reason it often goes undetected. Another is that many of those infected are children and the poor, marginalized people with little access to health care. And those who do not know they have these virus infect others.

It doesn't have to be this way. Like hepatitis C, hepatitis B can be detected, even in people who exhibit no symptoms. Hepatitis B infection is preventable with vaccinations and treatable if caught early.

In awarding the 2020 prize to researchers Harvey Alter, Michael Houghton, and Charles Rice, the Nobel Committee noted that while the earlier discoveries of the hepatitis A and B viruses had been critical steps forward, before their work on hepatitis C most blood-borne hepatitis cases remained unexplained.

"The discovery of hepatitis C virus revealed the cause of the remaining cases of chronic hepatitis and made possible blood tests and new medicines that have saved millions of lives," it said.

Except in places like Nigeria, where these lifesaving tests and treatments are either unaffordable or inaccessible. It costs only 20 cents to vaccinate a baby against hepatitis B, but this vaccine is not available in most countries. The price for the generic drug that can cure hepatitis C is about \$900. The medicine for treating chronic hepatitis B costs about \$15 per month.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated these problems by disrupting pharmaceutical supply chains. Drug prices have shot up and patients who were on hepatitis C drugs can no longer get them.

Forestry sure way of turning villages green and giving farmers more cash

TANZANIA joined other countries in celebrating World Environment Day on 5th of this month. Amongst the activities on that day was tree planting which has in recent years expanded its importance from the traditional environmental benefits to economic ones.

The government of Finland and Tanzania are implementing a bilateral development initiative called Private Forestry Programme which promotes sustainable forestry and land use environmental conservation in Southern Highland regions. **Finland's Ambassador to Tanzania, Riitta Swan, talks to Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango on this drive.**

Q. What is Private Forestry Programme and when was it introduced in Tanzania?

A. Private Forestry Program (PFP) is a bilateral development cooperation programme between the governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Finland. Its first phase was introduced in Tanzania in early 2014 and ended in 2019. The second phase, known as Participatory Plantation Forestry Programme, started in 2019 and will be running until the end of 2023. The programme supports development of Tanzanian plantation forestry sub-sector with focus on smallholder forestry and related value chains in seven districts of the Southern Highland regions.

Q. What is the aim of PFP?

A. The programme aims to pro-



Ambassador Riitta Swan

mote sustainable and inclusive plantation forestry that contributes to Tanzania's economic growth and alleviates poverty. To reach this aim, the programme is made to work so as to ensure that a socially sensitive, environmentally sustainable, financially profitable plantation

forestry sector, including tree growers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as well as their organizations and service providers, exist in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

Q. Who are the beneficiaries of the programme?

A. The programme support farmers who are willing to engage or already engaging in plantation forestry using their own land, most beneficiaries are smallholder farmers involved in tree farming or plantation establishment and management. Others are vulnerable people involved in primary and secondary wood processing. Associations such as Tree Growers Associations (TGAs), wood processors' associations in forestry sector as well as the larger forest companies are also benefiting. As one of its activities, the programme supports establishment of tree growers associations at village levels and builds up their capacity in establishing and managing plantation forests. The programme works in collaboration with the Forestry and Beekeeping Division and the Tanzania Forestry Services Agency which are under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

Q. How much land is available for the programme so far?

A. Since the programme started, it has supported the establishment of about 12,000 hectares of pine, eucalyptus and teak plantations that are owned by about 9 000 households in the Southern Highlands. The plantations established or supported belong to the villagers and are established on the villagers' own lands. Since the second phase started, it has added more skills in the application of best silvicultural practices among the owners in the already established plantations. As a development cooperation programme, PFP does not acquire land. Rather, it supports sustainable forest investment through facilitating village land use planning that allocates village land to different agreed land use classes within the village. To ensure the security of tenure to villagers involved in tree planting, PFP is facilitating the issuance of Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO). The programme does the work in collaboration with the relevant district councils under which the programme is run. These are Kilolo, Mufindi, Njombe, Makete, Ludewa, Wang'ingombe and Madaba.

Q. How does the programme contribute to climate change mitigation?

A. The ongoing tree planting activity definitely promotes afforestation that increases

carbon sink to sequester more carbon from the atmosphere. The activity also promotes efficient use of land through village land use planning. In this way, it helps maintain also the existing natural forest cover within the designated areas and the carbon stocks of those forests. The changes in the climate, combined with the often unsustainable agricultural practices, have affected crop productivity in agriculture in many sites. Thus, tree growing and development of forestry value chains can give the smallholder farmers alternative income sources to farming and thus offer a means of adaptation to climate change.

Q. What challenges do you face and how do you overcome them?

A. Adaptation of new best silvicultural practices like weeding, pruning, thinning and firebreak remains to be a challenge as some of these are rather time demanding. Farmers tend to allocate more time to attending to their food crops than their woodlots. Low infrastructure development in many of the rural areas makes most of the farmers' plantations not easily accessible. This affects their access to extension services, access to markets and hence low quality and hence prices for their wood products. Access to the latest and most efficient technology to small and medium enterprises involved in the sawmilling business is limited.

This is due to a number of factors such as low awareness and availability of the technology, their low capital capacity and inaccessibility to finance from lending institutions. To overcome some of the financial challenges of micro and SMEs, PFP has facilitated savings and loans schemes. PFP supports business administration systems of SMEs to help them access loans.

Smart expressway in China makes travel more convenient, faster, safer

BY LI RUI

THANKS to intelligent transformation, a section of the Beijing-Taipei expressway, a partially completed smart expressway that will connect Beijing and Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, has seen its monthly average number of traffic accidents decrease by 40.9 percent from 66 to 39, and the average handling time of accidents drop from 28 minutes to 19 minutes, with the accident handling efficiency increasing by 32.1 percent.

High-definition surveillance cameras have been installed at 182 points on the section of the expressway, which links Tai'an city and Zaozhuang city in east China's Shandong province, according to Li Tao, deputy manager of the engineering department of Shandong Hi-Speed Construction Management Group Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Chinese construction company Shandong Hi-Speed Group Co., Ltd. (SDHS).

The section also features 15 omnidirectional millimeter-wave radars, 287 directional millimeter-wave radars, and other devices that can collect traffic information in real-time, Li told People's Daily.

"This square box might seem unimpressive, but it can send information about road conditions and traffic to intelligent connected vehicles (ICVs) to provide real-time guidance for drivers," said Li, pointing to a small square box attached to poles planted every 200 meters along the section.

With the help of the square box, ICVs can rapidly find parking spaces in expressway service areas. For instance, as ICVs approach the service area in Ningyang county, Tai'an city, along the Beijing-Taipei expressway, the screen of their automotive navigation system automatically displays the number of parking spots available in the service area in the top right-hand corner and guides vehicles there.

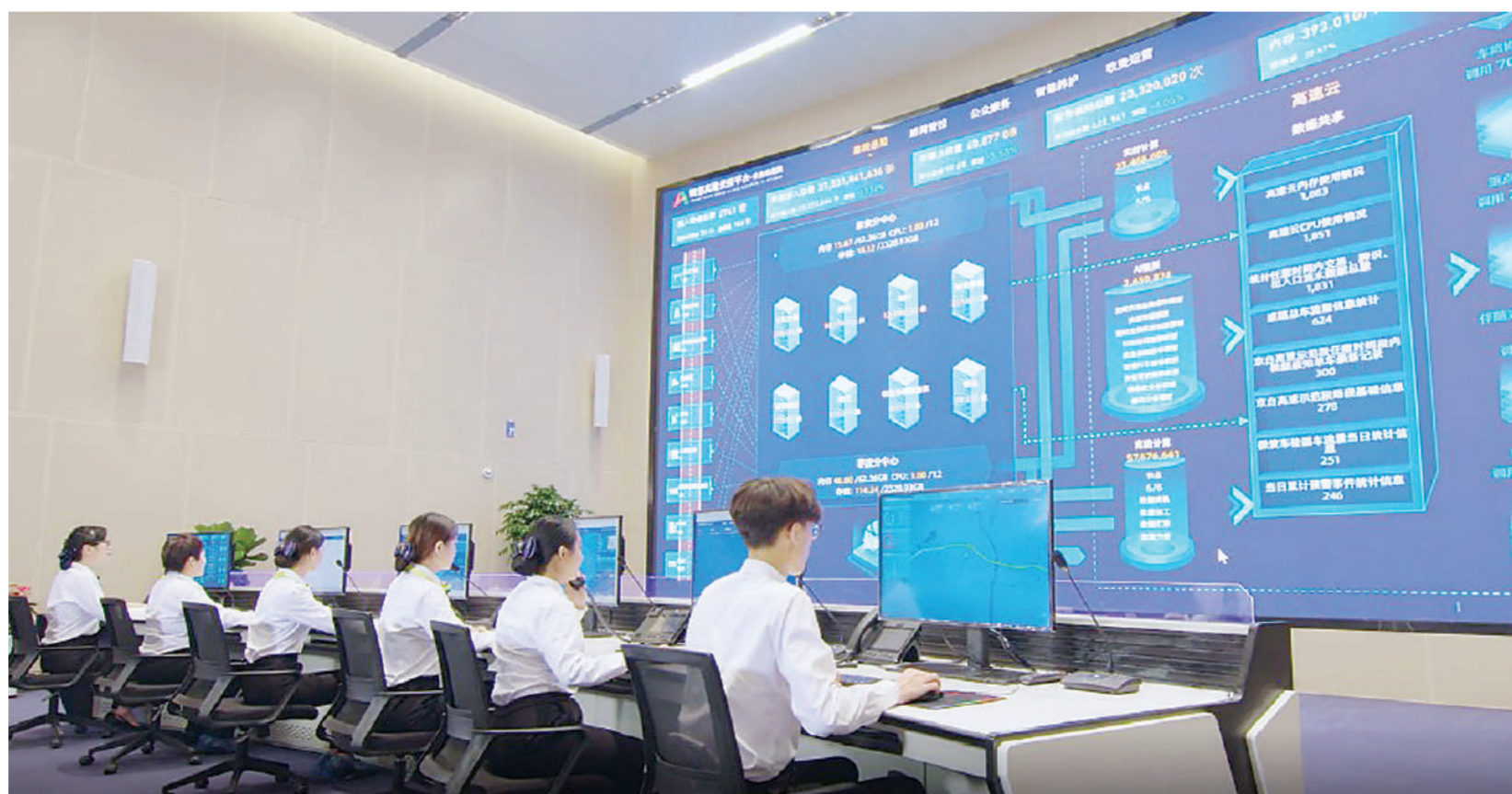
After vehicles get onto the sidewalks of the service area, intelligent road spikes flash automatically to remind vehicles to avoid pedestrians.

The application of various intelligent equipment and devices in the service area has upgraded people's travel experience, enabling them to enjoy contactless payment, automatic payment as well as a vast array of individualized services covering dining, shopping, refueling, car wash, and other needs.

The dispatch center of the Beijing-Taipei highway has benefited from intelligent technology that has



Photo shows a bird's-eye view of Beijing-Taipei expressway, a smart expressway that is expected to link Beijing and Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, upon completion. Photo courtesy of Shandong Hi-Speed Group



A dispatch centre for Beijing-Taipei expressway, which is expected to link Beijing and Taipei in southeast Taiwan. Photo courtesy of Shandong Hi-Speed Group

reduced their burden and increased their job efficiency.

After the alarm went off in a dispatch center of the Beijing-Taipei expressway in Shandong province, the intelligent management platform of the dispatch center immediately informed the road management authority of parking violations. Within 10 minutes, staff members were on the scene to tow the illegally parked vehicle to the nearest exit.

"Before the intelligent transformation, we had to check the surveillance cameras one by one through manual work during inspection of the

expressway, which was time-consuming and usually inefficient," said Chen Yu, deputy director of the dispatch center operated by Shandong Hi-Speed Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of SDHS.

According to Chen, today, high-definition surveillance cameras, millimeter-wave radars, and other devices installed along the expressway can closely monitor the road 24 hours a day and transmit relevant information to the dispatch center.

The Tai'an-Zaozhuang section of the Beijing-Taipei expressway is the first of its kind in China to completely open to traffic. It was constructed

as a trial project in response to aspirations to develop a country with great transport strength. The project combining intelligent transformation and expansion also represents the first smart expressway pilot project in Shandong province.

Through the intensive application of new-generation technologies, including 5G, the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System, big data, and artificial intelligence (AI), the section has not only ensured traffic safety and smooth traffic flows but optimized drivers' travel experience.

Nevertheless, the massive data generated by the application of new technologies has also posed

higher requirements to the dispatch center, the "brain" of the expressway.

Algorithms hold the key to quick and correct reaction of the "brain". "With the help of algorithms, we have realized second-level monitoring. Our system can detect problems intelligently and send the alarm and early warning automatically, effectively improving inspection efficiency," said Chen.

Chen told People's Daily that whenever a vehicle breaks down, the dispatch center can locate the vehicle within 10 seconds, inform road management authority of the situation in time, and send notice to passing vehicles through radio and navigation system to avoid secondary accidents.

The smart "brain" can not only sense and handle traffic accidents, but predict weather conditions and deal with relevant situations in time.

"We have installed ground sensors and other devices along the expressway, which help collect accurate information about the environment of every kilometer of the road and include more than 10 meteorological indicators, such as visibility and precipitation, into the monitoring scope of the intelligent management platform so that it can automatically make decisions about different situations," said Lyu Xinjian, director of the intelligent transformation and expansion project office of the Tai'an-Zaozhuang section of the Beijing-Taipei expressway.

When the snow removal devices sense accumulated snow on the road surface, they automatically start sprinkler facilities, which can clear snow off road at least 30 minutes faster than melting snow by sprinkling salt artificially, thus effectively avoiding traffic congestion in rainy and snowy days, Lyu said.

A total of more than 30 kinds of such application scenarios of smart technologies have been realized on the Beijing-Taipei expressway.

"After continuous efforts, we have established a complete technology system that can inspire the exploration of smart expressway construction in Shandong and even the entire country," said Zhang Wei, deputy director of the engineering management department of SDHS.

Research results achieved during the construction and intelligent transformation of the Beijing-Taipei expressway project have been included in more than 20 sets of industrial, local, and organizational standards, and experience in the construction of the project has been applied to that of a smart expressway linking Jinan city and Weifang city of Shandong province, according to Zhang.

"The costs of the application of technologies will gradually drop as relevant links improve day by day. We are also working on the research, development, and application of sensing technology featuring a longer life span and lower energy consumption," said Lyu.

Farmers in Senegal adopt farming as a business to beat climate change

BULAWAYO

ONIONS and rice are a conspicuous part of every meal in Senegal, including the famous Poulet Yassa. However, climate change makes it hard for smallholder farmers to grow enough staple food with extra to sell for income.

Senegal is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change from droughts, flooding, sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and bush fires, according to the Climate Change Knowledge portal of the World Bank.

"For some time, we have been facing climatic risks such as the scarcity of rains that persist more and more, high heat and a decline in productivity leading to food insecurity," says Coumba Diallo, a smallholder farmer from Gourel Baydi village in the Tambacounda region.

Diallo, 47, is the President of the Kawral Women's Group of Gourel Baydi, whose members have been trained to farm sustainably to beat climate change while increasing productivity and profits.

A regional project is helping farmers adapt to the impacts of climate change which has made agricultural production a gamble. Under the Adaptation and Valorization of Entrepreneurship in Irrigated Agriculture (AVENIR) project led by Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA), in partnership with the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), smallholder farmers in Senegal are being trained in farming as a business in agroforestry, horticulture and rice.

The AVENIR project aims to improve the social and economic well-being and resilience of farming households in Senegal's Sedhiou and Tambacounda regions. The two areas in the southwest and east of the country are vulnerable to climate change, experiencing drought spells, flooding, coastal erosion and soil salinity.

Commending the project, Diallo commented that demonstration activities had armed her with the tools to deal with climate change, such as using adapted seeds and learning new agricultural practices to increase her crop yields and income while being more resilient to the climate. "Learning through practice has helped us to have a better knowledge of adapted varieties, a good mastery of fertility management practices, agroforestry and the drip system to make efficient production with good yields," Diallo explained.

Another farmer, Clément Sambou, co-founder and coordinator of Startup-sociale in the Sedhiou Region, says the water salinity, silting, loss of arable land and water erosion are major risks in his region. They are tackling these through the adoption of better agricultural practices.



Small holder farmers in Senegal are embracing sustainable agriculture practises to boost their productivity and income. File photo

The AVENIR project encourages women and young people to treat farming as a business by promoting climate-adapted irrigation and agricultural practices. It increases the profitability of agribusinesses in the production of baobab, mango, cashew, onion, okra, ditakh, madd, pepper and rice.

The project will benefit more than 10 000 women and youth from farming households and indirectly impact another estimated 35 000 individuals.

"We want to ensure that farmers have increased their ability to cope with the climate risks they face in the regions where they are producing food," says Caroline Mwongera, a senior scientist at the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mbene Diagne, a farmer from Thioro Bougou village in the Tambacounda region, has found practical training helpful. It's boosted his knowledge of soil fertility management technologies, especially with moisture conservation techniques in an excessively hot area.

"There is a very big difference between our practices and those current conveyed through the demonstration sites," said Diagne (29), vice-president of a group of young modern farmers in Tambacounda.

"With these new technologies, there is a reduction in workload for irrigation with better control of water and working time," Diagne noted.

Farming is Good Business

The project has focused on adaptation and agribusiness after realizing that horticulture was an easy market entry option for women because of the high demand for horticulture products.

"We wanted to create opportunities for women and young people to engage and sell their produce in the local markets," says Mwongera. "The varieties we selected for horticulture are locally

demand. For example, onion is a big part of the Senegalese diet, tomatoes, pepper, and okra. In addition, horticulture is a good fit for women and youth with limited access to irrigated land, which can measure as small as twenty square metres."

The project has promoted salinity and drought-tolerant rice varieties. The Senegalese research organization, ISRA and the Africa Rice Centre developed the rice. For agroforestry, quick maturing mango, cashew and baobab varieties have been introduced.

"If you have food and income, you can cope with climate risks. We want the food system to be diversified. That is why we are focusing on the three commodity groups: rice, agroforestry, and horticulture because that helps you to withstand risks better," says Mwongera. She adds that farmers are also trained to intensify their production to grow short-season crop varieties under irrigation.

Farmers get high-yielding and drought-tolerant seeds and are trained using climate-smart technologies and efficient, affordable irrigation techniques.

Increasing Incomes through Irrigation

Farmers have been introduced to affordable and labour efficient water technologies to save on scarce water resources.

"We are now training farmers to use drip irrigation, which is water efficient and has low labour demand, especially for women," Mwongera told IPS, explaining that farmers have shifted from manual flood irrigation, sprinklers and watering cans which used a lot of water.

To encourage farmers to use water-efficient technologies, the project has introduced an incentive-based purchase programme (e-voucher) to provide discounts for farmers. Farmers get technologies at a fraction of the value with an option to pay the balance when they produce and sell their crops.

A multi-actor platform brings together local actors, producer organizations, local administration, and researchers to help farmers share information and experiences on climate information services and equitable water resource management to improve their productivity.

Mwongera noted that farmers had poor access to viable markets, which

meant they could not increase their production if they had nowhere to sell their produce. There is a need for a market value chain that includes producers, processors, transport providers and the financial sector.

"We need market-led development to enhance resilience and profitability of farmers," says Mwongera noting that the project was also teaching farmers about integrated soil management, proper composting and using climate information services.

"We also provide weather information using SMS and integrated voice through a service provider who gets weather forecasts from the National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology of Senegal (ANACIM). Farmers use this information to plan when to plant and what varieties to plant," said Mwongera.

Climate change threatens Senegal's social and economic development, which is vulnerable to droughts, floods, and high temperatures, which impact the agricultural sector. Agriculture employs 70 percent of the country's workforce and contributes about 17 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

Top climate scientists have warned of the urgency of reducing carbon emissions as human-induced climate change affects all development sectors, including agriculture. The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather has reduced food and water security, hindering efforts to meet Sustainable Development Goals.

"Increasing weather and climate extreme events have exposed millions of people to acute food insecurity and reduced water security, with the largest impacts observed in many locations and/or communities in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Small Islands and the Arctic Jointly," scientists said. They noted that sudden food production losses and access to food compounded by decreased diet diversity had increased malnutrition in many communities, especially small-scale food producers and low-income households.

IPS

Americans decry gun violence, political inaction at nationwide rallies

WASHINGTON

LARGE groups of Americans descended on Washington, D.C. and several other cities across the United States to decry rising gun violence while urging politicians to take action.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered under the Washington Monument at the National Mall in the afternoon, many with self-made banners that read "protect children not guns," "end gun violence" and "enough is enough" as they listened to speeches from shooting survivors and gun control activists.

"Everyday shootings are everyday

problems," Trevon Bosley, whose brother Terrell was shot and killed in 2006, said from the podium.

"The cries of the nation's children can be heard across the world, and you choose to turn away," Sweta Kumar, a mother from Falls Church, Virginia, stood among the crowd.

She told Xinhua that the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 children and two teachers dead at an elementary school last month "hit me in a way that just shook me to the core."

"We all have kids," Kumar said, complaining that gun violence is "happening every day" and "everywhere" in the United

States, and more disturbingly, "it's happening to our children."

"Schools are supposed to be a safe place for our children to go, and to have to put our kids on a school bus and be afraid that this could happen to us," she continued. "It's just absolutely ridiculous."

Alex Spector, who's going to the 12th grade at a high school around the Baltimore area north of Washington, D.C. this year, described the Uvalde school shooting as a "big tragedy" and a "common occurrence in the United States" when speaking to Xinhua.

Although it happens so often there still isn't any legislation

or much that kind of change that happens in our country," he lamented.

"The United States is the only country where this is a significant reoccurring problem." Spector is a member of the so-called "lock-down generation" - millions of American children and teenagers who regularly practice responding to a shooting at school, taught to "hide under desks, lock classrooms, turn the lights off."

Though Spector hasn't been directly impacted by gun violence, he acknowledged he doesn't feel safe all the time going to school.

"There's always a disconnection between an individual and a mass shooting because it's not

your life, but sometimes it gets really close to being my life," he said. "It's scary. It's scary to hear about."

The Uvalde gunman used an AR-15-style rifle to carry out the rampage. A popular semiautomatic weapon among American gun owners, it was regularly used in many other mass shootings in the United States, prompting calls to ban the gun.

Kate Coho, who came to the demonstration in Washington, D.C. with Kumar, told Xinhua that she believes AR-15s "are military-style weapons that should be used in war and should not be accessible to everyday Americans," arguing that "nobody

needs an AR-15. You do not need an assault rifle to go hunting."

Coho called out the National Rifle Association of America, an influential gun rights advocacy group that routinely spends money lobbying politicians at different levels against gun control measures despite most Americans supporting stricter laws on firearms.

"So in America, we have a very strong gun lobby," and "they speak a lot to our politicians, and they prevent safe gun laws from being passed," she elaborated.

"Most Americans favor gun control legislation, and our politicians need to start listening to

us -- the people -- and not the money that they get from the gun lobby."

The rally came days after the U.S. House of Representatives passed a gun package that appeared unlikely to pass the evenly-divided Senate, whose members have engaged in separate talks to reach a compromise.

It's unclear whether the negotiations will bear fruit as gun violence continues to wreak havoc on American lives. According to the latest data from Gun Violence Archive, the United States has suffered 257 mass shootings over the past five months, with more than 19,300 lives lost to gun violence. Xinhua

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Amref to increase sustainable health access in Tanzania through bike ride fundraising

By Correspondent Carlos Banda

AMREF Health Africa has embarked on bicycle ride fundraising event dubbed 'Africa Classic' to support the organization's mission to increase sustainable health access to Tanzanian communities.

The move is through solutions in human resources for health, delivery of health services and investment in the health sector.

Speaking during the launch of the event, Kilimanjaro Regional Medical Officer, Dr Jairy Khanga, thanked the cyclists for their sacrifice and generosity in traveling all the way to Tanzania to help improve the health of the Tanzanian people.

"I would like to assure you that the government will continue to support this important initiative, by working closely with Amref Health Africa. We appreciate and recognized the good working relationship and synergy between the government and Amref Health Africa," said Dr Jairy Khanga.

Amref Health Africa-Tanzania Acting Country Director, Gaspar Jonah expressed his gratitude to the group of cyclists who had attended the 400km fundraiser bike ride campaign which will impact the lives of many especially women and children in Tanzania.

"As you all know, the Africa Classic has been carried out each year, but for the past 2 years, it was not possible due to COVID-19 outbreak, however, our participants were patient enough to wait for this time again and come out with the same energy and determination. We are truly thankful and happy to meet you here again," said Gaspar.

Gaspar also thanked the Kilimanjaro region's authority for its commitment and support to ensure the program takes



flight.

Amref Tanzania board of directors chairperson, Anthony Chamungwana thanked the people of Netherlands and Amref Health Africa - Netherlands for their constant commitment in addressing and supporting various health necessities

of the African communities through impactful projects and events which mobilize credible funds for health care solutions.

The event runs which kicks-off from June first edition, from the 12th to the 18th of 2022 with 41, cyclists, and the Second

edition from the 19th to 25th of June 2022, with 67 cyclists is an international fundraising cycling event initiated by Amref Flying Doctors in The Netherlands. The Africa Classic event is principally organized by Amref Netherland in collaboration with Amref Health Africa in Tanzania.

Buhigwe farmers get disease-free banana plantlets

By Correspondent Gerald

Kitabu, Kigoma

TANZANIA Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) has started distributing new improved hybrids of an important staple cooking banana to Buhigwe District, Kigoma Region.

The improved hybrids namely TARIBAN4 and FHIA 23 varieties are being distributed to replace the affected banana by several diseases which the farmers said have devastated banana crop in recent years.

According to the farmers and Buhigwe government leaders, the diseases that affect their banana include Banana Xanthomonas Wilt (BXW), Banana Bunchy Top Disease (BBTD), and Banana Fusarium Wilt (BFW).

Buhigwe district agricultural, Irrigation and Cooperative officer (DAICO) Weisy Wikededa said the diseases started few years ago and they have caused loss to the farmers.

"The diseases emerged here few years ago and currently spreading towards Manyovu area. We have received training on how to contain them; we are advising farmers to remove the affected bananas and plant new ones from clean source. We are also advising them to stop plantlets which are not from clean source," he said.

He said to stop the spreading of the diseases, the district request distribution of an estimated 10,000 to 30,000 new banana plantlets from TARI per agricultural season.

The district has established demo plot to educate farmers on good agronomic practices,



TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (R) presents clean TARI-developed plantlets of the TARIBAN and FHIA 23 varieties to Buhigwe district agricultural, irrigation and cooperatives officer Weisy Wikededa (L) as part of an initiative to address banana diseases in Buhigwe District, Kigoma Region. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

to understand the diseases and how to address them.

Acting Executive director for Buhigwe district council Dr. Themistocles Kamugisha said

in recent years Buhigwe farmers have been affected by the diseases that need intervention from both the district council and TARI.

"We are very ready to work with you to smoke out the diseases that have affected the crop which is used for food and for cash crop for majority farm-

ers in the district. We will use all means to work with TARI to address these diseases.

Banana experts Dr John Sarah from TARI Maruku Bukoba

and Dr. Mpoki Shimwela from TARI Tengeru Arusha said the diseases are spread through vegetative propagation and traditional planting material exchange practices, ubiquitous presence of aphid vector, and lack of resistance sources to banana diseases.

They advised the district leaders to continue raising awareness about the diseases recognition and control measures among growers.

Explaining measures to control the diseases at public meeting also attended by the farmers, villagers and leaders of Buhigwe district, TARI Director General Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said TARI will distribute clean plantlets and the nurseries will be established at the district so that the farmers get improved high yielding banana on time.

"We have started providing improved high yielding banana varieties. I want to see the nurseries are established from now to June 30th this month. No time to waste. We want to bring a smiling face to the smallholder farmers around Buhigwe district and elsewhere," he said.

He named another measure as to remove the infested banana and replace them with the new plantlets from clean source.

"The farmers should not take plantlets from unknown source, they might be unclean and cannot provide better results, he said.

Training extension officers and the farmers on good agronomic practices, awareness creation and education

TARI handed over 240 clean plantlets to the district council of TARIBAN and FHIA 23 improved high yielding varieties.

TARIBAN are the four new improved hybrids of an important staple cooking banana officially released in 2021.

The hybrids were developed by TARI's centres of Uyole, Maruku and Tengeru in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

Handing over the new improved banana hybrids, he said they are resistant to the important pests and diseases ravaging the current varieties that millions of farmers across the country are growing and therefore herald a new, exciting era for banana cultivation not only in Buhigwe but also for other farmers in the country.

"The current priority of the research institute is to scale up production, achieve agricultural productivity, food and nutrition and spur the nation's economy," he said.

new varieties are resistant to black Sigatoka leaf disease as well as banana weevils, helping farmers to achieve high yields ranging from 35 to 60 tons per ha per year. Currently, farmers average productivity is below 10 tons per ha per year, he explained.

Enabling the farmers in Buhigwe district and Kigoma region as a whole to achieve higher yield of up to 70 tons per hectare is a major achievement for the country's efforts to improve its food security and the incomes of rural farmers.

The village and ward leaders whose villagers are affected by the diseases commended TARI initiatives saying they have come at the right time adding that they will support the research institute to bring back banana crop to life in the district.

Stakeholders meet in Z'bar to discuss on new media law

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Law Reform Commission Secretary Mussa Kombo Bakari has said the Commission is ready to closely work together with Zanzibar media stakeholders in order to have a better media law for the present environment.

Bakari's remarks made at a special meeting organized by Tanzania Media Women Association Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) in collaboration with Internews Tanzania whose aim is to enhance awareness for having in place a new media law in the Isles as well highlighting challenges of the old 1988 media law.

Bakari said there is every reason for the stakeholders to sit together and cite challenges of the old media law in order to come up with a new better law.

He also said the Commission will make sure they conduct in-depth study on each section submitted by the stakeholders as a challenge for a better media law.

Earlier, citing some of the challenges of the old media law, an instructor on media issues in the Isles, Hawra Shamte said for a long time the current media law has been suppressing media organs.

Citing an example, she said "section 27(1) of the 1988 law, any police officer can seize newspapers anywhere that are suspected to have been illegally published."

She said the Section gives great authority to any police officer to seize and or prevent the distribution of any newspaper.

She added that at present, to continue giving a police officer such authority is against the Zanzibar

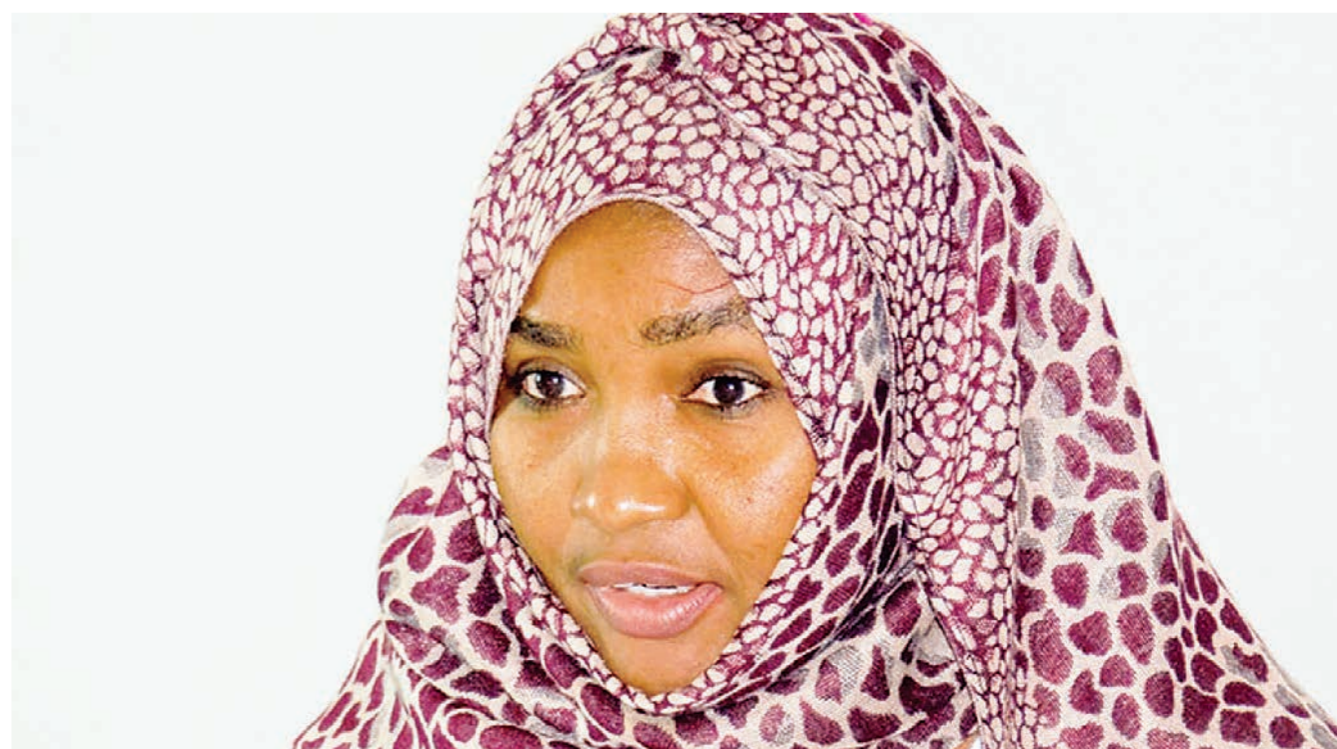
Constitution, and added that such task should be invested a special independent board.

She further said the law also gives big powers the Zanzibar minister for Information to close down any media organ by giving it 14 days' notice.

"Section 30(i) says the Minister, for the national and peace interests, can close down newspapers beginning the date mentioned," she said.

Tamwa-Zanzibar Director, Dr Mzuri Issa said in addition to the long time demand for a new media law for the Isles, she believes as for now, this aim is going to be realised.

She said both the public and the government are supposed to understand the new media law will enhance equality and accountability to spur people to be held to account for the Zanzibar's overall development.



Dr Mzuri Issa, Tamwa-Zanzibar director.

African solutions to African problems: Reframing science innovation

DURBAN

AFRICA is plagued by many epidemics – from tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS to malaria and wild polio – but the continent has also worked for decades to fight these threats.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has placed public health back in the global spotlight and has also served as a reminder that science is not undertaken in an ivory tower.

This is not a new idea. In fact, it is something that we became all too familiar with during the AIDS pandemic.

Despair, pain, and loss were rampant during the 1980s and early 1990s, at the beginning of South Africa's HIV epidemic.

Witnessing this helped catalyse me to undertake one of the earliest population-based studies that looked closely at this emerging health issue in South Africa.

But lurking within the data was a shocking revelation: young women (15-24 years old) were six times more likely to be infected compared to their male counterparts.



Through collaboration, we can build on the foundations of our knowledge to bring forward innovative ways of addressing health challenges and benefit the whole of humanity. File photo

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and word lists. Clues include 'founded in Paris, 21 May, 1904' and 'scored 438 goals in La Liga'.

- 3 letters OCA, SRI, MAN, AKA, ERV, OSE, MAN, USA
4 letters ARIE, AGAR, SAND, PAYS, IRON, LIMA, LAIR, LOGS, SEWN, KIVU, SAIL, DOWN, ARNO, ASSAI, NGETA, RUKWA.

Word-fit puzzle section with a grid and solutions. Solutions include 'AFRICA', 'ETHIOPIA', 'GAMBIA', 'BURUNDI', etc.

counterparts. We knew something had to be done. That meant understanding what had led to this striking disparity in risk.

Here's what we learned: power dynamics of relationships and sex were disrupting disease prevention.

Meanwhile, cases continued to surge in South Africa at an alarming rate, doubling annually in the general population.

Existing methods to prevent HIV infection weren't going to cut it. Approaches designed in the global North were never going to be able to fully account for the needs of women in Africa.

ly recognised by the VinFuture Prize as a lifesaving innovation from the global South.

Today, Tenofovir is taken daily as a pill for HIV prevention, a solution also known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

And it hasn't stopped there – a range of new anti-retroviral drugs and long-acting formulations, delivered as injections and implants, are currently being evaluated to expand prevention choices.

AIDS is no longer a fatal condition, instead it is chronic yet manageable. But we still see too many deaths and new HIV infections, particularly in marginalized populations.

As we turn our focus towards other pandemics, such as COVID-19, we cannot afford to lose the gains made in HIV. It is a trap we fell into before – when early HIV work overshadowed TB efforts – and it is not one we can afford to be caught in again.

Even now, COVID-19 continues to draw on lessons from the decades of work that have been poured into our

HIV/AIDS response. This includes leveraging existing testing tools to detect COVID, utilising clinical trial infrastructure to expedite vaccine development, calling on community engagement processes to educate the public, and relying on scientific expertise to guide governments in their response.

The AIDS pandemic has taught us that scientists, policy-makers, and civil societies cannot work in a vacuum. There must be a unity of purpose that galvanises the steadfast support of global leaders in governments and funding agencies across the world.

Africa has the scientific leadership and intellectual capital to develop new technologies and interventions. This is something we have shown time and time again. If there is a problem, then local research is surely the best path toward finding a solution.

Pursuing this path of innovation requires funding that will support and promote the growth and expertise of Africa's scientists. Our inter-dependency and shared vulnerability underscores the importance of collaboration and resource-sharing both globally and regionally that must be used for the benefit of humanity.

We must ensure that solutions are tailored by local research to best benefit those in need.

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Sesame seeds worth 181.6m/- auctioned at the TMX in June

By Guardian Reporter

SESAME farmers in Songwe Region earned a total of 181.6m/- from the sale of their produce at the Tanzania Mercantile Exchange (TMX).

A market report shows a total of 57,600 tonnes of sesame seeds were sold on June 1 this year at a price of 3,154/- per tonne.

All prices quoted are in Tanzanian Shillings and include fees and other charges 191/- per kilo and 3 percent of market price for Sesame Seeds in Songwe Region, according to TMX market report.

This year's price is higher than 1,611/- per kilo recorded during the last sesame

trading session at the TMX on August 11, 2020. The sold sesame came from Mtwara and Katavi regions.

However, TMX data show that there were no sesame trading during last year.

Tanzania is Africa's largest producer of sesame seeds and one of the continent's largest exporters, according to the latest available data from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The crop is extremely important in particular to the coastal region of Lindi and Songwe.

Sesame is currently the main export oriented oilseed crop in Lindi and Mtwara Regions and account for 35 percent of the total sesame export in Tanzania.



Tanzania is the fourth leading sesame exporting country in the world behind Sudan, Niger and Ethiopia.

According to a policy brief on Market Outlook of Sesame Seeds and Competitive Opportunity for Tanzania 2021 by Dr Bohela Lunogelo and Vivian

Kazi Tanzania has a great potential to make use of increasing world demand for sesame to enlarge the production and export of sesame in the near

future, but need to remove obstacles negatively affecting the expansion of sesame sector.

Tanzania is also an important player in the world, and the

country has accounted for an average 2.5 percent of the total world's sesame production over the past decade (FAOSTAT, 2017). Among the top exporting countries, Tanzania's sesame had a better price than most of its competitors in Africa, most likely due to minimum application of fertilizer and high oil content.

Data from the most recent national agricultural sample survey conducted in 2016 showed that there were some 282,695 farmers, who planted sesame on 232,653 ha during both the long rains and the short rains periods and that the leading regions in sesame farming are Lindi (19.1%), Pwani (17.6%), and Dodoma (14.8%) (NBS, 2017).

More recent data shows that Mtwara and Lindi regions account for 70 percent of the exported sesame from Tanzania and contributes about 35 percent of exported quantities.

The output growth of sesame in Tanzania is mainly driven by yield growth in recent years, which increased from 556 kg per hectare in 2011 to 1,074 kg per hectare in 2017, according to a policy brief paper.

Tanzania is the fourth leading sesame exporting country in the world behind Sudan, Niger and Ethiopia.

Its major export destinations include Japan and South Korea and recently, the country is getting access to the China market.

Besides Korea and Japan, there are also good opportunities for Tanzania to explore more exporting destinations in African countries such as Kenya, South Africa, Algeria, and Tunis.

International Trade Centre (ITC) global trade statistics show that Tanzania exported 108,861 tonnes of sesame worth \$164.5 million in 2019 (ITC, 2020).

Information from previous years' exports shows that Tanzania's sesame export cycle begins in early April and peaks in July and slows in November before reaching the peak in December.

Tigo Tanzania opens another shop in Masasi town

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Tanzania has opened a new shop in Masasi town, confirming its strategic investment in the country's coastal zone.

Speaking during the launch, Tigo's Coast Zone Director & Acting Chief Sales Officer, Uthman Madati said: "The

launch of the new shop is in line with Tigo's strategy to improve service delivery while fulfilling its promise of providing customers with more convenient access to products and services in Masasi."

The new shop features a special experience zone where customers can get the opportunity to test and ex-

perience different Tigo products such as mobile phones before they can buy them.

"Our pledge to customers is to offer them personalized services at a one-stop shop for all their needs. The growing demand for our services is driven by the need for customers to adopt a digital lifestyle across the country. Our plan

is to offer integrated solutions as part of our strategy to drive digital inclusion in this region," explained Madati.

Masasi District Commissioner Claudia Kitta commended Tigo for their determination in investing its resources to ensure customers receive world-class services. It is my belief that Tigo will offer the best services to Masasi

residents. Tigo is known for its innovative products and services in addition to its best customer experience and these qualities set Tigo apart," said Kitta.

Tigo is a pioneer of innovation in Tanzania. This shop is the 55th in the market and is another proof of Tigo's market leadership in the delivery of a

new digital world to its customers.

Located opposite Himo restaurant, the shop has been designed to offer a premium experience to customers from Masasi and neighboring towns.

The new shop will provide smartphone and home internet experience zone in addition to SIM swap, Tigo Pesa, biometric re-registration services.

DCB Commercial Bank reveals successes in 20 years of operations

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed DCB Commercial Bank is commemorating two decades of its establishment, revealing what it has achieved over the time.

One of the major achievements is customer satisfaction, which has enabled the bank to sail safely in his journey and increased customer confidence, amid stiff competition from more than 50 banks operating in Tanzania.

The bank's managing director Godfrey Ndalawha said during the last two decades, the bank has witnessed different development transformations resulted from implementation of various strategic measures taken by the management, board and staff.

"In twenty years, DCB Bank has been fore front to create economic opportunities to Tanzanians, of different economic status, from small entrepreneurs, individuals and large traders. We have also been supporting various government economic plans through improving the standards of living of people by offering financial products that made lives better," he said in an interview.

Ndalawha, through different products and services, DCB Bank has over the last two decades, managed to partner with the government in collecting revenue through its GePG system, while launching other digital products that has eased access to financial services among Tanzanians.

"In showcasing that DCB Bank cares the lives of Tanzanians, we established an education product namely Skonga, which helps parents to save for future payment of school fees for their children up to University level, while the Kibubu product



DCB Bank Plc board chairperson Zawadia Nanyaro (Centre), former bank's managing director Edmund Mkwawa (right), and current managing director Godfrey Ndalawha (2nd from right) in a group photo with other bank officials during part of events to commemorate 20 years of its establishment. Left is former board chairman Professor Lucian Msambichaka. PHOTO/DCB BANK

promoting savings among Tanzanians," he said.

From all achievements, Ndalawha said recently, the bank changed its logo to allies with its new philosophy, after changing its status from community to commercial bank.

He said as part of implementing its strategies 2021-2025, DCB Bank want to extend its coverage to all regions in Tanzania by 2025 through physical presence in form of branches, through digital channels or banking agencies.

"We are expecting to open new five branches, 28 mini branches coming 2025. Currently, we

have nine branches, five mini branches in Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Mwanza, Morogoro, and Singida," he said.

"DCB Bank will continue to be in fore front to support the six phase government in its intention of improving lives of Tanzanians through financing various social development projects."

Ndalawha said Tanzania should not regret by joining DCB Bank, because of its tailor made products and services, targeting business and non-business activities carried out by Tanzanians.

Speaking further on 20 years journey, the bank

board chairperson Zawadi Nanyaro said it started with a capital of 1.7bn/-, by offering small loans to women, but it kept growing further from the support of founding shareholders which were three municipalities of Ilala, Temeke and Kinondoni as well as the City Council.

She said the bank has managed to increase its capital to 30b/-, which has enabled it to meet all the Bank of Tanzania requirements for a commercial bank status.

"Since its establishment, the bank continued to grow, as in 2012 we obtained a commercial bank

licence, which enabled us to reach more people and places, while improving our business strategies," she said.

The board chairperson said the bank has over the last two decades managed to issue credits amounting one trillion to nearly 400,000 Tanzanians and the loan limit has grown to 5bn/- per individual borrower.

"When we were established, we had only 6,530 customers, but they have grown to more than 200,000 and their confidence on us have increased, that is why you see this growth," she said, adding that customer deposits are expected to reach 162bn/- by the end of this year.

"I believe that good performance of the management has enabled us to achieve more including various awards including the one issued by NBAA for producing quality financial accounts for nine consecutive years."

The chairperson said in 2018, DSE entered into the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) to improve governance.

Former long serving bank managing director Edmund Mkwawa said he feel proud to see the achievements of the bank he managed from the scratch.

"We started by offering financial services to small traders and service-men and then continued to expand through opening more branches and mini-branches throughout Dar es Salaam and other regions of Tanzania," he said.

The retired board chairman Professor Lucian Msambichaka, said the achievements the bank has gone through two decades was due to good management and staff.

The bank's head of communication Rahma Ngassa said the bank will continue to invest on technology to extend services to more Tanzanians in a convenient way while promoting savings and financial inclusion.

DTB Bank staff clean beaches to commemorate Oceans Day

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

DIAMOND Trust Bank (DTB) employees spent part of their weekend cleaning Coco beach along Salander Bridge area in commemorating the World's Ocean Day 2022.

DTB Communication and Marketing Head of department, Sylvester Bahati said along with the commemoration, the event was part of implementing the banks Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy.

"We saw the need to join the international communities to commemorate this important day through making cleanliness to our beaches," he said.

"One of our key pillars is to contribute in committing social responsibilities that range from education, humanitarian aid, and environmental. So we have partnered with 'Save the Ocean' a Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to clean this recreational area."

He said pollution is one of the environmental challenges at Coco Beach as tonnes of dumped plastic waste coming from river Msimbazi to the sea.

"We saw that these waste materials need to be cleaned," he said.



Letshego appoints Monyatsi as group chief executive officer

By Special Correspondent, Gaborone

LETSHEGO Holdings Limited board has affirmed the appointment of Aobakwe "Aupa" Monyatsi as Group Chief Executive with immediate effect, subject to regulatory approvals.

Prior to this appointment, Monyatsi (pictured) held the same role in an interim capacity from 4 May 2022, having led the inclusive finance entity's digitalization of systems and operations for the last two years in his inaugural position as Group Chief Operating Officer (Group COO).

Aupa is a well-rounded and experienced pan-African regional banker, with demonstrated tech and digital-savvy expertise having spearheaded

and developed innovation and virtual channel strategies in his previous role as Absa Group's Managing Executive for Alternative Channels.

His career journey has provided Africa-wide experience from Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria and Kenya, having led a team in incubating fintech's that drive financial inclusion through mobile money, block chain and AI (Artificial Intelligence).

With a clear balance of financial and technical experience, Aupa is ideally placed to steer Letshego into the Group's next chapter of embedding and monetising the Group's recent investment into digital systems and product innovation.

Letshego Holdings Ltd group chairman Enos Banda affirmed the appointment, adding: "Aupa is an



ideal candidate to take Letshego into the next generation where we aim to realise the benefits of our recent tech investments, and embed the exciting advancements and transformation initiated by the Management Team over the last two year period."

Aupa brings a proficiency in retail tech, diverse pan-Africa financial sector experience as well as a passion to make a difference. His dynamic and personable leadership style, balanced by his empathy and appreciation for people, makes him an ideal candidate to lead our organisation.

Aupa's appointment evidences Letshego's progress in building a robust succession plan for our future organisation, as we progress in our vision to be world-class."

Dr Gwajima urges women chamber of commerce to go rural

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE minister for social development, gender, women and special groups Dr. Dorothy Gwajima has called on the Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) to reach out to rural women, so as to enable them to get entrepreneurship passion.

Dr. Gwajima (pictured) said rural women have been deprived of various economic opportunities, due to their environment, and that the situation is hampering efforts to liberate women.

He made the remarks in Dar es Salaam on Thursday last week during the launch of a report on the participation of special groups in public procurement.

"The Sixth Phase Government

under President Samia Suluhu Hassan, has been at the forefront of creating an enabling environment for the liberation of women, but many opportunities remain for the urban minority and a large group that achieves a large percentage of productive assets in agricultural activities are left behind," said Dr. Gwajima.

The minister asked TWCC, as they already have a wide network across the country, to use the opportunity to reach more women in rural areas who are still unaware of the many opportunities.

"If you make good use of your TWCC platform, I believe that many will gain awareness and participate in various activities, such as the tenders," he said.

He added that the government is increasingly creating an enabling environment for women

economically, through various empowerment funds including the Women Development Fund (WDF), TASAF, the President's Empowerment Fund.

"In 2016 the government amended the Public Procurement Act of 2011 in Section 64 (a) of section 2 to provide for specialized groups to participate in public procurement opportunities that required 30 per cent of its budget allocation, for special groups including women," she said.

Earlier speaking at the launch, the Chairperson of the Tanzania Women's Business Institute, Mercy Silla, commended the government and called for increased efforts, as many women take loans without knowledge of the business or activities they want to do and end up bankrupt.



SBL starts promoting agribusiness uptake among Tanzanian youths

By Guardian Reporter

AGRICULTURE is one of Tanzania's most vital sectors in the economy. According to government reports, the sector represents almost 27 percent of the nation's GDP, employing three-quarters of Tanzania's workforce, 60 percent of raw materials and 25 percent of foreign currency.

One of many nations' most valuable assets is its workforce, and Tanzania has its handful. Tanzania has one of the fastest-growing young people populations. It is estimated Tanzania has 60 million people, more than 50 percent are under 18, and over 70 percent are under 30 (UNICEF).

While agriculture is arguably the largest and most important sector in Tanzania's economy, the government of Tanzania has unequivocally urged development stakeholders and investors to support agriculture along the entire value chain

Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) is stepping to the plate with its customized, youth-focused agro-program, Kilimo Viwanda, which began in 2019.

SBL is not only the second-largest beer company in Tanzania but also a proponent of community development, and agribusiness is one field SBL looks forward to supporting.

Widely known for producing staple food and various cash crops, Tanzanian farmers now give special attention to agribusiness for lucrative markets.

There are plenty of business opportunities for commercial farmers in Tanzania, internationally and locally. In that sense, SBL is setting the stage to help youth be part of the agriculture transformation agenda rallied by the government in April 2022.

In this case, SBL Kilimo Viwanda's program goes, after stretching the local opportunities so far, around 85 million (Tshs) of tuition fees for 52 students pursuing General Agriculture and Agricultural Production diploma courses was disbursed since the program took off in 2019.

As a nationwide program and a deliberate attempt to empower young people, last weekend, SBL prolonged the program ambition in the coastal town of Bagamoyo when the beer maker appreciated 27 students by awarding them certificates for participating in the Kilimo Viwanda scholarship program

Thus, SBL deliberately visions empowering Tanzania's young farmers, and Kilimo Viwanda is the levelled playing field, offering opportunities to the unprivileged young farming intellects, aligned with SBL's ambition.

SBL's Kilimo Viwanda program gives youths a chance to engage in men-



Fredy Kogani (2nd-R) of Serengeti Breweries Limited presents a certificate to Juma Khamisi, one of the beneficiaries of the company's agro scholarship programme known Kilimo Viwanda. The latter is from Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture located in Bagamoyo coast region. Looking on (from-L) are college's vice-principal, Maximilian Sarakikya, followed by SBL corporate relations director John Wanyancha and the college's co ordinator of studies, Chonge Mazengo. Photo: GUARDIAN Correspondent

torship relations, master practical farming skills, learn innovative ways to earn income and build sustainable means of creating employment for themselves and other aspirants.

According to SBL Corporate Relations Director John Wanyancha, "Kilimo viwanda has revived hope to those students who were desperate to achieve their academic goals, as they had no financial assistance to pay for their college fees".

Tanzania has marked one year as a nation floating within the low-middle-income country status while realizing the industrialization ambition under President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Hence SBL efforts are flowing in the right direction at the right time.

Vital stakeholders such as SBL, with dec-

ades of impacting the economy from a beverage industry landscape, are essential in assisting the sector in marking its territory within commercial farming.

Kilimo Viwanda goes after creating demand for raw materials for making beers—actual yields required by various industries.

"We need more raw materials yearly. For instance, in 2021, we bought 18,000 metric tonnes of grains, which met 80 percent of our annual raw material demand," John Wanyancha commented.

The SBL's Corporate Relations Director noted that the Kilimo Viwanda program has more than 400 farmers in its network and is looking forward to adding more to grow and sell cereal for the company—planning to procure 85 percent of its raw material lo-

cally by 2025.

SBL's program is now taking new shapes as more young people find commercial farming essential. Hence SBL is determined to empower more youth as big commercial farmers as its reliance on local grains grows.

Tanzania's Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mwanza, Singida, Dodoma, Shinyanga and Mara regions are the primary sources of beer raw material for SBL's beer-making machines.

Consequently, SBL eyes the young minds enrolled to become big farmers in the key regions and feed-back raw materials to the company.

Colleges and especially young commercial farmers are up for a big surprise and benefits of their lives as they stand to dent the barley production landscape in Tanza-

nia, which has not even been scratched enough.

Tanzanian youth interested in agribusiness are now experiencing a broader playing field as SBL strives to empower their potential with relevant support needed.

The Kilimo Viwanda program has sponsored over 200 students from four agriculture colleges: Kaole in Bagamoyo, Kilacha in Moshi, St. Maria Goretti in Iringa, and Igibiro in Bukoba.

SBL's support of agribusiness has been given the nod by one of the program's implementers, Bagamoyo's Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture principal, Sinani Simba, who praised SBL's efforts to impart essential knowledge to students about the ins and outs of commercial agriculture.

The principal found the program crucial in establishing a solid foundation for young students. "SBL is on board with our goals here in Kaole—that is, to assist youth progress in all agricultural aspects (theory and training), and their involvement is bearing fruit," the principal said.

To date, SBL's disbursed funds to the college stand out to be the most-largest sum received. A new window for application is slated to open in July.

Unctad: Foreign direct investments flows to EU fall to 23-year low

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN Direct Investment (FDI) flows to the European Union (EU) reached \$138 billion - the lowest level since 1997, the new report by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has said.

The drop was mostly due to continued large swings in conduit flows, including negative values in the Netherlands (-\$81 billion in

2021 from \$105 billion in 2020) and an enormous drop of flows to Luxembourg (from \$102 billion in 2020 to -\$9 billion in 2021).

Equity flows in EU countries fell sharply from \$220 to -\$4.2 billion, according to UNCTAD, while cross-border M&A sales dropped also by 26 per cent to \$139 billion.

While intra-EU sales doubled, mainly because of acquisitions by French and German MNEs, sales

to MNEs from outside the EU declined. The fall was due in part to several sizeable divestments of foreign affiliates to domestic firms, which led to negative values in net cross-border M&As. This include the sale in France of Aviva France (United Kingdom) to Aema Groupe (France) for \$3.9 billion.

The fall in EU inflows occurred despite record reinvested earnings of foreign affiliates in the

group, at \$252 billion.

FDI flows also decreased in large EU host countries as Flows to Germany fell by 52 per cent, to \$31 billion, from \$65 billion in 2020.

The overall positive growth in Europe was driven by FDI flows registered in Switzerland which, after three consecutive years of negative flows, turned positive to \$1 billion.

In addition to intrafirm finan-

cial flows, M&A activity drove part of the increase. Among the larger deals were the acquisition of Sunrise by Liberty Global (United Kingdom) for \$5.4 billion.

FDI flows to the United Kingdom also rose, by 51 per cent to \$28 billion, still one of the lowest levels ever recorded. Equity investment there more than doubled, together with cross-border M&A values.

Large deals in the United King-

dom included the merger of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles with Peugeot (France) for \$22 billion and the purchase of GW Pharmaceuticals by Jazz Pharmaceuticals (United States) for \$6.8 billion.

Two large divestments included the sale by PPL (United States) of its Bristol-based electric power distributor to National Grid for \$20 billion and the sale by Telefonica (Spain) of its O2 Holdings

to Virgin Media for \$13 billion.

Most other developed economies also saw FDI inflows rise in 2021. In Israel, FDI continued its upward trend, to \$30 billion - a record.

Cross-border M&A sales there reached \$22 billion, more than half of which was in information and communication include Thoma Bravo (United States) merger with Ironsource, for \$10 billion.

China's Africa affairs chief to visit debt-hit Zambia

BEIJING

CHINA'S top official for Africa is headed to Zambia next week, just days after Chinese President Xi Jinping held phone talks with his counterpart from the debt-hit nation.

Wu Peng, director general of the Chinese foreign ministry's African affairs department, is currently in South Africa during a tour of the continent that will also take him to Malawi, Tanzania, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Togo.

"I hope that this trip will deepen friendly exchange and practical cooperation in various areas between China and African countries," Wu tweeted on Tuesday.

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Less than two weeks ago, Xi held his first telephone call with Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema where he hailed the two nations' "all-weather" friendship and reiterated Beijing's commitment to "consolidate and deepen" bilateral ties.

Hichilema, who took office, last August, raised the issue of his country's debt crisis during the May 31 call. In a statement posted on his official Facebook page later, he said the two leaders discussed the potential for greater cooperation and their "shared commitment to working together to address and resolve the debt issue".

However, readout of the call released by the Chinese foreign ministry made no mention of this.

Nonetheless, debt remains a key focus in bilateral relations. China holds the largest share of bilateral loans advanced to Zambia, which has been seeking help to restructure its debt.

Zambia in 2020 became the first African country to default in the coronavirus era. By the end of last year, its external debt had reached US\$17.27 billion, almost a third of which was owed to China.

The debt issue also reportedly featured during Zambian Foreign Minister Stanley Kakubo's visit to China in March, which included talks with his counterpart Wang Yi.

Zambia is in the process of restructuring about US\$15



Wu Peng, Director-General of the Department of African Affairs in the Chinese Foreign Ministry

billions of external debts as a precondition to secure US\$1.4 billion in International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans. Chinese lenders make up more than US\$6 billion of the amount, spent on mega projects including airports, highways and hydropower dams.

Zambia has applied to be considered under the G20's new "common framework" to help more than 70 Covid-impacted developing countries with debt

restructuring and relief - a process that would allow creditors to jointly renegotiate its foreign debt. In April, Hichilema thanked China for agreeing to be "engaged" in the debt resolution process.

Ethiopia and Chad are the other African countries to have also applied for similar debt relief under the framework, but progress is slow.

Mark Bohlund, a senior credit research analyst at

REDD Intelligence, noted China agreed in April to co-chair the G20 Common Framework creditor committee along with France in a step forward, albeit delayed, in Zambia's debt restructuring process.

"But clearly more progress is needed. The next step will be for the parties to discuss the debt sustainability analysis conducted by the IMF," Bohlund said. Bohlund said that while Chad had made more pro-

gress under the framework, it was a more straightforward case.

He said Zambia would be a more challenging test for whether the system could implement debt restructuring with more challenging creditor constituencies, including both official and private-sector Chinese creditors as well as Eurobond holders.

"Ideally, some of the time used over the past year has been used by Beijing to align Chinese creditors to a policy line that will be acceptable to other creditors," Bohlund said.

Tim Zajontz, a research fellow at the Centre for International and Comparative Politics at South Africa's Stellenbosch University, said the "top-level interaction between presidents Hichilema and Xi shows that Zambia's debt negotiations are politically very sensitive for Beijing".

He said while still waiting for the creditor committee to convene for the first time, Lusaka was under immense pressure to receive concessions from creditors to be able to receive an IMF credit facility and World Bank budget support.

"Zambian hopes of securing a deal with the IMF by the end of June seem ambitious, as a swift agreement on easing Lusaka's debt burden remains up in the air, considering the very diverse set of creditors."

Zambia is a key Chinese ally, and Chinese companies have pumped billions of dollars into the country's mining industry. But it was pushed into a debt crisis after the Covid-19 pandemic wiped out revenues.

In November 2020, Zambia became the first African country to default on US\$3 billion in dollar-denominated bonds during the pandemic, when its debt burden reached more than 120 per cent of GDP.

Gas prices surge to record high, the main driver being refineries

WASHINGTON

ANOTHER week, another record high for gas prices. And there seems to be no immediate relief in sight.

The nationwide average price for a gallon of gasoline has topped \$5 for the first time ever, AAA reported on Saturday. The national average price has jumped 19 cents in just the past week, and it's up \$1.93 from this time last year.

"After a blistering week of gas prices jumping in nearly every town, city, state and area possible, more bad news is on the horizon," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "It now appears not if, but when, we'll hit that psychologically critical \$5 national average."

Many states are above \$5 per gallon. The top 10 states with the most expensive gas are: California (\$6.34), Nevada (\$5.49), Hawaii (\$5.47), Oregon (\$5.41), Washington (\$5.40), Illinois (\$5.40), Alaska (\$5.37), Washington, D.C. (\$5.06) and Michigan (\$5.05).

Most people blame higher oil prices, but the real driver of higher prices may surprise you. It's lack of refining capacity.

About half the price of a gallon of gas comes from oil, and oil prices have lingered near the highest levels since 2008 partly because of short supply and soaring demand.

After getting burned in 2020 when economies around the world shut down and oil demand plunged, oil producers have been slow to ramp up production. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, collectively known as OPEC+, decided last week to slightly accelerate oil production. That may help cap oil prices, but it's unlikely to move the needle on gas prices.

"Increasing crude oil supply does little to solve the global shortage of refining capacity," Natasha Kaneva, JPMorgan head of global commodities, said.

Refining breaks down crude oil into products we use every day. On average, U.S. refineries produce, from a 42-gallon barrel of crude oil, 19 to 20 gallons of motor gasoline; 11 to 13 gallons of distillate fuel, most of which is sold as diesel fuel; and 3 to 4 gallons of jet fuel, according to the Energy Information Administration.

What consumers see quoted as the price of oil is what the refineries pay. Refineries transform that oil into products and sell those. Refiners' prices on those fuels - \$250 to \$280 per barrel - are closer to what consumers pay, Daniel Milan, managing partner at Cornerstone Financial Services, said.

"That's what we look at because that's what the consumer pays, and that's more than double the cost of a barrel of oil," he said.

When COVID-19 struck and world economies closed, demand plunged for oil and gas, so many companies closed their plants. Others were hit by bad weather.

Some companies stopped investing in refineries because of uncertainty over how the transition to green energy would affect their business. When Russia invaded Ukraine, more refineries in Russia were taken offline.

All of this has led to less refining capacity. Refineries are operating at near maximum capacity, but they haven't been able to keep up with demand, and refinery margins have widened, said John Mayes, vice president at energy consulting firm Turner, Mason.

Refinery margins are the difference between the total costs of crude oil and what it takes to transform the oil and the total revenue from the finished products - whether it's gas, jet fuel or diesel.

The difference between the purchase price of crude oil and the selling price of finished products, or so-called crack spread, closed Friday up 2.7% at \$60.54, near a record high, the EIA said. The crack spread is an indicator of the short-term profit margin of oil refineries. They don't include other costs involved in converting the oil.



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WORLD

Tens of thousands rally against gun violence across US

WASHINGTON

TENS of thousands of demonstrators descended on Washington and at hundreds of rallies across the United States on Saturday to demand that lawmakers pass legislation aimed at curbing gun violence following last month's massacre at a Texas elementary school.

In the nation's capital, organizers with March for Our Lives (MFO) estimated that 40,000 people assembled at the National Mall near the Washington Monument under occasional light rain. The gun safety group was founded by student survivors of the 2018 massacre at a Parkland, Florida, high school.

Courtney Haggerty, a 41-year-old research librarian from Lawrenceville, New Jersey, traveled to Washington with her 10-year-old daughter, Cate, and 7-year-old son, Graeme.

Haggerty said the December 2012 school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, when a gunman killed 26 people, mostly six- and seven-year-olds, came one day after her daughter's first birthday.

"It left me raw," she said. "I can't believe she's going to be 11, and we're still doing this."

Kay Klein, a 65-year-old teacher trainer from Fairfax, Virginia, who retired earlier this month,

said Americans should vote out politicians who refuse to take action in November's midterm elections, when control of Congress will be at stake.

"If we truly care about children and about families, we need to vote," she said.

'Absolutely absurd'

A gunman in Uvalde, Texas, killed 19 children and two teachers on May 24, 10 days after another gunman murdered 10 Black people in a Buffalo, New York, grocery store in a racist attack.

The shootings have added new urgency to the country's ongoing debate over gun violence, though the prospects for federal legislation remain uncertain given staunch Republican opposition to any limits on firearms.

In recent weeks, a bipartisan group of Senate negotiators have vowed to hammer out a deal, though they have yet to reach an agreement. Their effort is focused on relatively modest changes, such as incentivizing states to pass "red flag" laws that allow authorities to keep guns from individuals deemed dangerous.

US President Joe Biden, a Democrat who earlier this month urged Congress to ban assault weapons, expand background checks and implement other measures, said he supported Saturday's protests.

"We are being murdered," said X Gonzalez, a



People participate in gun control rally in front of Portland, Maine, City Hall, on Saturday. AP

Parkland survivor and co-founder of MFOL, in an emotional speech alongside survivors of other mass shootings. "You, Congress, have done nothing to prevent it."

Among other policies, MFOL has called for an assault weapons ban, universal background checks for those trying to purchase guns and a national licensing system, which would register gun owners.

Biden told reporters in Los Angeles that he had spoken several times with Senator Chris Murphy, who is leading the Senate talks, and that negotiators remained "mildly optimistic."

The Democratic-controlled US House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a sweeping set of gun safety measures, but the legislation has no chance of advancing in the Senate, where Republicans view gun limits as infringing upon the US Constitution's Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Speakers at the Washington rally included David Hogg, a Parkland survivor and co-founder of MFOL; Becky Pringle and Randi Weingarten, the presidents of the two largest US teachers unions; and Muriel Bowser, the mayor of Washington, DC.

Two high school students from the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Maryland - Zena Phillip, 16, and Blain Sirak, 15 - said they had never joined a protest before but felt motivated after the shooting in Texas.

"Just knowing that there's a possibility that can happen in my own school terrifies me," Phillip said. "A lot of kids are getting numb to this to the point they feel hopeless."

Sirak said she backed more gun restrictions and that the issue extended beyond mass shootings to the daily toll of gun violence.

"People are able to get military-grade guns in America," she said. "It's absolutely absurd."

Agencies

Defence Minister: Reunification of motherland will be achieved

TAIWAN question is China's internal affairs and the reunification of the motherland will absolutely be achieved, said State Councilor and Defense Minister General Wei Fenghe at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore on Sunday.

"Taiwan separatist" will definitely come to no good end and foreign interference will categorically fail, he said in a keynote speech themed China's Vision for Regional Order at the international security forum.

"Peaceful reunification is the biggest aspiration of Chinese people and we're willing to put our best effort for that", said Wei.

"However, if anyone dares to

split Taiwan from the motherland, we will definitely smash such act at any costs, even by going to war."

Nobody should underestimate the resolve, will, and the extraordinary ability of the Chinese military, the minister warned.

The human society is witnessing historically rare multiple crisis and the way out of that is to maintain and practice multilateralism and promote building a community with shared future for mankind, he said.

Wei noted China's development is irreversible and the country firmly sticks to the path of peaceful development, stressing that



State Councilor and Defense Minister General Wei Fenghe attends the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore yesterday.

the country's is not a threat but a significant contributor to world peace

and development. China firmly pursues a national defense policy that

is defensive in nature, he said, emphasizing that its military is always an army of peace and will also resolutely safeguard the country's sovereignty, security and development interests.

The Asia-Pacific is the most dynamic and promising economic powerhouse globally, and all countries should contribute to building a community with shared future and pursuing lasting peace and universal security in the region, said the senior defense official.

Xinhua

South Africa expects greater, deeper partnership with other BRICS countries - Ramaphosa

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Friday said his country wants to see a "greater and deeper partnership" with other members of BRICS, an "attractive" bloc that many other countries have confidence in.

Ramaphosa (pictured) made the remarks when responding to questions about the BRICS partnership during a media briefing in Cape Town.

He especially spoke highly of the partnership between China and South Africa, saying China is "a country in which we have a strategic relationship at the highest level," and that the relationship has strengthened over time and spans cooperation in a number of areas.

The president also said China "came in very handy" for South Africa during "the most dangerous period of COVID" when South Africa didn't have a large number of personal protective equipment



(PPE).

China opened up "really wonderful" processes in supplying PPE and giving financial support after the engagement between the leaders of the two countries.

China not only supported South Africa but also assisted the African continent through the Africa Medical Supplies Platform, which was

launched by the African Union to address the supply shortages in Africa's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, said Ramaphosa. The platform, with China's support, "helps to reduce the prices a great deal for PPE, in terms of masks, sanitizers, ventilators and a number of other medical supplies," he said.

The partnership between the two countries has been "deep," "meaningful," "effective" and has been "largely beneficial to us as a South Africa, and also broadly to our continent," he added. The media briefing took place in the parliament precinct after the president replied to a debate by lawmakers at the National Assembly, the lower house, about the Presidency Budget Vote.

The president expected to see great improvement in the partnership with China in the areas of trade relations, infrastructure development, and "basically in helping each other, particularly China as it is the second-largest economy in the world, supporting our whole process of development," he said.

Regarding the expansion of BRICS, Ramaphosa said, "a number of other countries wanting to join BRICS speaks volumes about the confidence that many other countries are having in BRICS."

"They see BRICS as a wonder-

ful forward-looking alternative to the current blocs that exist in the country, and people see BRICS as a very attractive bloc, political bloc, economy bloc or formation in the world and that in itself is something positive," he said.

Speaking of this year's BRICS Leaders' Meeting, Ramaphosa expected the summit to do a proper survey of the geopolitical situation in the world and be able to see how best BRICS nations can continue with their programmes of fostering development and multilateral system in the world that is going to support the advancement of the prosperity of the people in the world.

South Africa will also be looking forward to the support and progress in the BRICS vaccination center in the country, as well as deepening and broadening the trade between the BRICS countries, he said. BRICS groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Xinhua

Egypt calls for peace in Yemen, renews support for govt

CAIRO

EGYPTIAN President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi on Saturday called for a peaceful solution to the Yemeni crisis, expressing his country's support for the legitimate government of Yemen.

Sisi's remark came during a joint press conference with Rashad al-Alimi, head of the Yemeni Presidential Leadership Council (PLC), following their talks in Cairo.

"I affirmed our full support for the unity, independence, and territorial integrity of the Yemeni state," stressed the Egyptian president.

Cairo also welcomed the UN announcement on June 2 of a renewal of the ongoing ceasefire agreement between the forces of Yemen's government and the Houthi militia for another two months, according to Sisi, who underlined the importance of Yemen's security and stability to Egypt and the whole Arab world.

"I call on all parties to fully implement the terms of the agreement as this represents a positive development that can be built upon to launch a comprehensive political process in Yemen," Sisi noted.

He also highlighted the need to intensify joint action to protect the "security and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the Gulf, for this vital issue is linked to regional and international security and stability."

For his part, Al-Alimi said that he updated Sisi on the latest developments in Yemen and the efforts made by the PLC to improve the economic conditions and services, especially in the provinces freed from the Houthis.

The PLC chief sought Egypt's support regarding reforms and the integration of the security forces and the military in Yemen.

"We affirmed our positive approach of all peace endeavors" in coordination with the pro-legitimacy alliance led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Yemen has been mired in a civil war since late 2014 when the Houthi militia seized control of several northern provinces and forced the internationally recognized government out of the capital Sanaa.

Xinhua

Russian intel chief slams West's attempts to cancel Russia

MOSCOW

WESTERN regimes' attempts to cancel Russia only expose their obsessive belief that the world revolves around them, Russian Foreign Intelligence Service Director and Russian Historical Society Chairman Sergey Naryshkin said at the opening ceremony of an exhibition dedicated to Russia's achievements on Saturday.

"I am deeply convinced that attempts by the West's liberally-totalitarian regimes to cancel Russia only expose their obsessive belief that the world revolves around them and obeys their wishes and orders.

However, that's not really the case, which is proved by Russia's thousand-year history. Russia preserves the traditions of Alexander Nevsky, Dmitry Donskoy, Peter I, Catherine the Great, Pyotr Stolypin, Georgy Zhukov, Yuri Gagarin and many other great sons and daughters of our country," Naryshkin added.

"It is impossible to overestimate Russia's contribution to the development of humanity, including the history of culture and science, the exploration of the vast expanses of Siberia, the Far East and the Arctic, the great geographical discoveries, the exploration of space, and finally, the victory over Nazi Germany and the liberation of Europe and the entire world from Nazism," he stressed.

More refugees die crossing the Mediterranean to Europe - UN

GENEVA

DESPITE the relatively lower numbers of refugees and migrants crossing the Mediterranean to Europe in recent years, the death toll had seen a steep rise, the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said.

While reported numbers of refugees and migrants crossing the Mediterranean to Europe were fewer than in 2015, the journeys were becoming more fatal, said Shabia Mantoo, spokesperson for UNHCR. "Since a peak in 2015, in which more than a million refugees and migrants crossed the Mediterranean to Europe, the numbers of those making these journeys had seen a downward trend," she told a press briefing. "In 2021, 123,300 individual crossings were reported, and prior to that 95,800 in 2020, 123,700 in 2019 and 141,500 in 2018," she added.

Xinhua

Millions face threat of starvation amid 'unprecedented drought' in Horn of Africa - report

ADDIS ABABA

MILLIONS of people face the threat of starvation amid unprecedented drought in the three Horn of Africa countries of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia, humanitarian partners have warned.

"Rainfall deficits during the recent March-April-May 2022 rainy season have been the most severe in at least the last 70 years in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia," the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the UN World Food

Program (WFP), and the Famine Early Warning System Network said in a joint situation report released late on Thursday.

The ongoing four consecutive failed rain seasons have been the most extensive and persistent event since 1981, in which grave concerns are raised by elevated risks of a fifth below-average rainy season in October-November-December, the humanitarian partners warned.

"This exceptional four-season drought, amplified by exceptionally warm air temperatures and increased evaporative demand and desiccation, has been devastating

to livelihoods and produced repetitive, debilitating and cumulative shocks to herds, crops, water availability, and household incomes," the report said.

Noting that more than seven million livestock have died and millions of people face the threat of starvation, they warned that the impacts of the severe drought on livelihoods will intensify rapidly in the coming months due to the effects of the extremely poor March-April-May rains.

The humanitarian partners emphasized that humanitarian response plans are "massively under-

funded.

"The Somalia 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan for food security is only 20 percent funded to date.

Only 34 percent of the required 139.5 million U.S. dollars for the October 2021-March 2022 period of the Kenya Drought Flash Appeal was met and funding requirements for April-October 2022 period have risen further to 180.7 million U.S. dollars.

"Immediate action is required to scale up and sustain humanitarian assistance through at least mid-2023 to prevent rising levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition, miti-

gate the loss of life, and avert the risk of famine," the report said.

In drought-affected areas, it said, cereal prices are at very high levels due to insufficient availability after consecutive poor harvests combined with the global price shocks and macroeconomic difficulties in some countries.

"These prices are likely to increase due to failed rainy seasons, global inflation pressures, and the disruption in crop production and international trade flows due to the war in Ukraine," the report said.

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17 states elected into UN Economic and Social Council for three-year term

UNITED NATIONS

SEVENTEEN states were elected Friday into the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the coordinating body for the economic and social work of UN agencies and funds, for a three-year term.

The states were elected by secret ballot with a two-thirds majority of the member states present and voting in the UN General Assembly.

Elected were Botswana, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea from African states; China, Laos, Qatar, South Korea from Asia-Pacific states; Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica from Latin America and Caribbean states; Denmark, Greece, New Zealand, Sweden from Western European and other states; Slovakia and Slovenia from Eastern European states. They were elected for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Of the 17 states, Botswana, China, Colombia, Denmark, Greece, New Zealand and South Korea were re-elected.

In a by-election for rotation within the Western European and other states group, Liechtenstein was elected for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. It will replace Austria.

After Friday's voting, one seat remains to be filled for the Eastern European group for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023, as no other candidate besides Slovakia and Slovenia could obtain a two-thirds majority after six rounds of voting. In the first round, Russia won 118 votes, 10 votes short of a two-thirds majority.

It entered a second-round runoff with North Macedonia, which gained the second-largest number of votes in the group after Russia.

In the subsequent rounds, first restrictive and unrestricted, neither Russia nor North Macedonia could gain enough votes for election. A new set of rounds will take place at a later date to be determined.

ECOSOC has 54 members, which are elected each year by the General Assembly for overlapping three-year terms.

Seats on the council are allocated on the basis of geographical representation with 14 seats to African states, 11 to Asia-Pacific states, six to Eastern European states, 10 to Latin American and Caribbean states, and 13 to Western Europe and other states.

Xinhua

Washington's wishful thinking to divide and rule the world

BEIJING

THE United States has been trying hard to convince countries in many parts of the world that China poses a threat to the so-called "rules-based world order," and that bonding with Washington can lead to peace and prosperity.

At the three-day Shangri-La Dialogue held in Singapore that started on Friday, the United States once again peddled its Indo-Pacific strategy, professing a desire to "advance regional prosperity," but actually stoking geopolitical rivalry.

Since its inception, such a strategy has become a by-word for "bloc politics." It is no more than a political tool that has been tapped with increasing frequency in recent years by the world's sole superpower to salvage its declining global supremacy.

In history, the United States has a record of being an offshore balancer. When the country feels a potential "threat" to its global dominance, it will form all kinds of cliques, draw a line between "us" and "them," and coax its allies and others into keeping the "challengers" in check.

That is what the United States has been doing. To contain China, a "strategic competitor" as defined by Washington, the United States is sparing no effort to foment confrontations against Beijing.

In the name of "enhancing economic cooperation, promoting common values and safeguarding regional security," the United States has proposed an "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework" excluding China, strengthened the Five Eyes and the Quad mechanisms, as well as created an AUKUS pact at the expense of global nuclear non-proliferation.

Recently, it also made some irresponsible remarks on the China-India border issue, attempting to drive a wedge between the two neighbors.

It is clear that while Washington will do everything to keep its states united, it intends to shape a split world. That is how it can divide the global communi-



Local residents pass by a damaged building at the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol, May 22, 2022. Xinhua

ty and then seek to rule it supreme.

However, America's selfish actions run counter to the common aspiration for peace and development of a world in an age of irreversible interdependence.

Washington's confrontational moves are also detrimental to global post-pandemic recovery, where unity is a must to heal the disrupted supply and industrial chains. Some U.S. allies may argue that they can profit from those U.S. proposed partnerships or frameworks. That is self-delusion. Being on the U.S. chariot is not a free ride. For every little bit of benefit they get from Washington, there is a disproportionate cost at some point.

Take Europe as an example. When the U.S. allies on the continent are bearing the brunt of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis, the United States, which abetted its partners to ignite the conflict, has refused to get involved directly but fished in troubled waters.

What's more, if Washington faces a conflict of national interest with any of its allies, it will not hesitate to immediately cast aside that friendship.

Disappointed with some of New Delhi's reactions to the Ukraine crisis, the United States has warned India that the consequences of a "more explicit strategic alignment" with Russia would be "significant and long-term."

It has been increasingly clear that in the eyes of those Washington decision-makers, allies and partners are simply instruments to be used to promote the U.S. self-interest.

This can partially explain why many hold a very bearish view of Washington's hollow commitments made at this week's Summit of the Americas hosted in Los Angeles, an event boycotted by several regional leaders because of the U.S. exclusion of three countries from the meeting.

The United States "doesn't treat any country as an equal, not even its allies," Daniel Kovalik, an American lawyer who teaches international human rights at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, said, adding the summit illustrates the hegemonic power's shrinking impact on the Western Hemisphere.

In the Asia Pacific, anxiety over an increasingly headstrong Washington seeking to stir up ideological confrontation has been on the rise.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has recently warned "there will be no good outcome if

Asian countries are split between the two camps, each siding with one or the other. A more stable, less tense configuration is for the two powers to have overlapping circles of friends."

In fact, the United States, facing skyrocketing oil prices and a soaring inflation rate, is nibbling on the bitter fruits it has produced itself. Yet its politicians still insist on wasting their time on partisan fighting at home, and stoking confrontation abroad.

It has also to be noted that a highhanded approach cannot hold up the inevitable demise of so-called U.S. hegemony, nor will those maneuverers succeed in containing China, whose irreversible rejuvenation is mainly driven by its people's desire for a better life.

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SPIEF 2022 plenary session with Putin to take place on June 17

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin will traditionally attend the SPIEF 2022 plenary session, which will be held on June 17, Roscongress Foundation reported on its site on Saturday.

The plenary session of the 2022 St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) will be moderated by Margarita Simonyan, the editor-in-chief of the RT broadcaster and Rossiya Segodnya media group.

Roscongress added that the forum's topic is 'New Opportunities in a New World,' which reflects the current global changes around the world and provides an occasion for dialogue with all interested parties.

The 25th edition of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum



(SPIEF) will be held on June 15-18, 2022.

According to Roscongress, more than 2,700 business representatives, including over 1,000 heads of companies, had confirmed their participation in the forum by June 1. Representatives of all Russian regions have confirmed their in-person participation.

Agencies

Needle attacks reportedly on rise in France, causes remain mystery

PARIS

JUSTIN Astruc, 24, is a victim of needle spiking -- a syringe attack in which the victims are being injected against their will.

Astruc, a student in Rennes in western France, told Xinhua that he was spiked while attending a concert on May 21 in Rennes. He was standing in the "pit," the area closest to the stage, when an unknown substance was injected into his thigh. "At the concert, everything was going well.

Two days later, while I was in the shower, I realized I had a strange mark on my thigh. I had seen pictures on social media and I straight away realized that there was a problem.

I compared the mark with the pictures and they matched," he recalled. Astruc said that to his surprise he did not feel anything during the concert.

Since February, several cases of needle spiking have been reported in nightclubs, concerts and music festivals across France. French television BFMTV has reported 319 such cases in nightclubs alone. Police complaints have been filed by 275 victims.

Men and women can equally fall victim to needle spiking, and -- according to social media -- people have been spiked in different parts of the body.

On social media, French nightclub and bar victims relate their stories using the hashtag "call on your bar," Leila Chaouachi, a pharmacist at the Addictovigilance Center in Paris, told Xinhua.

"The needle spiking phenomena started in Britain in September 2021 before being observed in France," she said.

In France, "we know little about this phenomenon, what kind of needles are being used, whether they are followed by injections of substances or not, and if so, what substances are used," Chaouachi said.

She added that the motives behind spiking continue to raise questions as in the vast majority of cases the victims reported no assaults coupled with spiking.

Chaouachi said the perpetrators of spiking attacks are very difficult to identify because they usually occur in crowded environments.

Occasionally, people get arrested at such events for carrying syringes, but a commonly heard excuse is that they are for personal use, French media reported.

"A syringe can be considered a weapon and spiking can be considered a premeditated act," lawyer Marine Durillon said.

According to her, perpetrators face a minimum prison sentence of three years and 45,000 euros (about 48,000 U.S. dollars) in fines, provided that no harmful substances were injected.

If harmful substances were injected, the prison sentence can range from five to seven years and the fine can be 75,000 euros.

The punishment for recidivists is even tougher. "There is also an emotional shock for the victim to consider," Durillon said.

"In a psychological level, there is no structure in place that can accompany the victim and that is being worked on." Pulmonologist William Lowenstein, president of the association SOS Addictions, told Xinhua that the needle spiking cases reported in France remain a "mystery."

Xinhua

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'China's path demonstrates strong vibrancy of socialism'

By Hua Fang

"I'm really impressed by how fast China has developed," said Patrik Kobele, chairman of the German Communist Party, in a recent interview with People's Daily.

Kobele (pictured) has visited China twice, and yet those two trips brought him totally different feelings. In the early 1990s, he came to China for the very first time, when he visited Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an. Then in 2018, he arrived in China for activities hosted by the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of German philosopher Karl Marx and paid visits to Beijing and Shenzhen.

"When I visited Beijing in 2018, I found that except scenic areas like the Great Wall, everything was quite different from what I saw nearly 30 years ago. I could hardly recognize the streets I had been to before," Kobele recalled.

In the 1990s, bicycles were the most common means of transportation in Beijing; while in 2018, automobiles dominated the roads of the city, and many of them were new energy vehicles (NEVs), according to Kobele.

"Interestingly, bikes didn't simply disappear; shared bikes equipped with advanced positioning system have been developed and put into use," he said, noting that both shared bikes and NEVs represent green means of transportation.

The Shougang Park, a cultural and sports complex transformed from the former production premises of Chinese steelmaker Shougang Group, was one of the places Kobele could recognize when he revisited Beijing in 2018.

"At that time, a Chinese comrade told me that for the purpose of improving the environment, the Shougang Group moved its facilities out of Beijing, and its former production site in the city would be changed into a park," Kobele said.



As he read news reports on the Beijing Winter Olympics in February, Kobele was pleasantly surprised to find that the raw material silos at the former premises of Shougang Group had been turned into the office of the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (BOCOG), the clean coal workshop became training base for ice sports, the Big Air Shougang ski jump was built beside the cooling tower, and the industrial park was transformed into an ice and snow park full of vitality.

"This is absolutely an amazing idea. The successful conclusion of the Beijing Winter Olympics has proven that the transformation could truly stand the test of practice," he noted.

Kobele believes that the Beijing Winter Olympics is a remarkable achievement made by China in promoting the development of the Olympic Games on the basis of strict epidemic prevention and control measures.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic ran riot across the world, athletes from various countries and regions were able to gather together in China and finish competitions safely and smoothly, in which China's effective anti-pandemic measures played a

crucial role, according to Kobele.

By successfully hosting the Beijing Winter Olympics, the Chinese people have shown the world a spirit characterized by pursuit of peace, solidarity and cooperation, which is completely different from certain countries' overemphasis on individualism, competition and confrontation, he pointed out.

Such a spirit is also manifested in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, and other initiatives and concepts proposed by China, according to Kobele.

He believes that the BRI represents an open, inclusive, pragmatic and effective form of international cooperation and is aimed at providing more countries and regions with better opportunities for development.

Kobele has read carefully "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China", a three-volume collection of speeches and writings by Chinese President Xi Jinping. From what he saw and heard in China, he felt strongly that the CPC has won support from the Chinese people, according to him.

"At the Shenzhen Bay Venture Plaza in Shenzhen, I visited a CPC service center, a large open space with a café and a library where people can report their problems to Party organization.

Besides, people can learn theories about the CPC via an interactive screen at the plaza," Kobele recalled, adding that Marxism has been more widely disseminated in China and more deeply rooted in the Chinese people's hearts.

China's path demonstrates the strong vibrancy of socialism; and the CPC has embarked on a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics that suits China's national conditions by combining the basic principles of Marxism and China's realities, said Kobele, who noted that several hundred million Chinese people have shaken off absolute poverty under the leadership of the CPC.

The German Communist Party sincerely hopes that the CPC will make even greater achievements in leading the Chinese people along the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and expects deeper exchanges and cooperation between the two political parties, according to him.

Although the two political parties are different in size, they share similar ideals and beliefs and always follow the four principles guiding inter-party relations, namely independence, equality, mutual respect, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, Kobele noted, adding that the German Communist Party sincerely hopes to continue drawing progressive ideas and inspiration from its exchanges with the CPC.

"I'm confident that China will certainly grow into a modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, and harmonious by the middle of the 21st century. I really look forward to that day," Kobele said.

People's Daily

SPORT



Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT)'s Director, Charles Rays, poses for a picture with a section of the country's athletes with special needs that battled it out in the 2020 Pan Africa Regional Games, which took place at Cairo International Stadium, Nasr City, Egypt. PHOTO: SPECIAL OLYMPICS TANZANIA

Government urged to recognize Special Olympics athletes

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Association for Mentally Handicapped (TAM) has lamented that the government does not recognize and appreciate Special Olympics athletes that have done the country proud by winning many medals.

Lukosa Muhomboleje, the TAM Treasure General, said despite Special Olympics athletes winning many medals in various international events, the country has never honoured them.

She stated: "The country's Special Olympics team has been doing well in Special Olympics games, in the maiden Pan African Special Olympics Games that took place in Egypt last year, the country collected 11 medals."

"The team has competed in Turkey, Abu Dhabi, Egypt, and many other countries where it performed well and brought medals to our country but they are not either recognized or honoured," she said.

She said Special Olympics athletes need to be recognized so that they can feel proud and know that the government is recognizing their efforts.

She said sports among children with intellectual disabilities are important as they have a rehabilitative influence, not only on the physical body but also on the mind.

The TAM official stated so at a workshop which was organized by Living Foundation and took place in Dar es Salaam last week.

Journalists and officials from other organizations that deal with people with intellectual disabilities attended the workshop.

One of the facilitators of the workshop, Nils Kastberg, said it is good that no one is left behind.

"We talk on who to reach, we do not talk on who is left behind, anyone must be involved including children with intellectual challenges," he said.

It is believed that sports teach independence while encouraging teamwork.

They can be a space where those with and without disabilities can equally participate, demonstrating what real inclusion looks like to those who would try and keep them segregated.

Amputee football workshop starts in Zanzibar

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A three-day workshop for coaches, referees, and amputee football players is set to start in Zanzibar today.

Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) vice-president Vincent Kaduma said the workshop will involve 40 players from Pemba and Zanzibar, as well as five coaches and referees from either side.

According to the TPC leader, the training has been sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

He said the workshop is hosted by Zanzibar Amputee Football Federation (ZAFF) and World Amputee Football Federation (WAFF) Secretary-General Simon Baker that arrived in Tanzania on Saturday will be in attendance.

Kaduma said participants at the workshop will be trained on injury and protection for players with disabilities and ICRC instructors are Baker, Subhash Sinha, and Juan Blandon that is assistant.

The official revealed: "The three-day workshop for amputee football coaches, referees and players from Zanzibar gets underway tomorrow (today) and ends on Wednesday, WAFF Secretary-General Baker will attend."

"This is the second time for Baker to come to

Tanzania and he is the one who has helped in the promotion and formation of Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) and ZAFF," he said.

The ZAFF is now a fully registered federation, its registration was supported by ICRC.

After the federation's formation, ICRC donated assorted sports items to the body including crutches, jerseys, and balls, it also conducted a seminar on how to organize and manage amputee football.

The TPC and ICRC are in a partnership that is aimed at seeing sports among people with disabilities are improving.

Through the partnership, TPC necessitated the formation of the Zanzibar Amputee Football Federation.

Zanzibar Minister of Sports, Tabia Maulid, the guest of honour at ZAFF's launch, said the isles' sports policy of 2018 advocates for sports inclusion.

The minister said the policy highlights that every person has a right to be involved in sporting activities.

"We value the importance of sports to any person, we aim to see that any person is involved in sporting activities as sports play important role in health and they are also a source of income," the minister noted at the launch.

SPORTS

Why there are risks visible in mobile phones, radio channels loyalty/entertainment contests

By Correspondent John Kimbute

A jovial atmosphere is slowly building up on airwaves, with the usually intense competition between mobile phone service providers entering into synchrony with other intense competitors, namely radio channels.

What is involved is distinctly different from lotteries and mini-lotteries of the past, where people went to win up to 20m/- at one time, and if some clever official duplicates those numbers it is clear that the issuing company stands to be ruined, partially at least. So the sums are smaller but more frequent.

One interesting part of the call-in, payment of a thousand shillings, and being entered into the draw is that it has also involved efforts by the city archrivals, Simba Sports Club, and Young Africans SC 'Yanga' to look up their fans for the contributing wave.

It appears that this situation is also a kind of loyalty roll call, as anyone who calls and recognizes himself or herself as a real fan of either club is under collective pressure on the airwaves to participate, and from street corner talk it is evident that the exercise is taken with a certain amount of seriousness.

It however involves other kinds of tests that are not explicitly mentioned therein.

An interesting implication of the contest is which club is going to get many contributors, and at one radio station after a few days of such contributions was that Msimbazi Street outfit stood at something like 36,000 while Jangwani Street club side was slightly over half of that number.

How it has been moving from one day to another is not being aired repeatedly, so it is not easy to learn what is changing on that front.

It is also to be expected that program managers could be short of the details for not wishing to appear to take sides in the contest, or using chatter time to explore the reasons for noticeable differences, but it could come to that later.

How much support a club obtains on the airwaves becomes a test of its grassroots base.

In tandem with the situation obtained during the entire outgoing season, it is Yanga that has everything



An up-and-coming musician, Regina Kihwele, alias 'Gynah', sings at a live performance she staged in Dar es Salaam in September last year. PHOTO: BEATRICE PHILEMON

to prove while Simba SC, despite the side's numerous disappointments, does not have much to prove as a strong soccer side.

Without a doubt, the usual psychology of fan base sentiments is applicable in this context, that a winning side gets more fans, as most of those coming of age at a time that soccer rivalry becomes an issue in spirit and they have to choose sides, circumstances matter on which side they will fall.

At times it is peer pressure, chiefly from friends and at times with family members, if a parent is marked by one side.

Thus it can be suggested that youths who are now coming of age and start feeling loyalties to either one or another club are likely to be more influenced by current successes at the Msimbazi Street outfit than historical feats that the Jangwani Street club may have attained in the past.

At times specific personalities exercise a preponderant influence in the manner in which young people have their loyalties swayed between either the two clubs or political parties, the whole problem of what some philosophers names 'hero-worship.'

These days there is an entertainment notion of 'role model' which largely duplicates the former, except that it is entirely social, concerning things like dress, hairdo, a smoking habit that was prevalent in the past, name it.

This pattern is noticed in looking at the distribution of fans for top English Premier League sides, where those above 60 tend to favour Manchester United, as when television screens appeared in the mid-1990s this club was mighty.

Then came close on their heels the London club, Arsenal, whose heydays were at the start of the new millennium, and a few years into that decade Chelsea, also of London, was sold to a Russian billionaire and it started winning cups, chalking up fans.

They were of a slightly younger cohort like fans of Manchester City which was sold to an 'oil sheikh' a bit later before Liverpool recruited a fantastic head coach and started altering the picture.

Manchester United had also recruited an excellent coach in 1986

Mexime: Bangala deserves 2021/22 Premier League Best Player prize

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

DAR ES SALAAM'S Cambiasso Football Talent Development Center's head coach, Mecky Mexime, has said Yanga's midfielder Yannick Bangala Litombo has all the credentials to win the 2021/22 NBC Premier League Player of the Year award.

Mexime, who has coached Mtibwa Sugar and Kagera Sugar on several occasions, said he has been following the midfielder that hails from DR Congo for a long time.

According to the gaffer, Bangala that also plays as a defender has helped Yanga inch closer to winning the 2021/22 Premier League title.

He said Bangala knows how to play football by following all the rules of play when a team is either seeking to keep an opponent at bay or attacking.

Mexime added the midfielder has moreover shown that he has had the opportunity to competently serve his club in every game.

The tactician revealed: "Let me be clear that Bangala is the best player in Yanga's squad and even the rest of the outfits in the Premier League."

"This is just my point of view, but I know those who are involved in the task of deciding (player of the year) know more so I should not be misquoted," Mexime noted.

Bangala signed for Yanga during this season's main transfer window, coming from Morocco's AS FAR Rabat.

He joined AS FAR Rabat in the 2020/21 season after playing for DR Congo's football big gun, AS Vita Club.

The midfielder had earlier turned out for his native DR Congo's other club, DC Morema Pembe.

He was one of the newly signed footballers who turned out for



Yannick Bangala

Yanga that crashed out of the 2021/22 CAF Champions League Preliminary Round, losing to Nigeria's Rivers United FC.

During his spell at AS Vita Club, he was one of the footballers who guided the club to the 2018 CAF Confederation Cup final and conceded a 4-3

and changed its fortunes, so Liverpool gets the more recent fans here, for the same reason.

It is not clear how far this exercise will be pursued, of counting who supports which club, by phoning in and putting up a little sum of money there and entering into some lucky draw, but that exercise may not bode well for the new Premier League champs in waiting.

The gap at the start of the voting exercise was decidedly wide, and if it continues like that, someone will have to take some initiative to either call it off or alter its arrangement, as it undermines some well-orchestrated half-truths prevailing in city talk shops, and especially at club propaganda level.

It is the rather strained epithet of the people's team, which this all too transparent temperature check may unravel, not in its wording but in how far it is believed.

aggregate loss to Morocco's Raja Casablanca.

U.S. judge dismisses Ronaldo rape lawsuit

LAS VEGAS

A NEVADA woman has lost her bid in a U.S. court to force Cristiano Ronaldo to pay millions of dollars more than the \$375,000 settlement she received after alleging he raped her in Las Vegas in 2009.

U.S. District Judge Jennifer Dorsey in Las Vegas kicked the case out of court on Friday to punish the woman's attorney, Leslie Mark Stovall, for "bad-faith conduct" and the use of "purloined" confidential documents that the judge said tainted the case beyond redemption.

Dorsey said in her 42-page order that dismissing a case outright with no option to file it again is a severe sanction, but she said Ronaldo had been harmed by Stovall's conduct.

"I find that the procurement and continued use of these documents was bad faith, and simply disqualifying Stovall will not cure the prejudice to Ronaldo because the misappropriated documents and their confidential contents have been woven into the very fabric of [plaintiff Kathryn] Mayorga's claims," the ruling said. "Harsh sanctions are merited."

Stovall did not immediately respond Saturday to telephone and email messages. Text messages to associate Larissa Drohobycz were not answered. They could appeal the decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

In a statement referring to Mayorga only as "plaintiff," Ronaldo's attorney in Las Vegas, Peter Christiansen, said Cristiano's legal team welcomed the decision.

"We have maintained the action was brought in bad faith," the statement said. "The outright dismissal of plaintiff's case should give all who follow this matter renewed confidence in the judicial process in this country while dissuading those who seek to undermine it."

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims of sexual assault, but Mayorga gave consent through Stovall and Drohobycz to make her name public.

Dorsey had signaled earlier this year that she was ready to end the case after Stovall failed to meet a procedural deadline in his bid for more than \$25 million in damages based on allegations that Ronaldo or his associates violated a 2010 confidentiality agreement by letting reports about it appear in European publications in 2017.

Mayorga's civil lawsuit -- filed in 2018 in state court and moved in 2019 to federal court -- alleged that Ronaldo or his associates violated the confidentiality agreement before the German news outlet Der Spiegel published an article titled "Cristiano Ronaldo's Secret" based on documents obtained from "whistleblower portal Football Leaks."

Ronaldo's legal team blamed the reports on electronic data leaks of documents hacked from law firms and other entities in Europe and put up for sale. Christiansen alleged also that information was altered or fabricated.

Christiansen and attorney Kendalee Works in Las Vegas successfully fought since the case emerged in 2018 to prevent the pact from disclosure.

Mayorga is a former model and teacher who lives in the Las Vegas area. Her lawsuit said she met Ronaldo at a nightclub and went with him and other people to his hotel suite, where she alleged he assaulted her in a bedroom. She was 25 at the time. He was 24.

Ronaldo's legal team does not dispute Ronaldo met Mayorga and they had sex in June 2009, but it maintained it was consensual and not rape.

Mayorga went to Las Vegas police at the

time, but the investigation was dropped because Mayorga neither identified her alleged attacker by name nor said where the incident took place, police and prosecutors said.

Ronaldo, now 37, is one of the most highly paid and recognizable sports stars in the world. He plays for the English Premier League club Manchester United and has captained the national team of his home country, Portugal. He spent several recent years playing in Italy for the Turin-based club Juventus.

Las Vegas police reopened their rape investigation after Mayorga's lawsuit was filed, but Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson decided in 2019 not to pursue criminal charges.

Wolfson, the elected public prosecutor in Las Vegas, said too much time had passed and evidence failed to show that Mayorga's accusation could be proved to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt.

Stovall maintained that Mayorga didn't break the settlement to quiet her. Her lawsuit sought to void it, accusing Ronaldo and reputation-protection "fixers" of conspiracy, defamation, breach of contract, coercion and fraud. In documents filed last year, Stovall tallied damages at \$25 million plus attorney fees.

The attorney argued that Mayorga had learning disabilities as a child and was so pressured by Ronaldo's attorneys and representatives that she was in no condition to consent to dropping her criminal complaint and accepting the \$375,000 settlement in August 2010.

Dorsey followed recommendations from U.S. Magistrate Judge Daniel Albrechts, who handled preliminary and procedural rulings in the case, that it be dismissed for bad faith, "inappropriate conduct" by Stovall and reliance on the leaked and stolen confidential documents.

"There is no possible way for this case to proceed where the court cannot tell what arguments and testimony are based on these privileged documents," Albrechts said in an October 2021 report to Dorsey.

Stovall "acted in bad faith by asking for, receiving, and using the Football Leaks documents to prosecute Mayorga's case," Albrechts wrote. He blamed Stovall for "audacious," "impertinent" and "abusive" attempts to make the confidentiality agreement public through legal maneuvers and the court record and recommended to Dorsey that she reject Stovall's claim that Mayorga lacked the mental capacity to sign the 2010 agreement.

The 9th Circuit ruled early this year that it would be up to Dorsey to decide that question.

It was not immediately clear in Dorsey's ruling whether the public might still get a look at the Las Vegas police report compiled about Ronaldo after Mayorga filed her lawsuit in 2018.

Albrechts said in March that denying the New York Times access to what police collected "would almost certainly raise the 'specter of government censorship.'" He recommended that Dorsey transfer to a state court the newspaper's open-records request for documents.

A protective order that Dorsey imposed to prevent the release of the 2010 agreement doesn't apply to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Albrechts found, and "does not bar LVMPD from disseminating its criminal investigative file."

Attorney Margaret McLetchie, representing the newspaper, did not immediately respond Saturday to a message about that case.

(Agencies)

What Real Madrid can expect from new signing Tchouameni

By Tor-Kristian Karlsen

REAL MADRID will unveil AS Monaco midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni on Tuesday, after he agreed to join the Spanish champions on a six-year contract for a transfer fee of around €80 million, adding yet another top French talent to their squad.

Tchouameni, 22, had been tracked by Liverpool and many of Europe's elite clubs, but always had his heart set on a move to the Bernabeu. After PSG striker Kylian Mbappe snubbed Real Madrid to stay in Paris, the Champions League winners have splashed a large amount of money on a player who could be one of the best midfielders of his generation.

So what can the LaLiga side expect from the young midfielder? And just how far can his career develop?

"Tchouameni's background

Having made a name for himself in Bordeaux's youth teams as an attacking midfielder, Tchouameni made his competitive debut for the first team at the age of 18 as a central midfielder in the early rounds of the Europa League in the summer of 2018.

Tchouameni had already been involved with France's national youth teams for several years – though he could have chosen to play for Cameroon through his parents – and caught the eye of several top scouts during the European Under-17 Championship and FIFA Under-17 World Cup in 2017. He was reportedly close to joining the AC Milan academy at one point, but stayed in France and his development skyrocketed.

Following a gentle introduction to first-team football during the 2018-19 campaign – in which he played 10 times in Ligue 1 and alternated between the No. 6 and No. 8 position in midfield – Tchouameni claimed a regular spot as an out-and-out defensive midfielder from the start of the following season.

On the back of a string of promising Ligue 1 performances, scouts were suddenly appearing to watch his games and he was particularly outstanding in Bordeaux's 2-1 home win against Monaco in November 2019, which earned him the Man of the



Aurelien Tchouameni

Match award.

Monaco were so impressed that they paid €18m to sign Tchouameni from Bordeaux in January 2020, though it wasn't an easy start for him in the principality.

The midfielder didn't win the trust of head coach Roberto Moreno – given his attempted implementation of a Barcelona-inspired, possession-based style of play – and Tchouameni ended up making just three league substitute appearances in the second half of the season.

It wasn't until Niko Kovac – who favoured a more physical and direct brand of football – took over in the summer that the 20-year-old finally became an undisputed regular, a status which he has hung on to ever since.

"Position

Despite being only 22, Tchouameni has already encountered plenty of tactical shuffling in his young career; the only constant is that he plays through the spine of the team – though if given the remit, he would probably excel at centre-back too.

His ability to cover space and regain possession, plus a developing ability to quickly read the game in front of him, has seen him thrive as a defensive midfielder and occasionally feature in a box-to-box role – an idea that's been growing on both France manager Didier Deschamps and Monaco's current coach Philippe Clement.

"Strengths

Tchouameni's strength and competitiveness in one-vs-ones (both when defending and advancing with the ball), swiftness in moving around the pitch (with and without the ball), aerial dominance (from open play or set pieces) and stamina were what initially caught the eye.

Now he has become even more assertive and efficient in winning the ball back: seven ball recoveries per game last season vs. an already impressive 5.5 the season before.

He's improved his passing distribution and appears more confident in finding the right pass or hitting a cross-field switch. He gets on the ball more often and, crucially, has developed a fierce, powerful shot

which he showcased on a few occasions last season for his five goals.

Despite his 6-foot-2 frame, he still relatively nimble and is able to dance his way out of congested areas in the middle of the pitch without losing the ball, thanks to his balance and coordination.

Moreover, he's an intelligent footballer whose nous in reading the game allows him to pick advantageous areas to recover the ball, and who reads the rhythm and the flow of the game well enough to understand the best options in the transition phase.

Crucially for a central midfielder, he's also hard to dispossess without being fouled (he attracts nearly 1.5 fouls per game) and rarely gives it away sloppily.

"Areas to improve

Rather than having to work on improving basic shortcomings in his game, Tchouameni mainly needs to keep making marginal gains. If fielded as a No. 8, we might see him make even more runs into the box at Real Madrid (where he could potentially take his goal tally into double figures.)

Or if playing in a deeper role, it's a case of being even more bold when a creative pass is on. The defensive side of his game is as good as one can hope for without putting on the brakes going forward.

"Where he fits in

With all the options at hand, Carlo Ancelotti faces a luxurious puzzle to keep him busy during the brief summer break. In theory, Tchouameni is not a like-for-like replacement for either Toni Kroos, Luka Modric, Federico Valverde or Casemiro, though conceptually – at least when comparing the two as 20-year-olds – he's closest to the latter.

What Tchouameni will offer, which the aforementioned quartet arguably don't possess to a great extent, is a central midfielder who can break lines with strong, penetrative running and offer even more physicality.

Whatever midfield construction Ancelotti decides to go with, the 22-year-old should be able to adapt, whether he's sitting deep or whether allowed to roam more freely forward. And, with him playing alongside 19-year-old Eduardo Camavinga, the midfielders of France and Real Madrid should be in good shape for the next decade.

ESPN

How Man City plan to stay on top after Haaland signing

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

EVERY summer, Manchester City chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak uses the club's in-house television channel to address the fans. It's usually a review of the previous season, but this year's address also included a warning for the Premier League and the rest of Europe.

Borussia Dortmund striker Erling Haaland, one of the best young players in the world, has already been snapped up for £51 million, and according to Khaldoon, the squad will only get stronger before the new campaign. "I can confirm that there will be more players coming in," he said. "We are looking to strengthen the team in the areas that need strengthening."

Given that they are already the dominant team in England, it's a statement to worry their rivals around the world.

Pep Guardiola's side were run close by Liverpool last season but still won their fourth Premier League in five years. They scored 99 goals – more than anyone else – while often playing without a recognised striker, and recorded the joint-best defensive record (26 goals conceded, tied with Liverpool). They posted 90-plus points in the league for the third time since 2017-18 and were minutes away from a second successive Champions League final before an inexplicable collapse in the final minutes against Real Madrid.

After six years under Guardiola, City are a well-oiled winning machine. And, according to Khaldoon, they are keeping their foot on the gas.

Haaland is the headline arrival and fills a gap up front that City coped with admirably last season, but sources have told ESPN that other changes to the squad will allow Guardiola's side to compete in every competition next year.

Argentina forward Julian Alva-

rez, signed from River Plate for £15m in January, has been told he won't be loaned out, and management has already started work to find a new left-back and a midfielder to replace Fernandinho, who has left after nine seasons at the Etihad Stadium. Sources have told ESPN that former Barcelona full-back Marc Cucurella is on the list of potential targets, and Brighton's asking price of £35m is not considered overly problematic.

England midfielder Kalvin Phillips is admired by Guardiola and City's director of football, Txiki Begiristain, although sources have told ESPN a move has been complicated by Leeds' escape from relegation. However, a deal is still on the table, and City are set to make contact with Leeds after England's Nations League games.

Elsewhere, City have distanced themselves from moves for Barcelona's Frenkie de Jong and West Ham's Declan Rice.

De Jong has been offered to City – and most major clubs in Europe – as Barcelona try to raise £70m for new arrivals, but so far only Manchester United and Paris Saint-Germain have returned positive responses. Man United are the leading contenders, but there are concerns at Old Trafford that the Dutchman has his heart set on staying at Barcelona – whether they want him there or not. Rice, meanwhile, has indicated to West Ham he is unlikely to sign a new contract and wants regular Champions League football, but this summer at least, City have deemed the 23-year-old too expensive at more than £100m.

Any other new signings for City are likely to depend on outgoing.

City expect striker Gabriel Jesus to leave and, as such, Arsenal, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid have already registered their interest. Guardiola is a fan of the Brazilian player, who played a key role at the end of last season, but with only a year left on his contract and his desire for more regular playing time, City are ready to talk at around £50m. Jesus is open to the prospect of a reunion with Guardiola's former assistant, Mikel Arteta, at the Emirates, but City's valuation has so far proved a problem.

Arsenal are also among the clubs interested in Ukraine left-back Oleksandr Zinchenko and England winger Raheem Sterling. Sterling will enter the final year of his contract this summer, and sources have told ESPN he's set to make a

decision about his immediate future after England's Nations League games. Bayern Munich and Real Madrid are watching the situation closely, and Sterling hasn't ruled out a move abroad. The 27-year-old is keenly aware that the next contract he signs will be the most important of his career.

A new five-year deal would take Sterling to age 32, and by that point the chance to test himself in another of Europe's major leagues might have passed. He also has concerns about his place in Guardiola's plans for the future and will not settle for sitting on the bench. If Sterling indicates he's unlikely to seriously consider signing a new contract, City would have to listen to offers this summer to avoid losing him for free in 2023.

Sources have told ESPN they would also consider offers to sign midfielder Ilkay Gundogan and winger Riyad Mahrez – both over 30 and out of contract next summer – while Newcastle are interested in defender Nathan Ake, although the trio wouldn't all be allowed to leave at the same time.

Guardiola does not like to keep unhappy players – it's the reason winger Ferran Torres was allowed to join Barcelona for €55m in January – but the squad needs to be strong enough to cope with the demands of four competitions.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Argentina, Brazil favourites for WC - Spain coach

MADRID

SPAIN manager Luis Enrique has said he considers Argentina and Brazil the favourites heading into the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Argentina lifted last year's Copa America title with a 1-0 win in the final over Brazil at the Maracana, their first major title since 1993. The Lionel Messi-led side built on that success earlier this month by claiming a 3-0 victory over Italy in Finalissima.

The two South American sides went unbeaten in World Cup qualifying, although Brazil finished six points ahead of Argentina in the qualifying table.

"I see Argentina and Brazil well above all the other national teams," Luis Enrique told a news conference on Saturday. "Well above the rest."

Meanwhile, Enrique's Spain side have been unconvincing in this month's international break. The 2010 World Cup winners head into Sunday's Nations League game against the Czech Republic looking for only their second win in the tournament in a 1-0 victory at Switzerland on Thursday.

Spain drew their opening Group A2 games, a 1-1 result against Portugal followed by a 2-2 draw at the Czech Republic.

"If some expect us to win all of the games and do so by thrashing our opponents, they know nothing of modern football," Enrique said. "Look at France, the [2018] World Cup Champions and [2021] Nations League winners."

France are bottom of Group A1 after taking two points from their opening three Nations League games. Spain have struggled in front of goal leading to calls for Enrique to field Barcelona forward Ansu Fati against the Czech Republic.

Ansu, 19, has not played for Spain since October 2020 due to injuries and hamstring problems, and he made just 14 appearances for Barcelona last season.

"I have no doubt that he will return to his level," Enrique said. "He is a unique player in terms of his rapport with goal."

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National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Limited's Acting Head of Marketing and Relations, David Raymond (3rd R), hands over a sample check worth 50m/- to Singida Regional Commissioner, Binilith Mahenge, issued by the bank to support the construction of a modern football stadium to be built at Mtipa located on the outskirts of Singida Municipality. The handover ceremony took place in the region last weekend. Others are (L-R) Singida Municipal Mayor, Yagi Kiaratu, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)'s Singida Regional Chairman, Alhaji Juma Killimbah, Singida District Commissioner, Paskas Mulagiri, and NBC Bank's Singida Regional Manager, Asia Chembaga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Gymkhana golfer triumphs on Charity Golf Day

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club (DGC) golfer, Paul Muhato, has triumphed in this year's charity competition, known as Lions 'Play for Sight' Charity Golf Day, which took place at the outfit's course last weekend.

He turned out to be the showdown's overall winner after registering 66 net strokes.

It was a hard-fought victory for Muhato as he had to beat Aasim Rahim in all 18 holes of the thrilling tournament.

Rahim that netted 71 strokes was forced to settle for the overall runner-up place.

The showdown's Division A title was won by David Jansen that posted fabulous 74 net strokes, followed by Kaushik Mangarolia with 75 strokes.

The Division B top prize went to Nasir Somji that scored 72 strokes to win on countback after tying with his close challenger Kausar Jeraj on the same score.

The battle for the Division C title was also tough with Niels Christian claiming the division's top honour having posted 71 strokes, the second spot was won by Aliasghar Mawji that recorded 75 strokes.

Baraka Sadik that scored 74 net strokes was the guest winner.

Zahara Somji posted 75 net strokes to win Division B Ladies' category, followed by teammate Maryanne Mugo in the second position with 76 net.

The battle for the Division B top honour was equally tough with Yvonne Ondari claiming the division's title with 73 strokes, and Mar-iam Nalukwago who notched 79 strokes ended second.

The Lions 'Play for Sight' Charity Golf Day held at the DGC course raised about 50m/- which will help people with eye problems.

Organized by the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima, the 18-hole showdown played in Stroke Play format brought together about 75 players.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, the eye coordinator from the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima, Lion Shanti Shah, thanked the DGC for its kindness.

"Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club is not only a sporting institute but a club which has feelings for the needy people of Tanzania," he said.

The official stated: "The club has always been our partner in advancing eye care in Tanzania."

Godfrey Justine, an official from one of the tournament's main sponsors, Pigabet Casino, disclosed they have been sponsoring the showdown for seven years.

Justine expressed his satisfaction with the golfers that turned out to battle it out in the tournament, noting Pigabet Casino offered 25m/- in sponsorship.

Over 70 golfers from three clubs, namely Lugalo, Morogoro Gymkhana, and Dar es Salaam Gymkhana, battled for top honours in the tournament.

Dodoma Jiji FC confronts Geita Gold FC in tricky Premier League clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DODOMA Jiji FC will be out to keep up hopes of holding on to its place in the Premier League as the outfit takes on Geita Gold FC in a clash to be played at Nyankumbu Stadium in Geita on Monday.

The Dodoma squad, coached by Burundian Masoud Djuma, will need to win the crucial game due to facing the risk of suffering relegation to the Championship.

Dodoma Jiji FC is currently sitting 11th in the Premier League standings with 31 points after featuring in 26 games.

The outfit has had a steady pace in the top-flight matches, winning two matches from the last five, managing one draw, and suffering two losses.

Djuma disclosed he is aware that his club will experience stiff opposition from Geita Gold FC and, worse still, the tie will take place away, so he has prepared his players to identify the tactics he will use in the game.

Dodoma Jiji FC will have to contain Geita Gold FC's deadly striker, George Mpole, currently the joint Premier League leading goal scorer with 14 goals, 10 of which were netted in matches that took place at Nyankumbu Stadium.

Mpole scored an opener for the senior national side, Taifa Stars, in the team's 1-1 draw with Niger in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' clash that took place in Cotonou, Benin on June 4.

The attacker turns out to be the most dangerous striker in his outfit and he is likely to punish Dodoma Jiji FC if the latter's defenders do not contain him.

With all this in caution, Djuma said: "Geita Gold FC is a good team, the outfit has a good coach, and it is in a good position unlike us, and then it is very difficult to beat it at home, so we have a lot of work to do in this game."

"I hear the side is playing well, I have not been fortunate to see it play, this is the first time I have met Geita Gold FC," the gaffer revealed.

The Burundian tactician added: "However the side's striker has been the talk of the town and with that, we are keenly aware of his progress and we will make sure we contain him."

Djuma disclosed: "We plan to make good preparations, my players are in good shape and they have shown that in our daily practice here, so I believe they will fight a very capable team, and they know what to do here in Geita."

Geita Gold FC assistant coach Mathias Wandiba has said they are keen on picking maximum points after weeks of preparations. "Since the league break our team has been training very hard and we have no players nursing injuries in our squad... our team is ready for the game, our target is to win this game," he said.

Wandiba pointed out they are aware of the importance of the game since it is part of their



Dodoma Jiji FC's midfielder, Erick Nkosi (L), seeks to contain Ruwu Shooting's midfielder Renatus Kisase when the clubs locked horns in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Coast Region in February. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DODOMA JIJI FC

campaign in achieving their goal of becoming one of the top four teams this season.

He, however, admitted that the match will be very difficult because their opponent, Dodoma Jiji FC, is not in a good position.

Geita Gold FC's keeper Sebusebu Samson said they are determined to fight for the victory in all 90 minutes of the game.

He called upon the team's fans to come out in large numbers to support their players. He said the league has become difficult due to the fact every team prepares well for a game.

Geita Gold FC is positioned fifth with 36 points in the league standings after playing 26 league matches. The team has won nine matches, notched a draw in as many, and lost eight matches.

The Geita club has netted 25 goals and conceded 25 goals. After the Monday match against Dodoma Jiji FC, Geita Gold FC will play against Bishara United on June 18 this year.

Geita Gold FC will thereafter have two away matches against Polisi Tanzania at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro and Coastal Union at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

NBC Bank donates 50m/- to support football stadium construction in Singida

By Guardian Correspondent

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce (NBC) Limited has disbursed 50m/- to support the construction of a state-of-the-art football stadium to be built at Mtipa located on the outskirts of Singida Municipality.

Singida Regional Commissioner Binilith Mahenge that graced the construction funds' handover ceremony thanked the bank for listening to the region's sports stakeholders' request and agree to contribute the amount of money.

Mahenge noted: "It is a great pleasure for us to see that the requests of regional stakeholders, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), and our representatives have reached NBC Bank and the institution has finally decided to give us this amount of money."

He stated: "Congratulations to NBC Bank, we will make sure this money goes to the intended project, not otherwise."

The Regional Commissioner said the region will host more than one sporting event in two different stadiums, including the old stadium.

According to him, the availability of the facilities will provide an opportunity for citizens in the region to not only benefit economically but also enjoy entertainment.

"The construction of more stadiums will open up opportunities for business persons owning hotels and other groups to earn money and expand Singida town," he said.

Mahenge said the completion of the stadiums that will be built at Mtipa and along the road from Singida to Arusha will beautify Singida and turn it into a place for visitors to relax due to the good air available in the region.

David Raymond, NBC Bank's Acting Head of Marketing and Relations, representing the institution's CEO, said the support is a continuation of the bank's policy of returning benefits to a community focusing on various areas including education, health as well as community development including sports.

Raymond noted: "Over the past year NBC Bank has offered over 1bn/- for various social projects and that amount is out of the 9bn/- we have provided for sponsoring the Mainland Premier League for a period of three seasons."

He said the institution is proud to participate in the development of football in the country, adding it will continue to make contributions to the improvement of sports facilities such as football, athletics, golf, and many more.

According to him, the bank believes that sports are healthy and offer employment.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the people of Singida to our special event, NBC Dodoma Marathon, which will be held at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma on July 31 to raise funds for the treatment of women suffering from cervical cancer," Raymond said.

The official disclosed: "The initiative is held in collaboration with the Ocean Road Cancer Institute."

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